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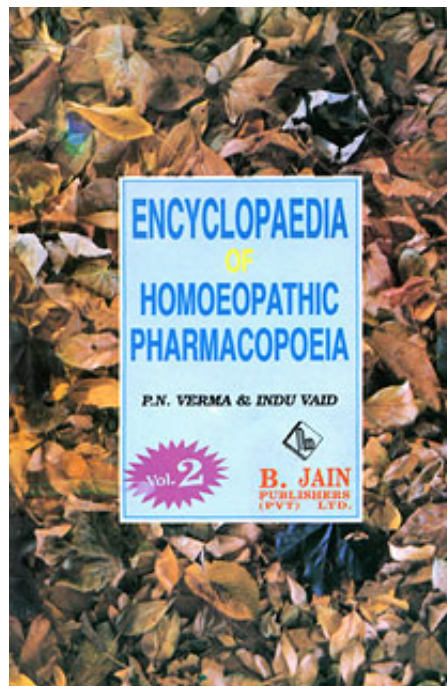
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BETONICA (Beton.)

Botanical name: *Betonica officinalis* Linn.

Family: Labiatae

Uses: Produces pain in various parts. Analgesic.

Homoeopathically used in pains in right temple, abdomen, hepatic region, transverse colon, gall bladder, right inguinal region and spermatic cord.

Synonyms: *Stachys officinalis*; *French*:S. *Betonica* Benth; *Era/As/*)*Betony*, Bishopswort.

Description: A hardy perennial herb 30 to 90 cm high, lower leaves long petioled, ovate, oblong, crenate, obtuse, cordate at the base, 7 to 15 cm long; upper leaves distant, sessile, oblong-lanceolate, acute. Flowers purple, in a dense terminal spike.

Microscopical: Petiole: Vascular strand in the form of a continuous arc with very much incurved ends or even tending to become cylindrical. Additional/subsidiary vascular bundles present in the petiole wings.

Distribution: Europe to Caucasia.

Constituents: Betonicine $C_7H_{13}NO_3$ m.p. $254^\circ-256^\circ(d)$ hydrochloride, $216^\circ-217^\circ$; aurichloride 242° .

History and authority: Boericke: *Mat. Med. and Repertory*, 9th Ed., 122.

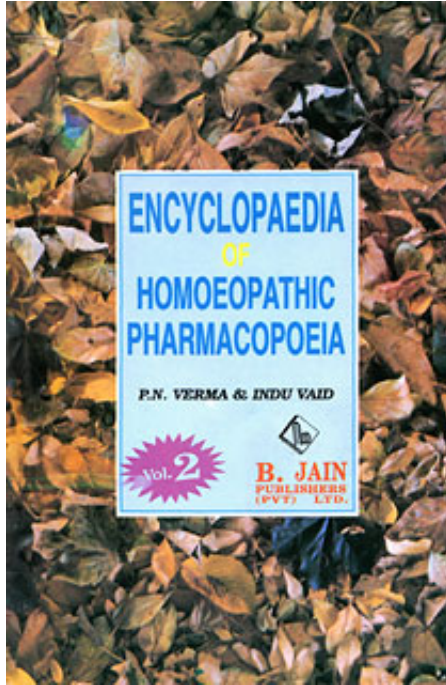
Part used: Whole plant.

Preparation:

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| a) <i>Mother Tincture</i> 4> | Drug strength 1/10 |
| Betonica Officinalis in <i>coarse powder</i> | 100g |
| Purified Water | 500 ml |
| Strong Alcohol | 537 ml |
| To make one litre of the <i>Mother Tincture</i> . | |
| b) Potencies : 2x to contain one part <i>Mother Tincture</i> , four parts Purified Water and five parts Strong Alcohol. 3x with dilute alcohol. 4x and higher with <i>Dispensing Alcohol</i> . | |

Prescribed dose: 3x and above.

Caution: Ingredients thermolabile.



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