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

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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 …
The World in 1502
Das Erste Teil von der
Folget die augenscheimliche Con-
traphactur und fiature / daraus hieraus und echantliche
Anatomico-geschichte und Augencharakter der Augen zu sehen und zu
beleiden ges. So man ein soliches Konzept zum anderen, die anderen
geschehen'st�hlhe.
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

Presented to the Chicago Medical Library with the compliments of the Translator of this Arabic Codex—The Inkstand or Notebook of a Twelfth Century Caliph, published by Northwestern University in 1936. This volume, to be entitled The Cairo Copy and written about 1635 A.D., is one of (about) 125 known examples of this very rare treatise.

Casey A. Wood
Memorandum Book of a Tenth-Century Oculist

For the Use of Modern Ophthalmologists

A translation of the *Tabbikat* of Ali ibn Isa of Baghdad (c. 940-1010 AD), the most complete, practical and original of all the early textbooks on the Eye and its Diseases

By CASEY A. WOOD

PLATES AND TEXT-ILLUSTRATIONS

Northwestern University

Chicago: 1956
Sinhalese Ophthalmic Rx manuscript

Gifts of Dr. Casey A. Wood, 1934
Start your engines, put on your helmet …

Thank you! Mr. Truman & Ron