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canadensis, Colchicum, Colocynthis, Conium maculatum, Croton tiglium, Cuprum aceticum, Cuprum metallicum, Drosera rotundifolia, Echinacea angustifolia, Equisetum, Eupatorium perfoliatum, Euphrasia, Flor de piedra, Fluoric acid, Gelsemium sempervirens, Ginkgo biloba, Graphites, Gunpowder, Hamamelis, Hekla lava, Helleborus, Heloderma, Helonias, Hepar sulphuris, Hydrastis, Hyoscyamus, Hypericum, Ignatia, Iodum, Ipecacuanha, Kali bichromicum, Kali carbonicum, Kali iodatum (hydriodicum), Kali sulphuricum, Kreosotum, Lachesis (venom of the Surucucu snake), Lapis albus, Lathyrus, Ledum, Lilium tigrinum, Lycopodium, Magnesia phosphorica, Melilotus, Mercurius corrosivus, Mercurius cyanatus, Mercurius iodatus, Mercurius solubilis, Metaldehyde, Millefolium, Murex, Natrum carbonicum, Natrum muriaticum, Natrum sulphuricum, Nitric acid, Nux vomica, Opium, Palladium, Phellandrium, Phosphoric acid, Phosphorus, Phytolacca, Platina, Plumbum metallicum, Podophyllum, Pulsatilla, Pyrogenium, Raphanus, Rheum, Rhus toxicodendron, Ruta graveolens, Sabina, Santoninum, Secale cornutum, Senecio, Sepia, Silica, Staphysagria, Stramonium, Strychninum, Sulphur, Symphytum, Taraxacum, Tarentula cubensis, Tellurium, Terebinthina, Theridion, Thuja, Tuberculinum bovinum, Urtica urens, Ustilago maydis, Variolinum, Veratrum album, Viburnum opulus, Zincum metallicum

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Chapter 7

Materia Medica

This chapter does not attempt to compete with the major works of materia medica, such as the ones written by Boericke, Clarke and Kent.⁵ Of these I especially recommend Boericke to the reader who wishes to go deeper than this present book, since it is quite detailed, has a repertory (symptom list) and is yet concise. Even though the signs and symptoms recorded in these three reference works are derived from the human situation, we are fortunate that the remedy pictures broadly correspond to the animal world. Mr. George Macleod MRCVS has also written a concise and very useful veterinary materia medica containing more remedies than this book.

What I set out to do in this chapter is merely to highlight the characteristic symptoms and signs of most of the remedies mentioned in this book, with specific relation to cattle and the indications to which I refer later in Chapter 8. This necessarily makes it a very brief account of each remedy, albeit hopefully in proportion to its usefulness, in order to enhance the practicality of this book as a quick reference. When difficulties arise on account of the brevity of content, I suggest you consult Boericke or one of the other works on the subject.

When learning the remedies, particular notice should be taken of what are defined as the ‘modalities’ of the symptoms. These are the ways in which symptoms are affected by external influences such as temperature, weather, time of day, and so on, and often serve to distinguish between close remedies. You will find these essential nuances of prescribing listed with the remedies.

⁵ See ‘Further Reading’, page 131.

Abrotanum

Wasting of muscles and connective tissue, leading to weight loss and weakness, together with abdominal symptoms of distension and diarrhoea form the main picture of this remedy. These symptoms make it an obvious remedy to consider in cases of worms. I have not satisfactorily tested this remedy myself as a ‘wormer’, but as a remedy for use in the general picture given above it is of great benefit. Venous oozing of the navel in the newborn may respond. Symptoms may be worse in cold air.

Absinthium

Characterised by epileptiform seizures, chorea and tremors, with a tendency to lose balance backwards. Facial twitching, tenderness in the anterior abdomen, irregular, pronounced heartbeat, excitement and hyperaesthesia are common symptoms.

Acetic acid

The *Acid* remedies all show degrees of debility and wasting. The abdomen is usually swollen in the case of *Acetic acid*, and the mammary gland, although full, produces thin, watery, blue milk. A picture of weakness and malnutrition characterises the remedy.

Aconitum napellus

Aconitum is perfectly suited for use in cases of sudden physical or mental shock, sudden or early fever, usually with anxiety, or conditions arising from chilling. It is also of use in cases of sudden, profuse, bright haemorrhage. Symptoms are usually permutations of any of the following: red, inflamed eyes with lachrymation; fluid, watery nasal discharge; tense, rapid pulse; urine retention and thirst. The animal often displays shuddering or shivering in response to shock or fear. The remedy especially suits the animal which is robust in appearance and dynamic in action. Symptoms usually centre on the chest and are worse after cold wind exposure and worse at night, especially before midnight. Use this remedy in dramatic conditions, especially if the symptoms tend to create panic in the patient, yourself or other observers!

Actaea racemosa (see Cimicifuga)

Agaricus muscarius

The remedy is prepared from a poisonous fungus containing central nervous system toxins. Superficially, the signs are mental stimulation and excitement, twitching followed by delirium with an intermittent pulse. It is mainly on

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