

Deconstruction of Chapter Mind - Kent Repertory

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ABSTRACT:

Kent repertory is one the most widely used repertory but there are many loop holes in the construction and philosophical application in construction of repertory which makes utility of Kent repertory obscure. Chapter Mind finds its application as the First grade rubric in repertorization according to kent philosophy. While deconstructing the chapter Mind Statistical analysis of rubrics and their subdivision as to Evaluate its application according to kent philosophy.

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INTRODUCTION:

Critical study is applying rational and logical thinking while deconstructing the text. When we think critically we are being active; we are not passively accepting everything we read and hear, but questioning, evaluating, making judgment, finding connections and categorizing. It means being open to other point of view and not being blinded by our own biases.

Dr James Tyler Kent in 1897 offered the profession a General Repertory of the Homoeopathic Materia Medica. Kent repertory is one of the most known and often used repertory ,so much that the word repertory has almost become synonymous with kent repertory. It is regarded as a Gold standard.¹

After the publication of first and second edition of the repertory *Dr.Kent* himself made numerous corrections in three copies of second edition which are known as “ANNOTATED COPIES” That he himself wanted to publish as the third corrected edition during his life time; for which he writes “ this third edition completes my life work . I have brought it up to date. I have re-arranged and made numerous corrections in addition to adding many new remedies. I have verified every symptom in the book. THE BOOK IS COMPLETE”.²

As quoted by *Dr James Tyler Kent* “I carried *Lippe's* Repertory with me for a number of years, until it was not only interleaved but doubly and trebly interleaved, the pages so closely written upon that it was impossible

to find what I had written into it ; so that ended in confusion. But this was the one upon which my earlier reliance rested”³

But why *Dr Kent* left out the convenient dashes before sub-rubric used by *Lippe* ?

Arrangements followed the construction which was pre-planned and methodical however there are flaws observed as follows-

- Rubrics- Modifications are not strictly followed in the pattern of Side, Time Modalities, Extension, Location and descriptors modifiers. Their order of appearance in the rubric is not uniform in the text.

According to *Dr Jugal Kishore* -No repertory can be perfect; it will continue to be so; as long as man continues to be imperfect.⁴

Kent repertory in spite of its short comings is the greatest repertory planned and the most popular of all today. It is said to be the most complete repertory and is the back bone of homoeopathic literature. But no repertory is complete there is always scope for not only making as many repertories as possible but also to make the existing repertories as complete and as perfect as possible.⁵

The number of errors in this most useful and valuable book is real tragedy though millions of homoeopaths have used it in the past and still being used in their everyday practice.

Here in this work a sincere effort is attempted to interrogate each and every rubric of mind chapter. While deconstructing the work of chapter Mind, deductive arguments are used in regard to Plan, Construction, and Arrangement of the text.

CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF REPERTORY OF THE HOMOEOPATHIC MATERIA MEDICA BY -DR J.T KENT (6th AMERICAN EDITION INDIAN REPRINT)

CHAPTER MIND- Page 1 – 95 (95pages)

Table 1 -Statistics Of the Chapter

S.no	Division	Number	PER RUBRIC DISTRIBUTION
1	Rubric	528	1%
2	Sub Rubric	2552	4.83%
3	Sub Sub Rubric	1206	2.28%
4	Sub SubSub Rubric	131	0.24%
5	Sub SubSubSub Rubric	4	0.007%

INFERENCE

- All four order of division are given in the chapter
- Only second and third level order division are discussed in detail.

Table -2 Application of Philosophy of Arrangement of Sub Rubrics Side, Time, Modalities, Extension, Location, Character of Symptom

S.NO	DIVISION	SCORING	RESULT	POSITION IN CHAPTER
1	SIDE	0/0	0	NOT GIVEN IN CHAPTER
2	TIME	92/90	1.02	I
3	MODALITY	219/135	1.62	III
4	EXTENSION	0/0	0	NOT GIVEN IN CHAPTER
5	LOCATION	3/2	1.5	II
6	CHARACTER OF SYMPTOM	82/49	1.67	IV

A/B application:- A stands for number of places a particular variant is used in chapter : B stands for Number of times that variant is used in first position.

INFERENCE

- Side and extension are not given in the chapter.
- Location is used only twice.
- Modality is the most used division.

Table 3- Single Medicine Rubrics and Their Division

S.no	Division	Number	Percentage (%)
1	Rubric	44	8.33
2	Sub Rubric	1146	44.90
3	Sub Sub Rubric	654	54.22
4	Sub SubSub Rubric	81	61.83
5	Sub SubSubSub Rubric	2	50

Table 4-Descriptive Rubrics and Their Divisions

S.no	Division	Number	Percentage (%)
1	Rubric	3	0.56
2	Sub Rubric	168	6.58
3	Sub Sub Rubric	71	0.63
4	Sub Sub Sub Rubric	0	0
5	Sub Sub Sub Sub Rubric	0	0

INFERENCE

- Descriptive rubrics of second and third order are quite high in distribution.
- Third and fourth order division are not described.

Table 5- Pathological And Clinical Rubrics

S.NO	DIVISION	Number
1	Rubric	18

Table 6-Cross References

S.NO	DIVISION	Number
1	Cross references with no medicine	150
2	Cross references	61

- Chapter is not an anatomical division of body and it refers to mental generals .
- Alphabetical arrangement of rubric is followed in the chapter.
- Lots of cross references are given in the chapter.

CONCLUSION

There are total 528 rubrics mentioned in chapter mind of Kent repertory with only minimal distribution of sub rubrics as only 4.83sub rubric per rubric; 2.28 sub sub rubric per rubric 0.24 of third order and only 0.007 of fourth order.

In terms of Application of Philosophy side and extension are not mentioned in chapter as well First position is of time followed by location on Second position , Modality on third and character of symptom on fourth position .

Single medicine Rubric which find minimum application in repertorization are 44 followed by single medicine sub-rubric 1146 (Approximately 50% of total subrubric). There are 3 descriptive Rubric and 168 Descriptive subrubric.

There are 18 pathological Rubric Also huge number of Cross references without medicine -150 and cross references with medicine-61.

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