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AMAZING THINGS ARE HAPPENING HERE!

ONE READER TO ANOTHER



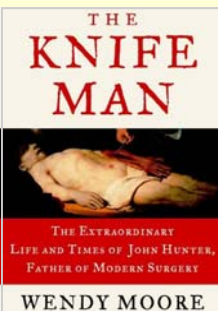
**Letty
Moss-Salentijn,
DDS, PhD**
Professor of
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Dean

in

the College of Dental Medicine

recommends:

"It is biographical, and written in an engaging style. The subject John Hunter (1728-1793) is known to most dental students because of a structure that bears his eponym. Most know nothing about this great surgeon, who was a medical innovator and experimental scientist, who counted among his patients Benjamin Franklin, Lord Byron, Adam Smith and Thomas Gainsborough. He had a relentless drive to uncover the secrets of the human body. His activities ranged from body snatching to infecting himself with venereal disease. A good read!"



The Knife Man

By Wendy Moore
Broadway Books: 2005

Available from the
Health Sciences Stacks:
Call #: RD27.35.H86 M66 2005

Or as an e-book:

<http://www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?clio5532298>

LIBRARY CLOSING DURING CONSTRUCTION

**The library will be closed
from December 20
through January 7
due to construction.**

We will re-open Thursday, January 8, with our regular schedule (8 am-11 pm). Requested items (e.g., interlibrary loan articles and books) may be picked up at a

kiosk located in the corridor between the Black Building and the Alumni Auditorium 12 pm to 2 pm during these days: Dec. 22 - 24, 29 - 31; Jan. 5 - 7.

Please call 212-305-3605 to arrange a pick up or to request research assistance. You may also reach us by e-mail at: hs-library@columbia.edu.

For frequent updates on the library renovation you may go to our Web site at:

<http://library.cpmc.columbia.edu/hsl/>

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Fort Tryon Park, February 2006 - Photo by Sasha Meret

CLINICAL XPert: DETAILED INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Thomson Clinical Xpert brings to your handheld device all the in-depth medical information available from Micromedex. It is available free of charge to all members of the CUMC community. You can choose any combination of the following modules: drugs, interactions, diseases, lab, alternative medicines, toxicology, and calculators.

To download:

1. Point your web browser to: <http://library.cpmc.columbia.edu/hsl/>
2. Hover your mouse pointer over "E-resources," then "Drug Information," and then select "Micromedex"





LITERATI CAFE

Our Literati Café column will regularly highlight the ties between medicine and art through snippets of poetry or prose, and glimpses of visual works. The focus of our inaugural column is a scene from William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* immediately preceding—and laying the chemical foundation for—the legendary suicide culmination of the play. Before he dispenses his poison to Romeo, Friar Laurence gathers herbs and comments on how—in both plants and people—everything has some good, and every good can be abused and turned to evil.

Friar Laurence, with a basket.:

The earth that's nature's mother is her tomb;
What is her burying grave that is her womb,
And from her womb children of divers kind
We sucking on her natural bosom find,
Many for many virtues excellent,
None but for some, and yet all different.
O! mickle [*much*] is the powerful grace that lies
In herbs, plants, stones, and their true qualities:
For nought so vile that on the earth doth live
But to the earth some special good doth give,
Nor aught so good but strain'd from that fair use
Revolts from true birth, stumbling on abuse:
Virtue itself turns vice, being misapplied,
And vice sometime's by action dignified.
Within the infant rind of this weak flower
Poison hath residence and medicine power:
For this, being smelt, with that part cheers each part;
Being tasted, slays all senses with the heart.
Two such opposed foes encamp them still
In man as well as herbs, grace and rude will;
And where the worser is predominant,
Full soon the canker death eats up that plant.

William Shakespeare (1564–1616). *The Oxford Shakespeare*. 1914.
Romeo and Juliet— Act II. Scene III.

<http://www.bartleby.com/70/3823.html>

REGULAR HOURS

Mon. - Thu.: 8 am - 11 pm **Fri.:** 8 am - 8 pm
Sat.: 10 am - 11 pm **Sun.:** 12 noon - 11 pm

Walk-in Research Help: **Mon. - Fri.** - 11 am - 5 pm

OPEN-SOURCE COMPETITOR ZOTERO HAS ENDNOTE ON DEFENSIVE

Which software program has EndNote owner Thomson Reuters on the defensive? Zotero (pronounced “zoh-TAIR-oh”) is an open-source web browser add-on that allows users to capture and store citation information from the web (including databases like PubMed). Thomson Reuters accuses Zotero engineers of illegally reverse-engineering proprietary aspects of EndNote.

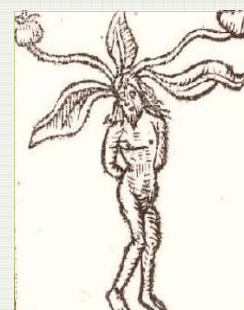
Scholars should take a close look at this popular and innovative program, despite the lawsuit (some might argue *because* of the suit). This editorial from *Nature* provides a quick rundown of the lawsuit: <http://tinyurl.com/natureOnZotero>

Downloaded one million times since its October 2006 launch, Zotero is free and easy to use. It lives right where you do your work: in the web browser itself. Zotero senses when there is citation displayed somewhere on a webpage, and it allows you to easily capture, store, organize and share citation information. Added features include stand-alone notes; storage of PDFs, images and other files; and website bookmarking (with a snapshot from the day you accessed and saved a given site).

To learn more or try it, visit: <http://www.zotero.org/>.

Images of the mandrake root, on the right from a medieval herbal, below from Gerarde's *Herbal* (1597).

<http://internetshakespeare.uvic.ca/Library/SLT/ideas/herbs.html>



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