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PREFACE: SIXTH EDITION

What applied to former editions applies to this. The fact that a sixth is demanded is convincing proof that Dr. Allen left an indestructible monument of homoeopathic materia medica, one that is true to homoeopathy and immensely helpful to every physician who consults it.

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PREFACE: THIRD EDITION

The first edition of this book was only about half the size of the second, as it was prepared somewhat hastily for a special purpose, but Dr. Allen took his time in the second edition, and gave the world a well rounded out and complete standard book on the homoeopathic materia medica. We do not mean that the first edition was faulty as to its matter, for it was used unchanged in the later edition, but it did not embrace a sufficient number of remedies. As Dr. Allen died before a third edition was needed we concluded to bring it out unchanged. It is a masterpiece of materia medica work; its symptomatology is made up of the unchanging landmarks of our remedies that are in constant use; it is, in short, a book that needs no revision.

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PREFACE: SECOND EDITION

In preparing the second edition for the press the work has been enlarged and practically rewritten. Many more remedies have been included and symptoms and comparisons extended, yet care has been taken that every symptom has been verified. The original plan has been maintained, viz., to give only those symptom—guides that mark the individuality of the remedy, that the student of materia medica may use them as landmarks to master the genius of the remedial agent.

At the suggestion of the publishers and in response to numerous enquiries a more extended symptomatology of the nosodes has been included, for these invaluable additions to our armamentarium, like the so-called tissue remedies of Schüessler, only need more extensive provings to place them in the list of polychrests.

That the student may acquire the correct pronunciation of our remedial agents, an alphabetical list of remedies with the accentuation is given, for a homoeopathic physician may properly be held accountable for the correct use of terms peculiar to his profession. An index of remedies and comparisons is also included.

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PREFACE: FIRST EDITION

The life-work of the student of the homoeopathic materia medica is one of constant comparison and differentiation. He must compare the pathogenesis of a remedy with the recorded anamnesis of the patient; he must differentiate the apparently similar symptoms of two or more medicinal agents in order to select the similitum. To enable the student or practitioner to do this correctly and rapidly he must have as a basis for comparison some knowledge of the individuality of the remedy; something that is peculiar, uncommon, or sufficiently characteristic in the confirmed pathogenesis of a polychrest remedy that may be a so-called “keynote,” a “characteristic,” the “red strand of the rope,” and central modality or principle—as the aggravation from motion of Bryonia, the amelioration from motion of Rhus, the furious, vicious delirium of Belladonna or the apathetic indifference of Phosphoric acid—some familiar landmark around which the symptoms may be arranged in the mind for comparison.

Something of this kind seems indispensable to enable us to intelligently and successfully use our voluminous symptomatology. Also, if we may judge

from the small number of homoeopathic physicians who rely on the single remedy in practice, and the almost constant demand for a “revision” of the materia medica, its study in the past, as well as at present, has not been altogether satisfactory to the majority.

An attempt to render the student’s task less difficult, to simplify its study, to make it both interesting and useful, to place its mastery within the reach of every intelligent man or woman in the profession, is the apology for the addition of another monograph to our present works of reference.

It is all-important that the first step in the study of homoeopathic therapeutics be correctly taken, for the pathway is then more direct and the view more comprehensive. The object of this work is to aid the student to master that which is guiding and characteristic in the individuality of each remedy and thus utilize more readily the symptomatology of the homoeopathic materia medica, the most comprehensive and practical work for the cure of the sick ever given the medical practitioner and teacher, and is published at the earnest solicitation of many alumni of Hering College, with the hope that it may be of as much benefit to the beginner as it has been to the compiler.

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MAGNETIS POLI AMBO

The Magnet

Mind and Disposition

- While attending to his business in the daytime, he talks aloud to himself, without being aware of it.
- Excessive exhaustion of the body, with feeling of heat, and cool sweat in the face with unceasing and, as it were, hurried and over-strained activity.
- Hurried headlessness and forgetfulness; he says and does something different from what he intends, omitting letters, syllables and words.
- He endeavors to do things, and actually does thing contrary to his own intentions.
- Wavering irresolutions, hurriedness.
- He is unable to fix his attention on one object.
- The things around him strike him like one who is half dreaming.
- He inclines to be angry and vehement; and after he has become angry, his head aches as if sore.
- He is disposed to feel vexed; this gives him pain, especially a headache, as if a nail were forced into his head.

Sensorium

- Vertigo in the evening after lying down, as if he would fall, or resembling a sudden jerk through the head.

- When walking he staggers from time to time, without feeling giddy.
- The objects of sight seem to be wavering, this makes him stagger when walking.

Head

- Whizzing in the whole head, occasioned by the imposition of magnetic surfaces on the thighs, legs and chest.
- The head feels confused as when one takes opium.
- When endeavoring to think of something and fatiguing his memory, he is attacked with headache.
- Headache, as is felt after catching cold.
- Headache occasioned by the least chagrin, as if a sharp pressure were made on a small spot in the brain.
- Pain in the region of the vertex, at a small spot in the brain, as if a blunt nail were pressed into the brain; the spot feels sore to the touch.
- Sensation on top of the head, as if the head and whole body were pressed down.

Face

- Cold hands, with heat in the face and smarting sensation in the skin of the face.
- Intolerable burning prickings in the muscles of the face, in the evening.
- Sweat in the face without heat, early in the morning.

Eyes

- Dilated pupils with cheerfulness of the mind and body.
- Fiery sparks before the eyes, like shooting stars.
- Sensation in the eye as if the pendulum of a clock were moving in it.
- White, luminous, sudden vibrations, like reflections of light, at twilight, on one side of the visual ray, all round.
- Itching of the eyelids and eyeballs in the inner canthus.
- Sensation as if the eyelids were dry.
- Twitching of the lower eyelid.

Ears

- Fine whistling in the ear, coming and going like the pulse.
- Whizzing before the ears.
- Electric shocks in the ear.
- Hard hearing without noise in the ear.

Nose

- Illusion of smell: Smell of manure before the nose, from time to time he imagines he has a smell before the nose such as usually comes out of a chest full of clothes which had been closed for a long while.

Teeth and Jaws

- Metallic taste on one side of the tongue.
- Tearing pain in the periosteum of the upper jaw,

coming with a jerk and extending as far as the orbit; the pain consists in a tearing, boring, pricking and burning.

- Darting-tearing pain in the facial bones, especially the antrum Highmorianum, in the evening.
- When taking a cold drink, the coldness rushes into the teeth.
- Looseness of the teeth.
- Toothache, excited by stooping.
- The gums of a hollow tooth are swollen and painful to the touch.
- Aching pain of the hollow, carious, teeth.
- Uniform pain in the roots of the lower incisors, as if the teeth were bruised, sore or corroded.

Mouth and Pharynx

- Shocks in the jaws.
- Shock in the teeth with burning.
- Pain of the submaxillary gland as if swollen, early in the morning in open air.
- Ptyalism every evening with swollen lips.
- Bad smell from the mouth which he does not perceive himself also with much mucus in the throat.
- Continual fetid odor from the mouth, without himself perceiving it, as in incipient mercurial ptyalism.
- Burning of the tongue, and pain of the same when eating.

Taste and Appetite

- Hunger, especially in the evening.
- He has an appetite, but the food has no taste.
- He has a desire for tobacco, milk, beer, and he relishes those things; but he feels satisfied immediately after commencing eating.
- Aversion to tobacco, although he relished it.
- Want of appetite without any loathing, repletion or bad smell.

Stomach

- Eructations, tasting and smelling like the dust of sawed or turned horn.
- The eructations taste of the ingesta, but as if spoiled.
- Crackling and cracking in the pit of the stomach, as when a clock is wound up.
- Sensation of an agreeable distension in the region of the diaphragm.
- Pressure in the epigastrium, as from a stone, especially when reflecting much.
- Tensive aching and anxious repletion in the epigastrium.

Abdomen

- The flatulence moves about in the abdomen, with loud rumbling, painless incarceration of flatulence in various small places of the abdomen, causing a sharp aching pain and an audible grunting.
- Loud, although painless rumbling, especially in the

lesser intestines, extending under the pubic bones and into the groin, as if diarrhea would come on.

- Emission of short and broken flatulence, with loud noise and pains in the anus.
- Loud rumbling in the abdomen, early in the morning when in bed; afterwards colic as if from incarceration of flatulence.
- Putrid fermentation in the bowels, the flatulence has a fetid smell and is very hot.
- Qualmish sensation and painfulness in the intestines, as if one had taken a resinous cathartic or rhubarb, with painful emission of hot, putrid flatulence.
- Every emission of flatulence is preceded by pinching in the abdomen.
- Tensive and burning pain in the epigastrium and hypogastrium, followed by a drawing and tensive pain in the calves.
- Itching of the umbilicus.

Stool

- Diarrhea without colic.
- Constipation as if the rectum were constricted and contracted.
- Violent hemorrhoidal pain in the anus after stool, erosive as if sore, and as if the rectum were constricted.
- Burning at the anus when sitting, as in hemorrhoids.
- Itching hemorrhoids.

- Blind hemorrhoids after soft stool, as if the varices on the margin of the anus felt sore, both when sitting and walking.
- Prolapsus recti when going to stool

Urinary Organs

- Burning in the bladder, especially in the region of the neck of the bladder, a few minutes after urinating.

Male Genital Organs

- Burning in the urethra, in the region of the caput gallinaginis, during an emission of semen.
- Early in the morning he feels a burning in the region of the vesiculae seminales.
- Nightly emissions of semen.
- Violent continuous erections, early in the morning when in bed, without any sexual desire.
- Want of sexual desire, aversion to an embrace.
- The penis remains in a relaxed condition, in spite of all sexual excitement.
- The prepuce retreats entirely behind the glans.
- Swelling of the epididymis, with simple pain when feeling it or during motion.
- Itching smarting of the inner surface of the prepuce.

Female Genital Organs

- Menses had caused a few days before, returned next day after imposing the magnetic surface and continued ten days.

Larynx

- Frequent fits of nightly cough which does not wake him.
- Convulsive cough.
- Mucus in the trachea which is easily hawked up, evening and morning.
- Violent fit of cough, with profuse expectoration of blood.

Chest and Lungs

- Asthma after midnight when waking and reflecting, occasioned by mucus in the chest, diminished by coughing.
- Spasmodic cough, with shocks in the chest and anxious breathing, and visible oppression of the chest.
- Violent oppression of the chest, tearing in the stomach and bowels, and beating in the shoulders.

Back

- Painful stiffness of the cervical vertebra in the morning, during motion.
- Crackling in the cervical vertebra in the morning during motion.
- Pain in the omo-hyoid muscle, as if it would be attached with cramp.
- Pain in the back when standing or sitting quiet.
- Burning in the dorsal spine.
- Twitching of the muscles of the back and sensation as if something were alive in them.

- Pain in sacro-lumbar articulation, in the morning when in bed lying on the side, and in daytime when stooping a long time.
- Shock or jerk in the small of the back, almost arresting the breathing.

Upper Limbs

- Tearing jerkings in the muscles of the arm when staying in a cold place.
- Shocks in the top of the shoulder which caused the arms to recede from the body with a jerk.
- Shocks in the arm joints and head, as if those parts were beaten with a light and small hammer.
- Prickings in the arms.
- Beating and throbbing in all the joints of the arms and fingers.
- Deep-seated pain in the arm, extending as far as the elbow, the arm going to sleep and trembling spasmodically.
- Drawing from the head down to the tip of the fingers.
- The hands are icy cold the whole day, for several days, from touching the centre of the bar.
- Pain in the wrist joint, as if a tendon had become strained, or as if an electric shock were passing through the parts.

Lower Limbs

- Attacks of cramp in the calves and toes after walking.
- Drawing from the hips to the feet, leaving a burning along that tract.

- Violent shocks of the right lower limb, occasioned by a burning emanation from the chin and neck through the right side.
- Fiery burning in the upper and lower limbs; when the right limb touched the left one, it seemed as if the latter were set on the fire by the former.
- Pain in the upper part of the tarsal joints, as if the shoe had pinched him, and as if a corn were there.

Sleep

- Coma vigil early in the morning for several hours; after sunrise, sopor or deep sleep set in full of heavy, passionate dreams, for instance, vexing dreams; the sopor terminates in a headache as if the brain were sore all over, disappearing after rising.
- Lascivious dreams, even during the siesta, with discharge of the prostatic fluid.

Skin

- The recent wound commences to bleed again.
- The wound, which is almost healed, commences to pain again like a recent wound.
- Boils break out on various parts of the body, passing off soon.
- Corrosive pain in various parts, for example, below the ankle.

General Symptoms

- Dull, numb pain.
- Jerking shock, causing the trunk to bend violently upward and forward as low down as the hips, with cries.

- Fits of fainting, palpitation of the heart and suffocation.
- Long-lasting swoons, in which she retained her consciousness.

MAGNETIS POLUS ARCTICUS

North Pole of the Magnet

Mind and Disposition

- Out of humor and weary.
- Weeping mood with chilliness and a disposition to feel chilly.
- Sadness, in the evening; he made to weep, contrary to his will, after which his eyes felt sore.
- Indolent fancy; he sometimes felt as if he had no fancy at all.
- Indolent mind.
- While attending to his business, he talks aloud to himself.
- He makes mistakes easily in writing.
- Hasty, bold, quick, firm.
- Calm, composed mood, devoid of care.

Sensorium

- (Vertigo, sensation as if she would fall in every direction.)
- Vertiginous motion in one side of the head.

- Sensation of intoxication, like a humming in the head.
- Dullness of the head with desire for open air.
- Weak memory, but he feels cheerful.

Head

- Headache, consisting in a sore and bruised pain in the surface of the brain, in the sinciput and in one of the temples.
- Sensation as if the head were pressed down by a load.
- Disagreeable, compressive sensation in the head, and as if one part of the brain were pressed in.
- Headache, as if the temples were pressed asunder.
- Violent headache the whole afternoon, as if the brain were pressed asunder.
- Rush of blood to the head, and suffusion of heat in the cheeks.
- Drawing-boring pain in the right temple, accompanied with a spasmodic pain below the right malar bone.
- Aching pain over the left temporal region, externally.
- Pushing tearing in the head behind the left ear when sitting.

Eyes

- Cold movement as of a cold breath in the eyes.
- The eyes protrude.
- Staring look.

- Itching in the inner canthus and in the margin of the eyelids.
- Painful feeling of dryness in the eyelids in the morning on waking.
- Jerking and drawing in the eyelids.
- Drawing in the eyelids with lachrymation.
- Pricking in the eyelids.
- Lachrymation early in the morning.
- Excessive lachrymation; the light of the sun is intolerable.
- Burning in the weak right eye; it became red and filled with water (the magnet being held in contact with the weak right eye for a quarter of an hour).
- Coldness in the weak eye for three or four minutes (the magnet being held in contact with that eye for two minutes).
- Uneasy motion of the eye, with a good deal of water accumulating in either eye.
- Sensation as of a cobweb in front of the eyes.
- Formication between the two eyes.
- Strong drawing over the eye, in the surface of the cheek, ear, extending into the upper maxillary bone (the magnet being in contact with the eye).

Ears

- Fine ringing in the opposite ear (immediately).
- Whizzing a drawing sensation in the ear.
- Ringing in the ear of same side.

- A kind of deafness, as if a pellicle had been drawn over the right ear, after which heat is felt in the ear.

Nose

- Illusion of smell: He imagines the room smelled of fresh whitewash and dust, he imagines the room smells of rotten eggs, or of the contents of a privy.
- Violent bleeding at the nose, for three afternoons in succession, increasing every afternoon, and preceded by an aching pain in the forehead.
- Redness and heat of the tip of the nose, followed by hot, red circumscribed spots on the cheeks.

Face

- Intensely painful tightness in the face, extending as far as the tonsils.
- Drawing in the left cheek.

Jaws and Teeth

- Drawing-aching pain coming from the temple, below the mastoid process, between the sternocleido-mastoideus muscle and the ramus of the lower jaw.
- Toothache as if the tooth would be torn out, worse after a meal, and when sitting or lying down, improving when walking.
- Toothache in the direction of the eye, a very quick succession of pecking in the hollow tooth, with swollen inflamed gums and a burning cheek; the toothache increased very much immediately after a meal, improved when walking in the open air, but aggravated in a smoky room.

- Throbbing in the hollow tooth (immediately), followed by a pressure in the tooth as if something had got into the tooth, with drawing in the temples.
- Throbbing in the tooth, with burning in the gums, and swollen, hot cheeks, with burning pain and heat in the cheeks, in the afternoon.
- The toothache ceases when walking in the open air, and returns in the room.
- Aching in the hollow teeth, with swelling of one side of the face.
- Toothache with jerks through the periosteum of the jaw, the pain being a darting-aching, digging-tearing, or burning-stinging pain.
- The toothache is worse after eating and in the warm room.
- Numbness and insensibility of the gums of the painful tooth.
- Drawing pain in the hollow tooth, and fore teeth, increased by anything warm; with redness of the cheek during the pain.
- Swelling of the gums of a hollow tooth, painful when touched with the tongue.
- Toothache, as if the gums were sore or cut, increased by the air entering the mouth.

Mouth

- Sore pain in the left corner of the mouth, when moving it, as if an ulcer would form.
- Painful humming in the hollow teeth of the lower

jaw, worse on the right side, the toothache ceases during eating.

Appetite and Taste

- Sourish taste in the morning, as if one were fasting.
- Greedy appetite at supper.

Stomach

- Frequent eructation of mere air.
- Drawing in the pit of the stomach, extending into the right chest.

Abdomen

- Spasmodic contractive sensation in the hypogastrium, externally and internally, early in the morning.
- Flatulent colic immediately after supper; sharp pressure in every part of the abdomen from within outward, as if the abdomen would burst; relieved when sitting perfectly still.
- Flatulent colic early in the morning, immediately after waking; the flatulence was pressed upward towards the hypochondriac region, with tensive pains in the whole abdomen, causing a hard pressure here and there, accompanied with a qualmishness and nausea which proceeded from the abdomen, and was felt both in motion and when at rest.
- Gurgling in the abdomen as if a quantity of flatulence were incarcerated, causing a writhing sensation, which rises up to the pit of the stomach, and causes eructations.

- Relaxed condition of the abdominal ring, increasing from day to day; hernia threatens to protrude, especially when coughing.
- Sore pain in the abdominal ring, when walking.
- Boring pain above the left abdominal ring, from within outward, as if hernia would protrude.
- Inguinal hernia.

Stool

- Drawing, almost dysenteric pain in the hypogastrium, early in the morning, followed by difficult expulsion of the very thick feces.
- Stinging-pinching in the rectum.

Genital Organs

- Nightly involuntary emission.

Respiratory Organs

- Dry cough causing a painful rawness in the chest, especially in the night after getting warm in bed, having been chilly first.
- Racking and spasmodic cough while falling asleep, hindering sleep.
- Suffocative, spasmodic cough about midnight.

Chest

- Pressure in the region of the heart (immediately).
- When walking in the open air he imagines that heat is entering chest, passing through the pharynx.

Back

- Crackling or cracking in the cervical vertebrae especially in the atlas, during motion.

- Pain as if bruised in the middle of the spine, when bending the spine backward.
- Gurgling and creeping sensation between the scapule.
- Twitching in the posterior lumbar muscles.
- Pain as if bruised in the left shoulder joint both during motion and rest, painless when touching it.

Upper Extremities

- Cramp-like sensation in the arm, and as if it had gone to sleep.
- Violent coldness in the arm over which the magnet had been moved (in a female in magnetic sleep, after being touched with the north pole magnet).
- Prickling pain in the arm as far as the shoulder, especially in the long bones of the forearm.
- Sore pain in the right shoulder when walking in the open air.
- Stiffness and rigidity in the right tarsal and carpal joints, at night when in bed.
- Painful and almost burning itching in dorsum of the middle phalanx of the little finger, as if the part had been frozen; the place was painful to the touch.

Lower Extremities

- Tearing with pressure in the outer side of the knees down to the outer ankle.
- Excessive weakness of the lower limbs, when walking as if they would break.

- Rigid tension in the hamstrings when rising from a seat, as if too short.
- Sore pressure in the corns, which had been painless heretofore, when pressing the feet ever so little.
- Sudden lancinations in the heels, big toe and calf when sitting.
- Painful crawling in the toes of the right foot.

Sleep

- Constant drowsiness in the daytime.
- Lascivious dreams the whole night.
- She saw a person in a dream, and next day she saw that person in reality for the first time.
- Restless sleep; he tosses about and his bed feels too warm.

Fever

- Sensation of coldness or coolness over the whole body as if she were dressed too lightly, or as if she had taken cold, without shuddering; immediately after she had a small loose stool which was succeeded by pressing.
- Shuddering all over at the moment when the north pole was touched by the tip of the tongue.
- Cool sweat all over.
- Heat in one of the cheeks, accompanied with a feeling of internal heat, irritable disposition and talkativeness.