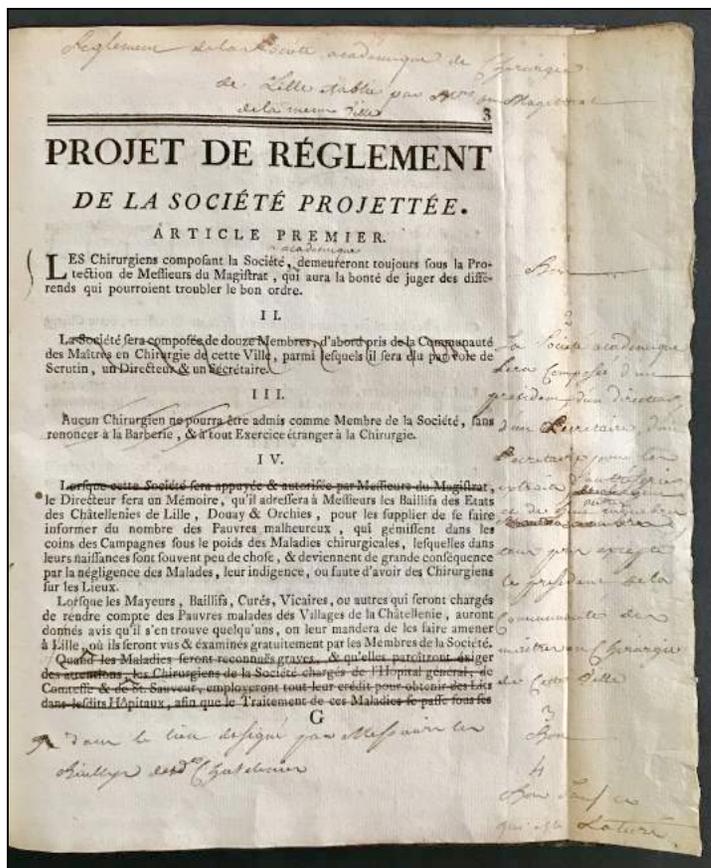


MEDICINE

1477-1755



Surgeons under the pen. No. 6.



PASS THE GLUE POT

1. Apothecary Label. 17th-century etched label to be cut out and pasted onto a dispensary jar or bottle. On the left is an ?armorial charge, and on the right pharmaceutical symbols. [Switzerland], s.n. c. 1680. Single sheet engraved (230 x 183 mm., plate mark 52 x 60 mm.). \$350.00

The label was designed and printed for Grenier, an apothecary, whose shop was in Vevey on the north east shore of Lake Geneva. The symbols suggests this would have been used for a jar holding a medicinal metal — antimony or bismuth most likely. Some impressions are on paper with the watermark *I & L Caprony*. The extended Caproni family, of Gex and Chambéry, owned paper mills in eastern France active from the middle of the 17th into the 18th century. In nice condition. See Gaudrillault's *Filigraanes...des papiers fabriqués en France aux XVII^e et XVIII^e siècles* 183.

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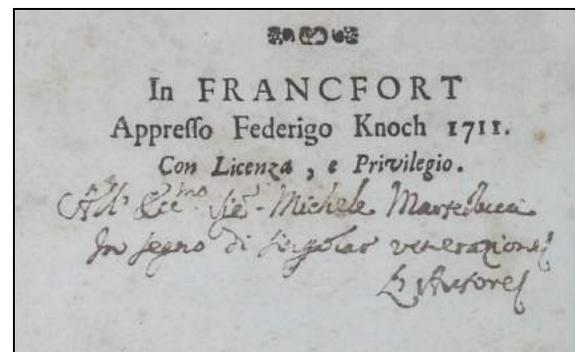
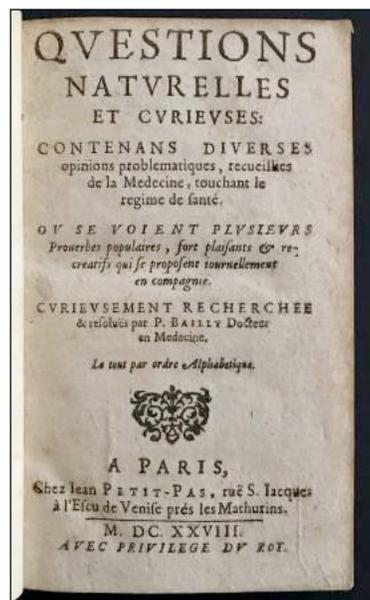
"DISCRETE, ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED
MARVELS" — KENNY

2. **Bailly, Pierre.** *Questions Naturelles Et Curieuses.* Paris, J. Petit-Pas 1628. 8vo. [xxiv], 733 [r. 725], [2]p. Woodcut title ornament.

Red morocco-backed marbled boards (Gaillard), gilt-lettered and decorated spine, marbled edges. \$2250.00

Only Edition of this window into 17th-century daily life. Often containing multiple subsections, the nearly three hundred alphabetically arranged divisions offer medical advice, folklore, superstition, proverbs and the author's opinions as gospel. The nine hundred or so "questions" treat sauces for food, personal health, the body, the natural world, wine (20p.), beards, bastards, divination, singing, constipation, kissing, sleeping, sneezing, yawning, dreams, obesity, incubi, dog saliva, ears, twins, teratology, body odor, plague, weather, urine, fleas, the superiority of butter or oil, impotence, venereal disease, can one get pregnant in public baths.... It has been called "THE FIRST ATTEMPT AT A MEDICAL DICTIONARY IN FRENCH" (*Dictionnaire*, tr.) I have found three complete copies in the U.S. In good condition (three quires lightly browned).

Kenny, *The Uses of Curiosity in Early Modern France and Germany* 193-94; Simon, *Bibliotheca gastronomica* 162; *Dictionnaire des Sciences médicales. Biographie médicale* I: 507; Cioranescu 9435.



"UN VALENTA MEDICO" — DBI

3. **Bertini, Antonio Francesco.** *La Falsità Scoperta.* "Francfort" [= Lucca], "Federigo Knoch" 1711. 4to. 155, [1 blank], xxxiv, [4]p. LACKS PORTRAIT.

Early 19th-century gray paper over boards (worn), spine with decorative pastepaper strip, uncut. \$150.00

Only Edition of this pharmacological polemic in which the author pseudonymously defends himself against charges of professional ignorance, also made pseudonymously and issued under a false imprint. Many in the small circle of colleagues, who knew the players and followed the issues in Bertini's print war, submitted signed testimonials. His own attention to style and orthography, recognized by Gamba and Razzolini, must have been a headache for the printer, poor "Freddie Bones", who got his knuckles rapped in the author's letter on the virtues and purity of the Florentine dialect and in the three pages of errata. In good condition, lacking the engraved frontispiece portrait, THREE-LINE AUTHORIAL PRESENTATION INSCRIPTION on the title to the Florentine scholar [Lorenzo] Michele Martellucci (among the cognoscenti, no doubt...).

Blake, *Catalogue of 18th Century Printed Books in the National Library of Medicine* 45; Parenti, *Dizionario dei luoghi di stampa falsi* 93; Melzi, *Dizionario di opere anonime e pseudonime* I: 393; Razzolini, *Bibliografia dei Testi di lingua* 59.

"FULL OF CURIOUS DETAILS ON... COSTUMES,
MANNERS, AND GAMES" — UCBA

4. **Bicaise, Michel.** *La Maniere De Regler La Santé.* Aix, C. David 1669. 8vo. [xii], 337, [4]p.

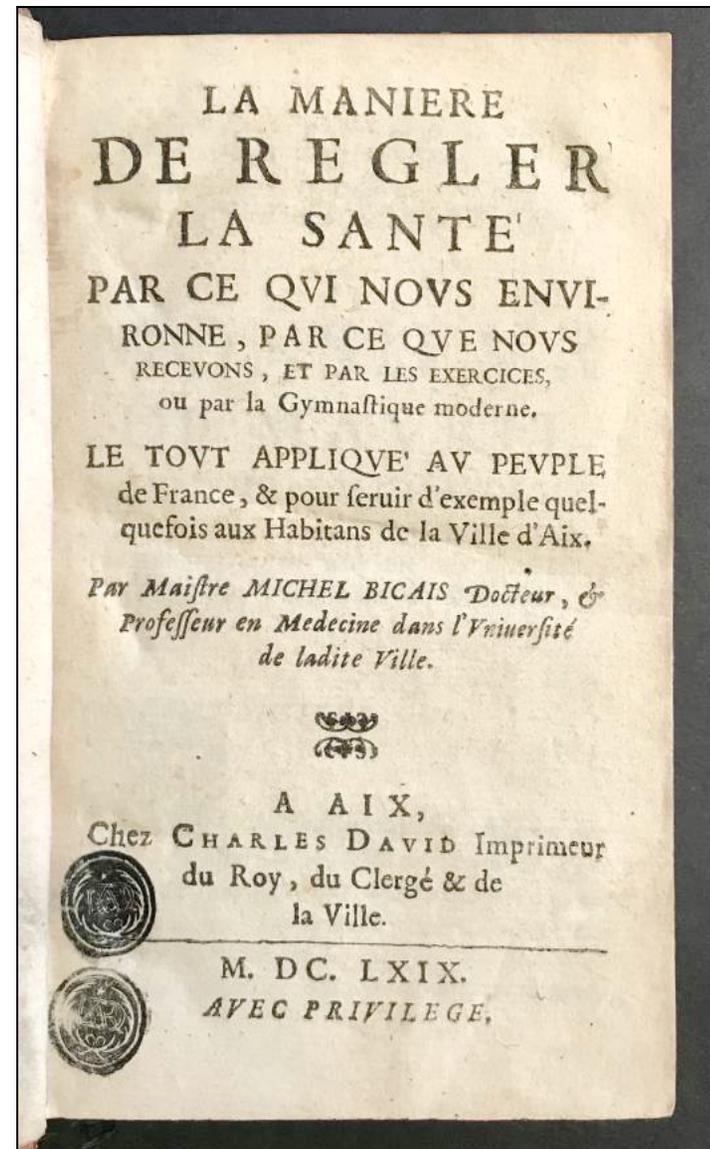
Mid-18th-century mottled calf, spine and red morocco label gilt (crown neatly restored), red edges, green silk marker. \$6800.00

Only Edition, remarkable for its "exceptional attention to the subject of games and exercise" (Arcangeli). This fascinating Baroque guide also explores physical and mental health and the environment's influence on them.

Doctor and professor of medicine at Aix, Bicaise first considers our surroundings, i.e., clothing, noise pollution, crowding in cities and changes in climate. He then treats what we eat, drink and smoke — eggs, fish, mushrooms, truffles, strawberries, asparagus, sorbet, lemonade, TOBACCO (12p.)....

The final section, the most important in the author's view, concerns exercise and recreation, from social games, hunting, riding and tennis to the benefits for both audience and artist of DANCE, VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AND THEATER. Among other therapies, he recommends walking in circles near singing birds, streams, trees and flowers. Three copies in the U.S. (NLM, Arents, JCB). In very good (slight browning), white-line circular cipher stamp on the title (repeated).

Arcangeli, "Play and Health in Medical Literature" in *De zeventiende eeuw* 15 (1999) 3-11; Vicaire, *Bibliographie gastronomique* 92-3 "rare et curieux"; Arents, *Tobacco: Its History Suppl.* 412; Alden, *European Americana* 669/21; *Universal Catalogue of Books on Art* I: 110.



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 membrorum lineatione in effigiem ac accidentia ta-
 lia pra se ferentis. Tertium ut prolapsa huius.
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All the earmarks of private printing. No. 5 (greatly reduced).

“THE WHAT, WHY, HOW, AND WHEN... OF
SEX” — HURD-MEAD

5. Bonaccioli, Ludovico. *Enneas muliebris*. [Ferrara, Lorenzo Rossi 1502-1503]. Folio (279 x 195 mm.). [xxi], [200]p. Roman type, chapter titles in majuscules, initial spaces with guide letters.

Early 18th-century gilt-ruled red morocco, a small bird in each spine compartment with one reserved for the gilt-lettered title, board edges and turn-ins gilt, all edges gilt, green silk marker; red morocco-backed velvet-lined buckram box (Brockman), spine gilt. \$75,000.00

First Edition. This treatise on women is “an entirely new composition...a compendious survey...on generation” (Green). Plainly written, this obstetric and gynecologic manual, the author’s only book, was prepared for and dedicated to Lucrezia Borgia (1480-1519). Bonaccioli (1475-1536) guided her through fourteen pregnancies (the last, when she was 39, proved fatal to mother and child).

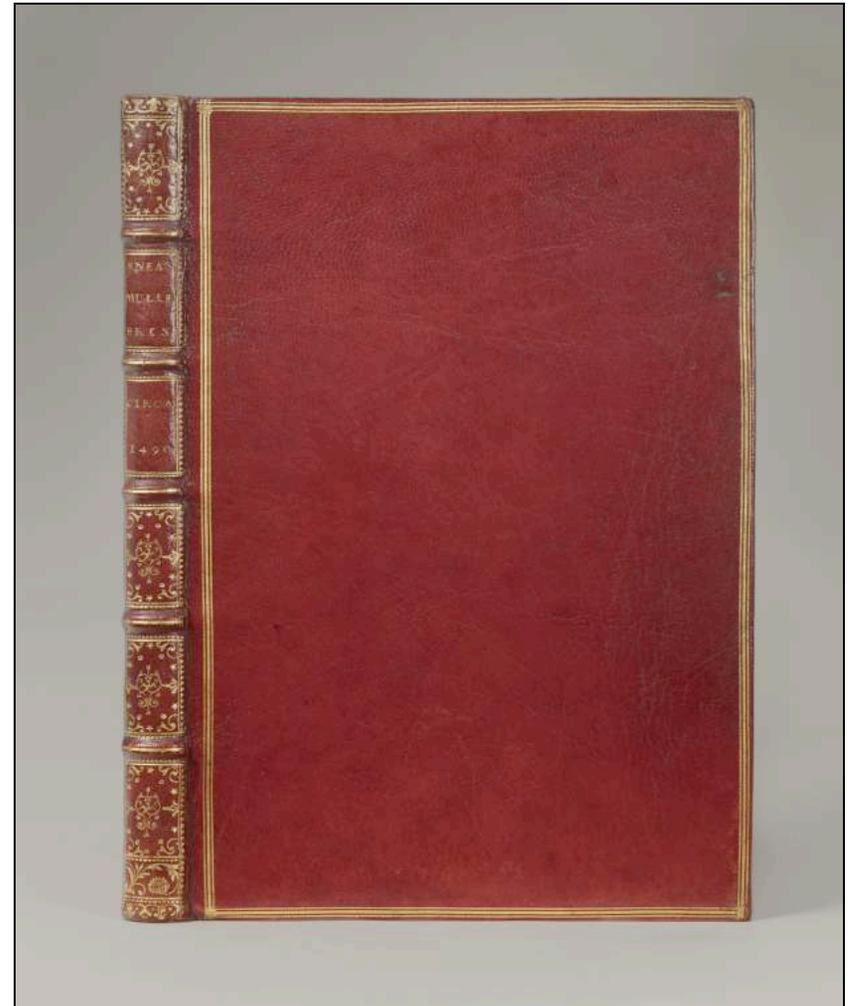
The first three chapters concern female genital anatomy, coitus, fertilization, formation of the embryo, development of the fetus and infusion of the soul. The final six chapters deal with signs of pregnancy, its difficulties and their remedies, causes of abortion, vaginal discharge, gestation, the mechanics of birth, midwifery, lactation, care of the newborn, dentition, etc.

In the original, in translation, in part and in whole, in collections and independently, it became a standard in the field: the final edition appeared in 1724. Closely connected to the court by birth and merit, Bonaccioli taught medicine at Ferrara from 1491 to 1535.

More than fifty pages bear early manuscript annotations — totaling some six hundred words — in two hands (the earlier predominates) adding recipes, citations to secondary sources and personal observations, including on hermaphrodites and the birth of quintuplets (a few notes just shaved). I have traced one example at auction since 1950.

A fine copy (first recto dusty, pale stain to some upper and lower inner margins), from the libraries of Antoine Pâris, *comte de Sampigny* (1668-1733; etched armorial bookplate dated 1721), the *duc de La Vallière* (*Catalogue* (1783) I: 1724), refugee general Antoine Pâris d’Illins (1746-1809, *Bibliotheca parisiensia* (1791) no. 139 “the first [work] that was printed on the subject of female diseases”, tr.), medical doctor Seguin Henry Jackson (1752-1816, *Catalogue* (1817), 5674 “circa 1490”), and bibliomane Richard Heber (1773-1833, *Catalogue* Pt. VI (III.1835) 652 “circa 1490”).

Hurd-Mead, *A History of Women in Medicine* 350; Green, *Making Women’s Medicine Masculine...Pre-Modern Gynaecology* 266 & 347,7; Briogi Ciofi “Ludovico Bonaccioli, filosofo e medico ginecologo molto stimato” in *XXXV Congresso Nazionale della Società Italiana di storia delle medicina* ed. Raspodoni (1992) 105-11; Klebs, *Incunabula scientifica et medica* 193.1; EDIT 16 CNCE 6806; not in Durling, Waller, Wellcome or Osler.



A UNIQUE WITNESS

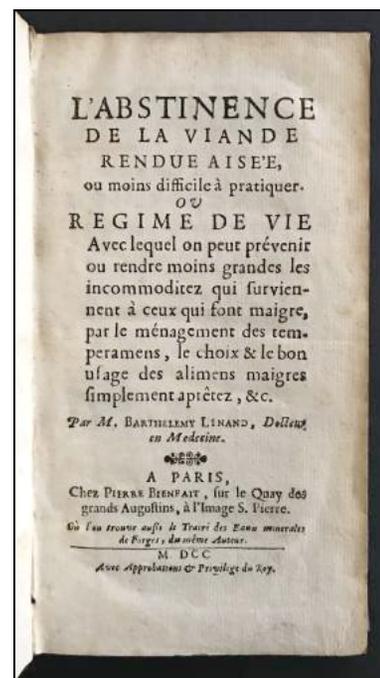
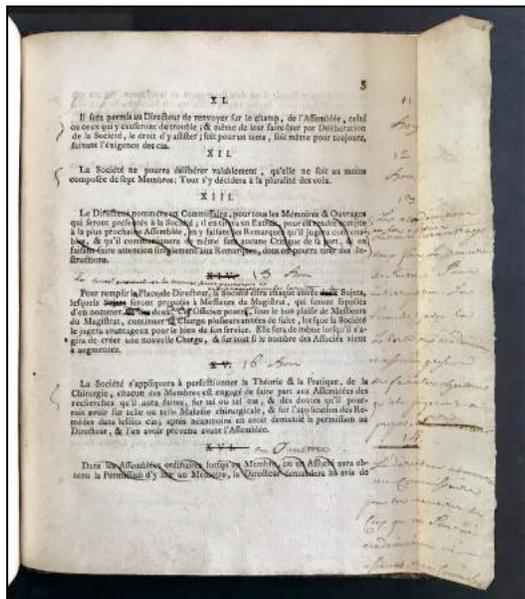
6. Lille. Communauté des chirurgiens. *Second Mémoire Des Chirurgiens De Lille.* [Lille, P.-S. Lalau 1755]. 4to. [ii], viii, 45, [1 blank], 8p. Wonderful naive woodcut headpiece.

Black pastepaper boards, gilt leather morocco label, old red edges. *Also illustrated on the title.* \$1600.00

Only Edition. The Lille surgeons' guild issued this vigorous defense of its rights and privileges in response to strict limitations proposed by the city's physicians and apothecaries. The main text addresses the suggested restrictions point by point, rehearses a litany of court fights, details the false claims made by their competitors and the trouble they engendered.

The final eight pages are A PRINTED DRAFT OF THE SURGEONS' REVISED STATUTES COVERED IN CONTEMPORARY MANUSCRIPT ANNOTATIONS by a yet unidentified participant in the deliberations. The annotator's notes variously enlarge, modify, rewrite, cancel and affirm individual words, passages and entire articles. When the dust had settled, he renumbered the whole to reflect the approved document. Prior to binding, the two-inch wide outer margins of the draft were folded in to preserve the alternate readings and final language. I have located three other examples (Bruxelles, Lille, Paris). In good condition.

Répertoire bibliographique des livres imprimés en France au XVIII^e siècle XIV: 3305.



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

7. Linand, Barthélemy. *L'Abstinence De La Viande Rendue Aisée.* Paris, P. Bienfait 1700. 12mo. [xxiv], 225, [1]p.

Contemporary mottled calf (neatly restored), spine gilt, bottom compartment with unidentified crowned arms, edges sprinkled red and brown. \$2200.00

Only Edition of this medical, philosophical and practical guide to vegetarianism with recipes for soups, roots, herbed entrées, grains, seeds, legumes, fruits and desserts. The notes on chocolate, tea, coffee, various baked dishes, salads and preprandial savories with asparagus are mouth-watering. "The chief interest of this book is the author's views on the choice and the cookery of vegetables" (Simon). A physician by training, Linand (fl. 1696-1700) is naturally concerned with the health of those eating meat, those who fast and those following his recommended regimen. In good condition.

Cagle, *A Matter of Taste* 286a (our last copy); Simon, *Bibliotheca gastronomica* 961 and *Bibliotheca vinaria* 215; *Wellcome...Catalogue of Printed Books in the...Library* III: 519.

MEDICAL EDITIONES PRINCIPES

8. **Michael Scotus.** *Liber Phisionomiae [and other works]*. [Venice, Jacobus de Fiviz(z)ano] 1477. 4to (185 x 128 mm.). [vi], [148]p. Roman type, initial guide letters.

18th-century marbled calf (rubbed, joints slightly cracked), gilt spine and morocco label, blue and yellow endleaves. \$24,500.00

Composed between 1209 and 1226, the first of the two primary texts discusses human generation — anatomy, physiology, astrology, sexual behavior, conception and the health of the fetus. The second part, the Physiognomy proper, goes head to toe, to determine a person's character, vices and virtues by interpreting body parts. It draws on Aristotle and Rhazes and was translated into Spanish, Italian, French, German and Polish. The short tracts are on urology, dreams and the differences between genera and species of animals. This last flows from Michael's translations of Averroës' *De animalibus*, of parallel writings by Aristotle and of the *Abbreviatio de animalibus* of ibn Sina. This collection of texts influenced, i.a., Thos. Hill's *Contemplation of Mankind* (1571, etc.) and *Aristotle's Masterpiece*. A good copy, engraved armorial bookplate of Bishop Ladislaus von Kollonitz (1736-1817), inscription of Per Hierta dated 1900.

Klebs, *Incunabula scientifica et medica* 899.1; Stillwell, *The Awakening Interest in Science* 453; Caillet, *Manuel bibliographique des sciences... occultes* 10068; Goff M-551; ISTC im00551000.

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Continēs secreta artis naturā: quā sufficiūt
omni astrologo. Et cum hāc pars libri phi-
sionomiae constet ex tribus partibus: hoc est
prooemium.

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& eam modis omnibus inuestigare p
te metipsū in libris auctorū & omnib; sciētis:
& principaliter earū scientiarū quā dicuntur
artes. Et hāc facies penitus: quando anima
tua fuerit ī quiete: & corpus tuum habuerit
spacium: pratermissis negotiis gentiū aliqd
a maiestate tua petētiū: & eis respōdentiū.
Debes enim scire q̄ duo sunt tēpora homini
uiuēti. s. tempus pacis & tempus guerrā: &
ita duo sunt cibi: Corporalis & Spiritualis:
Corporalis partiū ad nutrimentū corporis.
Spiritualis uero ad nutrimentum animā.

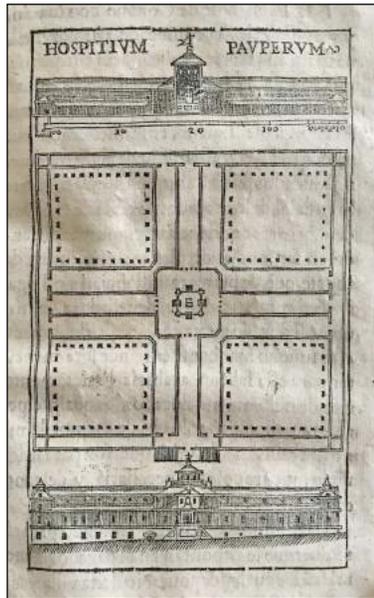
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THE FIRST MEDICAL HANDBOOK
FOR TRAVELLERS

SPANISH HEALTH CARE EMBLEM BOOK

9. Pérez de Herrera, Cristóbal. *Discursos Del Amparo De Los Legitimos Pobres.* Madrid, L. Sanchez 1598. 4to. [iix], 180 [r. 183], [1] leaves. TEN LARGE WOODCUT EMBLEMS, FULL-PAGE WOODCUT FLOOR PLAN OF AN ALMSHOUSE and a woodcut portrait of the author.

CONTEMPORARY CALF over soft paper boards decorated with a blind portrait roll, fleurons, GILT DAISIES AND A PASCHAL LAMB (18th-century rebacking), spine and red morocco label gilt (base of the front hinge cracked), printer's waste pastedowns. \$15,000.00



Only Edition of this plan for A STATE FUNDED PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM AND POOR RELIEF PROGRAM. An emblem introduces each of the ten essays, which treat hospital sanitation and kitchen gardens, care of disabled veterans, prisoners and the indigent, housing for the working poor and government subsidized textile and tapestry manufacture to employ the homeless. Not in Goldsmiths'-Kress, Praz, Landwehr or the standard medical bibliographies. Three copies in the U.S. In good condition (slightly browned), canceled title inscription dated 1724.

Colmeiro, *Biblioteca de los economistas españoles* 325; Campa, *Emblemata hispanica* SS1; Granjel, *Medicina española* II: 102, 120 & 122; Palau 221110.

10. Pictorius, Georg. *Raiss Büchlein...mit güten mitteln der artzney begeben soll.* Strassburg, H. Knobloch's Office 1557. Small 8vo. [ii], xviii, [1 blank], xix-xxii, [2], [1 blank] leaves. Title in red and black.

Contemporary flexible paper boards covered in a vellum liturgical leaf printed in red and black.

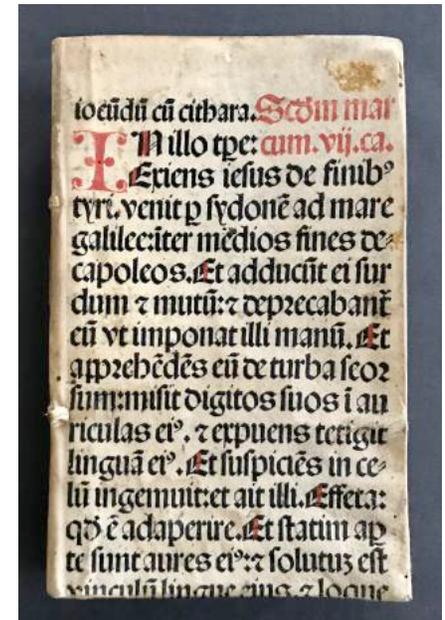
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Hájek, Tadéas. *Actio Medica.* Amberg, M. Forster 1596. 8vo. [ii], 89, [5]p. \$12,000.00

Ad I: ?First Edition of THE FIRST POCKET REFERENCE FOR THOSE TRAVELLING by land or sea — infected genitalia, frostbite, fouled drinking water, shipboard stench, the best boots and shoes.... ITS RECIPES ESTABLISHED THE ESSENTIAL PORTABLE MEDICAL KIT FOR SOLDIERS, SAILORS, MERCHANTS, DIPLOMATS AND PILGRIMS. Its description of and treatment for snow blindness may be the first in print. It was issued thrice in 1557, this, with its full imprint and the preface dated 28 February 1557, likely has priority. One copy in the U.S. Title soiled, narrow pale stain.

VD 16 P 2708; Muller, *Bibliographie strasbourgeoise* II: 341,66; see Friedenwald's *Jewish Luminaries in Medical History* 183 and Thorndike's *A History of Magic and Experimental Science* VI: 400.

Ad II: Only Edition. Imperial physician, Hájek (Hagecius) describes and condemns Ph. Fanchel's fatal "pseudo-Paracelsian" treatment of a nobleman's six-year-old daughter. No copy in the U.S. In good condition. VD 16 H 234.



PUBLIC HEALTH TAKES A STEP FORWARD

11. Strassburg. Collegium Medicum. *Strassburgisches Collegium Medicum, Sambt Beygefüigten Ordnungen der Medicorum und Apotheker.* ?Strassburg, s.n. 1675. Folio. 35p. Large title woodcut arms of the city of Strassburg.

Loose in quires (once sewn), uncut. \$2650.00

First Edition of the statutes of the newly formed body governing physicians and apothecaries practicing in Strassburg. The statutes are in three parts. The first establishes the structure, character, membership requirements and officers of the new authority in twenty-one articles. The second sets out the rights and fees of physicians in twenty-eight articles and the third the standards for and oversight of apothecaries in forty-one articles. There is no mention of the latter's retail prices, probably to protect the highly lucrative market for proprietary compounded drugs.

Prior to this time, each profession regularly infringed on the other's territory. The city's judiciary consistently settled the resulting lawsuits inconsistently. Jointly drafted by municipal authorities, doctors and pharmacists, the present ordinances aimed to end the legal chaos and to hobble the common enemy — "charlatans, empirics, and ignorant women" (all of whom shirked taxes...).

The edition has two issues, one recorded in two examples and that offered here previously known by a unique survivor: all are in Germany. In original condition.

VD17 1:041787T; Reuss, *L'Alsace au XVII^e siècle* II: 133-4 (mistakenly claiming the inclusion of barber-surgeons).

