In connection with the poverty regulation in Copenhagen 1799 the Collegium Medicum composed a Pharmacopoeia for poor people the pharmacopoeia contained all necessary raw materials and prepared medicines which, could be obtained at cheap prices. When physicians would prescribe medicines at public expense, they should choose among the medicaments listed in the Pharmacopoeia Pauperum.

The Poverty regulation in Copenhagen 1799 divided the city into 12 major districts; every district had a director. Each major district was divided into a number of relief districts with each of their own deputies. The Poverty Management Board oversaw the general management and kept an eye on the five specialized commissions. Here there would be focus on the health care commission.

The pharmacopoeia for the poor should provide fast, safe and cheap treatment

The Collegium Medicum announced in the minute book that they would not teach the district physicians what medicines they should prescribe, and how they should be dosed because the physicians were well educated and experienced. The treatment of the physicians was individual and could not be standardized with a good result.

Advice to physicians in the Armen-Apotheke

Mangor gave directions to the district physicians:
- How to act as a responsible physician
- How to select the right drug for a treatment
- How to substitute drugs
- How to dose drugs
- He also gave some moral advice

Criticism of the Armen-Apotheke

The health authorities (Collegium Medicum) asked the district physicians to criticize doctor Mangor’s “Armen-Apotheke”. The purpose was to make an effective official Pharmacopoeia Pauperum.

An Idea to save money on drugs

The head of the health commission Doctor Chr. E. Mangor made an unofficial pharmacopoeia for the poor: Armen-Apotheke

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