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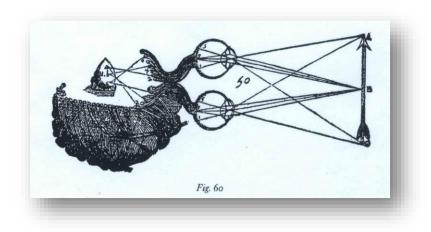
## Ophthalmic Treasures from the Galter Health Sciences Library Special Collections at Northwestern University Chicago, Illinois





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### History of the Ophthalmic Collection at the Galter Library



Rene Descartes, 1596-1650 Illustration from *De homine* [On man-kind] Lugduni Batavorum, Hackiana, 1664





Dr. Irving Cutter (1875-1945), dean of the Medical School from 1925 to 1941, was responsible for the collection's extensive development.

He began his working life as a book salesman for the Ginn Company and remained a "bookman" all his life. Dean Cutter saw the Medical Library as his personal project, and during his tenure expanded its holdings from 13,000 to nearly 92,000 volumes.

Most importantly for the historical collections, Cutter capitalized on the Great Depression by purchasing European rarities at bargain prices. Dean Cutter was a noted rare book collector in private life, specializing in obstetrics & gynecology and William Harvey. www.galter.northwestern.edu

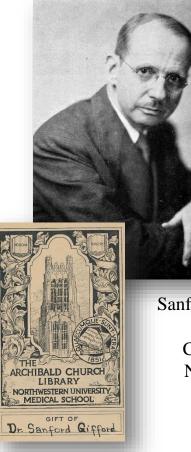


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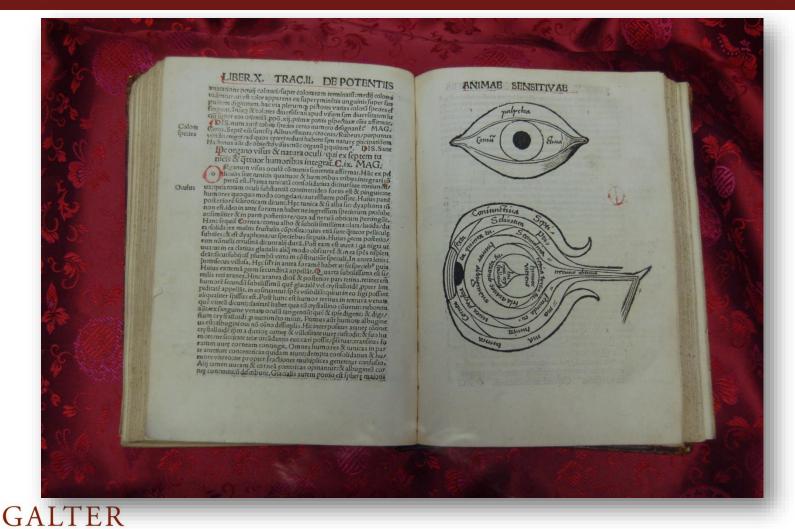
Sanford Robinson Gifford, MD 1892-1944 Chair of Ophthalmology Northwestern University 1929-1944 Derrick Tilton Vail, MD 1898-1973 Chair of Ophthalmology Northwestern University 1936-1966







### From the Vault ...

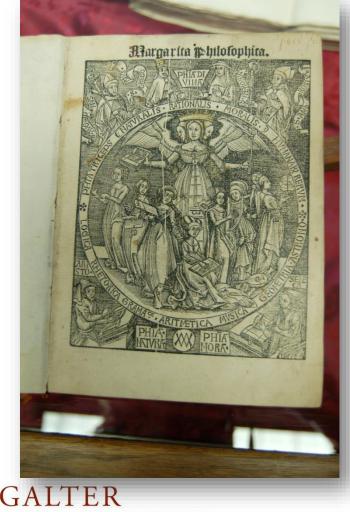


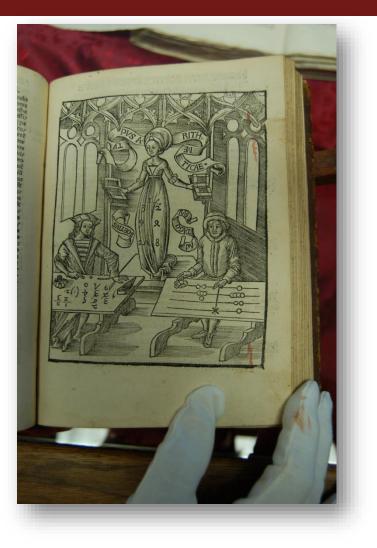
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### The World in 1502

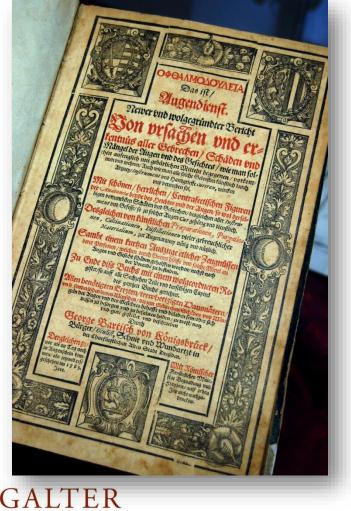


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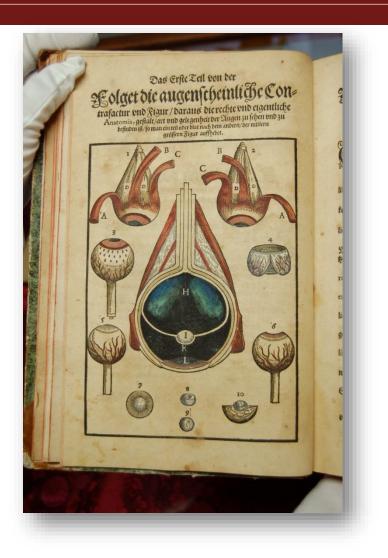




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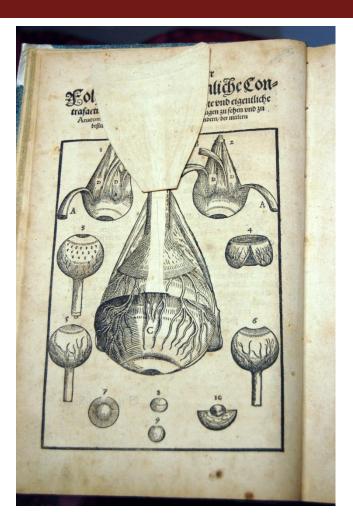


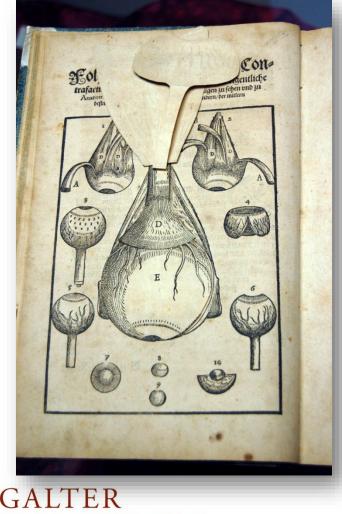












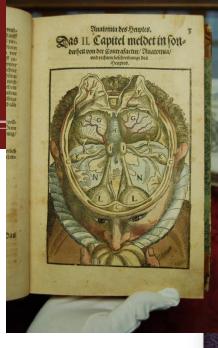


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### 20th century "flap-book"

THE HUMAN EYE in anatomical transparencies Peter C. Kronfeld (1899-1968) Gladys McHugh Stephen L. Polyak (1889-1955)

*The human eye in anatomical transparencies.* Explanatory text, Peter C. Kronfeld ... anatomical transparencies, Gladys McHugh ... historical appendix, Stephen L. Polyak ... Rochester, N.Y. : Bausch & Lomb Press, c1943.

This series of paintings, transferred to transparencies, illustrates serial dissections of the eye and orbit from the front, side, back and from within. This 20th century "flap-book" may be compared to the 16th century Bartisch illustrations.

The authoritative text is by Peter C. Kronfeld, former Northwestern faculty.







### Legacies from Casey A. Wood, MD

Rome, aug 10/36. Presented to the Church medical Library with the compliments of the Translator of this Arabie Codey the Jadhkinst or Notebook of a Tenth Century Oculist, published by Northwestern University in 1936. This volume, to be entitled The Cairo Copy and written about 1630 A.D., is one of (about ) a dozen known examples of this very rare treatise. Casey a. Wood





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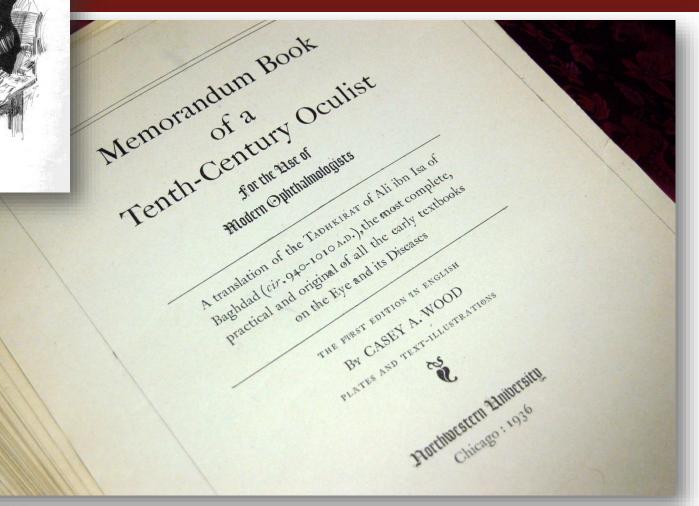






CASEY A. WOOD PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

### ... translated by Casey A. Wood, MD





### Sinhalese Ophthalmic Rx manuscript





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Thank you! Mr. Truman & Ron