

VOLTELEN (FLORIS JACOBUS). *Continued.*

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4°. Pp. [6] 60 [10].

Floris, or Florentius Jacobus Voltelen was born at the Cape of Good Hope 21 Jan., 1754, left it, and in his twelfth year was at the Latin school at Hertogenbosch under the rector, de Booij. Intended for the Church, he was instructed at Utrecht in 1770 by Saxe and Segaar, but he speedily abandoned theology and read medicine secretly under Oosterdyk, Schacht, Luchtmans, and Hahn with such commendable zeal that in 1775 he publicly defended the above thesis. In the same year he followed Hahn to Leyden, and in 1778 proceeded to the degree of M. D. with another thesis: *Diatriba medica aditialis, memorabilem septennis Apositiæ historiam exhibens*. He then settled at Utrecht and in 1781 was appointed physician of the town orphanage.

From the Society *Servandis civibus* at Amsterdam he gained the gold medal for his reply to the question: *Zijn er braakmiddelen die men in sommige gevallen boven de Ipeacacuna verzieken moet*,

George Rudolph Boehmer, *Systematisch-Literarisches Handbuch der Naturgeschichte*, 1786, II. i. p. 274 ('de lacte humano . . . observatt. chemicæ, Ultraj., 1775).

*Goth. Gel. Zeit.*, St. 39. 1795, S. 832.  
Gmelin, *Geschichte der Chemie*, 1799, iii. pp. 410, 814.

Jonas Wilh. Te Water, *Narratio de rebus Academiae Lugduno-Batavae, seculo octavo et decimo, prosperis et adversis*, Lugd. Bat., 1802, 8°, p. 237, No. lxxviii.

Fuchs, *Repertorium der chemischen Litteratur*, Jena u. Leipzig, 1806-08, p. 470.

M. Siegenbeek, *Geschiedenis der Leidsche Hoogeschool van hare oprigting in den Jare 1575 tot het Jar 1825*, Te Leiden, 1829, i. pp. 318, 323, 348, 424; 1832, ii. pp. 225-226 (life), 410-414 (fuller notes on his life).

Dezeimeris, *Dictionnaire Historique de la Médecine*, 1839, iv. p. 352.

See HAHNIUS (JOHANNES DAVID).

VOLUMEN de Alchemia.

See ALCHEMIA.

VORLÄUFFER.

See ERÖFFNUNG der Thure des Königlichen Pallasts, 1718.

VORM (HOBIOUS VANDER).

Atriplex Salsum, vulgo dictum Soutenelle, essentiâ, viribus, & operationibus suis primo descriptum: Autore Hobio vander Vorm Urbis Nardensis

zoo ja welke zijn die middelen, en wanneer komen zij te pas, printed in the Society's proceedings in 1782. On 17 Jan., 1784, he was appointed extraordinary professor at Leyden, and opened his course with an oration: *De hodiernæ chemiæ pretio rite constituendo*, and in the same year ordinary professor with another: *De optimo medico*. In 1790 when he resigned the rectorship he delivered a discourse *De magnetismo animali*, which was turned into Dutch by the Rotterdam doctor Veirax, with observations by Voltelen.

He died 2 (3) August, 1795.

After his early death appeared his 'Pharmacologia universa,' edited by his friend M. S. Du Pin, 3rd edition, 1797-1800, which is a monument of his wide and thorough knowledge. He was a member of several societies in Holland.

He had adopted the Lavoisierian chemistry, while fully recognising all that Stahl had done to advance the science.

J. C. Kobus & W. de Rivecourt, *Beknopt Biographisch Handwoordenboek van Nederland*, Zutphen, 1861, iii. p. 255. (This article is copied by Van der Aa.)

Poggendorff, *Biographisch-literarisches Handwörterbuch*, 1863, ii. col. 1233.

*Nederlandsche Tijdschrift van Geneeskunde*, Amst., 1870, 2 R., vi. 2 Afd. 32-39 (by G. C. B. Suringar).

Van der Aa, *Biographisch Woordenboek der Nederlanden*, Haarlem (1876), xix. p. 326.

Hirsch, *Biographisches Lexikon der hervorragenden Aerzte aller Zeiten und Völker*, 1888, vi. p. 130.

Billings, *Index-Catalogue*, 1894, xv. p. 821.

G. C. B. Suringar, *Geschiedenis van ket geneesk. onderwijs aan de Leydsche Hoogeschool*. (I have not seen this.)

VORM (HOBIOUS VANDER). *Continued.*

Medico ordinario & Gymnasii Hortensiani ibidem Rectore. Amsterdami, Ex officina Johannis à Waesberge, A°. cIo. Ioc. LXI.

12°. Pp. 12] 94 [2 blank]. Not about chemistry.

He was born at Brouwershaven in Schowen, 4 (1) August, 1628, where his father, Johann Garst van der Vorm, was baillie, councillor and burgomaster. After passing through the Latin school at Zierikzee, he was instructed in Greek by Abr. Beekman, rector at Flushing. In 1646 he went to Utrecht for medicine and philosophy, and in 1651 was capped Master of Arts and Doctor of Medicine. He became physician of his native town, but three years after went to Utrecht, where he stopped for three years, and in 1656 delivered a discourse in the theological hall on the 'beginning, progress, and changes in the commerce of spices from the days of Noah to the present (1651) time.' Afterwards he was called to Naarden as town-physician and rector of the Hortensian school. In 1668 he became connector at Haarlem, and six months later rector at Hoorn, where with much honour he spent the rest of his life. The office of private physician to King William III. he declined on account of his age. In 1694 he retired and was succeeded by his son Johannes. He survived till 17 Jan., 1700. He wrote a number of works and dissertations, but none of them refer to chemistry, although one or two, like the *Pharmacopæa Schaldiaica* and that on Meekrap, deal with pharmacy.

He stood high in the estimation of Jacob Cats his cousin by the mother's side, and of Professor Graevius, with both of whom he carried on a cor-

Manget, *Bibliotheca Scriptorum Medicorum*, 1731, II. ii. p. 554 (the above book).

Pieter de la Ruë, *Geletterd Zeeland verdeeld in drie Afdelingen*, Te Middelburg, 1734, p. 224.

Zedler, *Universal Lexicon*, 1746, I. col. 901.

respondence. He is not to be confused with the lawyer of the same name who flourished some thirty or forty years later.

His inaugural discourses were the following:

*De Bono Scholæ Latinae Rectore Oratio, habita Nardae . . . cum Scholæ Latinae regimen intermissis aliquot annis collapsum, ibidem esset redintegraturus*. Trajecti ad Rhenum, MDCLVI., small 4°, pp. [4] 25 [3].

*Oratio inauguralis De Prudentiâ scholasticâ habita Harlemi in Aula Principis, ante diem ix Cal: Iun: A.C. clo IoCLXVIII. Postquam illustris Gymnasii Harlemeusis Connector ibidem publice renunciatus esset. In Urbe Harlemo, Typographiæ genitricis, ex Officinâ Abrahami Casteleynij. Anno 1668. Small 4°, sigs. A to C in fours, D2. The imprint is interesting.*

*Oratio inauguralis De imprudentia Scholasticâ habita Hornæ in Choro Templi majoris 5. Kalendas Ianuar. clo Io. cLXIII. Postquam illustris gymnasii Hornani Rector ibidem publicè renontiatius esset Hornæ, Excudebat Cornelius Croock, Typographus Ordinarius. Anno 1669. Small 4°, pp. [8] 22 [6].*

Presumably this is the dissertation intended by Zedler, though he seems to have misread the title when he calls it: *Oratio inauguralis de jurisprudentia scholastica*.

J. C. Kobus & W. de Rivecourt, *Beknopt Biographisch Handwoordenboek van Nederland*, Zutphen, 1861, iii. p. 268.

Van der Aa, *Biographisch Woordenboek der Nederlanden*, 1876, xix. p. 363.

VORTREFFLICHER (Ein) Philosophischer Tractat von denen Irrgingen derer Alchymisten.

See SAMMLUNG unterschiedlicher bewährter Chymischer Schriften, 1746, p. 335.

VORTREFFLICHER (Ein) Tractat von der warhafftigen Composition des Lapidis Philosophorum, Theoricè & Physicè gantz lustig beschrieben. Rogeri Bachonis de Sole.

See [SCHATZ und Kunstkammer], p. 546.

See TANCKE (JOACHIM), Promptuarium Alchemiæ, Ander Buch, 1614, p. 546.

VREESWYK (GOOSSEN VAN).

Het Cabinet Der Mineralen, Metalen, en Berg-eerts; Hare Gangen, en Natuur; Ook wat Instrumenten daer toe behooren, om in vremde Gewesten te gebruiken. Hier is noch by-gevoegt een Uitlegging over de onderste deelen van de Tafel Hermetis, Kortelijk beschreven, door Goossen van

VREESWYK (GOOSSEN VAN). *Continued.*

Vreeswyk, Berg-meester. t' Amsterdam, By Joannes Janssonius van Waesberge, op't Water. 1670.

8°. Pp. [8] 56. 3 engravings.

Vervolg van't Cabinet der Mineralen, of de Goude Son der Philosophen; Waer in alle bewerckingen der Metalen en Mineralen, met de gereedschappen daer toe dienende, hare Openingen, Verwen, en Tincturen, nevens verscheide heerlijke Medicijnen, en andere seer nutte konsten, uit eigen ondervinding aen't licht gegeven. Door Goossen van Vreeswyk, Bergmeester. Met veel noodige kopere Platen verciert. t' Amsterdam gedrukt voor den Autheur, Zijn mede te bekomen by Johannes Janssonius van Waesberge. 1675.

8°. Pp. [16] 225 (misprinted 325). Index, &c. [15]. Sig. \*I, is a short title with a vignette, 17 engravings.

De Goude Leeuw, of den Asijn der Wysen. Waer in ontallyke heerlyke Konsten en nutte Verborgentheden ontdekt worden: als de Anima uit alle Metalen en Mineralen te trekken; vele ongemeene Medicynen, Schildergout, Brandewynen uit Koorn sonder viese smaeck, uitstekend Blancketsel, kostelyke Gesteenten, &c. te maken. Alles met eigen handen gewrocht, en met vele kopere Platen aen den dach gegeven, door Goossen van Vreeswyk, Berg-meester. t' Amsterdam gedrukt voor den Autheur, Zijn mede te bekomen by Johannes Janssonius van Waesberge. 1675.

8°. Pp. [16] 246. Table, index [12]. Sig. \*I, engraved title with symbols, short title and date, 1676. 16 engravings in the text. Pp. 177-8 omitted in the pagination.

De Groene Leeuw, of het Licht der Philosophen; Vertoonende alle Koninklijke Handelingen in het openen en ontsluiten der Metalen, Mineralen, Vegetablische en Animalische saken, het onderkennen van hare Natuur en Souten, seer dienstig tot vele heerlijke Medicynen, tot verscheide schoone Verwen en Tincturen, en meer andere nutte voortreffelijke werken der Konst, uit eigen ondervinding gunstig voorgesteld, door Goossen van Vreeswyk, Berg-meester. Met vele noodige kopere Platen verciert. t' Amsterdam gedrukt voor den Autheur, Zijn mede te bekomen by Johannes Janssonius van Waesberge. 1674.

8°. Pp. [16] 246. Index [10]. Sig. \*I, short title with emblematical vignette and the imprint as above. 17 engravings.

[Another Copy.]

Het Licht der Mane, of Glans der Sonne, waer in gehandelt, wort van de verborgentheden der overnatuurlijke dingen, bewerckingen der mineraelsche

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Medicijnen, van hare Souten, Verwen, &c. Item van de ware materie der Oude Wijsen, als mede van de Slagh-roeden, Kooren Brandewijnen ende meer andere Konsten, ende metallische Labores uyt liefde mede gedeelt. Door Goosen van Vreeswyk, Berghwercker. Tot Rotterdam, Gedrukt by Barent van Santbergen, Boeckverkooper op de Beurs. Anno 1678.

8°. Pp. [16] 85. Epilogue, index, &c. [11].

De Roode Leeuw, of het Sout der Philosophen; Waer in wonderlijke Bedenckingen over het Groote Werk, heerlijk bearbeiten der Metalen en Mineralen, kostelijke Medicynen, suivere Brandewynen uit allerley Vruchten, en vele nutte Konsten den Liefhebberen van de Natuur uit eigen ervaertheit mede gedeelt worden, door Goossen van Vreeswyk, Bergmeester. Allesins met noodige kopere Platen verciert. t' Amsterdam, By Pieter Aremsz. Boekverkooper, in de Beurs-straet, in de drie Rapen, 1672.

8°. Pp. [16] 215. Index [9]. Sig. \*I, short title, with engraved vignette. 15 curious symbolical engravings.

Silvere Rivier, ofte Konings Fontein. Waar-in ontdekt worden veele notable Medicijnen der oude Philosophen ook van't Sout en  $\uparrow$  der Metalen, ende wat voor krachten der Medicijnen daar-in verborgen zijn; als meede het leven en de dood vande Metalen en Mineralen, haar verwen en tinctuur. Door Goossen van Vreeswyk, Berg-Meester. 's Gravenhage. By Pieter Haagen, Bockverkoper, woonende op de Hoog-straat, in de Stad Basel. 1684.

8°. Pp. [24] 132. Index, &c. [12].

Of Goossen, called by some Georges, van Vreeswyk, or Vreeswijk, there is no notice extant. His name is just mentioned by Schmieder, who quotes *De roode Leeuw, De groene Leeuw, De goude Leeuw*; by Kopp who merely repeats Schmieder, and Van der Aa.

Creiling calls him a distinguished Dutch chemist and metallurgist, and quotes him for his account of the trick played by Monte Snyder on a goldsmith in Aix-la-Chapelle, (see *De Goude Leeuw*, p. 6.

*Keren Happuch, . . . oder Teutsches Fegfeuer der Scheide-Kunst*, 1702, p. 122.

*Die Edelgeborne Jungfer Alchymia*, 1730, p. 148. Zedler, *Universal Lexicon*, 1746, I. col. 1521 (calls him Goosseri von Vreeswick, and quotes only 'Asyn der Wysen,' Amst., 1671, 8°, and 'Cabinet de Mineralien,' Amst., 1675, 8°, not quite correctly).

Jöcher, *Allgemeines Gelehrten-Lexicon*, 1751, iv. col. 1728. (Jöcher says his book has become very rare.)

*sqq.*), and Kortum refers to him and the same story. Söldner, however, puts him among the "arch liars," and after saying that Glauber filled the whole world with lies, adds about Vreeswyk that he has 'seinem Lehr-Meister Glaubero treulich nachgelogen.'

The author of the *Beytrag* is more reticent, and merely says that van Vreeswyk has made compilations from Glauber's writings, 'and has contributed little to the elucidation of gold-making.'

Justus van Effen, *Hollandsche Spectator*, 2de Druk, Amsterdam, 1756, vi. p. 100 (in a letter discussing the difference between the Hippocratic physicians who went by observation and investigation, and the Paracelsists who claimed to have their knowledge, not by irksome study, but direct, by a divine inspiration, there is quoted what Goossen van Vreeswyk says in his *Silvere Rivier* about his companions in science).

*Beytrag zur Geschichte der höhern Chemie*, 1785, pp. 623, 624.

VREESWYK (GOOSSEN VAN). *Continued.*

George Rudolph Boehmer, *Systematisch-Literarisches Handbuch der Naturgeschichte*, 1788, IV. i. p. 36 (Cabinet der Mineralen, Metallen en Berg-eerts, Amsterd., 1670, 8°).

Johannes van Abkoude, *Naamregister van di bekendste en meest in gebruik zynde Nederduitsche Boeken, welke sedert het jaar 1600 tot het jaar 1761 zyn uitgekomen . . . vermeerderd door Reinier Arrenberg*, Te Rotterdam, 1788, p. 558. (Licht der Mane; gouden leeuw; Kabinet der Mineralen; roode leeuw, groene leeuw, zilvere Rivier.)

*Kortum verteidiget die Alchimie*, Duisburg, 1789, p. 181.

Gmelin, *Geschichte der Chemie*, 1798, ii. p. 17.

Schmieder, *Geschichte der Alchemie*, 1832, p. 430.

*De Navorscher*, Amsterdam, 1857, 7<sup>de</sup> Jaargang, p. 159, No. 209 (a Dutch alchemist, lived in the

last half of the 17th century and wrote some books on his subject between 1670 and 1681 which are not common: doch thans zeldzaam voorkomende, and the paragraph concludes with the question: Wie weet eenige levensberigten van hem mede te deelen, signed J. C. K.); &859, 9<sup>de</sup> Jaargang, p. 67, No. 102. (After quoting J. van Effenis *Holl. Spectator*, and enumerating the names of his works copied from Van Abkoude's *Naamregister*, the paragraph concludes with the same question: Zijn er ook levensberigten van dezen alchymist bekend? As no answer seems to have been forthcoming, it may be inferred that nothing is known about his life.)

Van der Aa, *Biographisch Woordenboek der Nederlanden*, 1876, xix. p. 425 (calls him Goosen van Vreeswijk).

Kopp, *Die Alchemie*, 1886, ii. p. 379.

## VRTHEIL.

*See* URTHEIL.