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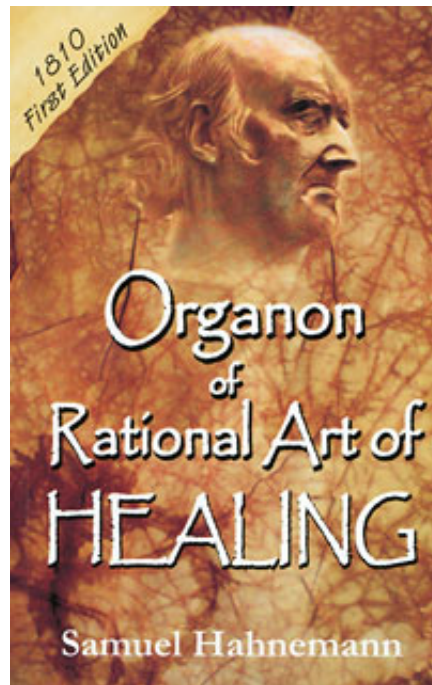
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The First Edition of *Organon of Rational Art of Healing* was published in 1810. It had 2 + XLVIII + 222 + 1, a total of 272 pages consisting of Title pages, a **Preface** of 6 paragraphs in 4 pages, an **Introduction** of XLVIII pages containing 64 paragraphs and 1 footnote, 271 *Aphorisms* and 73 footnotes in p. 1 to p. 222 and a page for Verbesserungen (Errata).

The original book has the following contents:

- i. Preface
- ii. Introduction
- iii. Aphorisms

i., PREFACE (Vorerinnerung): It consisted of 4 pages, (p. I to p. IV) and had 6 paragraphs, consisting of a total of 48 lines. It had no date or year mentioned at the end of the Preface.

ii. INTRODUCTION (Einleitung): The first edition had an Introduction of 44 pages, from p. V to p. XLVIII. It had **64 paragraphs and 1 footnote** (attached to paragraph 57). The paragraphs of the *Introduction* were not numbered.

The **Introduction** had 4 chapters. These chapters had no heading or title but the difference between two chapters was indicated by a bigger space in between two paragraphs. The first chapter was from paragraph 1 to paragraph 8, the second from paragraph 9 to paragraph 17, the third from paragraph 18 to 54 and the fourth chapter was from paragraph 55 to 64.

Subject Matter of Introduction:

About the Introduction, Richard Haehl (S. Hahnemann: His life & Work, Vol. 1, p. 80) wrote, "In the smaller first part of the book - the so-called 'Introduction'—he set his newly discovered rules of healing over against the traditional treatments, and accompanied his axioms with numerous examples."

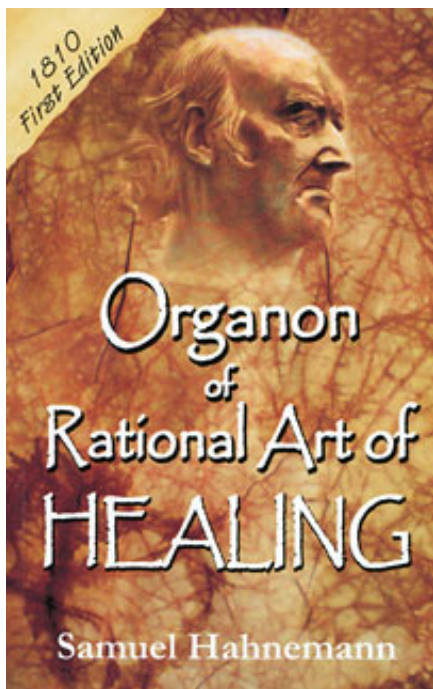
The lengthy *Introduction* of 44 pages contained the example of cures performed, unknowingly, by the practitioners of ancient and contemporary allopathic medicine and in the practice of folk medicine, traditional medicines, etc. Hahnemann quoted the name of the physicians but very occasionally the name and page number of the books, journals on Domestic Medicines etc. By these examples Hahnemann tried to establish that many cures were performed by practitioners of different systems of medicine because in the treatment, accidentally, incidentally or intentionally, the *relationship between the symptoms of the patient and symptoms of medicine (produced on healthy persons) were similar.*

Richard Hughes says,

"Hahnemann, set forth his new doctrine in this writing and quoted many examples of the cures performed or homoeopathic law applied or similar action of the medicines observed by ancient and contemporary medical men. About his discovery, he wrote on page V of the Introduction:

"Hitherto, diseases of man were not healed in a rational way or according to fixed principles, but rather according to very varied curative purpose, amongst others, according to the palliative rule; contraria contrariis curentur. In contrariis to this lay the truth, the real way of healing, which I am pointing out in this volume. In order to cure gently, quickly and lastingly, choose in every case of illness a remedy which can itself arouse a similar malady, to that which it is to cure (similia similibus curentur)."

Hitherto nobody has taught this homoeopathic method of healing. But if it is the Truth behind and as the basis of the prescriptions then even if this truth has been disregarded for thousands of years, it is to be expected that traces of its Immortal influence can be discovered in all epochs. And so it is.



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