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## Medical Books from the Stock of F. Thomas Heller, Bookseller: List #2

**1. Althaus, Julius.** On poisoning by diseased pork. Being an essay on trichinosis, or flesh-worm disease: Its prevention and cure. London: John Churchill & Sons, 1864. 8vo (21.3 cm, 8.375"). 34 pp., [2 (adv.)].

**\$65.00**

☞ "This essay is partly reprinted from the *Medical Times and Gazette*, in the hopes, that the importance of the subject which it treats will be of sufficient excuse for its publication in separate form" (p. [5]).

*Provenance:* On the front wrapper, the signature of N. D—aldson. From the residue of the stock of the F. Thomas Heller bookselling firm (est. ca. 1928).

☞ In tan wrappers; dust-soiled and edgeworn with small tears and creasing, faint waterstaining to rear wrapper. Provenance marks as above. (39644)

**2. Bartlett, Elisha.** A discourse on the times, character and writings of Hippocrates. Read before the trustees, faculty and medical class of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at the opening of the terms of 1852–3. New York: H. Bailliere, 1852. 8vo (21.6 cm, 8.5"). 72 pp.

**\$80.00**

☞ *Provenance:* From the residue of the stock of the F. Thomas Heller bookselling firm (est. ca. 1928).

☞ Removed from a nonce volume, without wrappers; minor spotting and foxing to first and last few leaves, small tear to last leaf. (39674)

**3. Bartlett, Elisha.** [drop-title] Medical education and institutions. Art. XIII. Account of La Charité at Paris. [Lowell: No publisher, 1829]. 8vo (21.4 cm, 8.5"). 369–76 pp.

**\$50.00**

☞ *Provenance:* From the residue of the stock of the F. Thomas Heller bookselling firm (est. ca. 1928).

☞ Removed from a nonce volume; discolored and foxed, with faint waterstaining to corners. (39677)

**4. Bartlett, Elisha.** The head and the heart, or the relative importance of intellectual and moral education; a lecture, delivered before the American Institute of Instruction, in Lowell, Aug., 1838. Boston: William D. Ticknor, 1838. 12mo (18.9 cm, 7.5"). 20 pp.

**\$55.00**

☞ *Provenance:* From the residue of the stock of the F. Thomas Heller bookselling firm (est. ca. 1928).

☞ *American Imprints* 49120. Removed from a nonce volume; corners clipped, minor foxing and occasional light spotting. (39673)

## Rabies — What Was Known or Thought to Be Known in the Mid-1700s

**5. Boissier de Sauvages, François.** Dissertation sur la nature et la cause de la rage, dans laquelle on recherche quels en peuvent être les préservatifs & les remèdes. Montpellier: Imprimerie d'Augustin-F. Rochard, seul Imprimeur du Roi, 1769. 4to (23.5 cm, 9.25"). 60 pp.

**\$375.00**

☞ Boissier de Sauvages (1706–67), a botanist, medical doctor, and professor of physiology and pathology, lays out what was known or thought to be known about • **the causes and treatment of rabies** at the midpoint of the 18th century. He provides several very brief accounts of individuals who suffered or died of rabies. There is repeated mention of the use of • **electricity** in the treatment of those infected.

This is the second edition, the first having been printed in Toulouse in 1749.

*Provenance:* From the residue of the stock of the F. Thomas Heller bookselling firm (est. ca. 1928).

Searches of *NUC* and WorldCat locate only one North American library (UMinnesota) reporting ownership of this edition. And of the first edition, we locate only one North American library reporting owning a copy (the University of Montreal).

☞ Removed from a bound nonce volume, with early inked pagination; last page dust-soiled. Pencil marks on several pages. Very good. (39654)

### **A Really Scarce Book & an Author Who is an Enigma**

**6. Corke, Miss.** 'What shall we do with them?' A history of the London and Brighton convalescent home. London: J. Nisbet & Co., 1882. 12mo (18.5 cm, 7.25"). Frontis., vii, [1 blank], 157, [1] pp.

**\$250.00**

☞ This rare history of the still-extant London and Brighton convalescent home was clearly written as a fund raising publication: "It is hoped that the profits of the sale of this volume will considerably augment the Free Fund of the Crescent House" (title-page). The convalescent home was, and still is, for elderly and needy women; a previous fundraising endeavor for the purchase of the "Crescent House" on the Marine Parade, in Brighton, had been heavily subscribed and accumulated over GBP4,500, as attested to by the published list at the rear of this volume.

Miss Corke's identity remains a mystery despite two of her other publications being noted on the title-page; searches for those titles found no copies listed in WorldCat or COPAC.

The present work is also not listed in WorldCat, and via COPAC we find only one copy — at the Bodleian.

*Provenance:* From the residue of the stock of the F. Thomas Heller bookselling firm (est. ca. 1928).

☞ NSTC 0946400. Publisher's dark green cloth stamped on front cover with ferns in black and author and title in gilt; binding darkened and rubbed, slightly cocked. Occasional light foxing. • **An interesting late-Victorian women's social and medical work.** (39657)

### **An Anti-Convulsive Plant, Walking on Water, an Unsinkable Boat, & More — Illustrated!!**

**7. Finazzi, Giovanni.** Descrizione di un vegetabile anticonvulsivo, di un trebbiatojo, d'un seminatojo, di una barca innaufragabile, e di un metodo di passeggiare sulle acque. Milano: Presso Angelo Stanisalo Brambilla, 1824. Small 8vo (18.7 cm, 7.375"). 36 pp.; 2 fold. plates hand colored.

**\$1250.00**

☞ An improbable combination of extended descriptions of 1) a vegetable-based anticonvulsive, 2) a threshing device, 3) a sowing device, 4) an unsinkable boat, and 5) a method for walking on water.

Searches of *NUC*, WorldCat, and COPAC locate two Continental libraries reporting ownership and the Wellcome in England. No New World libraries.

*Provenance:* From the residue of the stock of the F. Thomas Heller bookselling firm (est. ca. 1928).

☞ Later brown paper wrappers; edgeworn. "Technics. Finazzi." written in pencil on title-page, which is also age-toned and lightly dust-soiled; body of text clean with shallow crease across corner of all leaves and the very occasional spot of foxing. • **Fold-out hand-colored plates in lovely condition.** (39625)

**8. Hoskins, John.** Observations on that form of disease, nosologically called dysentery. Philadelphia: Printed for the author by Hugh Maxwell, 1804. 8vo (20 cm, 7.875"). 40 pp.

**\$75.00**

☞ "An inaugural dissertation for the degree of Doctor of Medicine: submitted to the examination of the Reverend John Andrews, D.D. provost, (pro tempore), the trustees, and medical professors of the University of Pennsylvania, on the seventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and four" (p. [3]). Hoskins was a Virginian.

A presentation copy with the recipient's name trimmed off (!), leaving: "and friendship of his friend, the author."

*Provenance:* From the residue of the stock of the F. Thomas Heller bookselling firm (est. ca. 1928).

☞ Shaw & Shoemaker 6503; Austin, *Early American Medical Imprints*, 982. Removed from a nonce volume; light dust-soiling, edgewear, and age-toning, shallow indent to rear wrapper. Provenance marks as above; occasional spotting to interior. (39661)

**9. Huntington, Elisha.** An address on the life, character and writings of Elisha Bartlett, M.D., M.M.S.S., before the Middlesex North District Medical Society, December 26, 1855. Lowell: S.J. Varney, 1856. 8vo (23.2 cm, 9.125"). 27, [1] pp.

**\$85.00**

☉ *Provenance:* On the front wrapper, an inscription that reads, "Josiah Crosby M.D., with regards of the author." From the residue of the stock of the F. Thomas Heller bookselling firm (est. ca. 1928).

☉ In tan wrappers; minor fading and spotting. Provenance marks as above; single dark spot on title-page, faint waterstain to bottom fore-edge and top corner of leaves, very shallow vertical crease through pamphlet. (39675)

**10. Huntington, Elisha.** An address on the life, character and writings of Elisha Bartlett, M.D., M.M.S.S., before the Middlesex North District Medical Society, December 26, 1855. Lowell: S.J. Varney, 1856. 8vo (22.4 cm, 8.875"). 27, [1] pp.

**\$85.00**

☉ A letter "from a lady" and addressed to "my dear friends" clipped from a newspaper regarding the death of a son (no names are given) is mounted on the front pastedown, suggesting the death of Bartlett was a personal loss to the previous owner. Underneath the newspaper clipping is a handwritten how-to for making cement.

*Provenance:* From the residue of the stock of the F. Thomas Heller bookselling firm (est. ca. 1928).

☉ In brown cloth-covered boards with gilt lettering and a circular floral design; rubbed, several minor dark spots on front board, slightly warped. Mounted ephemera spotted and soiled, hinges cracked but sturdy; age-toned, moderate foxing and spotting throughout interior. A curious copy. (39676)

### American Fevers

**11. Jackson, Robert.** A treatise on the fevers of Jamaica, with some observations on the intermitting fever of America, and an appendix, containing some hints on the means of preserving the health of soldiers in hot climates. London: printed for J. Murray, 1791. 8vo (21 cm, 8.25"). viii, 424, 115, [1] pp.

**\$600.00**

☉ Jackson (1750–1827), a Scot, apprenticed with a surgeon and in "1768 he joined the medical classes at Edinburgh where he spent three winters" but left without a degree (*ODNB*). He gained great, first-hand medical experience while serving in the British Army in America from 1774 to 1782: "Observations contained in the following pages, were made during the time that I lived in Jamaica, or while I attended some part of the army in America" (p. iii). The publication of this work "marked the beginning of an extended medical preoccupation with fevers, particularly the yellow 'fever'" (*ODNB*). "[It] was reprinted in Philadelphia in 1795, and published in German in 1796. In America it was regarded as a standard work which should be in the hands of every general practitioner" (Cantile, p. 36).

For a very good assessment of Jackson, see: Lieutenant-General Sir Neil Cantlie, "Inspector-General of Hospitals Robert Jackson (1750–1827), Army Medical Department" (*Proceedings of the Royal Society of Medicine*, vol. 65, December 1972).

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☉ Sabin 35456; ESTC T135519; Wellcome, III, 336; Hirsch, III, 387–88; Blake 232. Original calf, dry, abraded, crackled, etc.; rebacked and corners renewed. First four leaves from a different copy; small tear with loss of paper to inner margin of title-leaf; touches of old light waterstaining very limited but present; small burn-mark across gutter darkening leaves at base toward the middle of the volume. Priced according to faults, but, still, a very decent copy of an important work of American medical history. (39628)

**12. Joly, Nicolas.** La génération spontanée. Paris: Librairie Germer Baillière, 1865. 8vo (22.5 cm, 9"). 47 pp.

**\$95.00**

☉ This was presented as a paper at the "Deuxième conférence [sur l'hérérogne, ou génération spontanée] faite à Paris le 1er mars 1865." The outside rear cover tells us it was "Extr. de la *Revue des cours scientifiques*."

Louis Pasteur's 1859 experiment is widely seen as having settled the question of spontaneous generation; none the less, in 1862, the French Academy of Sciences paid special attention to the issue and established

a prize “to him who by well-conducted experiments throws new light on the question of the so-called spontaneous generation” (Engelhardt & Caplan, *Scientific Controversies*, Cambridge University Press. p. 107).

*Provenance*: From the residue of the stock of the F. Thomas Heller bookselling firm (est. ca. 1928).

☞ Original wrappers. Small paper label in lower margin of front wrapper. Very good. (39658)

**13. Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind.** Fourteenth annual report of the managers of the Pennsylvania Institution for the for the Instruction of the Blind. Philadelphia: John C. Clark, printer, 1847. 8vo (23.1 cm, 9"). 27, [1] pp.

**\$35.00**

☞ Nice wood engraving of the Institution on the front wrapper.

*Provenance*: From the residue of the stock of the F. Thomas Heller bookselling firm (est. ca. 1928).

☞ In light green printed wrappers; minor fading to edges. Interior foxed. (39645)

**14. Perkins Institution and Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind.** Twelfth annual report of the trustees of the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind, to the corporation. Boston: Dutton & Wentworth's Print., 1844. 8vo (23 cm, 9"). 27, [1] pp.

**\$100.00**

☞ With a nice engraving of the asylum on the front wrapper.

*Provenance*: On the front wrapper “I. Francis Riker Esq., with Dr. Fisher's respects.” Dr. John Dix Fisher (1797–1850) was a physician and founder of the Perkins Institution. From the residue of the stock of the F. Thomas Heller bookselling firm (est. ca. 1928).

☞ In salmon wrapper. Provenance marks as above; title-page faintly foxed, age-toning to (curiously) half of leaves, shallow vertical crease down pamphlet. (39653)

**15. Rush, Benjamin.** An account of the late Dr. John Morgan. Philadelphia: [Produced for members of the American Association for the History of Medicine], (1965). 8vo (20.3 cm, 8"). 8 pp.

**\$20.00**

☞ Originally “delivered before the trustees and students of medicine in the college of Philadelphia, on the 2nd of November, 1789” and published in the *American Museum*, v. 6, November, 1789.

*Provenance*: From the residue of the stock of the F. Thomas Heller bookselling firm (est. ca. 1928).

☞ In blue paper wrappers; very light fading to bottom edge. Interior is clean and bright. (39639)

**16. Smith, Henry.** The medical, literary, and social influence of the alumni of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania. An introductory lecture, delivered in the University of Pennsylvania, October 14, 1856. Philadelphia: Printed by C. Sherman & Son, 1856. 8vo (22.8 cm, 9"). 32 pp.

**\$30.00**

☞ Smith (1815–90) was a professor of surgery at the University of Pennsylvania, served admirably during the Civil War, and was variously the President of the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Medical Societies, the Chair of the Surgical Section of the American Medical Association, and the Chair of the Executive Committee of the International Medical Congress.

*Provenance*: On the front wrapper and title-page, the signature of John Ashhurst, Jr., a Philadelphia surgeon and President of College of Physicians of Philadelphia, dated 1857. From the residue of the stock of the F. Thomas Heller bookselling firm (est. ca. 1928).

☞ In cream wrappers; minor age-toning and some darkening and chipping to edges. Provenance marks as above, signature on title-page having bled onto the following leaf; general light age-toning to interior. (39642)

**17. Smith, Henry.** The surgery of the rectum. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea's Son & Co., 1881. 8vo (23.4 cm, 9.25"). 71, [1] pp.

**\$45.00**

☞ First American from the fourth English edition.

*Provenance*: The signature of Charles R. Mecker is on the front wrapper. From the residue of the stock of the F. Thomas Heller bookselling firm (est. ca. 1928).

☞ In tan printed wrappers; light edgewear, dust-soiled and age-toned. Provenance marks as above; title-page lightly dust-soiled, minor creasing to top corner of leaves. (39641)

**18. Virchow, Rudolf.** Medicinische Erinnerungen von einer Reise nach Aegypten. Berlin: Verlag von Georg Reimer, 1888. 8vo (21 cm, 8"). 41 pp.

**\$100.00**

☞ Virchow's "medical memories of a trip to Egypt" first appeared in the *Archiv für pathologische Anatomie und Physiologie und für klinische Medizin* (Bd. 113) and has acute observations on medicine and medical practices in Egypt in the 1880.

Virchow was a physician, anthropologist, pathologist, prehistorian, biologist, writer, editor, and politician, known for his advancement of public health.

*Provenance:* Ownership signature of Prof. Dr. F. Schellerbach on the title-page; bookplate of Samuel A. Levinson, M.D. Most recently in the residue of the stock of the F. Thomas Heller bookselling firm (est. ca. 1928).

☞ Late 19th-century half gray cloth with marbled paper sides. Cloth a little discolored. A very good copy. (39638)

**Good for Erisipelas, Gout, Chest Colds, & Cramps**

**19. (William T. Simpson).** A treatise on radiant light therapy. Chicago: McIntosh Electrical Corp., (1925). 8vo (22.9 cm, 9"). 23, [1] pp.; illus.

**\$35.00**

☞ A combination trade catalogue and detailed piece of promotional literature with an exhaustive list of conditions in which heat/light therapy is helpful and ☛ **a number of photographs mostly showing patients, all women, enjoying their treatments.**

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