

### Book Reviews

repute was a noted collector of paintings, miniatures, prints, and other art objects of medical interest. The collection is a thoroughly representative one, including examples of Italian and other majolica, early Lambeth delft jars, and specimens of Dutch, French and Spanish workmanship. Apart from their great beauty, drug jars naturally throw much light on the history of pharmacy, recalling the complicated and often exotic remedies of former times. This catalogue is not only an excellent guide to the various types of jars and to the potteries from which they came; full identifications are given of the drugs concerned together with many fascinating sidelights on their use in therapeutics. Although small in size this brochure contains a wealth of information on the beautiful objects with which it deals, and its compilation must have entailed great labour and research. No institution and no private collector fortunate enough to possess a collection of pharmacy jars should be without this valuable catalogue.

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### SHORTER NOTICES

GOERKE, HEINZ. *Die deutsch-schwedischen Beziehungen in der Medizin des achtzehnten Jahrhunderts*. Kopenhagen: Munksgaard. 1958. pp. 185. D. kr. 40,00.

This work constitutes Volume XVI of the series *Acta Historica Scientiarum Naturalium et Medicinalium*, published by the Scientific and Medical Department of the University Library, Copenhagen. An account of the political history of the Baltic region and a short survey of medical history in Sweden precede a detailed investigation of Swedish-German relations in the medical field in the eighteenth century. A very full bibliography of 290 references is included.

LINNAEUS, CAROLUS. *Diaeta naturalis, 1733*. Linnés tankar om ett naturenligt levnadssätt. På uppdrag av Kungliga Svenska Vetenskapsakademien. Utgiven av Arvid Hj. Uggla. [Stockholm: Almqvist & Wiksell. 1958.] pp. 222. Illustrated.

Linnaeus wrote this treatise on a regime of life according to nature after his return from a long trip to Lapland. The manuscript, here published for the first time, is in the possession of the Linnaean Society of London.

MACER FLORIDUS. *De virtutibus herbarum*. Traduzione e commento del R. Trifolgi. Rome: Istituto di Storia della Medicina dell' Università di Roma. 1958. pp. 102, 2 II.

Macer's herbal, a Latin poem on the virtues of seventy-seven plants, was very popular in the Middle Ages and is extant in a number of manuscripts. It was first printed at Naples in 1477. Dr. Trifolgi contributes a substantial introduction to this Italian translation of the text.

SOKOL, STANISLAW. *Historia Gdanskiego cechu chirurgow, 1454-1820*. Wrocław-Warszawa: Zakład Narodowy im Ossolinskich Wydawnictwo Polskiej Akademii Nauk, 1957. pp. 270. Illustrated.

This history of the Danzig corporation of surgeons is the fourth in a series of monographs issued by the History of Science Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Summaries in French and German are provided.