

THE INFLUENCE OF

TRISTRAM SHMUK

ON

COLONIAL MEDICAL EDUCATION

1637-1778

An account by DR BRIAN PAYTON of his recent discovery of Medical Books and Documents shipwrecked on the Island of Newfoundland in the 18th Century.

TO BE HELD IN THE
AUDITORIUM
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE

St. John's, Newfoundland.

THURSDAY 13th of MARCH, 1980.
To start at about 5pm.

This lecture will be illustrated by photographs of excerpts from rare texts, enlarged many times by two Magic Lanterns.

Despite the somewhat unseemly nature of material often dealt with in medicine, members of the fair sex with refined sensitivities need fear no indecency. The speaker is renowned for his sense of decorum and good taste.

Although these texts were discovered in 1970, this finding was not publicly announced until 1980 when proper authentication and further research had been carried out.



This old nautical chart of the North American sea-board was also found in the sea-chest. The possibility that all this material came from an old sailing vessel shipwrecked on return to England from the Colony of Virginia can not be overlooked.

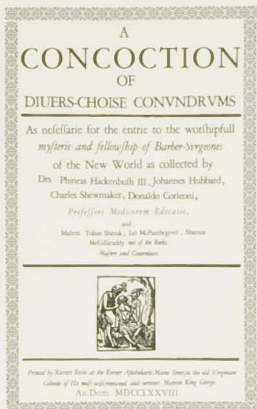
Tobias Shmuk, son of Theophrastus and grandson of Tristram, was a co-author in this collection of questions edited by Phineas Hackenbush and so carried on the traditional role of the Shmuks. The work relies almost entirely on verbatim extracts or pirated illustrations from many classical works. It is dedicated to Avrum Flexknee, Dean of the College of Barber-Surgeons of the New World.



Top: CONUNDRUMS, Hackenbush et al. Half leather binding, black calf and marbled paper, 8vo, 7 3/4 x 5 1/4. Bottom: Sample pages.



1778



2 Of alkimie
A conundrum of the first kinde
(one correct answer).

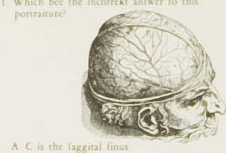


- A. A punch bowle
- B. A brewerie
- C. A wash-bonif
- D. A difolatory or difolving Fornace
- E. A manne with elephantiastia of the frotum

Four conundrums of the seconde kinde (matching)

- 2. Quicksilver. A. B.
- 3. Horfe-dung. C.
- 4. Urine. D.
- 5. Mercurius. E.

6 Of anatomie.
Two conundrums of the first kinde.



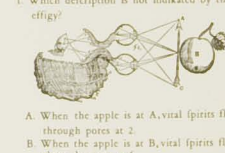
- A. C is the faggital sinus.
- B. D and E are the meningeal veins.
- C. It flows is the result of overconbutastick rephrasing.

2. What is the correct title to this portraiture?



- A. Portraiture of the veins which chyrgurgens doe commonly open.
- B. Portraiture of the bones

10 Of phyllogie.
Two conundrums of the first kinde.



- A. When the apple is at A, vital spirits flow through pores at 2.
- B. When the apple is at B, vital spirits flow through pores at 4.
- C. When the apple is mid-way, vital spirits flow through pores at 4.
- D. It explains why William Tell missed his son.

2. What is shown by this portraiture?



- A. Perifalitis occurs in veins.
- B. Veines have valves.
- C. People who walk on their hands get varicose veins on their arms.

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ANSWERS and SOURCES of VERIFICATION.

Chapter 1 - Of alkimie.

- 1. D. Golee (Trall) in Salomon, 1602, Praesic. Phisick, Lib. II, Chap. LV, p. 104.
- 2. A.] Woodall, 1607, Surgeons Mate, p. 110, 118.

Chapter 2 - Of anatomie.

- 1. C. A. Viridius, 1610, De Fibris, Lib. VI, p. 159.
- 2. B. Flow, 1614, De Anat. on Chyrgurgie, Lib. XII, p. 90.

Chapter 3 - Of phyllogie.

- 1. D. R. De Goussier, 1643, Histoire, XCI, p. 105.
- 2. B. W. Harvey, 1628, De Motu Cordis, Cap. XIII, p. 96.

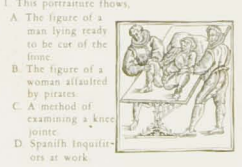
Chapter 5 - Of chyrgurgie.

- 1. A. A. De Witt, 1712, Traict de Liberte, 1704, Works of Paol. IX, XVII, Chap. III, p. 98.
- 2. C.] Taguio, 1643, Chyrgurgie, Livre. II, Chap. IV, p. 272.

Chapter 6 - Of communitie phisick.

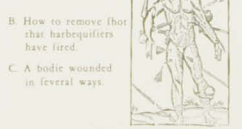
- 1. D.] Broussier, 1712, De Conceptu, Lib. III, Cap. I, p. 10.
- 2. E. W. Broussier, 1712, De Conceptu, Lib. III, Cap. I, p. 10.

22 Of chirurgie.
Two conundrums of the first kinde.



- 1. This portraiture shows,
 - A. The figure of a man lying ready to be cut of the limbe.
 - B. The figure of a woman assaulted by pirates.
 - C. A method of examining a knee jointe.
 - D. Spanish Inquisitors at work.

2. This portraiture shows,



- A. The skeleton.
- B. How to remove that that barbaquifers have tired.
- C. A bodie wounded in several ways.

28 Of communitie phisick.
A conundrum of the first kinde.



- 1. This portraiture shows,
 - A. A mydwyfe in an antenatal clinic.
 - B. The result of poore familie planning.
 - C. A pregnant mydwyfe.
 - D. All of the above.

A conundrum of the thirde kinde
(A. 1, 2, 3, B. 1, 2, 3, C. 2, D. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100)

- 1. Women of delicate constitutions, subject to hysterick finor other nervous affections, make very bad nurtes.
- 2. Children who are suckled by delicate women either die young or are weak and tickly all their lives.
- 3. The most ignorant of the sex are generally reckoned most knowing in the buffines of nursing.
- 4. The buffines of nursing is by no means confined to giving suck.



The Honourable Tobias Shmuk, Esq. Doctor of the College of Barber-Surgeons of the New World, 1778.