

WITHERING (William).

An Analysis of Two Mineral Substances, viz the Rowley-rag-stone and the Toad-stone. By William Withering, M.D., communicated by Joseph Priestley, LL.D., F.R.S. to Sir Joseph Banks, Bart. P.R.S. Extract from the Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society. Read May 16, 1782.

4to. Pp. 327-336.

The author is not only well known in medical history as the discoverer of the cardiac action of digitalis, but also did valuable work as a mineralogist, Witherite (barium carbonate) being named after him. The paper has an introductory letter by Joseph Priestley.

WITTICH (Johannes).

Bericht Von den wunderbaren Bezoardischen Steinen, so wieder allerley giftt krefftiglich dienen, vnd aus den Leiben der frembden Thier genommen werden : So wol auch von andern Steinen, so aus verborgener eingepfanzter Natur vnnnd krafft, vnerhörte vnd vngleubliche wirckung vorrichten. Dessgleichen von den fürnembsten Edlen gesteinen, vnbekandten hartzigen dingen, vnd des newen Armenischen Balsams, frembden wunder Kreutern, Holtz vnd Wurtzeln, wo diese herkommen vnd wachsen, was jhre natur, eigenschafft, krafft vnd wirckung, vnd wie solche jner vnd ausserhalb des Leibes zugebrauchen. Endlichen auch von der newen Schlesischen Terra Sigiliata, Axungia Solis genandt. Welche alle mehrenteils den alten vnd newen Scribenten vnbekandt, vnd erst jnnerhalb 30. Jahren aus India Orientali vnd Occidentali, durch Gartiam ab Horto, vnd Nicolaum Monardum kündig gemacht worden seind, darbey auch anderer geleter Medicorum meinung mit eingesprengt, zuuor nie Deutsch aussgangen, Itzo aber den hohen Potentaten, fleissigen Naturkündigern, vnd der gesundheit liebhabern, zu besondern ehren vnd besten, mit fleiss zusamen gebracht. Leipzig. 1589. (Colophon p. 146:) Gedruckt zu Leipzig bey Hans Steinmans Erben, Anno 1589.

4to. Pp. (15, 1 blank), 146, (8). Title red and black.

First Edition.

Ferguson II, 555 (the Young collection only had a copy of the 1592 edition).

WITTIE (Robert).

Scarborough Spaw, Or, A Description Of The Nature and Vertues of the Spaw at Scarborough in Yorkshire. Also a Treatise of the Nature and Use of Water in general, and the several sorts thereof, as Sea, Rain, Snow, Pond, Lake, Spring, and River Water, with their Original Causes and Qualities. Where more largely the Controversie among Learned Writers about the Original of Springs, is discussed. To which is added, A short Discourse concerning Mineral Waters, especially that of the Spaw. By Robert Wittie, Dr. in Physick. London, Printed for, and are to be sold by Charles Tyus, at the Three Bibles on London Bridge, and by Richard Lambert in York, neer the Minster. 1660.

8vo. 8 leaves + 254 pp. + errata leaf.

Waring 800. The earliest book on these waters.

Bound with : FRENCH (J.). The Yorkshire Spaw, 1652, q.v.

Fons Scarboroughensis : Sive Tractatus De Omnis Aquarum generis Origine ac Usu. Particulariter de Fonte Minerali apud Scarborough in Comitatu Eboracensi Angliae. Item Dissertationes variae tam Philosophicae quam Medicinales, quas cum Sectionum titulis Pagina Librum proxime praecedens exhibet. Londini, Typis R. Everingham, ac Impensis N. Simmons ad Insignia Principis im Coemeterio Paulino, & J. Edwin ad tres Rosas in Vico dicto Ludgate-Street. 1678.

8vo. 4 leaves, 235 pp., 1 advertisement leaf. With Imprimatur leaf before title.

Waring, p. 800.

This is the Latin version of the preceding item. William Simpson's "Hydrologia Chymica" (London, 1669) contains numerous animadversions upon it ; Wittie countered this in 1669 with his. "Pyrologia Chymica."

WÖHLER (Friedrich).

Wöhlers Grundriss der Organischen Chemie, von Dr. Rudolph Fittig. Neunte, umgearbeitete Auflage. Grundriss der Unorganischen Chemie, von Dr. Rudolph Fittig. Zweite, umgearbeitete Auflage. Leipzig, Duncker & Humboldt. 1874-75.

8vo. 2 vols. I : 20 + 627 pp. II : 26 + 523 pp.

WOLF (A.).

A History of Science, Technology and Philosophy in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. With the co-operation of Dr. F. Dannemann and Mr. A. Armitage. New York, Macmillan Co., 1935-1939.

8vo. 2 vols. I : 27 + 692 pp. 316 illustrations. II : 814 pp. 345 illustrations.

WOLFF (Emil Theodor).

Quellen-Literatur der theoretisch-organischen Chemie oder Verzeichniss der vom Anfang des letzten Viertels des vorigen Jahrhunderts bis zum Schluss des Jahres 1844 ausgeführten Chemischen Untersuchungen über die Eigenschaften und die Constitution der organischen Substanzen, ihrer Verbindungen und Zersetzungsproducte. Mit steter Berücksichtigung der Literatur der Chemie in ihrer Anwendung auf Agricultur, Physiologie und Pathologie aus den wichtigeren deutschen und französischen Zeitschriften der Chemie und Pharmacie gesammelt, in systematische Ordnung zusammengestellt und mit ausführlichen Sach- und Namenregistern versehen. Halle, Eduard Anton. 1845.

8vo. 12 pp. + 807 columns. Bolton I, 35-36.

WOLFF (Heinrich).

Herliche Medicische Tractat, vor nie in truck kommen Von Cur des Podagrams, des Hocherfarnen alten Medici, Arnaldi de Villa Nova. Item Vom Holz des Lebens. Vom Goldöl. Antimonij öl vnd Wein. Von den Tugenden der Perlen, Corallen vnd Spiritus vini. Von der Pestilenz : vnd andern nützlichen materien, welche die vorred andeitet. Nummals erst durch den Ehrnvesten vnd hochgelehrten Herrn, Heinricum Wolffium, Doctor vnd Physicum zu Mirnberg, miinniglichem zu gutem in truck verfärtiget. Privilegio Caesareo. Zu Strasburg bei Bernhart Jobin. Anno 1576.

Sm. 8vo. 124 unnumbered leaves. Title red and black.

This book cannot be found in any of the usual bibliographies. It seems to be very rare and is a compilation of alchemical writings taken from different authors. The compiler, a Nürnberg physician, had studied in France. The book begins with a German translation of Bracesso's "Legno della vita," followed by treatises on Gout by D. Burgauer, J. Vogt and extracts from the writings of Arnaldus de Villanova. Then come tracts on Aurum potabile by Fr. Lucanus, Carthusiensis, Wolff Geuss, Arnaldus, Lullus, Rupescissa, and on Gold Oil, Antimony Oil, Spirits of Wine, Snake Skin, Pearl Liquor and Corals. The collation agrees with Rosenthal, *Bibl. Magica*, No. 3150.

WOLF (Kaspar)] ps. DIODORUS EUCHYON.

De Polychimia Libri Qvatvor. Anno 1567.

8vo. Pp. (15, 1 blank), 229, (10). Woodcut of apparatus on title and repeated at the end of the text.

Apparently First Edition.

An extremely rare work, which is only referred to by Lenglet-Dufresnoy (III, 149 & 158) and by Waite, *Lives of Alchemistical Philosophers*, p. 285, neither of whom gives the real name of the author.

Kaspar Wolf (1525-1601), a Swiss physician, was Conrad Gesner's successor as professor of physics and later on also of the Greek language at the Zürich University. According to Hirsch (VI, 312) Wolf belongs to the most eminent physicians of the 16th century. His most important work is called: "Volumen gynaeiorum de mulierum gravidarum, parturentium et aliarum natura et morbis", (Basel, 1566). The present work was unknown to Hirsch and to the compilers of Wolf's biography in the "Biographie Universelle" (45, 13) and in the "Allgemeine Deutsche Biographie" (43, 777). The author is mentioned, under his pseudonym, by Libavius as one of the authorities consulted by him when writing his "Alchemia" (1597.)

WOOTTON (A. C.).

Chronicles of Pharmacy. London, Macmillan. 1910.

8vo. 2 vols. I : 12 + 428 pp. II : 4 leaves + 332 pp. Illustrations.

WUNDERLICHE BEGEBENHEITEN.

Wunderliche Begebenheiten eines Unbekandten Philosophi, in Such-und Findung dess Steins der Weisen. In vier Bücher eingetheilet : In deren letztern so deutlich und klar geredet wird, wie man denselben machen soll, dass noch niemals mit solcher Aufrichtigkeit davon geredet worden. Welchen beygefüget ein Tractätlein von dergleichen Materie, Das Hauss dess Liechts genandt. Vormals in Englischer Sprache beschrieben, und nunmehr in Teutsche übersetzt von Johanne Langen. Hamburg und Franckfurt, Verlegts Gottfried Liebernickel, Buchhändl. im Thumb, in Hamb. Im Jahr 1690.

8vo. Pp. 144 ; Aula Lucis (separate title in black, signatures and pagination) 38. Title red and black.

Ferguson (II, 556) ; no copy in the Young collection.

The first of the two tracts contained in this edition is a German translation of a book called : "Les Avantures du Philosophe inconnu en la recherche et en l'invention de la Pierre philosophale", attributed to the Abbé Albert Belin, Paris 1646 and 1674, (Caillet 925), q.v.

The second tract is a German translation of a book by Eugenius Philalethes or Thomas Vaughan, the English original of which had appeared at London in 1652. (Ferguson II, 196).

WURTZ (Charles Adolphe).

Leçons de Philosophie Chimique. Paris, L. Hachette. 1864.

8vo. 2 leaves, 224 pp.

Autograph inscription from the author to Sir B. C. Brodie.

The Atomic Theory. Translated by E. Cleminshaw. Third Edition. London, Kegan Paul . . . 1881.

8vo. 10+344 pp., 1 folding plate, 44 pp. advertisements.

WÜRTZ (Georg Christoph).

Conamen Mappae Generalis Medicamentorum Simplicium Secundum Affinitates Virium Naturalium Nova Methodo Geographica Dispositorum. Argentorati, Sumptibus Sociorum Bauer & Treuttel, Bibliopolar. 1778.

4to. Title + 221 pp. With large folding map, G. C. Würtz compos. & scripsit, I. M. Schmidt Sc. Nor.

A very interesting book, in which chemical substances are classified according to their relation to water, earth, air and fire (or phlogiston). This is shown on a quite extraordinary map which is attached to the book. It was reproduced by Dr. Nierenstein as frontispiece to his "Incunabula of Tannin Chemistry," 1932, q.v.

No copy in the British Museum and not mentioned by any of the usual authorities. Caillet mentions another book by the author on mesmerism, but not this one.

There is an account of the author in Hirsch (V, 1006) who refers to the present work as important and says that it established the author's reputation as a scientist. It was his first book, written when he was only 22 years of age.