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<i>Abrotanum, Absinthium, Acetic acid, Aconitum napellus, Actaea racemosa (see Cimicifuga), Agaricus muscarius, Agnus castus, Aletris farinosa, Aloe socotrina, Alumen, Alumina, Ammonium carbonicum, Anguilla, Antimonium crudum, Antimonium tartaricum, Apis mellifica, Apocynum cannabinum, Aristolochia clematitis, Arnica montana, Arsenicum album, Aurum metallicum, Bacillinum, Baptisia tinctoria, Belladonna, Bellis perennis, Berberis vulgaris, Borax, Bryonia, Bufo, Calcarea carbonica, Calcarea fluorica, Calcarea phosphorica, Calcarea sulphurica, Calendula, Camphora, Cantharis, Carbo vegetabilis, Carduus Marianus, Caulophyllum, Causticum, Chamomilla, Chelidonium, Chenopodium anthelminticum, China (Cinchona), Cicuta virosa,</i>	

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*Cimicifuga, Cina, Cineraria, Cistus, Colchicum, Colocynthis,
Conium maculatum, Croton tiglium, Cuprum aceticum, Cuprum
metallicum, Drosera rotundifolia, Eupatorium perfoliatum,
Euphrasia, Flor de piedra, Fluoric acid, Gelsemium sempervirens,
Gingko biloba, Graphites, Gunpowder, Hamamelis, Hekla lava,
Helleborus niger, Heloderma, Helonias, Hepar sulphuris,
Hydrastis, Hyoscyamus, Hypericum, Ignatia, Iodum,
Ipecacuanha, Kali bichromicum, Kali carbonicum, Kali iodatum
(hydriodicum), Kali sulphuricum, Kreosotum, Lachesis, Lapis
albus, Lathyrus, Ledum, Lilium tigrinum, Lycopodium, Magnesia
phosphorica, Melilotus, Mercurius corrosivus, Mercurius
cyanatus, Mercurius iodatus, Mercurius solubilis, Metaldehyde,
Millefolium, Murex, Natrum carbonicum, Natrum muriaticum,
Natrum sulphuricum, Nitric acid, Nux vomica, Opium, Palladium,
Phellandrium, Phosphoric acid, Phosphorus, Phytolacca, Platina,
Plumbum metallicum, Podophyllum, Pulsatilla, Pyrogenium,
Raphanus, Rheum, Rhus toxicodendron, Ruta graveolens, Sabina,
Santoninum, Secale cornutum, Senecio, Sepia, Silica,
Staphysagria, Stramonium, Strychninum, Sulphur, Symphtym,
Taraxacum, Tarentula cubensis, Tellurium, Terebinthina,
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