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BOOK REVIEW

Title: A concise repertory of homoeopathic medicines – Book review

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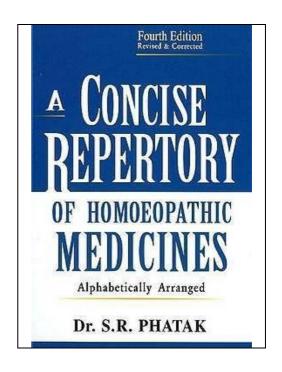
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Homoeopathy system is based on principle "Similia Similibus Curentur" which is discovered by Dr Samuel Hahnemann sir. Repertory is a systematically and logically arranged index to the Homoeopathic materia medica^[1]. The Repertory help us to seek out the required symptoms together with the remedies. It is a connecting link between Materia Medica and disease. This book is written by **Dr Shankar Raghunath Phatak.** It is reworking of Boger and Boenninghausen which is arranged in alphabetical way.



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Dr. Phatak was basically an allopathic doctor, He had sound knowledge in Homoeopathy subjects, and various Repertories. A pioneer of Homoeopathy in Maharashtra. He was born on 6th September, 1896.^[2]

This book is an enlarged and improved version of the 'Repertory a part of Synoptic key to Materia Medica' by C.M. Boger.

It is an alphabetical arranged clinical repertory and useful as a reference book. In this book author has given his own experience of drugs tested and cured in his own clinical practice.

It is a Post Kentanian Repertory (Middle time repertory). This repertory could also be a concise one and not exhaustive as repertories like by Kent, Boenninghausen etc. But it's aimed toward reducing the burden of prescribing by serving as a handy and useful reference.

There were no definite sections. The plan is in alphabetical order and covers heading like Mental generals, Modalities, Organs and their subparts. So finding appropriate rubric is easy. For the construction of repertory author relied up on the Kent, Boger and Clark.

It is adaptable to cases rich in pathological and clinical symptoms.

It has 4 Editions

1963-1st Edition

1977- 2nd edition

2000-3rd edition

2005-4th edition

GRADATIONS

 $CAPITAL - 1^{st}$ grade.

Italics - 2nd grade.

Roman -3^{rd} grade.

CONSTRUCTION OF REPERTORY

This Pathak repertory is printed in 2 columns

in each page.

All the headings are alphabetically arranged and the Repertory begins with **Abdomen**, **Affections in general** & ends in **Zygomae**. Here **Number of main rubrics** are 1971

And Number of medicines are 393.

CONSTRUCTION OF RUBRICS

Rubric - BOLD CAPITAL and

Sub rubric - **bold roman** and Sub sub rubric with **Roman**.

In this Repertory General modalities represented in capital AGG. Or AMEL. And related to particular part is represented by small letters Agg. or Amel., Desires and Cravings are two separate Rubrics. Under desires we find mental rubrics and under cravings we find rubrics related to Food and drinks, In aversion rubric both mental and food aversions are given.

Only limitation is that as it is concise repertory it contains clinical rubrics with no proper index.

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