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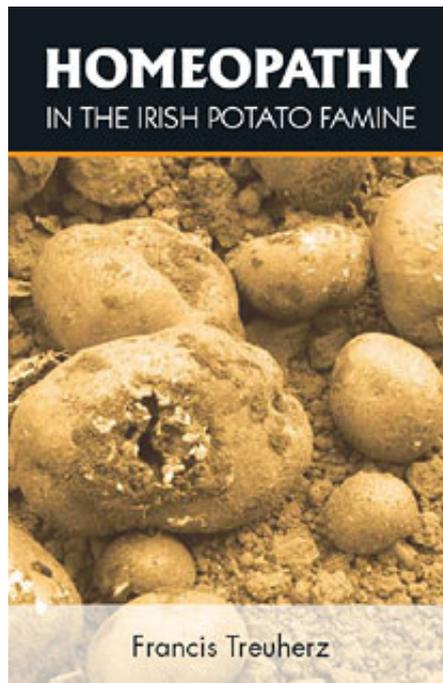
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INTRODUCTION

This book began as a lecture given at the Irish Homeopathic Conference on 1 July 1995 at University College Galway. My talk aroused much interest and emotion. 1995 was the chosen year for the 150th anniversary commemoration of the potato famine in Ireland. Homeopaths were as much involved in the coming to terms with the past as the rest of the population. I decided to respond and develop my ideas and sources into a book.

At the conclusion of the first conference in Galway in 1994 I surprised the audience with the presentation to the Irish Society of Homeopaths of a facsimile copy of the first English language edition of the *Organon*. This was translated from the 4th German edition and was published in Dublin in 1833.¹ I called Dr Jacques Baur in Lyon, France, and persuaded him to make me a copy.² This was presented to the Irish Society of Homeopaths as a gift from the UK Society of Homeopaths. Some little time later a book dealer called me with the offer of an original. I had to act quickly so I called Nuala Eising, Principal of the Burren School of Homeopathy and a copy of this old and venerable book is now back in Ireland. I know nothing of its origins and how it came to be published

Samuel Hahnemann, *The homoeopathic medical doctrine or organon of the healing art*, translated by Charles H Devrient from the 4th German edition of 1829, with notes by Samuel Straiten; Dublin, W F Wakeman, 1833.

Jacques Baur, *Un livre sans frontieres; histoire et metamorphose de l'Organon de Hahnemann*, Lyon, Editions Boiron, 1991.

in Dublin except that Dublin was one of the cultural capitals of Europe at that time. With no conscious knowledge of what was to come I agreed to speak about the history of homeopathy in Ireland at the 1995 conference.

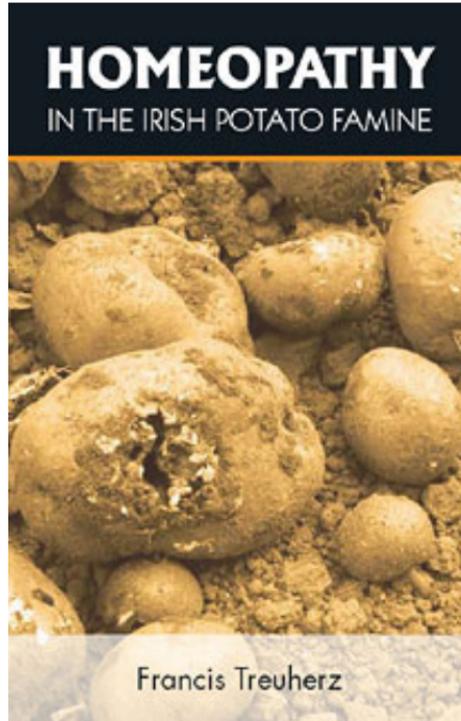
And what did come was an unsolicited letter from a descendant of the most distinguished homeopath ever to come from Ireland whose work is discussed in this book. He enclosed some family papers and wondered if they might be of interest! We were honoured by the presence of one of his descendants at the conference, Dr Emilia Kidd. I am forever indebted to Mr C M Kidd.

I should like to thank the participants of the conference for their positive response to my talk which spurred me on to prepare this for publication. I should like to thank Michael Thompson for his insights into the remedy *Solatum tuberosum aegrotans*, and his help in producing the repertory summary analysis. I should like to thank John Churchill for all his advice about book publishing over the years. I listened to all the advice which John gave me except not to go ahead and do this book! I should like to thank Dr Geeta Rani Arora at B Jain for her kind and conscientious help with this edition. Most of all I should like to thank Rachel for her forbearance and support while I was preparing the lecture, and for her help in producing the book which included voluntarily typing all the original sources.

So now to homeopathy. I am not going to give you a timetabled history of homeopathy in Ireland. I am not even going to tell you that only a few miles from Galway at Ennis, a Dr Greene was the first to use *Crataegus*³. Rather I am going to tell you some *craic*, some stories; not all of them are about Ireland directly but you will see how the stories relate to each other.

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John Henry Clarke, *Dictionary of practical homoeopathic materia medica*; London, Homoeopathic Publishing Co, 3 volumes, 1900 & 1925.



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