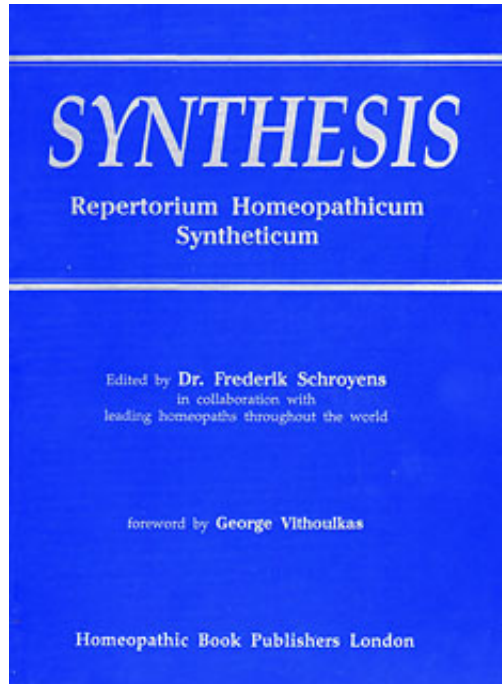


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FOREWORD FOR EDITION 7

Synthesis 7 contains our team's work up to July 4, 1997, which is approximately four years after the previously printed edition of Synthesis. Priorities were sometimes difficult to set and time was limited, even if four years went by. Much more is to be done and to be finalized. However, we have made another giant step and these are the main features.

We have further pursued the goals set forth in the first foreword and these will not be repeated, except the priority for additions from the «classical authors» (h, a1, hr1, c1, br1, bro1, ...). Such additions as collected by Dr. Thomas Lowes (München) and his collaborators are now fully integrated.

* As a pilot project the chapters "Eye" and "Vision" have been thoroughly reviewed in the light of modern terminology and knowledge: many symptom notes were added, as well as explanatory Multimedia objects (in the computer version) and many additions based mostly on Moffat (mfj1). The revision was done with the help of Edward Kondrot, M.D., homeopathic ophthalmologist, USA. We are awaiting your reactions and expect more help to make a similar thorough revision of other chapters.

* With the help of Dr. Prakash Vakil, India, thousands of symptoms of tongue were integrated into different chapters, most frequently into "Mouth". These symptoms, in combination with symptoms of color and moon phases, are part of the Vakil module, which is a computer program to confirm or differentiate remedies when prescribing.

* The Repertory of symptoms mentioned by Dr. Grimmer has been integrated with the kind help and courtesy of Dr. Ahmed Currim, USA. The complete information about this can be found in the book "The Collected Works of Arthur Hill Grimmer" edited by Dr. Currim, and published by the Hahnemann Institute.

* Synthesis 7 also contains additions from new provings, such as luna (completed, reviewed with authors), ginkgo biloba, psilocybe caerulescens, granitum, marble, limestone, bambosa, chocolate, hydrogen, etc.

* At least the mind, general, sleep and dream symptoms of all remedies of Jeremy Sherr's book "Dynamic provings - Vol. 1" have been integrated in such a way as to find the balance between "enough information" and "not

drowning the repertory" with every new remedy. Nick Churchill, England has been doing the hard work (adamas, brassica napus oleifera, germanium metallicum, haliaeetus leucocephalus, iridium, and neon).

* Künzli's red dots for remedies have been integrated (upgrading of the degree of relevant remedies according to Künzli's lifetime experience): these changes are as well indicated with the reference kl2 (with many thanks to Rolf Janert, Germany)

Because every addition is referenced (author and, if possible, the precise publication) anyone can discard that information with which he disagrees.

*Thousands of cross- references and synonyms were added, esp. in "Mind". About 700 symptom notes were added to clarify the meaning of certain rubrics. In the mind they were most often written by Dr. Luis Detinis, Argentina with his graceful permission. This work was coordinated by Dr. Peter Callebaut, Belgium.

* Additions by Vithoukias were updated and corrected: those relating to br1, bro1, bg1 have been referred to the source wherever this was found to be the case.

*Scor. for srj1 was replaced by androc. All degrees of scor. were lowered with one step on request of Jeremy Sherr and adjusted to the clinical experience available up to March 1995. The old scor. was completed from A1 and C1.

*In the streamlining of the repertory the major change is the clear indication of concomitant symptoms, using the expression "accompanied by". The structure and editing rules for these symptoms are very similar to the ones used for "alternating with": "symptom 1 - accompanied by - symptom 2". Remedies and subrubrics are only present at one "part" of the symptom. All other places where the symptom can be looked for contain referring rubrics which point to the former one. Remedies and subrubrics are by preference present at that "part" of the symptom which is the one mentioning the more important, vital or aggressive "part" of the symptom.

Example: "Head - pain - accompanied by - nose; obstruction of" is located in head as headache is more aggressive.

"Vertigo - accompanied by - epistaxis" will be found in "Vertigo". Vertigo, part of the central nervous system, is a more vital tissue than (bleeding from)

the nose. A referring rubric is present under "Nose - epistaxis - accompanied by".

Great care has been taken to reference the old expression of the symptoms to the new expression, so that the experienced Repertory user will not get lost as long as he is not yet used to this new structure.

The new symptom has among others the great advantage that one will quickly learn how, in most instances, the concomitant symptom can be found at one precise spot in the Repertory. Take "headache with salivation". Headache is clearly the more vital complaint. The remedies of this concomitant indeed can be found at "Head - pain - accompanied by - salivation". However, the other "side" of the symptom is there as well as a referring rubric: "Mouth - salivation - accompanied by - headache". And for those still looking up the symptom the "old way", there is also a referring rubric at: "Mouth - salivation - headache - during".

In some instances hidden symptoms were moved into this structure of concomitant and thereby become reachable.

In Kent there is a symptom: «Respiration - difficult - heart; with pain in - ovarian troubles; during» which obviously contains an interesting concomitant: who has ever found this?

In Synthesis 7 this has become: «Chest - pain - heart - accompanied by - ovaries; pain in the». Also, there is a referring rubric at «Female genitalia/sex
* pain - ovaries - accompanied by - heart; pain in the» as well.

* As part of an ongoing task several sections of the repertory have been cleaned up and streamlined after checking the symptoms in the *Materia Medica*: "mind - beside oneself and subrubrics", "mind - gestures" and subrubrics; "vertigo - turning; as if" versus "vertigo - turning; when", "eyes-opening the eyelids" versus "eyes - open eyelids", etc. "Mirth" and "cheerful" have been split again as in the original Kent.

All changes are explained in either a symptom note or in the index in the •
Blueprint.

* If a remedy is followed by two references and an asterisk (ars._{a1 k}), this means that more than two authors support this addition. The full list of references is available in the computer version of Synthesis, but has not been reproduced in the book in order to save space.

* Many corrections have been made. As before, some of the more important

corrections have been explained in the section "Index of important changes" in the Blueprint. For more than 250 other substantial corrections a new system has been adopted: the remedy to be deleted is still mentioned in the rubric in the following way: (non: sarr._{a1}). This means that the remedy sarr. does not belong to this symptom ("delusion - disgraced; she is") on authority of Allen. In fact in this case it has been moved to the rubric "delusion - disgracing - family or friends; he has disgraced his).

* Another new point of attention is the fact that some authors distinguish similar remedies whereas other authors consider them as the same remedy. This is especially the case with salts, but also with certain plants or animals. As a consequence symptoms of tril-p. may relate exactly and solely to trillium pendulum for one author, whereas for another author tril-p. may also include symptoms of trillium cernuum.

I welcome the tendency to more precision and support the efforts of those who want at least to try distinguishing plumbum metallicum from plumbum carbonicum for example. This has been done in the previous edition of Synthesis already by making available specific abbreviations for a number of such remedies.

In this edition we are testing out another approach. If an author clearly states that several substances constitute the same remedy for him, a specific abbreviation has been created ending with "-xyz.". This means that this abbreviation stands for several remedies, believed to be only one remedy by that author and that research is still going on to evaluate whether a difference can be made or whether the symptom should be attributed to one rather than to the other (similar) remedy.

An example: " Abdomen - hernia; abdominal - strangulated" contains plb-xyz. by c2. Indeed Clarke writes: *"The effect of the three preparations of lead enumerated above have all been included in the Schema, as no attempt has ever been made to keep them separate; nor has any specific difference been noted."*

This approach has only been applied occasionally merely to suggest the idea and get the feedback. If the time is right for this increased level of precision, it announces a mammoth task for the homeopathic community. However it may be worthwhile to undertake this as the patient who really looks like plumbum and nevertheless does not react to the remedy, may very well react to the acetate or to the carbonicum. To obtain this result we need to sharpen our tools.

* Remedies of subrubrics have not been added systematically to the superrubrics. If this would be done by an indiscriminating program,

remedies form " jesting - aversion to" would be added to "jesting"; remedies from "sensitiveness - want of" would be added to "sensitiveness", etc. Thousands of errors thereby induced would be the result, making hundreds of rubrics unreliable. We do envisage to complete the superrubrics for a next version of Synthesis whenever this completion is appropriate. However, a careful and manual check has to be done, not an automatic procedure.

As a result of the above, edition 7 contains about 235.000 additions more than the original Repertory of Kent (edition 5 had about 181.000 extra additions ³). They were collected from more than 330 different sources. Synthesis 7 also is the first Repertory to contain information about more than 2.000 remedies. A new remedy catalogue of 3.712 remedies (excluding synonyms) and a new author catalogue (1.821 references) are included with Synthesis 7⁴.

Notwithstanding this substantial increase in information, the number of pages has remained about the same. This is due to some changes in layout whereby each page contains about 15 % more information. That's it about quantity!

We have aimed again at maintaining quality of information as our first goal and we thank all those who have contributed to that by their remarks to the previous editions. Your contributions are welcome to feed the fire of the Repertory Revolution: it will never end !

Dr. Frederik Schroyens
Gent, July 4, 1997

³ Synthesis 6 was only released as a computer version and printed in German. It contained almost exclusively changes in the chapter mind. In Synthesis 7 all chapters have been reviewed as compared to edition 5.

⁴ The previous catalogues contained 3.200 remedies and 998 author references.