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Omnia medicina ab observatione oritur; sedula et accurata phenomenorum exploratio, fundamentum est cognitionis morborum.



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P R E F A C E.

THE present work was undertaken in the belief that a volume more compact, comprehensive, and clear, than any that has yet appeared in our language, was much wanted for the novice in Homœopathic practice.

It is not necessary that we should say much of the way in which this volume must be used in the treatment of disease. Of course that drug must be selected whose recorded range of action agrees most precisely with the features of the case. There is no remark so familiar in works on Homœopathic practice, as the injunction to look at the totality of symptoms, both in the drug and the disease. The difficulty has been to avoid perplexity amid the wilderness of symptoms. We hope this difficulty will be much diminished by presenting those points alone for consideration, which experience has demonstrated to be most essential.

To enhance the value of the index, we have occasionally inserted remedies not yet confirmed at the bedside. These will be found enclosed in brackets.

The character of the type indicates not the *relative* value of the drug, but the *frequency* of its cures; thus, in ABORTION,* SABINA has cured oftener than *Chamomilla*; *Chamomilla* than *Hyoscyamus*, and so on.

This is because the symptoms of abortion represent the pathogenesis of SABINA oftener than that of *Chamomilla*; but it would be a mistake to think SABINA preferable in every case, since in some the phenomena might bespeak CROCUS, in others Nux v., &c.

This consideration, though familiar to those acquainted with our art, can hardly be too often urged upon beginners.

As the subject of the dose in individual cases involves difficulties of great moment, which can often be solved only by long practice, we deem it prudent to recommend to beginners, and more especially to the domestic practitioner, the employment of the higher forms of the medicines, as these in a majority of cases will be found sufficient. Should such milder preparations prove inadequate, it will be safer to resign the treatment to more experienced hands.

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* See the first article of the *Repertory*.

ANTIDOTES.

We append to each drug a list of the medicaments which experience has proved to be most useful in controlling or destroying its effects, should its action on the economy be so powerful as to require interference. It is proper to observe, however, that in the treatment of drug diseases as well as natural ones, the agent employed should hold a strictly homœopathic relation to the case. A seeming exception to this rule is indeed to be found in instances where the deleterious agent has been swallowed in doses so *large* as to require evacuants or chemical reagents,—this practice, in conformity with the generally misapplied, yet sound rule, “*tolle causam*,” is never neglected by the rational physician, but it should be borne in mind, that the *dynamic alterations* produced by drugs almost always require subsequent treatment, which should be purely homœopathic.—Eds.

- Acon.—*Aconitum*. Alcohol, vegetable acids.
Agar.—*Agaricus*. Camph., coff., pula., wine.
Alum.—*Alumina*. Bry., camph., ipec.
Amb.—*Ambra*. Camph., nux v., pula.
Am. c.—*Ammon. carb.* Arn., camph., hep. s.
Am. m.—*Ammon. mur.* Camph., hep. s.
Anac.—*Anacardium*.—Camph.
Angus.—*Angustura*. Coff.
Ant. c.—*Antim. crud.* Hep., merc.
Arg.—*Argentum*. Merc., pula.
Arn.—*Arnica*. Camph., ignat.

Ars.—*Arsenicum*. Chin., ferr., hep. s., ipec., nux v., verat.

Assa f.—*Assa fet.* Caust., chin.

Aur.—*Aurum*. Bell., chin., merc.

Bar. c.—*Baryta carb.*—Camph., merc.

Bell.—*Belladonna*. Coff., hyosc., hep. s., wine.

Bism.—*Bismuthum*. Calc.

Bor.—*Borax*. Cham., coff.

Bov.—*Bovista*. Camph.

Bry.—*Bryonia*. Acon., cham., ignat., nux. v.

Calc. c.—*Calcareo carb.* Camph., nitri ac., sulph.

Camp.—*Camphora*. Op. spirits of nitre.

Cann.—*Cannabis*. Camph.

Canth.—*Cantharis*. Camph.

Caps.—*Capsicum*. Camph.

Carb. a.—*Carbo anim.* Camph.

Carb. v.—*Carbo veg.* Arsen., camph., coff.

Caust.—*Causticum*. Coff., coloc., nux v., spirits of nitre.

Cham.—*Chamomilla*. Acon., cocc., coff., ignat., nux. v.,
puls.

Cic.—*Cicuta*. Arn., tabac.

Chin.—*Cinchona* or *China*. Arn., ars., bell., calc., caps.,
carb. v., cin., fer., ipec., merc., natr., natr. m., puls.,
sep., sulph., verat.

Clem.—*Clematis*. Bry., camph.

Cocc.—*Coccus*. Camph., nux v.

Colch.—*Colchicum*. Nux v., puls., cocc.

Col.—*Colocynthis*. Camph., caust., cham., coff., staph.

Con.—*Conium*. Coff., spirits of nitre.

Croc.—*Crocus*. Op.

Cupr.—*Cuprum*. Bell., chin., cocc., dulc., hep. s., ipec.,
merc., nux v.

Dig.—*Digitalis*. Nux v., op.

Dros.—*Drosera*. Camph.

Dulc.—*Dulcamara*. Camph., ipec., merc.

Euphor.—*Euphorbium*. Camph., lemon.

Euphra.—*Euphrasia*. Puls.

Ferr.—*Ferrum*. Arn., ars., bell., chin., hep. s., ipec.,
merc., puls., verat.

Graph.—*Graphites*. Ars., nux v., wine.

Heil.—*Helleborus*. Camph., chin.

Hep. s.—*Hepar sulphuris*. Bell., vinegar.

Huos.—*Hyoscyamus*. Bell., camph., chin.

Ign.—*Ignatia*. Arn., camph., cham., cocc., coff., puls.

Iod.—*Iodium*. Ars. ? camph., chin., coff., hep. s., phos.,
spong., sulph.

Ipec.—*Ipecacuanha*. Arn., ars., chin.

Kal. c.—*Kali carb.* Camph., coff., spirits of nitre.

Kreos.—*Kreosotum*. Nux v., iod. ? cham. ?

Lach.—*Lachesis*. Ars., bell., caps.

Laur.—*Laurocerasus*. Camph., coff., ipec., op.

Led.—*Ledum*. Camph.

Lyc.—*Lycopodium*. Camph., puls.

Mag. m.—*Magnesia muriatica*. Camph., ars. ?

Mang.—*Manganum*. Coff.

Merc.—*Mercurius*. Arn., assa., bell., camph., carb. v.,
chin., dulc., hep. s., iod., lach., lyc., mez., nitr., ac., op.,
sass., sep., sil., sulph.