A Doctor’s Delights
Discoveries from the Richard Travers Collection

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Introduction

I am greatly honoured to be asked to put this exhibition together. It has been hard to pick the hundred or so favourites from a collection of 15,000 titles, but I have chosen those titles I was most pleased to find. To make a dangerous paraphrase of Dryden, there is a pleasure in collecting books, which none but collectors know. The excitement might come from finding a book by a special author for the first time (such as John Hunter, who was introduced to me by Professor Graeme Schofield); it might come from finding a book not known to exist (such as Cole’s Anatomy), or one known only by title (such as Percy Mole’s). It might come from finding the odd volume that completes a set (such as the Australian Medical Journal). Many of the Australiana items are unique; at least, there are no other known holdings in Australia. Much of the joy comes from collecting ephemeral publications, and here I must acknowledge the great help I have had from Melbourne book dealers, who have kept many of these things aside for me, awaiting my periodic visits.

In 1966, as a second-year student at Monash, I began to collect books on the history of medicine. I soon met Dr Frank Forster, a great influence. He had an unparalleled obstetrics and gynaecology collection, which is now in the appropriate College, housed in a splendid library of his own creation. A decade later, I started collecting the classic texts of medicine, and here my greatest stimulus was the second-hand department of H. K. Lewis & Co. Ltd., a medical bookseller in London where, from 1976 to 1978, I spent many happy hours with my bible, Garrison and Morton’s bibliography, in my hand. What a great way to learn about the development of medicine! For the last 25 years, however, I have concentrated on medical Australiana in its broadest sense, with the encouragement of that doyen of Australian medical history, Dr Bryan Gandevia.

The suggestion to transfer my collection to Monash University came first from Barry Firkin, Professor of Medicine at the Alfred Hospital and keen medical historian. Richard Overell, the Rare Books librarian, offered me shelf space and now, combined with the AMA collection and the Ian Goller AIDS collection, Monash University has a remarkably strong holding in the historical and social aspects of medicine. In every great library I have used, I have been the beneficiary of the generosity of previous donors, so I can think of no better place than this one for my own books.

Dr Richard Travers
Exhibition curator
CENTRAL DISPLAY CASE

Early works

1. Willis, Thomas, 1621-1675.
   *Opera omnia*
   (Geneva : Samuel de Tournes, 1676)
   Open at Cerebri Anatome, (fig. 1) the “Circle of Willis”, engraved by Christopher Wren.

   *Illustrated manual of operative surgery and surgical anatomy* / by Cl. Bernard and Ch. Huette (New York [etc.] : Baillière & Brodtes, 1861)

3. Cadogan, William, 1711-1797

   *Phytologia, or, The philosophy of agriculture and gardening : with the theory of draining morasses, and with an improved construction of the drill plough* / by Erasmus Darwin (London : Printed for J. Johnson; by T. Bensley, 1800)

5. Le Clerc (Charles Gabriel), M., b. 1644.
   *The compleat surgeon: or, The whole art of surgery explain’d in a most familiar method. Containing the principles of that art; and, an exact account of tumours, ulcers, and wounds, simple and complicated ... The method of dissecting the brain, by M. Duncan; several reflections and new machines by M. Arnaud. Likewise, a chirurgical dispensatory; shewing the manner of preparing all such medicines as are most necessary for a surgeon ... Written in French ... The 6th ed., to which are added, the method of midwifery; of preparing the unguentum matris, and the unguentum styracis; a short introduction to botany; and some examples of reports in surgery. (London, J. Walthoe, 1727)

   *Cases in midwifery* / written by the late Mr. William Giffard, surgeon and man-midwife ; revis’d and publish’d by Edward Hody (London, Printed for B. Motte, 1734)

   *Notes on nursing : what it is and what it is not* / by Florence Nightingale. (London : Harrison, [1859])
   Presentation copy from Florence Nightingale’s cousin, M. W. Tindall, to her sister, E. O. Blackburn, June 1860.

8. Travers, Benjamin, 1783-1858.

   *Cellular pathology : as based upon physiological and pathological histology. Twenty lectures delivered in the Pathological Institute of Berlin during the months of February, March, and April, 1858* / by Rudolf Virchow. (London : John Churchill, 1860)

10. H. K. Lewis (Publisher)
    The frontispiece shows one of the bookshops Dr. Travers frequented in building his library.
Australian medical books

The theory and practice of a new method of respiratory re-education / by F. Matthias Alexander. (Melbourne : H. Hale, 1907)

12. Sanitary tracts / issued by the Australian Health Society, Melbourne.
(Melbourne : the Society, 1882) First series, No.1-13

13. Beaney, James George, 1828-1891.
Original contributions to the practice of conservative surgery : being a selection from the surgical cases occurring in the practice of James G. Beaney. (Melbourne : George Robertson, 1859)
The first Australian text book on surgery

14. Bird, Frederick Dougan, 1858-1921
“Notes of cases”
The collection includes three of Dr. Bird’s notebooks. They contain some of his lectures, as well as the “Notes on cases” and a list of books in his library. The case notes volume is open at description of a patient with hydatids. Dr. Bird wrote on both consumption, an illness from which he suffered personally, and hydatids.

15. Bird, Samuel Dougan, 1832-1904
The volume is open at a colour plate of “Mt. Abrupt, near Dunkeld, Western District”, by Eugene von Guerard.

16. Clutterbuck, James Bennett.
An essay on the nature and treatment of Australian diseases : including, more especially, dysentery and fever / by James B. Clutterbuck. (Melbourne : Stillwell and Knight, 1868)

17. Cole’s atlas of anatomy and physiology of the human body.
(Melbourne : E.W. Cole Book Arcade, [191-?])

The wanderings of a spiritualist / by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. (London : Hodder and Stoughton, [1921])

19. Investigation of war wounds : penicillin : a preliminary report to the War Office and the Medical Research Council on investigations concerning the use of penicillin in war wounds.
(London : War Office, 1943)

Crown, bar, and bridge work : with contour gold filling / by Percy Mole. (Bendigo : J.B. Young, 1893)
Notable for the chromolithographic plates used to illustrate the gold fillings.

Instructions to surgeons-superintendent of Victorian Government emigrant ships. (London : Spottiswoode and Co., 1871)
The text was written by George Verdon, the Agent-General for Victoria.

22. Webster, Victor H.
Bush medicine : a practical handbook for managing serious illnesses and accidents in the outback / by Victor H. Webster. (Tennant Creek, N.T. : (Jackhammer Press, 1948)
23. The grown-up Glaxo babies.  
[Sydney? : Glaxo, ca. 1900]

24. Kaye, Geoffrey.  

Open at an illustration of Julian Smith’s rotary pump for blood transfusion, an Australian invention (p. 574).

25. Making paper by hand  
(Melbourne : Plant Craft Cottage)

A book detailing the processes of hand paper making and including samples of papers made with a variety of plants, bound concertina-style. This is a presentation copy to Dr. Travers.


A facsimile reprint of the 1855 edition.

27. Thompson, J. Ashburton (John Ashburton), 1846-1915.  
A report to the President of the Board of Health : containing photographs of a person suffering from variola discreta, and account of the case; to which is added a clinical report and diagnosis of the five cases with which the outbreak of small-pox of 1884-5 began / by J. Ashburton Thompson. (Sydney : Thomas Richards, Govt. Printer, 1886)

A series of graphic photographs detailing the onset of smallpox in a particular patient.

The anatomy of the human gravid uterus exhibited in figures / by William Hunter. (London : Sydenham Society, 1851)

Originally published by John Baskerville in Birmingham in 1774.

29. Pearn, John.  

A cerebral atlas : illustrating the difference between the brains of mentally defective and normal individuals with a social, mental, and neurological record of 120 defectives during life / by Richard J.A. Berry. (London : Oxford University Press, 1938)

A series of engravings, accompanied with explanations, which are intended to illustrate “The morbid anatomy of some of the most important parts of the human body” / by Matthew Baillie. (Carlton, Vic. : Melbourne University Press : 1985)

Reproduced from the University of Melbourne copy of the atlas once owned by the artist, William Clift, in which 48 engravings have been replaced by the original drawings. Twenty-four of the remaining illustrations are reproduced from the original drawings held by the Royal College of Physicians, London. Edited by Harold Attwood.
WALL CASES 1 AND 2

John and William Hunter

32. Hunter, John, 1728-1793.
Engraving of a portrait of John Hunter by Joshua Reynolds
Also on display are portraits of William and John Hunter from Two great Scotsmen: the brothers William and John Hunter / by George R. Mather. (Glasgow: James Maclehose, 1893)

33. Hunter, John, 1728-1793.
A treatise on the blood, inflammation, and gun-shot wounds / by the late John Hunter. (London: Printed for E. Cox [et al.], 1812)

34. Holmes, Timothy, 1825-1907.
Introductory address delivered at St. George's Hospital, October 2, 1893, on the centenary of John Hunter's death / by T. Holmes. (London: Adlard, 1893)

35. Hunter, John, 1728-1793.
4 v. plus atlas
On display is the Atlas volume open at plate 52 the “Siren of Linnaeus or mud iguana from S. Carolina.”

A treatise on the venereal disease / by John Hunter. 2nd ed. (London: G. Nicol; and Mr. J. Johnson, 1788)

37. Smellie, William, 1697-1763.
A set of anatomical tables, with explanations, and an abridgment, of the practice of midwifery: with a view to illustrate a treatise on that subject, and collection of cases / by William Smellie, M.D. (London, 1754)

FLAT CASE 1

Immunology

The anatomy of the thymus gland / by Sir Astley Cooper, bart. (London: Longman, Rees, Orme, Green, and Brown, 1832)

40. Burnet, F. M. (Frank Macfarlane), Sir, 1899-1985

41. Greenup, Richard
Vaccination: a letter addressed by Dr. Simon, medical officer of the General Board of Health, to the president of the Board, on vaccination: presented to the Imperial Parliament by command of Her Majesty, 1857 / abridged for the use of the colony of New South Wales by Richard Greenup (Sydney: Thomas Richards, Govt. Printer, 1859)

WALL CASE 3

38. Lizars, John, 1787?-1860.
A system of anatomical plates of the human body, accompanied with descriptions, and physiological and surgical observations / by John Lizars. (Edinburgh: published by W. H. Lizars [1804])

WALL CASE 4

A treatise on the venereal disease / by John Hunter. 2nd ed. (London: G. Nicol; and Mr. J. Johnson, 1788)

FLAT CASE 2

Cardiology

42. Lewis, Thomas, Sir, 1881-1945.
Report upon soldiers returned as cases of “disordered action of the heart” (D.A.H.) or “valvular disease of the heart” (V.D.H.) / by Thomas Lewis. (London: H.M.S.O., 1917)
43. Lewis, Thomas, Sir, 1881-1945.
The mechanism and graphic registration of the heart beat / by Thomas Lewis. (London : Shaw, 1920)

44. Mackenzie, James, Sir, 1853-1925.
The study of the pulse arterial, venous and hepatic and of the movements of the heart / by James MacKenzie. (Edinburgh : Young J. Pentland, 1902)

45. Halford, George Britton.
On the time and manner of closure of the auriculo-ventricular valves / by George B. Halford. (London : John Churchill, 1861)

46. Vaughan, Kathleen Olga.
The purdah system and its effect on motherhood : osteomalacia caused by absence of light in India / by Kathleen Olga Vaughan. (Cambridge : W. Heffer, 1928)

47. Sheldon, J. H. (Joseph Harold)

48. Nye, L. J. J. (Leslie John Jarvis)
Chronic nephritis and lead poisoning / by L.J. Jarvis Nye. (Sydney : Angus & Robertson, 1933)
Open at an illustration of “A common type of Queensland home with veranda”.
The text refers to research showing that children at that time were contracting lead poisoning from the powdered lead paint on the veranda railings. Some were also reportedly licking raindrops from the veranda posts.

49. Commonwealth Serum Laboratories (Australia)
Insulin : its use in diabetes / Commonwealth Serum Laboratories ; [Commonwealth of Australia, Department of Health]. (Melbourne : Albert J. Mullett, Govt. Printer, [1925])

Letter on corpulence addressed to the public / by William Banting. 4th.ed. (repr. 1883), with prefatory remarks by the author, copious information from correspondents, and confirmatory evidence of the benefit of the dietary system which he recommended to public notice. (London : Harrison, 1875)

51. Bell, Charles, Sir, 1774-1842.
An exposition of the natural system of the nerves of the human body : with a republication of the papers delivered to the Royal Society, on the subject of the nerves / by Charles Bell. (London : Printed by A. & R. Spottiswoode, 1824)

A study of intracranial surgery / by Hugh Cairns. (London : H.M.S.O., 1929)


54. Eccles, John C. (John Carew), Sir, 1903-
The physiology of synapses / by John Carew Eccles. (Berlin : Springer, 1964)

55. Cushing, Harvey, 1869-1939.
Intracranial tumours : notes upon a series of two thousand verified cases with surgical-mortality percentages pertaining thereto / by Harvey Cushing. (Springfield, Ill. ; Baltimore, Md. : C.C. Thomas, 1932)
### FLAT CASE 5
#### Sex Education

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#### Scuttlebutt

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<td>68. The Queen v. Beaney : extraordinary charge of murder against a medical man, in consequence of a diseased womb being ruptured after death / with medical notes and observations by C.E. Reeves. (Melbourne : W.B. Stephens, 1866)</td>
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<td>69. Webster, Alfred.</td>
<td>Fools, frauds and physicians / by Al Kazaz Emdee. [Perth : A. Webster, 193-]</td>
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<td>A satire on the Perth medical scene in the 1930s. This copy has a list of the real names included.</td>
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70. McLaughlin, M. A.
Dr. McLaughlin's electric belt.
([Sydney : Dr. McLaughlin Co.], c1901)

71. Wallace, R.
“Pro bono publico.” : Read this article. It will pay you well. Some points about the “Dr. McLaughlin electric belts.” What they really cost ... (Sydney : Freeman & Wallace Electro-Medical and Surgical Institute?, 190-)

72. Roberts, Charles F. (Charles Frederick)
Iniquities of lunacycraft and hocus-pocus of three learned judges : in the first law case of the kind on this side of the world / by a great victim to them. (Melbourne : Printed and published for the public good, by Charles F. Roberts, 1882-3)

73. Campbell, Francis.
A commentary on the influence which the use of tobacco exerts on the human constitution / in a series of letters by (Vox e deserto), Francis Campbell. (Sydney : Published and sold by all the booksellers, 1853)

74. Molesworth, F. H.
The downfall of Demos : he that is not with me is against me, Jesus Christ / by F. H. Molesworth, a public analyst in the City of Sydney. (Sydney : F.H. Molesworth, [1931?])

75. Lucas, Thomas Prestwood.
The true action and physiological results of alcohol / by T.P. Lucas. (London : Wesleyan Conference Off., [1875])

76. Local option with compensation : opinions of leading English statesmen, clergy, and other prominent men on the subject. (Sydney : United Licensed Victuallers’ Association of New South Wales, [1903?])

77. Dry munitions / prepared by John Vale ; foreword and statement of the case for wartime prohibition by R.B.S. Hammond ; State Sections by James Marion ... [et al.] (Melbourne : Australian Alliance Prohibition Council, [1918])

78. Druitt, Robert, 1814-1883.
Report on the cheap wines from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Greece, Hungary, and Australia: their use in diet and medicine. 2nd ed. rewritten and enl. (London, H. Renshaw, 1873)

*Medical household sketches, or, Popular treatises for parlour and bush-hut on the diseases prevalent in Australasia* / by Louis L. Smith. Melbourne : H. Cordell, Printer, [1873?]

“Extracted from articles written by Dr. Smith in the Australian journal, under the name of ‘Colonial Lancet’.”

82. Holmes, Thomas James (The Wardmaster)

*Recipes, secret, selected, practical, original : comprising the home doctor, invalid cookery, cakes, pastry etc., household recipes, toilet secrets, beverages, confectionery, etc. etc. / compiled by the Wardmaster.* (Melbourne : Veritas Library, [1924])

83. Jenkins, William Henry.

*The family medical index; or, What to do in cases of emergency : written expressly for the colonies* / by William Henry Jenkins. (Melbourne : F.F. Bailliere, publisher, 1874)

84. Cheyne, George, 1673-1743.

*The English malady: or, a treatise of nervous diseases of all kinds : as spleen, vapours, lowness of spirits, hypochondriacal, and hysterical distempers, &c. ... / by George Cheyne* (London : printed for G. Strahan, and J. Leake at Bath, 1733)


*An enquiry into prognosis in the neuroses / by T.A. Ross.* (Cambridge : University Press, 1936)

86. Gavin, Hector.

*On feigned and factitious diseases, chiefly of soldiers and seamen ; on the means used to simulate or produce them, and on the best modes of discovering impostors ; being the prize essay in the class of military surgery, in the University of Edinburgh, session, 1835-6, with additions / by Hector Gavin.* (London : John Churchill, 1843)


*Psychiatric aspects of modern warfare / Reg. S. Ellery.* (Melbourne : Reed & Harris, 1945)

The dustwrapper design is by Sidney Nolan.


*On railway and other injuries of the nervous system / by John Eric Erichsen.* (London : Walton and Maberly, 1866)
FLAT CASE 11

Public Issues

89. Girdlestone, T. M. (Tharp Mountain)
Under the floor / by T.M. Girdlestone. Rev. ed.
(Melbourne : Australian Health Society, 1887)

90. Muskett, Philip E.
(Philip Edward)
The art of living in Australia / by Philip E. Muskett;
 together with three hundred Australian cookery recipes
 and accessory kitchen information by Mrs. H. Wicken.
 (London; Melbourne: Eyre and Spottiswoode, [1892?])

91. Bruce, John L.
(John Leck)
The Australian sanitary inspector’s text book
/ by John L. Bruce and Theodore Mailler Kendall.
(Sydney: William Brooks, 1901)

92. “The work that can cripple”, in
ABEU newsletter, no. 5 (Aug. 1983)
(Melbourne: Australian Bank Employees Union, 1983)

CORRIDOR CASES
Fremantle Lunatic Asylum. Occurrence Book.
Entries for March 1889 to November 1891.
A selection of medical journals

SCREENS
Illustrations from medical pamphlets and advertisements.

SMALL UPRIGHT CASE
A selection of publications by members of the Monash Medical faculty and students.
Includes copies of the student magazines, Pruritis and Karyon. Also on display are examples of poetry by Doctors.
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Cover image: Cole’s atlas of anatomy and physiology of the human body.
(Melbourne : E.W. Cole Book Arcade, [191-?])