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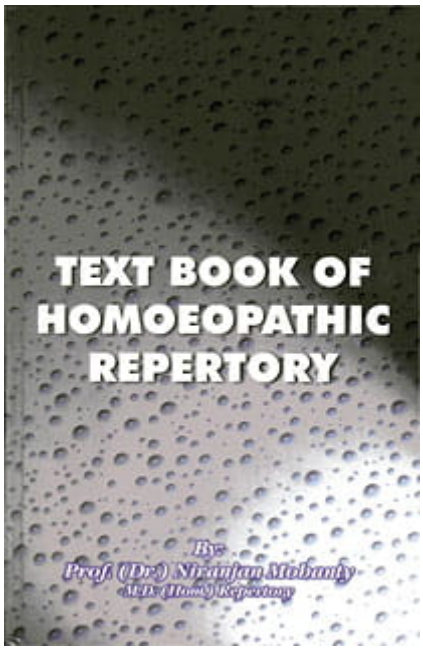

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INTRODUCTION

Repertory corresponds to the late Latin word "Repertdrium" which originates from Reperire, it means "to findout". "Re" means again", "parere" means to bring forth, invent, an inventory, list or listed items. A place where the things are to be brought forth again. A table or a compendium where the contents are easy to find out.

A Repertory in Homoeopathy is an index of symptoms of our Materia Medica with their corresponding Homoeopathic Medicines arranged systematically. It may be arranged in an alphabetical order (Dr. Phatak's) or a schematic order (Dr. Kent's) 1896 or upon definite guiding principles (Dr. Boenninghausen's) 1846.

There is a need and it may be truthfully said, that there is an urgent demand for a Repertory which will enable the physician to find quickly, and precisely the desired symptoms' in the Materia Medica together with the indicated remedy (Gentry, W.D. 1890).

It is like a dictionary, a book of nature relating the meaning of myriad of pathological phenomena. It, is a ground key for successful exploration of Homoeopathic remedies. (Bidwel, I.G. 1915).

It is a book of index of medicines under symptoms, it is related with Materia Medica, Therapeutics and Organon. Hence Materia Medica and Therapeutics are said to be the dictionary and organon as grammar. (Boger, C.M., 1938).

It is a sort of dictionary or an index. Hence basically the Repertory is an index to our Materia Medica. (Kishore, J. 1967).

The need for the Repertory comes from the character of Homoeopathy itself (Barthel and Klunker, W. 1973).

The word REPERTORY has originated from Latin word "REPERTORIUM" which means "an inventory' a table or a compendium where the contents are so arranged that they are easy to find (Patel, R.P.1976).

In Repertory against the rubrics, the appropriate representative remedies in the Homoeopathic Materia Medica are listed. All categories of symptoms have their representation in the repertory. It is a magnificent store-house of inestimable value of Homoeopathic Materia Medica. Repertory is an aid and repertorisation is an intermediate step, the means but not the end. In the final analysis, repertorisation is essentially a qualitative analysis. Repertory is a collection of isolated disconnected symptoms recorded in Homoeopathic Materia Medica source book. These are the building blocks but not the "building" (Kasad K.N. 1978).

In 18th century, in western countries war was frequent amongst different kings of kingdoms. There were a great number of forts in each kingdom at different places with large number of fighting force and varieties of weapons to fight for. These weapons were preserved in the forts in a special process of arrangements, so that during emergency the soldiers or fighters can pick up their weapons in need. This sort of arrangement or placing of the weapons in different order was named as "Repertorium or Repertoire", from which the term Repertory has appeared. (Tarafdar D. 1986).

Repertory may be defined as an index, a catalogue of Materia medica neatly arranged in a systemic form indicating the relative gradation of drugs which greatly facilitates the quick selection of remedies. (Tarafdar, D. 1986).

As no one can memorise all the symptoms of all the remedies in his mind a concordance of index is needed. We term it a symptom index or a Repertory. (Wright, E).

Repertory is an index to Homoeopathic Materia Medica which is full of information collected from toxicology, drug proving and clinical experience. Repertory helps us to find out the required symptoms together with medicine or group of medicines having different grades. It is a connecting link between Materia Medica and disease. The process of repertorisation is essentially an elimination which starts with a broad choice and slowly narrows down the field giving us adequate small group of medicines so that the final selection is made easier with the help of further reference to Materia Medica (Tiwari, S.K. 1991).

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The word Repertory originates from Latin word (80 B.C. to A.D. 200) 'Repertory' or late latin (200 to 600 A.D.) word "Repertorium". Repertorium again is derived from the Latin word 'Repertus' which is the past participle of 'Reperire'. Reperire is the combination of two words re-again and parier - produce. So Repertus or Repertorium or Repertory means Reproduction.

(Castro, J.B. 1995)

Repertory is therefore an index of symptoms of Materia Medica, the record of scientific provings which is reproduced and artistically arranged in a practical form, indicating the relative gradation of medicine to facilitate the quick selection of the indicated medicine.

(Castro, J.B. 1995)

"Repertory may be defined as an index, a catalogue of Materia Medica or an inventory, compendium, store house and collection of information /instance on Homoeopathic Remedies which are neatly arranged in a systematised form indicating the relative gradation of drugs which facilitates the quick selection of remedy". (Mishra, N. 1996)

Repertory is a book and is an index or store house of Homoeopathic drugs which are arranged in a systematic manner with their relative gradation of drugs against individual rubrics (symptoms) which facilitates the quick selection of remedies.

It has been derived from a Late Latin word called "Repertorium" which originates from "Reperire" it means "to find out" "Re" means "again", "Parere" means "to bring forth". A place where things are to be brought forth again during the necessity"

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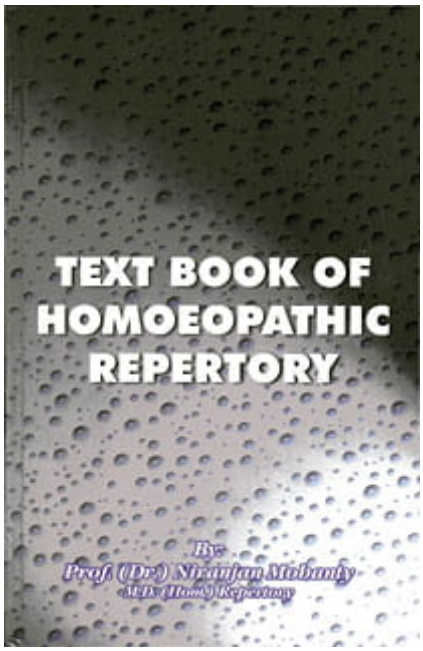

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