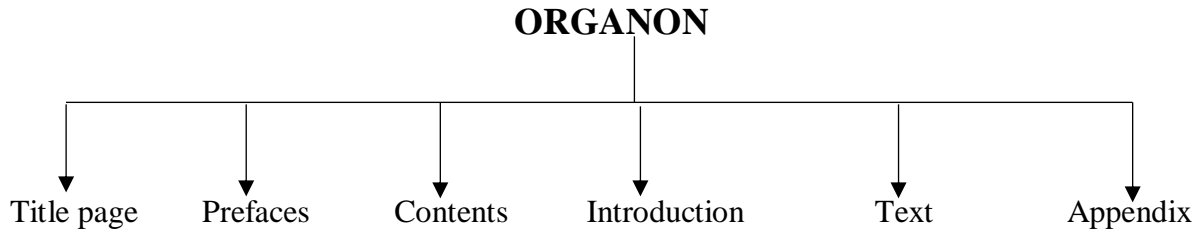


GROUND PLAN OF ORGANON

The book of Organon of Medicine is broadly divided into the following sections:



Now let us discuss these in brief:

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“Organon of the Healing Art”

‘Aude Sapere’

PREFACE

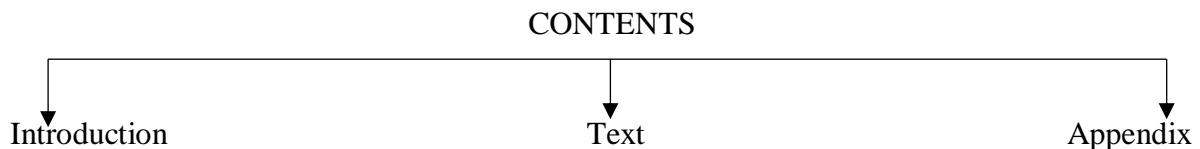
Preface is the author’s preliminary statement of every edition of Organon, setting forth its purpose and some of new inclusions of the subject from 1st to the 6th editions. It elaborates upon:

- Introduction to the edition
- Introduction to new inclusion of the subject

CONTENTS

Contents table was added/published from 2nd edition of the Organon onwards

It contains a gist of the Organon, written by Dr. Hahnemann. It has the following three parts:



INTRODUCTION

This section appeared for the first time in the 4th edition of Organon

An Essay “*Indication of the homoeopathic employment of medicines in ordinary practice*”, published in Torgau in 1807 formed the basis of ‘Introduction’.

Development

In 4th edition, the heading of the introduction was- “*Review of the Allopathy of the old school of medicine.*” There were various changes, additions, subtractions in the various editions of Organon. The title itself was changed from what it was in the 4th edition to- “*Review of the therapeutics, allopathy & palliative treatment that have hitherto been practiced in the old school of medicine.*”

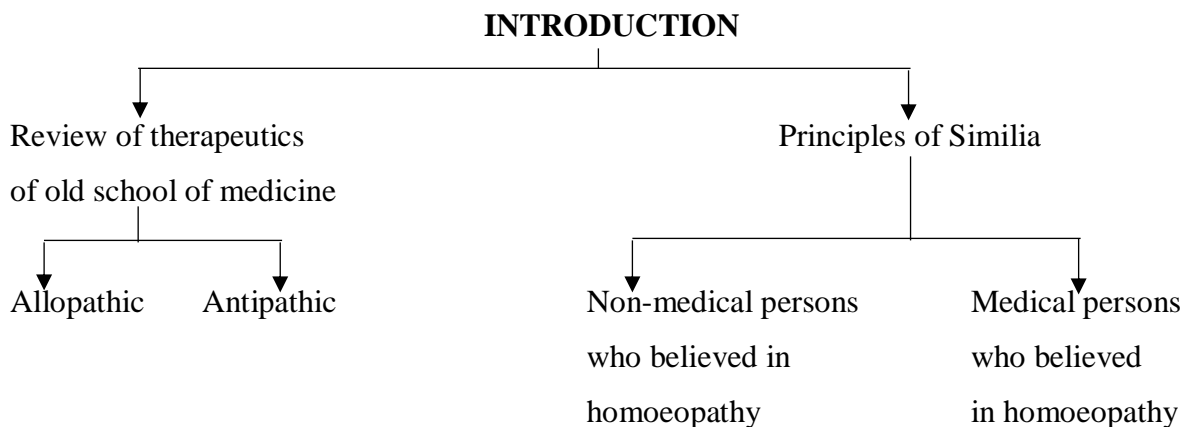
Contents

Hahnemann has written about the truth of medicine that prevailed at that time and the truth of newly discovered principle of healing against traditional therapy.

Parts

Introduction of Organon has been presented in (a total of 99) paragraphs consisting of the following 3 parts-

1. Review of therapeutics, allopathy and palliative treatment that have hitherto been practiced in the old school of medicine – **paragraph 1 to 88**
2. Non-medical persons have also found the treatment on the principle of similarity of action to be the only efficacious mode – **paragraph 89 to 90**
3. Even some physicians of earlier period suspected that this was the most excellent mode of treatment – **paragraph 91 to 99**



Dr Richard Hughes writes about the ‘Introduction’ in his book, ‘The Principles and Practice of Homoeopathy’:

“...It has altered very much, however, between its earliest and latest appearance. In the first three editions, it consists of a series of unintentional Homœopathic cures (so considered) taken from medical literature, with a few preparatory and concluding remarks. But in the Second and Third, Hahnemann had introduced into the body of the work a long section of destructive

criticism on existing theories and modes of treatment; and this, when he issued the Fourth, seemed to him to find a more appropriate place in the Introduction. Thither, accordingly, it was transferred, forming—under the title "Survey of the Allopathy* of the hitherto-prevailing School of Medicine"—a first part; while the "Instances of Involuntary Homoeopathic Cures" took place as a second. In the Fifth Edition, these last disappeared altogether, being merely referred to in a note; and the Introduction became a continuous essay, its subject being the medicine of the author's contemporaries and predecessors.”

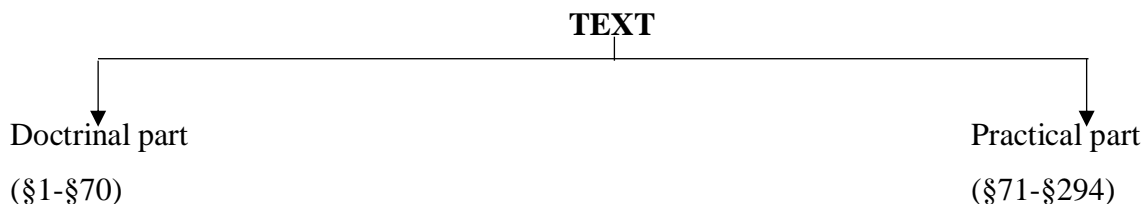
TEXT

Written in aphoristic style (according to the custom in those days) but there is a continuity & logical sequence of thoughts underlying the sections contained in the book.

Dr Richard Hughes writes about the ‘Introduction’ in his book, ‘The Principles and Practice of Homoeopathy’:

“While each aphorism is complete in itself, and might be made the text of a medical discourse, the work they collectively constitute has a definite outline and structure, which remains unchanged through the successive editions, and is as evident in the first as in the last.”

The text of organon of Medicine is broadly divided into two parts:



APPENDIX

Appendix was included for the first time in the fifth edition of Organon.

The appendix gives a detailed history of the origin, growth, development and evolution of organon; and the progress of the homoeopathic system of medicine in the mind of the author.

This section is **not written by Hahnemann**

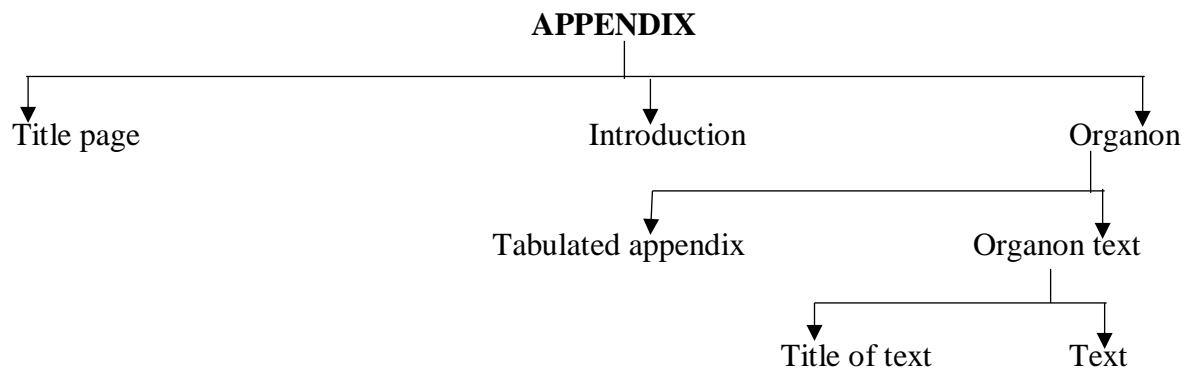
It is written by-

- R. E. Dudgeon
- Richard Hughes- especially the tabulated part- comparative table or concordance of the aphorisms in several editions- (only up to 5th edition)- which he gave in the British Journal of Homoeopathy, vol. xxxix).

The comparison includes “*Medicine of Experience*”

In this table, a relation/correspondence between various aphorisms in various editions can be found at a glance.

The appendix is divided into the following sections:



GIST OF APHORISMS

§1- Physician's Mission	}	IDEAL CURE (§1-§4)	}
§2- Highest Ideal of Cure			
§3- Case Perceiving			
§4- Epidemiology			
§5- Cause of disease	}	BLUE PRINT OF CASE TAKING (§5-§8)	}
§6- Portrait of disease			
§7- Totality of symptoms			
§8- Restoration of Health			
§9- Properties of Vital Force	}	LIFE FORCE IN HEALTH & DISEASE (§9-§18) – <i>Vital Force</i>	}
§10- Material body with Vital Force			
§11- Role of Vital Force in disease state			
§12- Disease due to internal derangement of Vital Force			
§13- Materialism in Medicine			
§14- Disease manifestation			
§15- Affections of Vital Force			
§16- Removal of dynamic cause by dynamic medicine			
§17- Removal of symptoms cures diseases, §17 footnote			
§18- Role of Totality of Symptoms			
§19- How medicine cures	}	KNOWLEDGE OF MEDICINE (§19-§21)	}
§20- Drug proving			
§21- Disease curative power of medicine			
§22- Similia Similibus cures or Contraria Contrariis cures	}	KNOWLEDGE OF PRINCIPLES OF APPLICATION OF MEDICINE IN DISEASE (§22-§29)	}
§23- Demerits of antipathy			
§24- Only Similia Similibus Curantur cures			
§25- Merits of homoeopathy			
§26- Homoeopathic law of cure			
§27- Curative power of medicine- symptoms similar to diseases			
§28- Confirmation of law of nature			
§29- How homoeopathic cure takes place			

§30- Regulation of dose of medicine
§31- Medicine acts unconditionally
§32- Natural disease acts conditionally
§33- Medicines are superior to natural disease
§34- Dissimilar medicine doesn't cure but similar cures

HOW MEDICINE CURES OR
WORKS (§30-§34)

§35- What happens when two dissimilar disease meet together
§36- When older dissimilar disease is stronger than new one
§37- Whether similia or contraris cures
§38- When new dissimilar disease is stronger than older one
§39- Diseases from allopathic treatment
§40- Complex diseases
§41- Iatrogenic diseases
§42- Dissimilar diseases complicate each other
§43- When two similar diseases meet together
§44- Two similar diseases
§45- Explanation of phenomena

PUTREFACTION
OF DISEASE
(§35-§45)

§46- Chronic diseases cured by stronger similar diseases
§47- Choice of medicine to cure diseases
§48- Chronic diseases not cured by dissimilar one
§49- Many real and natural homoeopathic cures of same kind
§50- Nature has few diseases to send to homoeopathic relief of other diseases
§51- Crude nature and man- a comparative difference

RULES
OF
TREATMENT
(§46-§51)

§52- Employment of medicine by similia or contraria
§53- Experience of deductions
§54- Homoeopathy alone is efficacious
§55- Allopathy based on guess work
§56- Antipathy

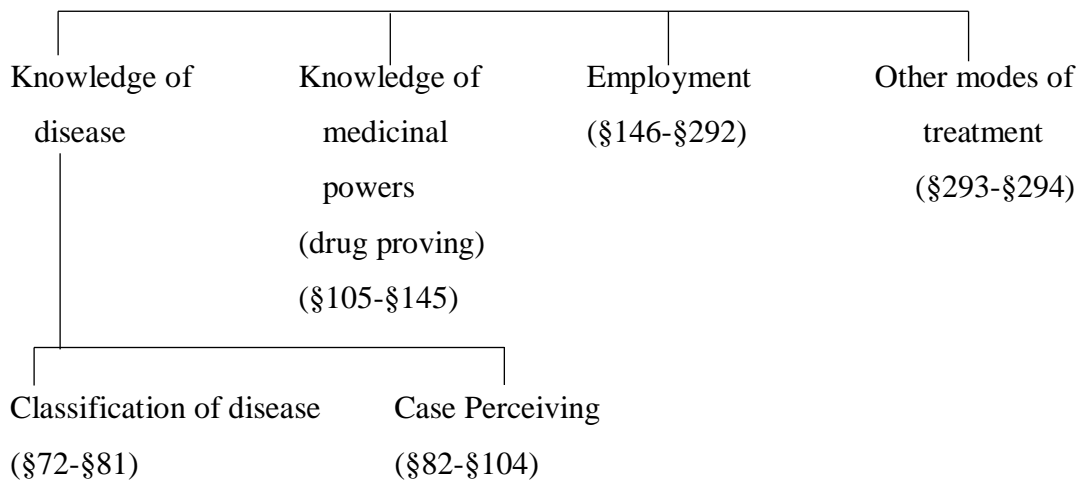
MODE OF EMPLOYMENT
OF MEDICINE
AGAINST DISEASE
(§52-§56)

§57- Antipathy- examples
§58- Antipathy- disadvantages
§59- Examples of disadvantages
§60- Disadvantages of increasing potency
§61- Homoeopathy versus antipathy
§62- Conclusion

USEFULNESS OF ANTIPATHY
(§57-§62)

§63- Action of medicines	}	PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ACTION OF MEDICINE (§63-§67)
§64- Explanation of primary and secondary actions		
§65- Examples		
§66- Secondary actions		
§67- Role of primary and secondary action in homoeopathy and antipathy. §67 footnote- usefulness of antipathy		
§68- Small doses produce primary action only	}	CONCEPT OF SMALL DOSES (§68-§69)
§69- Small doses in antipathic mode of treatment		
§70- Blue print of doctrinal part		

PRACTICAL PART OF ORGANON (§71-§294)



§71- Three points for cure or act of curing or operation of curing

§72-§81- UNDERSTANDING DISEASES

§72- Definition of acute and chronic diseases

§73- Acute diseases

§74- Chronic diseases- Iatrogenic diseases

§75- Prognosis of artificial chronic diseases

§76- Treatment of artificial chronic disease

§77- Pseudo-chronic diseases.

Inappropriately named chronic diseases

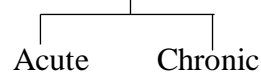
§78- True natural chronic diseases

§79- True chronic diseases

§80- Chronic miasm- Psora

§81- Extremely ancient infecting agent

Classification of
disease (§73-§81)



1. Artificial chronic disease (§72-§76)
2. Pseudo-chronic disease (§77)
3. True natural chronic diseases (§78-§81)

CASE TAKING (§82-§104)

- §82- Case taking in acute and chronic diseases
- §83- Physician direction
- §84- Recording of symptoms
- §85- New symptom fresh line
- §86- Physician's observation
- §87- Details of symptoms
- §88- Use of general expression
- §89- Precise and special
- §90- Anamnesis and Non-verbal communication/ Observation
- §91- Importance of last medicine- Past treatment and recording
- §92- Importance of last medicine in acute cases- Recording of acute diseases
- §93- Private investigation of maintaining cause
- §94- Recording of maintaining cause while enquiring into the state of chronic diseases
- §95- Recording of long suffering- Lesser accessory symptoms
- §96- Recording of hypochondriac case
- §97- Recording of indolent case
- §98- Record only patient's language
- §99- Case taking in an acute case is easy
- §100- Investigation of epidemic disease in particular
- §101- Investigation of epidemic disease in particular
- §102- Investigation of epidemic disease in particular
- §103- Investigation of Psora
- §104- Utility of noting down the picture of disease in writing

Also refer- *Organon of the Medical Art by Dr. Samuel Hahnemann – Wenda Brewster O' Reilly*