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## Exploring of stomach and abdomen chapters from kent's repertory and its magnititude of miasmatic and therapeutic value in homoeopathic prescription

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### Abstract

Kent's Repertory is a very essential Repertory for every homoeopaths even today's. Dr. Kent used various types of rubrics in his Repertory from the earlier Repertory, Materia Medica and clinical observations but rejected numerous symptoms and drugs which were insufficiently confirmed. Various General, particular, subjective, objective and pathological symptoms related rubrics are available in the chapters of stomach and abdomen of Kent's Repertory which are may helpful for a making of Homoeopathic prescription. Thus a thorough study on various rubrics of these two chapters of Kent's repertory, with some references collect from various books for miasmatic and therapeutic value of Stomach and Abdomen in this system of medicine.

**Keywords:** Stomach, abdomen, symptoms, rubric, repertory

### Introduction

The homoeopathic treatment is based upon the natural law and this treatment has no specific for any disease by name, but it has a true specific for each individual case of disease. Prescription is based according to totality of characteristics symptoms. Characteristics symptoms can be divided into characteristic general and characteristic particular. Stomach and abdomen chapters contain general and particular symptoms related rubrics which are helps to the totality formation and selection of the similimum. Dr. Gibson Miller told that- "The various craving for and aversion to various substances are as a rule general symptoms, for they depend upon some deep need in the body as whole, and if outstanding and definite, must always high rank."

### Miasmatic analysis of stomach and abdomen symptoms:

#### Stomach:

**Psora:** weak, all-gone sensation, especially at 1 a.m. or between 10 and 11 a.m. Hunger at night, soon after food. Most of the aggravation occurs after eating. Constant gnawing at pit of stomach. Cold or hot sensation of heavy weights as of a stone or lump in stomach, beating, pulsation after eating. Desires for sweets, acids and sour things. In fevers, craves butter-milk, acid things, pickles, cabbage and indigestible things. Psoric patient are desire for meat. Cravings for unusual things in pregnant state which go after child is born; they are sometimes conveyed to the child. Likes hot foods. They like highly seasoned foods.

**Syphilis:** Syphilitic patient likes cold foods. Syphilitic patients are aversion to meat, desire cold things to eat and drinks. Syphilitic patients are inability to assimilate much starch.

**Sycosis:** Sycotic patients are likes either hot or cold foods. Craves bear, meat, nuts but these are agg. the gouty condition. This patient especially child is worse by eating any kind of food. Children suffer from colic better by lying on stomach or by pressure.

**Tubercular state:** Craves potatoes & meat. Longing for indigestible things, chalk, lime, slate, pencils, etc. long for stimulants, beer, wines or hot aromatic things. Faint if hunger is not satisfied or extreme hunger with all gone, weak, empty feeling in the stomach. The craving for salt is particularly noticeable in the tubercular diathesis.

#### Abdomen

**Psora:** Abdomen feels full after eating, often accompanied by a feeling of fullness or

distention. Aggravated in the morning. Sense of constriction of bands or cords arour bending the body, heavy dragging down sensation, crawling. Sensations under abdomen, pressure in lower region of liver, stitches on stooping as if diarrhoea would set in, especially in morning, rumbling in abdomen as soon as they eat or drink anything; all pains better heat & often by gentle pressure. Cramps from eating certain foods or drink, such as the drinking of milk or cold water, etc.

**Sycosis:** The sycotic colic is better doubling up, by motion or hard pressure or lying on the abdomen. Appendicitis is directly traceable to sycotic influences.

**Tubercular state:** ulceration of umbilicus (children) with yellowish discharge, which smells offensive, carrion like. Hernia may occur. Lymphatic involvement of the abdomen is of tubercular origin.

### About the Kent's Repertory and its philosophical background:

#### Editions of Kent's Repertory

- 1<sup>st</sup> edition-1897
- 2<sup>nd</sup> edition-1908
- 3<sup>rd</sup> edition- 1924
- 4<sup>th</sup> edition- 1935
- 5<sup>th</sup> edition- 1945
- 6<sup>th</sup> edition- 1957- American edition.
- Indian edition of Kent's repertory- 1961
- Final general repertory of Kent's by Dr. Pierre Schmidt and Dr. Diwan Harish Chand in 1974.

This repertory contains total chapters are 33 and number of medicines is 648, of which 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> number of chapters are stomach and abdomen respectively. Kent's construction of the totality of a case: Dr. Kent gives more importance to generals i.e. on the expressions of the whole person who is sick. Mental generals are more importance, then physical and particular.

#### Kent's classified symptoms as

A.) General- mental and physical; B.)Particular; C.) Common.

#### Mental general

WILL- Love and hate, Anger, fear, grief etc.

UNDERSTANDING-Delusion, hallucination, illusion, etc.

MEMORY-Absent minded, forgetful.

#### Physical general

- Appetite,
- Desire,
- Aversion,
- Craving,
- Food intolerance,
- Thirst,
- Hot and cold relationship,
- Sleep,
- Dreams,
- Perversion of the sexual sphere, including symptoms in relation to menstruation.
- Ailments from
- Stool, &Urine, Perspiration, Menses, Leucorrhoea, - They are particular symptoms but if it is affects a

person as a whole then it is a kind of general symptoms e.g. after passing stool or flatus or urine pt as a whole feels good mentally and physically.

- General modalities,
- General sensations and complaints & etc.
- General tendencies.

#### Philosophic background, plan and construction:

- Kent's repertory was based on philosophy of deductive logic that is from general to particular. It has been attempted to proceed in every case from general to particulars.
- It starts with mind chapter and last chapter is generalities. The rest of the chapters are based on anatomical divisions followed by function or discharges.

#### Stomach and Abdomen chapters

Stomach is 14<sup>th</sup> number of chapter and total rubric is-101. Various types of rubrics are present this chapters which are follows- General rubrics, Particular rubrics, Pain rubrics, Uncommon rubrics, Single rubrics, Cross reference, Similar rubrics, Pathological rubrics.

Abdomen is 15<sup>th</sup> number of chapter and total rubric is-136. Various types of rubrics are present.

#### General rubrics of stomach chapter

Alive, sensation as if something, in:

Anxiety

Appetite

Aversion

Desire

Nausea

Thirst

Thirst less

#### General rubrics of abdomen chapter:

Anxiety in: **Ars.**(only taken 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

Diarrhoea, sensation as if, would come on: 1<sup>st</sup> grade - Bry., Dul., Hydr., Nux-v., Ran-s.

Weak feeling after stool: Ambr.

#### Single rubric of Stomach

Air, as if was forcing through: Bar-c.

Balanced up and down, as if stomach were: Ph-ac.

Croaking like frogs: Nat-m.

Jumping, sensation of: Croc.

Open, as if stomach were, sensation: Spong.

Slaking lime, sensation of: *Caust.*

Summer: *Guaj.*

Weak feeling after stool: Ambr.

Wine, unable to bear any: Ars.

#### Single rubric of abdomen

Band around: Croc-c

Emaciation of muscles of abdomen: Plb.

Epilepsy, begins in: Bufo.

Erysipelas: Graph.

Excrescence, moist umbilicus: *Calc.*

Gouty metastasis: Ant-c.

Horripiation: Sec.

Perforation, region of naval, sensation of: Aloe.

Plug sensation of, behind navel: Ran-s.

Proud flesh umbilicus: Calc.

Shrivelled or wilted appearance: *Bor.*

Sponge, sensation, of, in hypochondria, alternating sides: Lac-c.

Spring, sensation as if a, were unrolled in left hypochondrium: Sol-t-ae

Tumors: *Con.*

### Uncommon rubrics of stomach

Alive, sensation as if something, in: Chil., croc.

Aura epileptic, felt in solar plexus(See epileptic aura)

Ball, sensation of: *Bell.*, croc-c., lach., sence.

Blows in pit of stomach, sensation of: Crot-c., nat-c., nux-v.

Death-like sensation: *Ars.*, cupr., pic-ac.

Fullness, sensation of: Carb-s., carb-v., caust., chin., kali-c., lyc., nux-in, sensationm., phos., sulph.

Horrible sensation, morning, on waking, in drunkards: Asar.

Jumping, sensation of: Croc.

Living in, as if something were. (See Alive.)

Lump, sensation of (see stone):

Movement in, sensation of: Arn., chel., *cocc.*, croc.

Narrow, pylorus feels too: calc., chin., *lyc.*, nux-v., phos., sulph.

Obstruction of pylorus, sensation of (see narrow): Lach., nux-v., phos.

Open, as if stomach were, sensation: Spong.

Overloaded, sensation as if( see Heaviness and fullness)

Retraction, sense of: Calad., dig., *dulc.*, *kali-i.*, *op.*

Slaking lime, sensation of: *caust.*

Stone, sensation of: *Ars.*, Bar-c., Bry., Calc., Nux-v.

Water, sensation as if full: Kali-c., mill., *ol-an.*, phel.

### Uncommon rubrics of Abdomen

Adhesion, sensation: *Sep.*, verb.

Alive, sensation of something (see movements): Croc., Thuj. (only taken 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

Apprehension in, sensation of: *Asaf.*

Bearing down sensation.

Cord connecting anus and navel sensation of, with cutting when straightening up, when bent forward: *ferr-i*

Fasting sensation:

Hanging down, as if intestines were: Ign., staph. (only taken 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

Plug, sensation of, behind navel: Ran-s.

Pressed in intestines: Anac.

Protrusion here and there as if a hernia would form: *Thuj.*

Spring, sensation as if a, were unrolled in left hypochondrium: sol-tae

Stone in, sensation of: Puls. (only taken 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

Stopped sensation: Op. (only taken 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

### Arrangement of pain rubrics in chapter stomach as follows:

At first pain rubric as rubric in general. Then modified by time, various circumstances, extending of pain, character of pain.

- Time of pain sub rubric arrange as follows- morning, forenoon, noon, afternoon, evening, night, midnight.
- Various circumstances of sub rubric of pain are arrange alphabetically-Acids, after; Air, open; Yawning aggravation& amelioration.
- Extending of pain sub rubrics-arrangement at first side of body, then various part of body which are arrange alphabetically first- arm and last transversely sub rubric.

### Characters of pain subrubrics in stomach chapter are arrange alphabetically which are as follows:

#### Boring (see Gnawing)

Burning-subrubric in general first, then according to time, then various circumstances which are arranged alphabetically, extension.

Clawing- subrubric in general, time and then various circumstances.

Corrosive (see burning)-

**Cramping, griping, constricting:** arrangement of sub rubrics are as follows- at first subrubric in general , then according to time, then various circumstances which are arrange alphabetically, extension.

**Cutting:** arrangement of subrubrics – at first subrubric in general; then time- morning, forenoon, afternoon, evening, night, midnight; various circumstances which are arrange alphabetically and extension.

#### Darting (see stitching)

#### Digging(see gnawing)

**Drawing:** arrangement of sub rubrics are as follows- at first subrubric in general, then time only morning, then various circumstances which are arrange alphabetically, then extend various part of body.

**Gnawing:** arrangement of sub rubrics are as follows- at first subrubric in general, and then left side, then according to time, then various circumstances which are arrange alphabetically.

#### Griping (see cramping)

#### Lancinating

#### Pinching (see cramping)

**Pressing:** arrangement of sub rubrics are as follows- at first subrubric in general, then according to time, then various circumstances which are arrange alphabetically, then extend various part of body.

**Scraping:** arrangement of sub rubrics are as follows- at first subrubric in general, then stool, after.

#### Shooting (see stitching)

**Sore, bruised, beaten(tenderness):** arrangement of sub rubrics are as follows- at first subrubric in general , then according to time, then various circumstances which are arrange alphabetically, then extension.

**Stitching:** arrangement of sub rubrics are as follows- at first subrubric in general, then according to time, then various circumstances which are arrange alphabetically, then extension various parts of the body.

**Tearing:** arrangement of sub rubrics are as follows- at first subrubric in general, then various circumstances which are arrange alphabetically, then extension various parts of the body.

**Ulcerative:** arrangement of sub rubrics are as follows- at first subrubric in general, then various circumstances which are arrange alphabetically.

### Arrangement of pain rubrics in chapter Abdomen as follows

Pain rubric is an important rubric of abdomen chapter. Because presentation of pain rubric is very nice. Presentation of this rubric as follows- at first pain rubric, aching, dull pain; then these are orderly modified by time, various circumstances, various regions of pain and characters of pain.

- Time of pain rubric is discussed and there is mentioned in order about daytime, morning, forenoon, noon, afternoon(1-5 pm), evening, night, midnight(1am-5am).
- Various circumstances, situation, weathers are discussed alphabetically after the time discussion of PAIN rubric.

For example- First sub rubric is – acid, from: Dros., ph-ac.

Last subrubric is – wine, after: Lyc.

Some other peculiar sub rubric –indignation, after: Staph.

Mortification after: *coloc.*

Suppressed haemorrhoidal flow: Nux-v.

Vexation, after: *Coloc., staph.*

- Then extension of pain occurs in various parts of body and which are arranged alphabetically. Example. - All part of the body: Plb. hips, to: kali-c., lyc. umbilicus: crot-t. vagina:
- Various regions of abdomen are presented after the presentation of various extension of pain in body. Various regions are presented according to alphabetic order. Each region is again presented as -At first rubric in general, then side, time and various circumstances which are presented alphabetically.

### Various Regions of Abdomen in pain rubric of Abdomen chapter are as follows-

- **Colon**, the whole length of the: *Ferum-m.*
- **Hip**, region of:
- **Hypochondria**: at first pain rubric in general, then right and left side, Time (morning, forenoon, noon, afternoon, evening, night, midnight), various circumstances, extending (to abdomen, backward, chest, downward, etc.)
- **Hypogastrium**: at first pain rubric in general, then right, Time (morning, forenoon, noon, afternoon, evening, night), various circumstances, extending.
- **Ilio-caecal region**: at first pain rubric in general, then right side of body.
- **Iliac region**: Rubric arrangement is- rubric in general, side (rt. & lt.), Time (morning, noon, evening, night), various circumstances, extending of body.
- **Ilium, crest of**: Rubric arrangement is- rubric in general, left side, time (morning, night), various circumstances, and extension.
- **Inguinal region**: Rubric arrangement is- rubric in general, right, left, to exilla, time, various circumstances, and extension of Pain to various part of body.
- **Liver region**: Rubric arrangement is- rubric in general, time, various circumstances, and extension, left lobe.
- **Sides**: Rubric arrangement is- rubric in general, right, left side, time, various circumstances, and extension.
- **Spleen**: arrangement of sub rubrics are as follows- at first subrubric in general, then according to time, then various circumstances which are arrange alphabetically.

- **Umbilicus**: arrangement of sub rubrics are as follows- at first subrubric in general , then according to time, then various circumstances which are arrange alphabetically, then extend various part of body.
- **Umbilicus, region of**: arrangement of sub rubrics are as follows- at first subrubric in general , then according to time, then various circumstances which are arrange alphabetically, then extend various part of body.

### Various characters of pain rubrics of abdomen

#### Bruised (see sore)

**Burning**: rubrics in general, time, various circumstances, extending down, various regions (hypogastrium, ilio- caecal, inguinal, liver, pancreas, sides, spleen, umbilicus).

**Burrowing**: rubrics in general, regions (hypogastrium, iliac, inguinal, umbilical).

#### Brusting

#### Clawing

**Cramping, griping**: same as above and also extension.

**Cutting**: rubrics in general, time (daytime, morning, forenoon, noon, afternoon, evening, night, midnight), various circumstances, regions.

#### Dragging, bearing down

Drawing:

Gnawing:

Grasping (see clawing)

Griping (see cramping)

Jerking:

Lacerating (see tearing)

**Lancinating**: Rubric arrangement is- rubric in general, right, respiration, urination, regions (hypochondria, hypogastrium, inginal region, sides, spleen, umbilicus), extending to uterus.

#### Piercing (see stitching)

#### Pinching (see cramping)

**Pressing**: Rubric arrangement is- rubric in general, times, various circumstances, extension of various parts, regions (Rubric arrangement is- rubric in general, times, various circumstances, extension of various parts).

#### Shooting (see stitching)

**Sticking** pain about the umbilicus after stool: *ph-ac.* sore, bruised, tenderness, etc.: same as above

**Stinging**: rubric in general.

**Stitching (sticking etc.)**: Rubric arrangement is- rubric in general, times, various circumstances, extension of various parts, regions (Rubric arrangement is- rubric in general, times, various circumstances, extension of various parts).

**Tearing**: Rubric arrangement is- rubric in general, times, various circumstances, extension of various parts, regions (Rubric arrangement is- rubric in general, times, various circumstances, extension of various parts).

#### Thirst rubric

Thirst rubric is an important physical general rubric in stomach chapter. Arrangement of this rubric is- at first rubric in general; then arranged subrubric time which are as

follows- daytime, morning, forenoon, noon, afternoon 2pm to 6pm, evening, night, midnight; then according to various circumstance, situation, quantity and character of thirst which are arranged alphabetically.

For. - alternating with aversion to drink: Berb.

Anger after- bry., nux-v.

Convulsion during: Cic.

Vomiting, before: Eup-per.

### Thirst less

Thirst less rubric is a physical general rubric of stomach chapters. At first rubric in general – first grade medicine- Ant-t., Apis., Chin., colch., Gell., Hell., Nux-m., Puls., sabd., then sub rubric is desire to drink, with and heat during.

Pathological rubrics of stomach chapter:

Cancer: Ars., Bism., Carb-ac., Carb-an., Con., Cund., Lyc., phos.

Epileptic aura: Cic., Nux-v., Sulph.

Gangrene: Ars., euph., sec.

Gout, metastasis: Ant-c., nux-m., sang.

Haemorrhage: (see vomiting)

Shock: Cic., nat-c., nux-v., tab.

Ulcers: Hydrs., Kali-bi., Lyc., Phos. (only taken 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

### Abdomen pathological rubrics

Abscess in walls: Hep., sil.,

Inguinal region: Hep., merc., sil.

Liver: Hep., merc., sil.

Spleen: hippoz.

Aneurism: Bar-m., sec.

Ascites (see Dropsy)

Atrophy of liver: Aur., calc., phos.

Bubo: bufo., cinnb., hep.

Cirrhosis, liver: cupr., hep., hydr., mur-ac., phos., sulph.

Discharge from umbilicus: Abrot., calc., cal-p., kali-C., nat-m., (only taken 2<sup>nd</sup> grd.)

Bloody fluid: cal., cal-p., nux-m. (only taken 2<sup>nd</sup> grd.)

Dropsy ascites: Apis., Apoc., Ars., Lyc., Ter. (only taken 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

With chronic diarrhoea: Apoc.

Induration of liver: Aur., lact.

Quinine, after the abuse of : Cann-s.

Suffocation lying on left side: Apis.

Oedema: apis., ars., graph.

Erysipelas: Graph.

Fatty degeneration of liver: Merc., phos.

Fistulae inguinal glands: Lach., phos., sil. (only taken 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.)

Gall stone colic:

Gangrene: Ars.

Liver: sec.

Gouty metastasis: Ant-c.

Hernia, femoral: lyc., nux-v.

Inguinal: Lyc., Nux-v.,

Umbilical: Nux-v.

Inflammation (peritonitis, enteritis etc.):

Appendicitis:

Inguinal glands

Liver

Pancreas

Spleen

typhlitis

Intussusception: Ars., Op., Plb., Verat. (only taken 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

Jaundice. (See skin)

Peristalsis reversed: Asaf., elaps.

Shock:

Suppuration, inguinal glands: Hep., Iod., Lach., Merc. (only taken 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

Tabes mesentrica: Calc. (only taken 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

Tuberculosis (see tabes)

Tumors: con.

Ulcers:

Inguinal region:

Umbilicus, about:

Veins distended: Berb., sep.

varicose: Ham., sulph.

Inguinal region: Berb.

### Some Cross reference of stomach chapter

Aura epileptica, felt at solar plexus (see Epileptic Aura)

Clawing in: (see pain, clawing)

Faintness. (see Emptiness, Sinking)

Fasting, sensation of. (see Emptiness)

Flatulence. (See Eructation's)

Fluttering (see Trembling)

Goneness (see Emptiness)

Hunger (see appetite)

### Some Cross reference of abdomen chapter

Ascites (see Dropsy)

Colic (see pain)

Cramp (see pain)

Crawling (see formication)

Croaking (see Rumbling)

Jaundice (see skin)

Tuberculosis (see tabes)

### Discussion and Conclusion

- No classical prescription can be scientifically based upon single symptom & the totality of the symptoms must be done for the correct selection of the remedy. These two chapters are helpful for making the classical prescription.
- Only these two chapters can't reach the similitum, but this two chapter's consultation may help the selection of the remedy.
- In eliminating process of some cases where mental general symptoms are lacking but good physical general symptoms are present such as thirst or thirst less or desire or aversions which are may help for the reaching the remedy. A case where the patient is very thirsty, so thirst less remedy are excluded from reportorial work.
- In some cases if the patient is running a high temperature, or suffering from diabetes, or if his work keeps him in the heat of an engine room or if the weather is suddenly & unusually hot, the symptom becomes a common symptom, and almost valueless. But, becomes a very important symptom, as absence of thirst with a very high temperature.
- But only strong peculiar rubrics of these two chapters can cure the case & when retrospective analysis of this case comes out the same remedy.
- In many conditions with marked pathological changes, such as cirrhosis of liver where Pathological types of rubrics may help the palliative type of cases.
- Some medicines are special affinity of special organ such as Lycopodium, Cheledonium, and Natrum

sulphuricum in the liver; which are helpful for pathological type of prescription.

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