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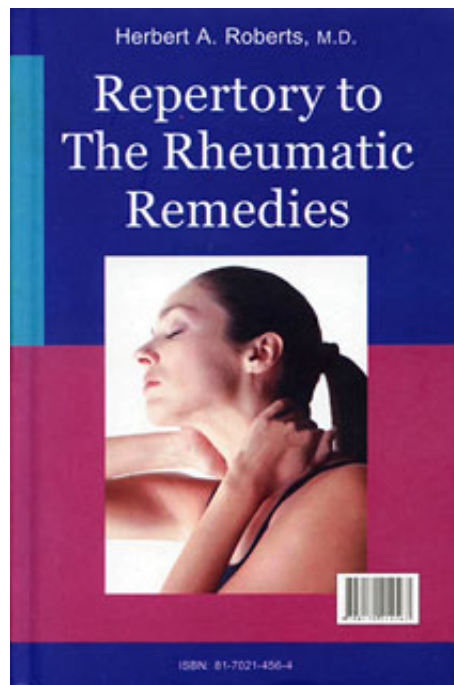
## Repertory to The Rheumatic Remedies

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## PREFACE

MEDICAL diagnosis recognizes no such term as *rheumatism* ; Homoeopathy recognizes no such method of treatment as prescribing for any diagnostic entity by name ; therefore it would seem that such a title as " The Rheumatic Remedies " would meet with very just criticism from either the allopathic or the homoeopathic viewpoints.

However, in spite of vast differences in causes that may lead to the symptomatology under discussion, the word *rheumatism* conveys to the mind of the reader, lay or professional, a general symptomatology of pain that is similar in certain characteristics whether the difficulty be gout, arthritis, inflammatory rheumatism, or any other disease syndrome, acute or chronic OF from whatever underlying cause, affecting certain groups of tissues.

Moreover, the Hahnemannian disciple learns as a first principle of prescribing that the differentiation of his remedies lies, not in the difference of the disease entities, but in the differentiation of modalities and sensations and locations (the parts or tissues affected).

All the conditions so loosely grouped under the word *rheumatism* affect similar tissues, produce similar sensations, and are affected by similar modalities in relationship to certain remedies ; and such remedies are indicated *if and when their provings have developed like symptomatology* regardless of the syndrome to be treated.

To be sure, certain remedies have peculiar affinity for certain tissues; some affect synovial membrane, others affect muscular, tendinous, or other tissues, while being affected by like modalities. Or like modalities and locations may refer us to certain remedies where the sensations exhibited by the provings and by clinical verifications are totally dissimilar to the case under observation.

It is with this problem of clear differentiation in mind that we submit these studies of remedies ; and because of the primary importance of the three-fold basis for prescribing homoeopathically (location, sensations and modalities) we have said very little about the diagnostic tags.

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An attempt has been made to evaluate the symptoms much as has been done in some of our repertories, by the variation in type.

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SMALL CAPITALS.

*Italics.*

Roman.

Signs: < signifies "worse, or aggravated". >

„ "better, or ameliorated".

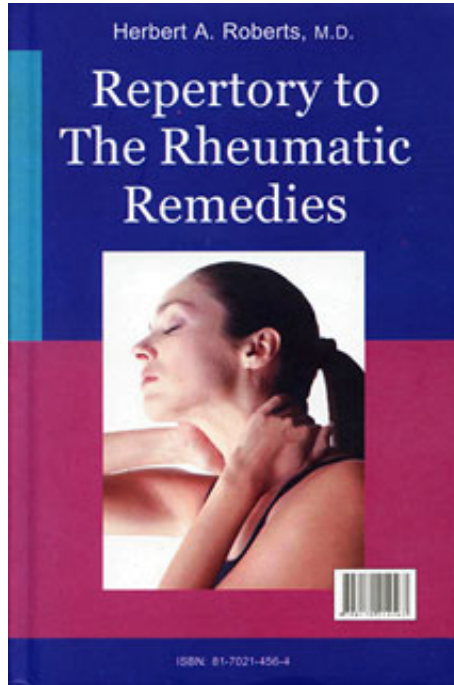
This work has been done with care, and while it may not approach perfection we hope it may prove of benefit in picking out -the relative importance of the symptoms of the remedy in relation to the individual case.

It may be well to point the importance, in these conditions, of the pace of the remedy and that of the illness. We do not lay too "much stress on the " long-acting " or " short-acting " remedy, nor yet that of " deep " action ; yet we cannot gainsay that certain remedies have much more acute manifestations than others. For this reason we have tried to point out some of the more notable relationships between remedies that have been observed by some of our master prescribers in the past, hoping that it may prove a guide toward further progress .in such cases as those in which the seemingly indicated remedy failed to act, or continue to act, in the expected manner.

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