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PREFACE

Science has made long strides toward advancement in the field of therapeutics; the biggest change has taken place, however, in Veterinary Therapeutics. The old-fashioned idea that few diseases in the lower animals were curable, if at all recognizable, and that quart-bottle doses of some mixture or other were necessary to combat the same, is fast becoming obsolete. Scientific research has shown us that the lower animals are not only subject to the same diseases, but can be cured by the same methods and with the same remedies, and with no larger doses than the human subject needs. At first thought this assertion would seem exaggerated, but when we consider that horses, cattle, etc., are purely vegetarians, and that, as a consequence, their systems are not con-

taminated with highly-seasoned and indigestible food, and that they are not addicted to drugs or liquor, but are in a natural condition, it can be more readily understood why they respond to small doses of medicine. The author having put this to a test in general practice, decided to record the results of his work and publish them for the benefit of all practitioners.

After all, correct diagnosis and successful treatment is the ultimate object of medicine. Pathology, although a very important study, from its scientific interest, is of little use to us in the prophylaxis and the cure of disease.

The main rule to be followed in making use of this little book is: "Give small doses, often repeated, till effect," and to give the indicated remedy so long as it is attended with improvement in the patient's condition before a change is made. The dose for the horse is ten drops; cattle, fifteen drops; sheep, dogs, hogs and cats, from three to five drops. The triturations

are to be given the same as the tinctures, viz: ten grains to horses, fifteen grains to cattle, etc. The liquid preparations are best administered with a half ounce hard rubber syringe. The triturates dry on the tongue with a spoon. The author always gives the tinctures diluted in a little cold water.

Although the names are given to the various diseases, they do not furnish any definite data by which the doctor can select the remedy, but he must take every case as he finds it, and select his remedy in accordance with the symptoms presented, always bearing in mind that there are no two cases of a given sickness or disease exactly alike, but that "*every case is a law unto itself.*"

In conclusion, it is hoped that this little book will prove a help to the veterinary practitioner, for whom it has been written.

THE AUTHOR.

Big Rapids, Mich., August, 1909.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

× stands for "alternated with."

DOSAGE.

Horses	10 drops.
Cattle	15 drops.
Colts and calves	5-10 drops.
Hogs	3-8 drops.
Sheep	3-5 drops.
Dogs and cats	1-6 drops.

When several remedies are named in succession, it means that the prescriber is to use them in the order given; allowing each remedy sufficient time to act before changing to the next. It is to be understood, however, that the prescriber is to continue giving one remedy as long as the required results are obtained and to change to the next only when the preceding one has exhausted its usefulness.

All remedies are to be administered in the first potency (1x), except those enumerated below. Some authorities favor high potencies all through, but in the years of practical experience, the author has found that the majority of the remedies given to the domestic animals work far more satisfactorily in the first dilution or trituration, whichever it might be. Those which work best in higher attenuation are as follows:

- Apis mel., 3x.
- Apium virus, 3x.— 6x.
- Arsenicum album, 2x.—6x.
- Asafœtida, 3x.
- Calcareæ arsen., 3x.
- Calcareæ iodat., 3x.
- Camphora, 3x.
- Cannabis Ind., 2x.
- Cantharis, 3x.
- Causticum, 3x.
- China, 2x.
- Coffea, 3x.
- Cuprum ars., 4x.
- Ferrum carbon., 2x.

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Glonoin, 5x.
Graphites, 3x.
Hepar sulph. calc., 3x.
Ipecacuanha, 3x.
Kali bichrom., 2x.-3x.
Kreosotum, 3x.
Lachesis, 6x.-12x.
Lycopodium, 2x.-3x.
Mercur. cyanat., 6x.
Merc. iod. rubr., 2x.-4x.
Merc. solub., 6x.
Merc. subl. cor., 6x.
Merc. viv., 6x.
Muriatic. acidum, 2x.-3x.
Nitri acidum, 3x.
Nux vomica, 1x.-6x.
Ol. terebinth, 3x.-6x.
Petroleum, 3x.
Phosphorus, 3x.-6x.
Phosphori acidum, 2x.-3x.
Plumb. acet., 1x.-3x.
Sepia, 3x.
Silicea, 3x.
Stramonium, 3x.
Stannum, 3x.