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A stands for *Aconite*, foremost and best,
Inflammation and Fever assuaging ;

B *Belladonna*, so much in request
When the dread Scarlatina is raging.

C *Chamomilla*, our childhood's good friend,
Which no mother I trust will be wanting ;

D *Dulcamara*, impaired health to mend,
When abroad in the wet you've been jaunting.

E is *Euphrasia*, so good for Weak Eyes,
That by some' tis called « Spectacle breaker » ;

F is that *Ferrum*, Consumptives should prize,
And apply ere they grow any weaker.

G is *Gelsemium*, whose action so wide
'Gainst Convulsions must aye prove a blessing ;

H *Hepar Sulphur*, which, early applied,
Will ease Croup though its e'er so distressing.

I is *Ignatia*, Hysterics to cure,
When brought on by ill-humour or grieving ;

J stands for *Juglans*, an antidote sure
Against Rose Rash, if aught there's believing.

K is for *Kali Bichromicum*, known
To cure Chronic Bronchitis and Ulcers ;

L *Lycopodium*, good, you must own,
Indigestion's effects to annul, sirs.

M is *Mercurius*, useful, I'm sure,
For Sore Throat or for Glandular Swelling.

N is *Nux Vomica*, noted to cure

Indigestion, so mind what I'm telling.

O points out *Opium*, given to ease

Obstinate Constipation and Snoring ;

P is for *Phosphorus*, bad Coughs to appease,

Which Consumptives are always deploring.

Q is *Quinine*, 'gainst Debility good,

And has proved of great use against Ague ;

R is *Rhus Toxicodendron*, which would

Rheumatism soon cure, should it plaque you.

S stands for *Sulphur*, so useful you'll find

When the Skin or the Eyes are affected ;

T stands for *Tartar Emetic*, pray, mind,

Should Small Pox come, this is not neglected.

U is that *Urtica Urens*, which some

'Gainst Worm symptoms have found beneficial ;

V is *Veratrum*, should Cholera come,

This has claims which are not superficial.

W brings the useful *White Bryony* to view,

Severe Coughs, aye, and Pleurisy curing ;

X *Xanthoxylum*, a remedy new,

Better health to our females ensuring.

Y calls that famed *Yellow Tincture* to mind -

Calendula – so soothing and healing ;

Z points out *Zinc*, which its virtues defined,

When against Chronic Headache you're dealing.

J. T.