

# Synoptic key of the materia medica

Though this repertory and materia medica was published long back it cannot be classified under modern repertories, its content and utility is such that no practitioner should neglect this book.

First edition - 1915

Final edition - 1931

Augmented edition - 1935, Dr Banerjee, Kolkata

Purpose: Aim of this book is to simplify the use of materia medica and find the curative remedy with ease. For this purpose it has been presented as combination of analytic and synoptic method.

→ The analysis of the case to clearly outline the disease picture has to follow the following schema.

① Modalities

② Mind

③ Sensation

④ Objective aspect

⑤ Parts affected.

The above arrangement will most probably point towards the simillimum and the prescriber has to keep in mind that the actual differentiating may belong to any subsc.

# Plan and construction

3 parts

Analysis Synopsis Third part (Duration, Compl, Antagonist, Supplement)

## ① First part → "Analysis"

→ It is short repertory containing

i) Periods of aggravation

ii) Conditions of aggravation and amelioration

iii) Generalities: Consideration of drug affinity for the entire organism.

iv) Regional repertory.

Number of medicine in repertory section → 489

## ② Second part → "Synopsis"

→ It contains genius of each remedy arranged alphabetically.

Boger says we must know our remedies, as we know our friends, by the air or personality.

→ The genius of the drug means the strain which runs through the pathogenetic symptom complex.

→ It contains the important and characteristic features of the most important remedies of the materia medica, their physiological sphere, modalities and their relationships.

## ③ Third part → Remedies = 323

① Table of approximate duration of action of remedies.

→ Duration is given by weeks towards end.

Eg → Zinc<sup>4</sup>, Useful in chronic disease. Remedies → 127

② Complementary remedies  
→ Remedies arranged alphabetically against which complementary are given. Remedy → 114

③ Antagonistic remedies  
→ Irritcal remedies i.e., those who do not follow well are given. Remedy → 35

④ Supplementary Reference Table

→ It is the index to the repertory and materia medica.

→ The rubrics are arranged alphabetically which has page number against them.

→ The additional rubric and medicine should be combinedly referred with analysis.

→ Hence many new rubrics are added which are not in analysis. But still not all the information from materia medica can be transferred.

→ For Example Dreams of snake-biter is only in MM not in repertory.

→ Author has given this chapter for reference.

So all the rubrics has to be first seen in the

1247 Rubrics

How to refer to the repertory?

→ One should be familiar with the construction and arrangement of sections and rubrics.

→ The rubric has to be referred first in Supplement reference table and then analysis. Combined part <sup>should</sup> be used for all purposes.