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DR. JAMES TYLER KENT AND MENTAL SYMPTOMS

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ABSTRACT:

As we all know Dr. James Tyler Kent is considered to be the propagator of the concept of general symptoms which gives maximum stress on mental expressions. Hahnemann taught to see the person as a whole. Kent was a step ahead to say every disease begins in the mind and then the body is affected. Kent's concept of man is always fascinating and he was the product of Swedenborgian philosophy and the latest development of psychology which just was shaking the Americans, was not unknown to him. Guided by this thought Kent introduced the concept of mind in a three levelled structure and its reflection is seen all through his literature; his Materia medica, repertory and obviously in his lectures on homoeopathic philosophy. This small endeavor aimed to study whether his theory is reflected in his clinical protocol.

KEY WORDS:

Dr. J. T. Kent – Analysis and evaluation - Mental General Symptoms – Repertory - Actual Case study.

INTRODUCTION:

At the beginning I would like to convey my best regard to Dr. James Tyler Kent, the homoeopath followed in maximum at modern times. Even a century after his death, he is still contemporary. His perception of man, explanation of disease and health, his view of analyzing and evaluating symptoms, notion of second prescription, understanding of prognosis of a case kept ourself infatuated and all the modern repertories produced from Kent's repertory structure only. Now, as a student of homoeopathy, it is felt, that a retrospection is needed to understand did Kent's methodology is followed by Dr. Kent in toto or there are some areas where prescriber Kent didn't have followed philosopher Kent.

MATERIALS AND METHODS: This study is retrospective and based on the case records included in Dr. Kent's Lesser writings. This is a theoretical review based on the work of Dr. Kent and other homoeopathic writers. This study was conducted at Aurangabad from December 2021 – January 2022.

REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE:

A. Evolution of Dr. James Tyler Kent as a Medical Philosopher:

James Tyler Kent was born on 31st. March 1849 in Woodhull, New York. His father was Steven Kent and Mother was Caroline Tyle. He was graduated from Madison University of Hamilton situated in New York State. His degree was Ph.B. He then got the that of A.M. from the same Madison University. Later he studied medicine in Bellevue Medical College. His result was brilliant in the final examination and he became a doctor of medicine¹. Later Kent admitted to 'the Institute of Eclectic Medicine; at Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1873 Kent graduated from this Institute as an Eclectic physician.

The word meaning of Eclectic is 'one who uses a method or approach that is composed of elements drawn from various sources or, one who uses an eclectic method or approach²'. This *Eclectic* has a Philosophical History. The word *Eclectic* derived from the Greek word *eklektikos* which literary means 'selective'. The verd form is form is *eklegein*, means to select. *Eclectic* was originally meant to early philosophers who were not stuck to any particular

¹ Dr. Pierre Schmidt /The life of James Tyler Kent/ P = 152

² Thomas Nelson / *A History of Medicine* / Thomas Nelson and sons/ New York / p = 68

branch of philosophy but in its place chosen any concept they liked them from every school of philosophical thought.

The beginning of Eclectic medicine in America was a standard rebellion against the un-scientific medical treatment technique as creating purging by the application of Calomel (mercury chloride mineral) and other mercury-based drugs and extensive blood-letting. Stuart Close writes, *"In Hahnemann's time (1799) the death of our own George Washington was undoubtedly caused by the repeated bloodletting to which he was subjected. He was almost completely exsanguinated"*³. The similarity of disapproval of existing mode of therapeutics is same as of Hahnemann's revolt in Germany. Anyway, this movement began in the 19th. Century in America which started using plant remedies with other substances and physical therapy in practice. This term was first introduced by Constantine Samuel Rafinesque (1784–1841), a professor of Transylvania University and a botanist as well. The Eclectic Medical Institute in Ohio, Worthington, started since 1833. Kent joined there in 1873. So, it was an established school of thought of forty years. So, it is understood, this school, called Eclectic used the herbal medicine and was away from violent and heroic medical uses. Major Eclectic practitioners include John Uri Lloyd (19 April 1849 – 9 April 1936), John Milton Scudder (8th. September 1829 – 17th. February 1894. He was a Swedenborgian), Harvey Wickes Felter (1865–1927), John King, Finley Ellingwood, Frederick J. Locke, Andrew Jackson Howe and William N. Mundy. Among them Jhon Kong who died in June 19, 1893, was a contemporary to Kent. This man was famous for his work 'American' and 'The Coming Freeman' which placed him to be a humanist. As a botanist he was just in the lap of nature and introduced resins of podophyllum and oleo-resin of iris as medicine⁴.

Our matter if interest is there must be some hidden characteristic in Kent forced him to walk against conventional school. The basic character of leaders of this school of thought was: humanistic attitude and opposite to the conventional interests. This was in the religious belief also. The Swedenborgian understanding was blowing over the mind of young Americans. John Milton Scudder was a follower of Swedenborgian belief and, as we all know, Kent was an announced Swedenborgian.

³ Stuart M. Close / *The Genius of Homeopathy*/ B. Jain/ New Delhi /P = 29

⁴ <https://www.henriettes-herb.com/eclectic/bios/index.html>

Kent married for the first time in 1874 to Ellen and started his life in St. Louis, Missouri. But his first marriage was very short lived because Ellen died at her 19th. At the age of 26 Kent started practice as an eclectic physician in St Louis, Missouri and he became an eminent member of the Eclectic National Medical Association. After two years only Kent became the professor of Anatomy at American College in St. Louis. During this time, he married for the second time to Lucy. In 1878, Lucy developed became ill. With best of the therapy available that time, both orthodox and eclectic school, Lucy couldn't recover from '*nervous weakness, insomnia, and anemia*'. Her condition continued to be worse became bedbound. At this time Dr. Richard Phelan, a homoeopathic physician, was called for a home visit. Kent was not happy to this idea, because he had consulted every physician, famous in Saint Louis. For this case, Kent felt it shall be absurd to call a Homoeopath because it has ridiculous little doses. But one afternoon Dr. Richard Phelan came, with his white beard and black coat⁵. Dr. Phelan stayed there for about one hour and asked several questions which seemed Kent because these were not connected with the disease. Dr. Phelan might have asked about the mental state including anxieties, desire and aversions to food though of asked in detail for the patient's history, her state of mind, anxieties, desires for and aversions to food, although Lucy had no disharmony to the digestive system. Lucy might have to answer about her periods, thermal state, dreams and which was nothing but worthless question in front of young Kent⁶. After a thorough examination Dr. Phelan mixed some drug in a glass of water and asked to give one tea spoonful of it in a prescribed interval of time. Kent followed this instruction for initial dose and became busy to his work and forgot to dispense more doses. When he remembered, he rushed to Lucy and with his utter astonishment he found his wife is in deep sleep. The resultant attitude was his routine long discussion session about homoeopathy with Dr. Phelan, study of organon and his resignation from the Eclectic Medical Association in 1879. This change of attitude is seen in the presidential address speech in association in 1887 as, 'Eclectics, building upon the uncertain

⁵A picture of Phelan in his obituary showed him with a dark moustache - He was 66 years old. At the time Phelan met Kent, he was a bit over 40 years old, so with "white beard" might be a romantic exaggeration. Matthew Wood / Vitalism: The History of Herbalism, Homeopathy, and Flower Essences/ North Atlantic Books / P =137 'He was not an old man, as presented by Schmidt, but rather a young one (Research by Julian Winston)'

⁶ Dr. Pierre Schmidt /The life of James Tyler Kent/ P = 153

sands of theory, need to be continually rebuilding, as each new theory causes shifting of their foundation. Homoeopathists, building upon the unchangeable rock of law, never rebuild.”⁷

It was around 1887-88, Lucy, Kent’s second wife expired. From his familial legacy he was strict Baptist. Basically, during this time, he started studying and rallying up on the philosophy of Swedenborg. This gave him a mystical vision over sickness and getting cure⁸. Some says Kent’s third wife attracted Kent to the Swedenborgian churches⁹. The story may be different because Swedenborg’s influence over the young people was tremendous.

Emanuel Swedenborg (8th February 1688 – 29th March 1772) was a Swedish pluralistic-Christian theologian. He is classed as a scientist, mathematician and a mystic philosopher of excellence. His famous works are afterlife, *Heaven and Hell* (1758). As per as medical involvement is concerned, during 1730s, he conducted many studies of anatomy and physiology. He was the first who anticipated the existence of neuron in human body. He concepted the existence of cerebral cortex, cerebrospinal fluid, functions of the pituitary and the connection of the frontal part of brain with the intellect. 1730 onwards, Swedenborg became much interested in spiritual matters and became strongminded to find a theory that can explain how matter relates to spirit. He said Bible is never to be taken in a literal sense, and there shall be lot of confusion if taken literally. It must be read as multi-layer description of spiritual realities within us and in the world beyond.

He came out with the theory of three. According to him there are three levels of mind in every human. The sensual mind represents instincts and sensory perceptions. The second level that is emotional mind representing affections and feelings and at the third level the rational mind representing the capacity to make judgement. The Biblical story of Adam, Eve and the snake basically symbolizes the sensory, emotional and rational mind of the individual.

This concept of symbolism obviously affected the you researchers in Germany and later to the Americans especially to the homoeopaths. Charles Hempel, wrote a lot on Swedenborgian

⁷Klauss Henning Gypser/ Kent’s minor writings on homoeopathy/B. Jain/ P= 199-203

⁸ Ibid / P = 155

⁹Matthew Wood / Vitalism: The History of Herbalism, Homeopathy, and Flower Essences/ North Atlantic Books / P =139

theological and ecclesiastic texts¹⁰. Another famous homeopath, William Henry Holcombe converted to be Swedenborgian ¹¹. And so, most of the homoeopaths became Swedenborgian and by 1840 there were 850 Swedenborgians in America. By 1870 they are increased to 18,700¹².

And we find Kent became a Swedenborgian. Declaration came from his aphorisms. It begins with, 'It is no proof of man's undertaking to be able to confirm what he pleases; but to be able to discern that what is true is true, and what is false is false, this is the mark and character of intelligence' which is of Emanuel Swedenborg only.

You cannot divorce Medicine and Theology. Man exists all the way down, from his innermost Spiritual, to his outermost Natural¹³.

The external man is but an outward expression of the internal; so the results of disease (symptoms) are but the outward expression of the internal sickness.

So, Kent divides his mind in to three category – Will, understanding and intellect. Divides symptoms for evaluation as general, particular and common and potency scale as octaves in the series of degrees of potencies 30c, 200c, 1M, 10M, 50M, CM, DM, and MM. Lots of examples are there to establish relation of Swedenborgian philosophy and Kent's homoeopathy. But this is not the right place for that.

B. Influences of psychological movement of America:

This may be another area of study to understand the Kantian homoeopathy. The first psychological school was established by Wundt in the year of 1879 Leipzig University and his theory is named as structuralism. This was followed by Functionalism of William James, Behaviorism by J. B. Watson, Gestalt Psychology by Max Wertheimer and later days supported by Kohler and Koffka¹⁴. But most important amongst this is the Psycho-analytic school founded by Sigmund Freud which stressed on the study of the unconscious mind. Very interesting facts

¹⁰The True Organization of the New Church, As Indicated in the Writings of Emanuel Swedenborg: And demonstrated by Charles Fourier/ Nabu Press

¹¹ Harris L. Coulter, *Divided Legacy*, Vol III, Science & Ethics in American Medicine 1800-1914, 1973, Wehawken (1st Edition), 2nd Edition, North Atlantic Books, Richmond, California, p.468.

¹² Francis Treuherz / *The Origins of Kent's Homeopathy/ Journal of the American Institute of Homeopathy: Vol. 77*

¹³Dr. J. T. Kent / *New remedies, clinical cases, Lesser writings, Aphorisms and Precepts* / B. Jain / New Delhi / P = 641

¹⁴ Annamalai University Press/ *Advanced General Psychology* /Annamalai/ P= 4-10

is that, Freud's master piece 'The Interpretation of Dreams' was published in 1900 and in the same year 'Lectures on Homoeopathic Philosophy' was published from Kent's side. We must remember the Freudian theory also speaks of three, of Swedenborgian concept; id, ego and super ego or conscious, pre-conscious and un-conscious. This is said the new era began with the theory of libido of Freud and there is no reason to believe, a homoeopathic psychologist like Kent was unaware of these world-shaking ideas.

And, though not directly but we get the glimpses in massive literary work of Kent. His *materia medica* reflects this journey from pre-conscious to un-conscious and its return as the guiding force to all the person's activity. 'I know I ought to love my children and my husband, I used to love them, but now I have no feeling on the subject'¹⁵(Sepia, feeling of lovelessness – a resultant of lack of love from partners) or 'he imagines the company of the opposite sex a dangerous thing to cultivate, and that it is dangerous to do certain things well established in society as good for the human race'¹⁶ (Pulsatilla, a forceful un-conscious which forms a belief). There are numbers of examples which can be tallied with Sigmund Freud, Adler and especially to Jung. But Kent came out with his understanding of mind before the psycho-analytical school placed their theory (First edition of Kent's repertory was published in 1897 where the of mental rubrics was already place) hence we may discard direct connection of Kent with these people.

C. Kent's Philosophy:

So, Kent's philosophy naturally is a mixture of Hahnemannian and Swedenborgian understanding of life, mind and disease. 'All my teaching is founded on that of Hahnemann and of Swedenborg; their teachings correspond perfectly'¹⁷. As George G. Starkey claims Dr. Kent personally told him. Demarque suggests that in the theosophy of Kent, taken from Swedenborg, all distinction between spirit and matter has disappeared. The transition is made by an infinity of degrees from matter to the most subtle incorporeal forms¹⁸. Swedenborg taught that in the fourth state of matter simple substance cannot be quantified but "only quality in degrees of fineness". This is why Kentian homoeopaths believe that using one pill or one thousand pills of a

¹⁵ Dr. J. T. Kent / Lectures on Homoeopathic Materia Medica / B. Jain / New Delhi /Reprint edition 200 / P = 917

¹⁶ Ibid/ P = 857

¹⁷ Dr. J. T. Kent / Lectures on Homoeopathic philosophy / Paul Medico / Calcutta / P = 13

¹⁸ Francis Treuherz / *The Origins of Kent's Homeopathy*/ Journal of the American Institute of Homeopathy: Vol. 77

high potency remedy makes no difference. Kent also said that whether one take a remedy in liquid or a pill it doesn't makes any difference. Kent also said it makes no difference if give one teaspoon or the entire glass of a medicinal solution is given to the patient. In Kentian homoeopathy the size of the dose is a static factor while only the potency is dynamic¹⁹.

Here we see Kent differs from Hahnemann. The increasing potency to CM, DM or MM, introduction of the concept of the fourth state of matter, or telling only suppression of chronic gonorrhoea is the cause of development of sycotic miasm – really differs from Hahnemann's teaching. Is there any homoeopathy to be labelled as Kentian type? Or comprising everything can be termed as Kentism?

Denis Demarque writes, 'Kentism has everything to gain if it liberates itself from its Theosophic mask, which limits its diffusion and its comprehension by its character of an esoteric cult reserved for a few initiates. It would suffice to return to the true Hahnemannian source, disengaged from all philosophical a priori'²⁰.

D. Kent's Repertory:

Kent's repertory is the most influential book forced the thinkers to read, understand and work on it. Dr. Kent was working on Dr. Lee, that is, he was creating a repertory on the basis of Dr Lippe's manuscript. Dr Lippe's repertory was developed from the repertory of the anti-psoric medicines of Boenninghausen. Kent had taken almost all of Boenninghausen's concept except grand generalization. Kent taken Mind and Head chapter directly of Dr Lee and chapters like Eyes and Vision; and Urinary organs, chill, fever, and sweat worked by Kent himself.

Kent's repertory was based on deductive logic that is from generals to particular. Dr, Kent divided the symptoms in there hierarchy as General, and common. Everywhere the rubric (with few exceptions) records all the drugs with their grad and then are placed in the sub or sub-sub rubrics. The repertory is designed in such a way that every case can be worked out from general to particular. There are 37 / 33 chapters in Kent's repertory. If urinary organs are considered as one-chapter total no. is 33 & as five separate chapters (Bladder, kidneys, prostate, urethra, urine) the number of chapters are 37. Chapters start with mind and ends in

¹⁹David Little / *Where Kent Differs with Hahnemann*/ www.hpathy.com

²⁰Francis Treuherz / *The Origins of Kent's Homeopathy*/ Journal of the American Institute of Homeopathy: Vol. 77

generalities.

Let's try to understand what means a general symptom. All the symptoms denoting the condition & reaction of the patient as a whole in mind & body that all the sensations or the symptoms where the patient predicates of himself or in relation to which symptom the patient uses the first personal is called a general Symptom". The common expressions are I am Weak. I am Thirsty, I am Shivering etc. As per Kentism, these reflects the inner most of the individual. So, quite naturally his repertory must have been full by general chapters but the truth is, it doesn't happen. *Among the whole thirty-seven chapters, Mind, Vertigo, Chill, Fever, Perspiration, Sleep and Generalities are the general chapters and rest of them are particulars only.* So, even without any general rubric prescription can be made through particular chapters only. This thing is observed in his solved cases also. From these cases we shall be able to understand How much of Kentism is followed by physician Kent in real life situation.

STUDY OF THE CASES PRESENTED IN LESSER WRITINGS²¹:

We have studied actual cases from Kent which is included as a part of his lesser writings. These are 111 in number. Here we have tried to see the prescription style of Kent and his dependence of general, especially the mental general symptoms, for final selection of remedy.

For case no one to five no mental symptoms were considered. Among this case no 3 was a general discussion of Abrotanum. **Case no. 6** is a discussion on the use of Aconite or Sulphur in cases of Pneumonia. In **Case no. 7** where *Adenoids cured with Tuberculinum*, Kent writes, "She was irritable; extremely stupid". But that does not support the prescription of Tuberculinum from mental basis.

In **Case 9** which is titled as '*Tubercular History Love and Mental Ability Revived*' Kent gives a paragraph of mental expression of the lady which reads, "She had lost all her loves: had not the ability to exercise that function at all. She was ashamed of it: did not like her husband; did not love her children: and she said: 'What shall I do! Don't tell of it. I don't want anybody to know that I do not love my husband; he is a good man. And my children; I have lost all my love for my children.' She had no resolution whatever; was entirely irresolute: was irritable; had no desire

²¹Dr. J. T. Kent / *New remedies, clinical cases, Lesser writings, Aphorisms and Precepts* / B. Jain / New Delhi / P = 500-637

to do anything: it was all lost. Undertaking any mental exertion brought much pain in the occiput etc.’

Here also when we repertories the case from Kent’s Repertory it selects Sepia (13/5), Nat – mur (11/5), Phos. (11/4), Puls. (10/4), Calc Carb (9/4) and no Tuberculinum comes at the repertory table.

Remedy Name	Sep	Nat-m	Phos	Puls	Calc	Chin	Lach	Lyc	Nat-c	Nux-v	Op	Sil	Sulph	Bac-c
Totality	13	11	11	10	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8
Symptom Covered	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
[KT] [Mind]Indifference, apathy etc.:	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	1	3	2	2	2
[KT] [Mind]Aversion Husband:	3	1							2					
[KT] [Mind]Secretive:														
[KT] [Mind]Irresolution:	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	2	1	2	3	2	2	3
[KT] [Mind]Irritability (see anger):	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	2
[KT] [Mind]Work: Aversion to mental:	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	2		3	1	2	2	1

Kent writes, *‘I could strongly suspect that there were tubercular deposits in the brain’* and he was convinced of this by her strongly tubercular history. Kent writes she was prescribed many drugs which acted partially. In Kent’s own version, *‘She would pick up slightly; and then within a week would drop right back again; I would select another remedy, and after another slight improvement she would again drop back’*. Kent considered this is the tubercular history and here are the tubercular symptoms. He then prescribed **Tuberculinum bovinum** 10 M and the result was magnificent. This case is a perfect case where from the symptoms the miasm is of the patient was diagnosed. This case is a perfect example of using symptom and select the silimum accordingly.

Case no. 11 which is titled as *‘A Serious Case’* should be a matter of discussion. Here Dr. Kent himself provided the rubrics for this case. These are -

Aversion to being touched

Timidity

Enlarged glands

Subject to earache

Enlarged abdomen and Grinds teeth

Remedy Name	Calc	Sulph	Bar-c	Bell	Lyc	Sep	Acon	Merc	Phos	Plb	Sil	Cham	Kali-c
Totally	13	12	11	11	10	10	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Symptom Covered	6	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3
[KT] [Mind]Touched,aversion to being:	1			2			2	1		1	2	3	3
[KT] [Mind]Timidity:	3	3	3	1	3	3	2	2	3	3	2		3
[KT] [Back]Swelling;Glands of nape:	2	1	3	2					1		2		
[KT] [Ear]Pain:	2	3	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	2
[KT] [Abdomen]Enlarged:	3	3	2		2	3							
[KT] [Teeth]Grinding:	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	2		2	

When repertorise we Get **Calcarea carbonica** this case and the same was prescribed in 10M potency by Dr. Kent. But when we repertorise the case **without mental symptoms, surprisingly the result remains the same.**

Remedy Name	Calc	Sulph	Bar-c	Bell	Lyc	Sep	Causa	Hell	Phos	Thu	Apis	Cham	Merc	Iod
Totally	9	9	8	8	7	7	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4
Symptom Covered	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	3
[KT] [Back]Swelling;Glands of nape:	2	1	3	2				2	1					1
[KT] [Ear]Pain:	2	3	2	3	3	2	2	1	3	2	2	3	3	1
[KT] [Abdomen]Enlarged:	3	3	2		2	3	1			2				2
[KT] [Teeth]Grinding:	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	2	2	

That means these mental symptoms are of less significance and they may have hinted the remedy for the prescriber or they are concomitant symptoms, no way helping in final selection of the remedy. This is an example much stress is given on physical general symptoms and mental general symptoms are of less use.

Case no. 14, ‘Bladder trouble’ cured by **Sarsaparilla CM** where ‘*bad temper that the patient manifested at every moment*’ probably was taken was a concomitant. In Kent’s repertory **Sarsaparilla** carries 2 marks in Rubric Irritability which seems not to be strong mental characteristics.

Case no. 20 titled ‘Cancer patient cured’; the following mental symptoms are noted are Irritable, Memory good and depressing dreams in latter part of night (Dream is under sleep chapter, but modern followers of Kent placed dream under Mind). Any way this case was

treated by **Psorinum** considering *'the beginning of kidney-trouble and skin disorder'*. Here also the mental symptoms played no role.

Case no. 22, which is titled as Cardiac patient is very interesting. The case started with **Pulsatilla** 10M where no mental symptom was considered for selection of Pulsatilla. This drug was repeated in the same potency for several times. Then also mental symptom was not considered. In the follow up it is found that larynx sensitive to touch. Sore feeling of the neck glands on the right side. Basing this **Psorinum** was prescribed. This remedy was prescribed in 10M, 50 M, CM and DM potency. This time the following mental symptoms were mentioned.

Complaints from excitement

< From hurry

Very apprehensive

Fear of being run over on the street

In the course of treatment, the patient was much improved. She became very active, following accustomed routine She was enjoying shopping very much and enjoyed social gatherings. She started liking to talk with people. She started attending concerts and enjoyed all without discomfort.

After about twelve months of beginning treatment, she was examined and no organic disease of heart was diagnosed and now heart symptoms have been only functional.

After **Psorinum** stopped giving result **Naja** was prescribed. Kent writes, *'In many cases of heart weakness in children, where there are no distinctive symptoms, cardiac murmurs and cardiac disturbances being associated with nervousness, Naja has cleared away the cardiac troubles and changed the patients to robust children.'*

Psorinum was followed by **Naja**. It was prescribed in 10 M and 50 M potency. Follow up comment reads that there was strong excitement in an evening but she didn't develop any heart symptom. In the course of treatment, she developed jaundice and **Natrum Sulph** 10 M and 50 M was prescribed. After the episode is over again **Pulsatilla** was repeated in CM, two doses of **Pulsatilla** DM, and one dose of MM which is followed in by **Psorinum** in MM potency.

This is a fantastic case – every homoeopath should read. But with this long journey of talks Kent didn't have given any clue that for final selection mental symptoms were taken in to consideration.

Case 32 is a case of Exophthalmic goiter includes the mental symptoms like the following:

Activity of mind

Dwells on past disagreeable events

Sensitive to noise

Anxiety or fear when away from home (this had been true ever since had sunstroke when a child fourteen years old.

And if we consider dream as a mental symptom then Dreams vivid is included.

In this case Lycopus was prescribed in 10M, 50M and CM potency. When we tried to find **Lycopus** from Kent's repertory it enlists only eight rubrics which don't cover those symptoms which are narrated in the case.

Symptom Name	Remedies	Percent	Count / Total
3 Concentration: Difficult:	1:Lycps	1	1 / 162
4 Delusions,imagination,hallucinations,ill...	1:Lycps	33	1 / 3
3 Dullness,sluggishness,difficulty of thinkin...	1:Lycps	33	1 / 3
2 Excitement,excitable:	2:Lycps	1	1 / 163
3 Excitement,excitable: Evening:	1:Lycps	3	1 / 26
3 Restlessness,nervousness: Evening:	1:Lycps	2	1 / 44
2 Sadness,mental depression:	1:Lycps	1	1 / 249
2 Touch things impelled to:	1:Lycps	100	1 / 1

Case no 46, 'Gall stone colic cured' is interesting where two mental expressions; Inclination to commit suicide and startled easily is included. After repertorization we get the flowing sets of remedies. That is Nux Vomica, Phosphorus and Sepia.

Remedy Name	Nux-v	Phos	Sep	Ant-t	Calc	Merc	Nit-ac	Sil	Sulph	Zinc	Aur	Aur-m	Bor	Kali-c
Totality	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Symptom Covered	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
[KT] [Mind]Suicidal disposition:	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	3	3		
[KT] [Mind]Starting startled Easily:	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	1			3	3

The case includes lots physical symptoms such as

Sacral pain extending to thigh

Feet cold in bed

Menstrual flow clotted

Menstrual flow dark

Menstrual flow thick

Vomiting during headache

Vomiting bile

The whole case was repertorized including mental symptoms and the result was

Remedy Name	Puls	Sulph	Bell	Calc	Nux-v	Sep	Phos	Nit-ac	Chn	Plat	Sec	Lach	Nat-s	Ip
Totality	16	13	13	13	12	12	10	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Symptom Covered	6	8	6	6	7	6	5	6	5	5	5	4	4	3
[KT] [Mind]Suicidal disposition:	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	
[KT] [Mind]Starting, started Easily:		2		1	2	2	3	2						
[KT] [Back]Pain: Sacral region: Extending :To thighs:		2			1	2					2			
[KT] [Extremities]Coldness Foot: Night: Bed, in:		1		3			1	1						
[KT] [Genitalia female]Menses Clotted:	3	2	3	3	1	1		1	2	3	2	3	1	3
[KT] [Genitalia female]Menses Dark:	2		3						2	2	2			
[KT] [Genitalia female]Menses Thick:	3	2	2		1			2		2				
[KT] [Stomach]Vomiting: Headache, during:	3	1	2	2	2	2	2		1	1		2	2	3
[KT] [Stomach]Vomiting Bile:	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	2	2		2	2	3	3

Anyway, when we repertorise the case again without mental symptoms we get almost the similar drug list.

Remedy Name	Puls	Bell	Sulph	Ip	Nux-v	Lach	Plat	Sec	Sep	Chem	Sabin	Chin	Ferr	Calc
Totality	14	12	9	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	7
Symptom Covered	5	5	5	3	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	3
[KT] [Back]Pain: Sacral region: Extending :To thighs:			2		1			2	2					
[KT] [Extremities]Coldness Foot: Night: Bed, in:						1							2	
[KT] [Genitalia female]Menses Clotted:	3	3	2	3	1	3	3	2	1	3	3	2	2	3
[KT] [Genitalia female]Menses Dark:	2	3					2	2		2	3	2	2	
[KT] [Genitalia female]Menses Thick:	3	2	2		1		2							
[KT] [Stomach]Vomiting: Headache, during:	3	2	1	3	2	2	1		2			1	1	2
[KT] [Stomach]Vomiting Bile:	3	2	2	3	3	2		2	3	3	2	2		2

But Kent gives the list of remedies as Merc. Sol - 14, Nat-carb. - 9, Nat-mur- 14, Nat.-Sulph. - 12, Sulph - 20 and Kent prescribed **Naturm Sulph** 10M to this case.

Case 65 which is ascribed as **Pulsatilla case** have few mental expressions included in totality.

Symptoms are

She has horrible dreams of robbers.

She dreams of her lover who disappointed her.

She awakens from sleep in tears, even sobbing.

Despondent before the menses

Melancholy and tearful.

She is very fidgety and generally nervous.

Inability to sustain a mental effort.

She has had a dark, yellow, thick leucorrhoea since puberty.

Constipation alternates with diarrhea.

Aching in the lumbar region of the spine.

Headache, with severe pains on one or the other temple that makes her blind.

Cannot lie on either side, only on the back.

Menstrual flow dark, clotted, offensive.

She is greatly prostrated from any warm air, warm room or slight exertion.

Aching in the back that compels her to lie with her arms under it, as the pressure relieves.

She feels a desire to go to bed and sleep in the daytime.

When all the symptoms were repertories, the result was

In case no. 69 only one symptom, *History of masturbation* is mentioned. In this case **Phosphorus** 45 M was used with other drugs. This is an interesting example of using higher potency at first and low potency afterwards. Same is observed in case no 76 where Lac. Can MM be followed by Lac Can CM.

Case no 81 which is titled as Fibroid recurrent, described the patient astimid in going into a new enterprise, though abundantly able to perform the task. He lacked confidence in his own ability, yet when he had begun, he would do well. When the case was repertorise, **Silicia** came as the remedy. This was prescribed in 5 M and 72 M potency.

Remedy Name	Sil	Cels	Cath-v	Anac	Pib	Aur	Bar-c	By	Chin	CMor	Kali-c	Lac-c	Lyc	puls
Totality	5	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Symptom Covered	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
[KT] [Mind]Timidity:Appearing in public:	3	3	2		1									
[KT] [Mind]Confidence:Want of self:	2	1	1	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

In Case no. 82 Kent uses **Psychopathic constitution**. But no reference of these symptom is made while prescription.

Case 83 is a marvellous case of Heart trouble for several years. Mrs. J. L. H., 38 years of age was suffering from hypertrophied heart and mitral murmur. Initially basing on Thirst for cold water. Generally better in summer than in winter. **Phosphorus** 10 M was prescribed. In the follow up her heart symptoms have decreased or disappeared. Now there was prominent nervousness with weeping when telling her symptoms and constant tired feeling. She was wakeful from active thinking. *Conversation tires the lady and noise excites her*. There is trembling hands and she was easily worried. Swelling of face, lips and ankles at times. Prolapsus with dragging sensation in uterus. **Ambra gresia** 10m. was given on the basis of the character of *nervousness and sensitiveness to company* and which was increased to 50 M potency too. Between this she developed appendicitis and treated by Phosphorus, which was given in 50M, CM, DM and MM potencies, twice in succession in each potency, each time holding for four or five weeks. Each time the *aggravation from noise, crowds and confusion, the restlessness and craving for air was present*.

This aggravation from noise, As Kent affirms, is found throughout the record. Noise made her irritable. There was aversion to company. She wants to be quiet. < from people's talking; Rustling of paper or escaping steam annoys; Cannot stand confusion nor crowds; Sudden noise makes her sink, lips become white, frigid and swollen; Makes her feel faint, dog's barking, beating of rugs, piano. Anyway, when mental symptoms are repertorised Phosphorus didn't have come.

Remedy Name	Nux-v	Kali-s	Nat-c	Con	Nat-m	Ars	Bell	Cocc	Ferr	Bor-c	By	Gels	Nat-s	Sep
Totality	12	10	9	8	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Symptom Covered	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3
[KT] [Mind] Sensitive, oversensitive (see offended); Noise, to:	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	3
[KT] [Mind] Company; Aversion to:	3	1	2	1	3		2		2	3	2	3		2
[KT] [Mind] Irritability (see anger); Noise From:		1				1	1	1	2					
[KT] [Mind] Quiet; Wants to be:							1				3	3		
[KT] [Mind] Talk Of others agg:	3	2	2	2		3		2	1				2	2
[KT] [Mind] Starting, startled; Noise, from:	3	3	3	2	3	1		2		2			3	

The association of heart symptoms and intense aggravation to noise lead to the prescription of

Remedy Name	Acon	Aur	Lach	Puls	Spig	Ars	Ars-i	Cact	Calc	Causa	Nat-m	Op	Phos	Am-c
Totality	6	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3
Symptom Covered	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
[KT] [Chest] Affections of the Heart	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	2
[KT] [Mind] Sensitive, oversensitive (see offended); Noise, to:	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	3	2	1

Aurum met in 1M potency.

Here we are getting list of remedies of same coverage and marking viz. Acon, Aurum, Lach, Pulsatilla and Spigelia. Aconite carries 6 marks may be ignored of its acute nature (?).

In **case no 84**, titled as A poor heart restored to usefulness, treated by Lilium Tig. Then Argentum was prescribed with a description reads, 'Any kind of talk that interests her is a cause of excitement. Very enthusiastic' with physical symptoms, 'Copious colourless urine when excited' and previous history. Here also, as we may conclude, mental symptoms came as a concomitant.

Case no. 99 'Prolapsus (2) 'wild feeling in the head, and 'feared she would lose her reason' is only considered and **Lilium tigrinum** was prescribed.

Case no. 103 is titled Mental Derangement. Another marvellous case which describes mental symptoms as Mrs. E. M. D., aged forty-five years, has been distressed by an adopted daughter. Finger ends sensitive, does not want them touched. Spine, sensitive spots-one in dorsal region,

one in coccyx. Head sensation of a steel band over forehead. Used to have menstrual headaches. Constipation. No children. Sensitive to heat. Feet, ankles and sometimes legs, cold.

She is very suspicious of her husband and a neighbor woman, without cause.

Father was insane about a year.

Imagines her daughter the cause of her troubles.

Tearful.

Many imaginations

Scolds her husband

Abuses people without occasion

Takes no interest in her home will not work,

Talks constantly

Weary.

Sleep ameliorates

Remedy Name	Phos	Nur-v	Lach	Sep	Pala	Bell	Lyc	Salph	Acon	Chin	Ph-ac	Ans	Calc	Hyes
Totality	19	16	16	16	15	14	14	14	13	13	13	12	12	12
Symptom Covered	8	9	8	8	7	8	7	7	8	7	6	7	7	7
[KT] [Mind]Suspicious:	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	1		3		2
[KT] [Mind]Wearisome:	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	
[KT] [Mind]Weeping,tearful mood,etc.:	2	2	1	3	3	2	3	3	2	1	2	1	3	1
[KT] [Mind]Ideas Abundant,clearness of mind:	3	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	1	3	1	2	2	1
[KT] [Mind]Abusive:	2			2	2	1								2
[KT] [Mind]Indifference,apathy etc.:	3	1	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2
[KT] [Mind]Work:Aversion to mental:	3	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	3	2			1
[KT] [Mind]Loquacity (see speech):	2	1	3			2		1	1			1	1	3
[KT] [Generalities]Sleep After Amel:	3	2	1	2	1				1	1	3	2	1	

This case **Lachesis** 500 was prescribed. There was betterment of the patient.

In the follow up we get

Twitching of eyes. Loneliness; forsaken sensation. Trembling; tremulous after doing some housework. Anxious; was always anxious. Abdomen, sore sensation (0. S.). < respiration. Generally, < before a storm. Constipation; has used enema every day. Faeces slip back. Faeces knotty.

Remedy Name	Aur	Psor	Puls	Arg-n	Calc	Canph	Canth	Carb-v	Chin	Kali-c	Lach	Merc	Nat-c	Plat
Totality	6	6	6	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Symptom Covered	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
[KT] [Mind]Forsaken feeling:	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2		1	2
[KT] [Mind]Anxiety:	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	2

An extensive case. Every homoeopath must study. When mental symptoms were repertorise we get the following result.

Remedy Name	Lach	Lyc	Sulph	Aur	Phos	Sep	Calc	Mag-m	Merc	Puls	Alum	Rhus-t	Verat	Bry
Totality	14	14	13	12	12	12	11	11	11	11	10	10	10	10
Symptom Covered	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	4
[KT] [Mind]Forsaken feeling:	2			3			1	1		3	1	1	1	
[KT] [Mind]Anxiety:	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	3	3	3
[KT] [Abdomen]Pain:Sore,bruised,tenderness,etc.:	3	3	3	1	3	3	2	2	3	2	1	3	2	3
[KT] [Generalities]Storm:Approach of a	2	2	1	1	2	2				1		2		1
[KT] [Stool]Hard:	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	1	3	3
[KT] [Stool]Knotty,nodular,lumpy:	2	3	3	2	1	2	2	3	2		3		1	

After full case with physical symptom, we get

Remedy Name	Lyc	Lach	Sep	Sulph	Phos	Alum	Graph	Mag-m	Hux-v	Kali-bi	Alum	Bry	Calc	Carb-v
Totality	11	10	10	10	9	8	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	7
Symptom Covered	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3
[KT] [Abdomen]Pain:Sore,bruised,tenderness,etc.:	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	1	1	3	2	1
[KT] [Generalities]Storm:Approach of a	2	2	2	1	2					2		1		
[KT] [Stool]Hard:	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3
[KT] [Stool]Knotty,nodular,lumpy:	3	2	2	3	1	3	3	3	2	2	3		2	3

When the physical symptoms were repertorized we see Lycopodium coming as remedy and in second place there is Lachesis. Not much variation is seen in the repertory table.

Case 104 is titled as ‘Severe Maladies. Acute Mania’. This is an extensive case and a beautiful example who a schizophrenic patient gets a normal life by homoeopathic drugs. The symptoms enlisted as

Habits of secret vice

Dementia praecox

Weeping

Forgets everything

Answers no questions, makes unintelligible

slight mumbling

Hears voices

Think she is a criminal

Thought he was Christ

Thought he was to be buried alive

Hears officers coming to arrest him

Mind appears to be gone Violent

Remedy Name	Phos	Lyc	Hyos	Bell	Kali-br	Nat-m	Anac	Merc	Carb-a	Cic	Cham	Lac-c	Calc	Pet
Totality	12	11	10	10	10	10	9	9	9	9	8	8	8	8
Symptom Covered	6	5	7	6	5	5	5	5	4	4	5	5	4	4
[KT] [Mind]Moral feeling,want of:			1		2		2					1		
[KT] [Mind]Delusions ,imagnations ,hallucinations ,illusion:Voices,hears:	2	1	1	1	2	1	1		1		2	1		1
[KT] [Mind]Delusions ,imagnations ,hallucinations ,illusion:Criminal,that he is a:	1		1					2						
[KT] [Mind]Delusions ,imagnations ,hallucinations ,illusion:Arrested,is about to b				1	1									
[KT] [Mind]Thoughts ,vanishing,of:		2		1		2	2	2		1	1	1	2	
[KT] [Mind]Answers:Unintelligibly:	2		2											
[KT] [Mind]Forgetful (see memory):	3	3	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	1	2	2	3
[KT] [Mind]Weeping,tearful mood,etc.:	2	3	1	2	3	3		1	3	3	2	3	3	2
[KT] [Mind]Violent,vehement,etc. (see anger,rage,wildness):	2	2	3	3		2	2	1	2	3	2		1	2

In this case **Medorrhanium** was prescribed in 10 M potency. As per Dr. Kent, his drug was prescribed to ‘test the case to determine if it were a case of suppressed sycois and because no response was observed so it was not due to suppression.

The follow up reads

March 23:

Hears voice from a distance. This may of his father, mother or policeman.

This voice calls him liar, says he is dead, says to ‘run for it’. Mother, told him to say "Lord" very loud.

Thinks he is damned that people are laughing at him. Somewhat religious phases of delirium, commanded by one of the voices to say the Apostles’ Creed (Catholic prayer).

Breath fetid, ever since he came home, now better. Fecal evacuations were black when first returned home.

For this case ultimately Belladonna 10 M selected. Which was followed by **Hyoscyamus** in 10 M potency. In the follow up voices say he is dead and he wants to know when they are going

to have the funeral. Wants to dig his own grave. Wants to be buried. Thinks his coffin is in the house or cellar. Rubs his nose much, it itches. Thinks the medicine is poison. Collar fits too close. Basing on this **Lachesis** 10M was prescribed. But he Struck his attendant several times. He became quarrelsome and wants to fight. Thinks he is a criminal. It is felt that **Lachesis** aggravates the condition. Because there was aggravation after **Lachesis** again **Hyoscyamus** given in 10M potency. There was gradual development of the case. Now he laughs much. Hears voices of the family and of the nurse. Thinks he is a criminal. No initiative. Waits for commands before acting, takes food when told to eat only. He goes to bed when ordered. He stands until told to sit and sits until told to stand. Almost mechanical activity started. Irresolution. Does not talk. As if he is unable to answer.

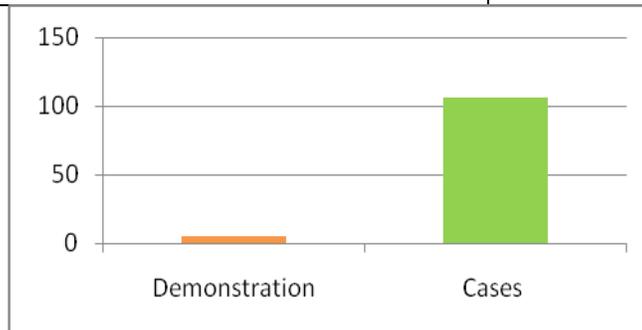
2nd May: Heat in head marked which is aggravated by cold. Aversion to hot soup. Intense fear. Nervous. Voices. Delusions. Irresolution.

Then **Phosphorus** 10M was given. His case was finished by a repetition of **Phosphorus** in 50M potency.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS:

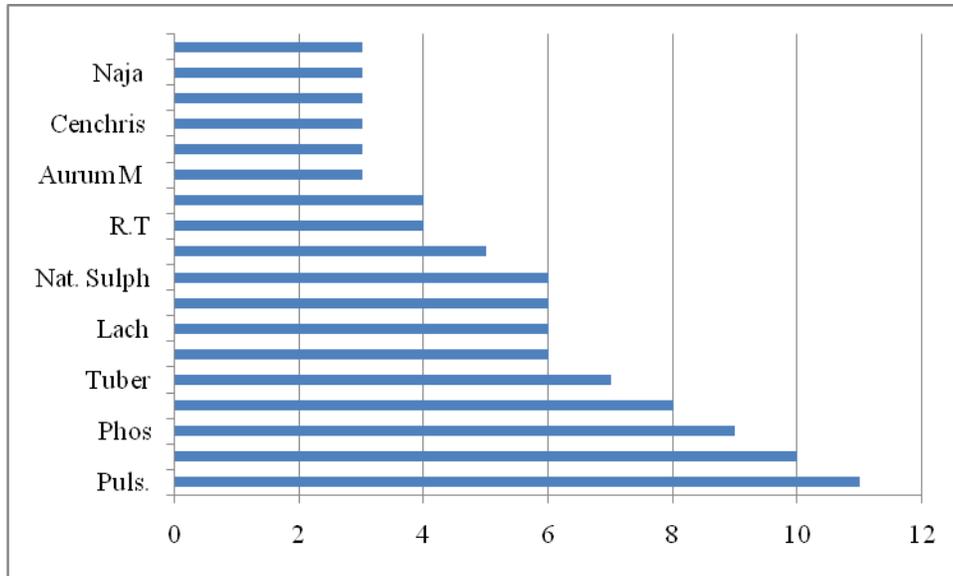
We have numbered serially hence the cases are total 111. But 5 serials are not clinical case but discussion or demonstrations. They are serial 3, (Demonstration of Abrotanum cases), 6,8,17 and 91. So clinical cases were 106. But serial number is given for better understanding.

Demonstration	Cases
5	106



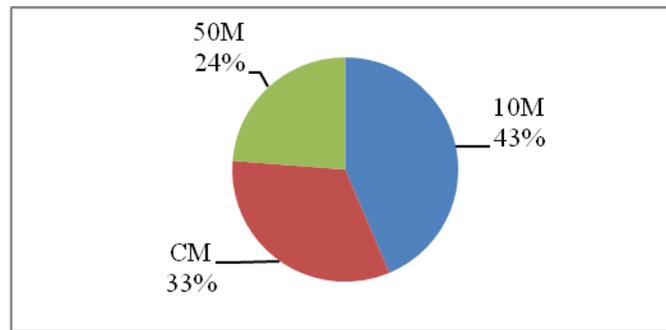
Among total 111 serials **Pulsatilla** was prescribed for maximum 11 times (15, 22, 37, 48, 52, 63, 65, 78, 82, 86, 91) Followed by **Sulphur** 10 times (10, 20, 27, 28, 31, 69, 74, 76, 91, 103), **Phosphorus** for 9 times (29, 38, 61, 69, 83, 89, 87, 103, 104). **Calcarea carbonica** was prescribed for 8 times (11, 27, 30, 51, 96, 103, 108 and 110). **Tuberculinum** used for 7 times (7, 8, 9, 33, 108, 109, 110), **Tarentula cubensis** for 6 times (5, 12, 17, 18, 21, 106), **Lachesis** for 6 (42, 47, 75, 100, 103, 104) **Lycopodium** for 6 times (2, 27, 43, 66, 94, 103), **Natrum sulfuricum** for 6 Times (22, 43, 46, 62, 79, 93). **Kalium sulfuricum** for 5 times (35, 53, 54, 55, 80), **Rhus Toxicodendron** was prescribed for 4 times (26, 27, 74, 93) and **Silicea** for 4 times (70, 78, 81, 103). **Aurum metallicum** was prescribed for 3 times (70, 83, 86) like **Belladonna** (66, 89, 104), **Cenchrus** (23, 24, 25), **Mercurius solubilis** (58, 59, 60), **Naja** (22, 68, 102), **Sepia** (25, 64, 98). Other remedies were prescribed for two times or singly.

P ul s.	S ul p	Ph os	Cal c. C	Tu be r	Tar ent	La ch	Ly co	Nat. Sulp h	Kali Sulp h	R . T	Sili cia	Auru m M	B el l	Cenc hris	M .S.	N aj a	Se pi a
11	10	9	8	7	6	6	6	6	5	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3



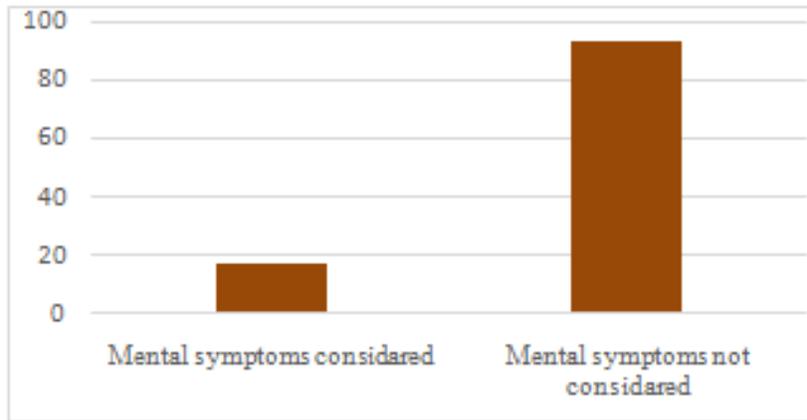
As per potency is concerned 10 M potency is prescribed for 44 times followed by CM for 33 times and 50 M for 24 times.

10M	CM	50M
44	33	24



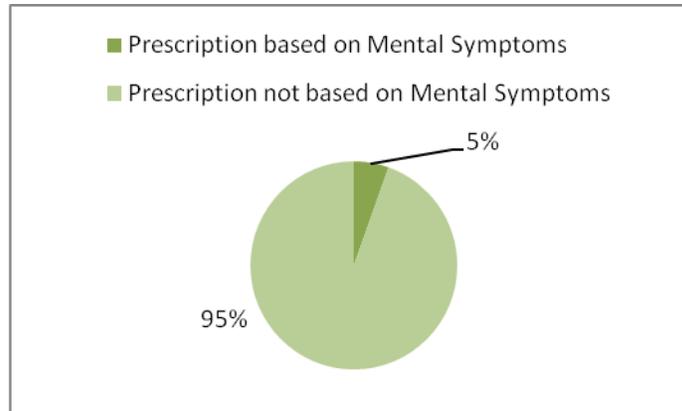
Among 111 cases mental symptoms are collected only 17 cases (7,9,11,14,20,22, 32, 46, 65, 67, 81,83,82, 84,99, 103 and 104).

Mental symptoms mentioned	Mental symptoms not mentioned
17	94



Mental symptoms were considered in prescription for only six cases for selection of the remedy (11, 14, 46,65,103 and 104).

Prescription based on Mental Symptoms	Prescription not based on Mental Symptoms
6	105



CONCLUSION: Through the study of clinical cases, it is observed that the mental symptoms, for which Kent is world famous, is not reflected in the cases collected from his lesser writings. Most often the mental expressions used as differencing point, not as a direct tool for finalizing the drugs. The same understanding is not reflected in his repertory too where we find lots of particular chapters. In synthesis repertory volume one and two contains the rubrics of Mind & Generals and third volume contains symptoms (rubrics) Sleep, dreams and sex. Authors of this repertory might have understood the self-contradictory points of Kent’s repertory.

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