

Book Notices

FREDERICK DRIMMER, *Body snatchers, stiffs and other ghoulish delights*, New York, Fawcett Gold Medal Books, 1981, 8vo, pp. 223, illus., \$2.75 (paperback).

Though Frederick Drimmer aims to do little beyond titillating the reader with familiar body-snatching tales, from Burke and Hare down to the theft of Charlie Chaplin's corpse, his book brings to the attention the more serious question of ghoulishness: why do corpses continue to exercise such a strong psychological fascination? The answer which links his narrative is: resurrection.

BOOKS ALSO RECEIVED

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GERHARD BOEHME, *Medizinische Portraits berühmter Komponisten*, 2nd ed., rev. and enl., Stuttgart, Gustav Fischer, 1981, 8vo, pp. 199, illus., DM. 39.00. (See review of 1st ed. (1979) in *Medical History*, 1980, 24: 470–471.)

GERHARD D. FICHTNER (editor), *Index wissenschaftshistorische Dissertation (IWD)*, No. 1: 1970–1980, 8vo, pp. 285; and *idem*, *Laufende wissenschaftshistorische Dissertation (LWD)*, No. 1, 8vo, pp. 125; Institut für Geschichte der Medizin, Tübingen, 1981.

LUIS S. GRANJEL, *Periodismo medico. Vasco I: "Guipuzcoa medica"*, Universidad de Salamanca, Instituto de Historia de la Medicina, 1982, 8vo, pp. 42, [no price stated], (paperback).

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SHELAGH MCGOVERN, *The epilepsy handbook*, London, Sheldon Press, 1981, 8vo, pp. vii, 104, £3.95 (paperback).

GEORG SILLÓ-SEIDL, *Die Wahrheit über Semmelweis. Das Wirken des grossen Arzt-Forschers und sein tragischer Tod im Licht neu entdeckter Dokumente. Ein Bild-Biographie*, Genf, Ariston Verlag, 1978, 8vo, pp. 219, illus., [no price stated]; and *idem*, *Aerzte der Millionen geholfen haben*, Genf, Ariston Verlag, 1980, 8vo, pp. 251, illus., [no price stated].

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Bd. 19. R. SOMMER, *Zur Geschichte des Medizinal- und Apothekenwesens in einer kleinen souveränen Staat (Schaumburg-Lippe)*, 1979, pp. vi, 295, illus., DM. 30.00 (paperback).

Bd. 20. D. OLDENBURG, *Romantische Naturphilosophie und Arzneimittellehre 1800–1840*, 1979, pp. 267, DM. 30.00 (paperback).

Bd. 21. K. BOSCH, *Zur Vorgeschichte chemiatrischer Pharmakopöepräparate im 16/17. Jahrhundert*, 1980, pp. 224, DM. 30.00 (paperback).

Bd. 22. W. BLUM, *Der Apotheker und Chemiker O.A. Ziurek (1821–1886) und die Apothekenreformbewegung von 1848*, 1980, pp. 110, DM. 15.00 (paperback).