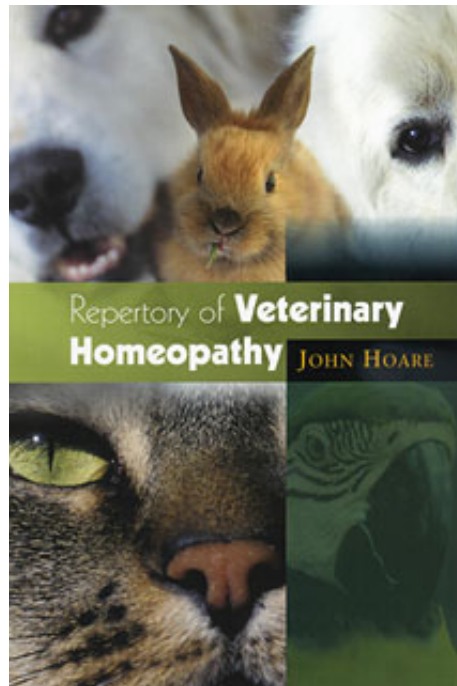


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The group of remedies known as 'The Vulnaries' are used in the vast majority of accident and emergency cases. In these cases the impact/importance of the physical symptoms are so strong that they outweigh the Generalities and the Mentals to such an extent that they (the Generals and Mentals) may be ignored to a large extent. Remember also that a surgical operation is a special form of controlled trauma, and therefore some of these sections may be applicable.

Shock (see Table 1.1)

Most, if not all, patients which have had an accident will be in a state of shock to some extent or another and should be treated for it immediately. Their owners may also need to be treated especially if they witnessed the accident. Rubrics for Injuries and Shock are in the Generals section.

Bruising (see Table 1.2)

The GENERALS section, especially the rubrics Injuries (blows, bruises, falls), Paralysis and Pulse, will be helpful in these cases.

Blows to the head (see Table 1.3)

The main remedies will normally be Arnica, Cicuta or Hyoscyamus. Calendula can be used in support to aid the healing of flesh, Hypericum will aid healing of nerve damage, and Symphytum will aid healing of fractured and bruised bone. All of these last three remedies can be given as tablets. In addition Hypericum and Calendula can be used as lotions to clean, and creams to dress wounds, either individually or combined. Look at Head and Face Sections in the Repertory as well as Generals.

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Blows to the eye (see Table 1.4)

Fractured bones (see Table 1.5)

Fractures will need surgical attention at some time. Initial treatment will be for shock (see above). Usually this will be with *Aconitum napellus* and *Arnica montana*.

Cuts and lacerations (see Table 1.6)

Cuts are clean-edged wounds from sharp instruments: knives and scalpels etc.

Lacerations are tearing wounds with rough edges caused by tearing the tissues.

Useful remedies include:

- *Calendula*: Cuts and lacerations, with or without suppuration.
- *Carbolicum acidum*: Lacerations caused by blows from blunt instruments, with bones bare or crushed and splintered.
- *Hamamelis*: Cuts and lacerations with passive haemorrhage.
- *Hypericum*: Lacerations associated with crushing injuries causing nerve damage and great pain. Particularly crushing injuries to extremities. Lacerations with much loss of blood, causing prostration.
- *Ledum palustre*: Painful cuts that are much better for cold bathing.
- *Staphysagria*: Painful cuts which bleed freely and/or slowly. Post operative pain at surgical wound.

Abrasions, scrapes and grazes

Treat as for Lacerations above. Bathe and clean the wounds with *Hypericum* with *Calendula* lotion, dress with *Calendula*, *Hypericum* or *Hypericum* with *Calendula* cream and give the appropriate remedy in tablet form.

The author has had very good results using the method above when dealing with 'de-gloving' injuries. From reading the literature it would seem that *Carbolicum acidum* might be better for such injuries if there was slow healing or marked contamination of the wound.

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Puncture wounds (see Table 1.7)

Puncture wounds include not only injuries from sharp pointed objects, but also items such as thorns, wood splinters, insect stings and hypodermic needles.

Burns and scalds (see Table 1.8)

Burns are the result of exposing the skin to any form of high temperature. They can affect deep tissues underlying the skin as well as the epidermis. Watch for 'sunburn' on the margins of the ears of white cats.

Scalds are burns that are caused by exposure to hot liquids or steam. Watch for the effects of scalding caused by hot fat, such as when an animal trips the owner, who then spills hot fat on the patient's back. These scalds often go unrecognised by the owner for a day or two.

Sun and heat stroke (see Table 1.9)

This can result from over exposure to direct sunlight such as when an animal falls asleep in the sun on very hot days, animals left in cars with too little ventilation on very hot days. As well as giving the appropriate remedy, the patient may need to be cooled slowly by tepid bathing, and in extreme cases may need fluid therapy to maintain the circulation.

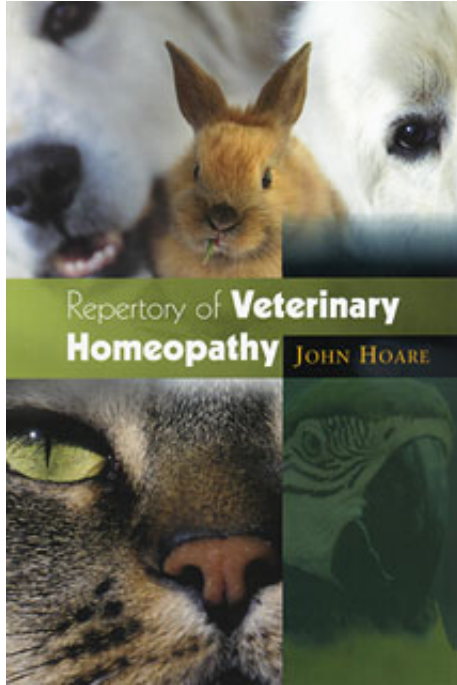
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TABLE 1.1 Shock

Aetiology	Severe fright. Severe injury	Severe fright. Severe injury	Injury or surgery	Shock, fear
Mucus membranes	Pale		Blue	
Physical state		Cold and collapsed	Cold, collapsed. Almost lifeless	Shaking with fear or unconscious. Abnormal painlessness
Haemorrhage			Dark. Oozing	
Mind	Fear of death. Fear of touch	Unconscious		
REMEDY	Aconitum napellus	Camphora	Carbo vegetabilis	Opium

TABLE 1.2 Bruising

Bruises, sprains, luxations	Yes	Yes	Yes. Deep bruising
Fractures present	Yes	No	No
Extravasation of blood	Yes	Yes	No
Mind: fears	Being approached, Being touched	Movement	No specific fear
Mind: restlessness	Yes	Lies very still. Lies on painful part	No
REMEDY	Arnica montana	Bryonia	Bellis perennis



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