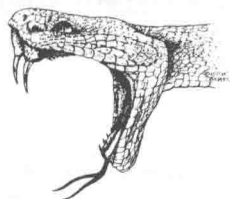


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PREFACE

This Bibliography cites most of the papers on snake venoms written and published prior to 1964, although it has not been possible to include all the articles on venoms for the years 1963-64. It contains some 5829 citations, most of which have been collected over the past 10 years. Approximately 900 reprints were available in the senior author's library, and along with abstracts on some 1600 additional articles, provided the basis from which the work was initiated. Additional invaluable data was obtained from:

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We have attempted to read or check every paper or text, but in some instances this has not been possible and we have found it necessary to refer to an abstract or reference in an abstracting journal for the desired information. Some papers, which mention snake venoms or fractions of snake venoms only as tools for studies in certain chemical reactions, have been excluded because it was felt that these articles would not be of interest to those working in the field of venomology. However, we have included the greater number of these where data is given indicating some characteristic or zootoxicological property of the venom or venom fraction. Some references have also been excluded because there was not sufficient evidence to indicate that the snake in question was indeed venomous. On the other hand, several recent papers, describing heretofore relatively unknown snakes that may be poisonous, have been included where the evidence presented is sufficient to demonstrate that the snakes involved may indeed be venomous.

The task of preparing an index for this volume has been a formidable one. The form of the present index was arrived at after considerable experimentation, during which several sample indices were prepared from random groups of 100 articles. Trial showed that cross referencing on the basis of significant words or topics produced an index too large to be useful. It also showed the impracticability of several other forms, which were only useful within specific disciplines such as herpetology, biochemistry, or clinical medicine. The present index, arranged according to subject and senior author, although not entirely satisfactory, provides a rapid and practical means for reviewing the literature on almost any area of venomology, as it relates to snakes. The authors feel that in spite of its deficiencies the index represents the most useful of the possible alternative forms.

Since it was not possible in most cases to cite a paper in more than one place in the subject index, some problems of classification were solved arbitrarily. Many articles treat of problems in venom chemistry, pharmacology, immunology and clinical medicine (this is particularly true of the older literature), and we have endeavored to cite these in that section where the greatest emphasis in subject matter has been placed. In each section we have indicated where related articles can be found. Papers which deal with more than one family of snake, or with several physiopharmacological properties of the venom, will usually be cited in the general category of the individual sections rather than under a specific family or property.

All citations are arranged alphabetically by author within each subject category. Unsigned articles are quoted as "Anon.", and are arranged in the section according to their year of publication. A serial number is assigned to each entry and the reference is cited by this number in the Senior Author Index. Authors' names are spelled as given in the original source except where known typographical errors have been made. Initials are used for given names. Where initials were omitted in the original article, a dash (—) has been used. Surnames of Russian, Japanese, Chinese, etc., authors are entered in the transliterated form.

The form of citation for the journal references is as follows: name of author(s) (last name, followed by initials); title of article; journal name; volume number; number, in parenthesis, in some citations; first page number and year of publication. Brackets have been placed about the titles of those articles which have been translated into English. Citations of books follow the general form of: author(s), title of book, publisher, city where book was published, total pages (460p.), or specific page where references starts (p.460), and year of publication. Information on edition, number of volumes, etc., may also be noted. In the abbreviations for journals we have sought to follow the format used in "World List of Scientific Periodicals Published in the Years 1900-1950, Third edition, 1952."

The Appendix contains those citations which we were not able to verify but which appeared in the articles or texts studied during preparation of the Bibliography. Supplements to this Bibliography will be published every five years and we shall be grateful if the users of this text will send us omitted references for inclusion in the supplements. Bibliographies on "Arthropod Venoms and Venomous Arthropods" and "Marine Toxins and Toxic Marine Animals" will be published during 1965-66.

The time involved in the preparation of this Bibliography has been a considerable one, but one not without its compensations, the most rewarding of which has been the satisfaction derived on the discovery of interesting and important papers heretofore unknown to the workers in the field. There are many such papers in this Bibliography, and reading through them has been a pleasure well worth the time spent.

May we apologize for all errors of omission and commission.

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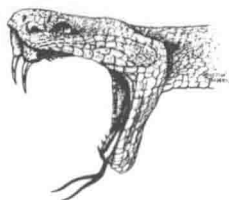
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This section treats of the more important books and articles written and published on the venomous snakes and their toxins, and the clinical problem of snake venom poisoning, prior to the year 1850 A.D. The number of references to the subject between 100 B.C. and 1850 A.D. must exceed many hundreds. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to include the greater part of these references in the Bibliography. Instead, we have selected a number of texts and papers which tend to summarize the state of knowledge at the time they were written. (In some cases we have selected certain articles on the basis of their unusual interest or their reference to lists of papers related to the field of venomology.)

Much of the knowledge of this period comes down to us through the work of Pliny. So frequently quoted are Pliny's works that Hulme commented:

"Several writers of antiquity influenced the mediaeval authors, but it is scarcely necessary to detail their labours at any length, since if they lived before Pliny he borrowed from them, and if they lived afterward they borrowed from him, so that we practically in Pliny get the pith and cream of all."

More recent works on reptiles, such as Phasalix' Animaux Venimeux et Venins and Klauber's Rattlesnakes, cite many early references on the subject of venomous snakes and should be consulted if more specific information on these animals is desired.

The greater portion of the references in this section are of interest because they indicate the historical development in our knowledge of snake venoms prior to 1850. However, some of these texts and papers are as important to our understanding of the actions of snake venoms today as they were the day they were written, and these might just as easily have been placed in the sections on Chemistry (VI), Physiopharmacology and Toxicology (VIII), and Pathology and Bacteriology (XIV). It has seemed best, however, for the purpose of this Bibliography, to record all literature published prior to 1850 in this section.

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Excuse a poetick Digression.
On the ASP and its POISON.

Welcome thou kind Deceiver
Thou best of Thieves! who with an easy Key
Dost open Life, and unperceiv'd by us,
Even steal us from our selves; discharging so,
Death's dreadful Office, better than himself.
Touching our Limbs so gentle into slumber,
That Death stands by, deceiv'd by its own Image,
And thinks himself asleep.

----from Owen

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