

The New Medicine: For & Against

Do No Harm

1. **GEHEMA, Janusz Abraham.** *Grausame Medicinische Mord-Mittel, Aderlasse, Schröpfen, Purgiren, Clistiren, Juleppen, und Ohnmacht-machende Hertzstärckungen, wodurch unbedachtsame Genesz- und Heilmeister... so viel tausend... Menschen jämmerlich vom Leben zum Tode helfen...* 8 p.l., 80 pp. Small 8vo, attractive antique calf-backed marbled boards. Bremen: 1688.

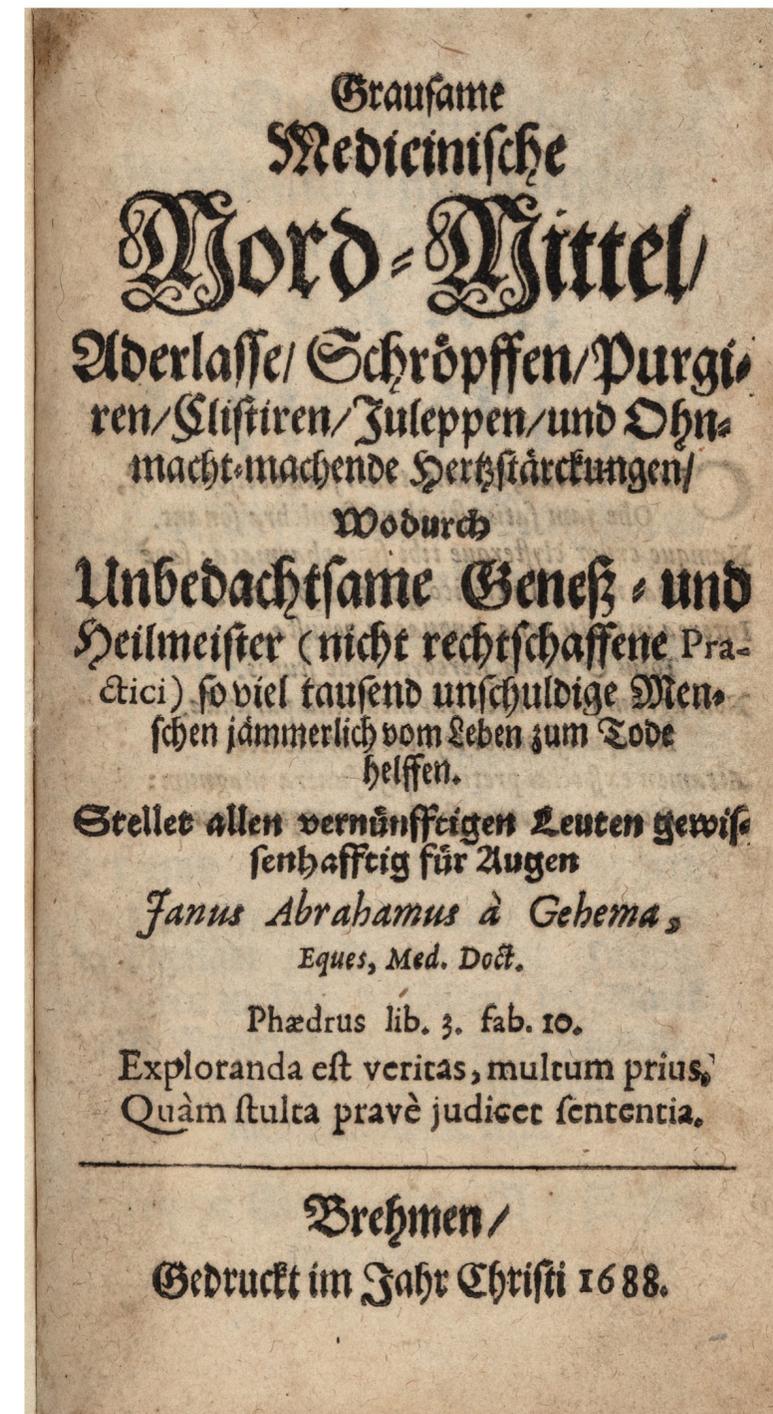
\$2750.00

First edition and scarce; WorldCat locates only two copies in North America. “In Germany, no greater supporter, and conveyer into the German context, of the reforming ideas of Bontekoe, Overkamp, Blankaart and Muys could be found during their own time, or later, than Janusz Abraham Gehema (1647-1715). The Danzig-born son of Abraham Jakobson, an ennobled Polish official, chief administrative officer and royal chamberlain to the King of Poland, Janusz Abraham, from the age of fourteen, served in the Polish army as well as with foreign troops... In 1672, his military service took him to Holland, where he resigned his commission as cavalry captain to study medicine at Leiden, Groningen, and Utrecht. At Utrecht he also studied philosophy under the Cartesian Henricus Regius. Gehema adopted Descartes’ philosophy and the iatrochemical theories of De le Bœ Sylvius and became a fervent advocate and personal friend of Bontekoe... After obtaining his doctorate in Königsberg (1678), Gehema practised in Groningen (1678), Danzig (1679), Königsberg (1681), and Hamburg, served as military doctor in the Polish (and later Danish) army, was at one time councillor and physician in ordinary to the Polish king and, from 1688-95, court physician to the Duke of Mecklenburg, and then, from 1695, Hofmedicus in Berlin, as well as Fiscalis des armes (1703).”—Anette Henriette Munt, *The Impact of Dutch Cartesian Medical Reformers in Early Enlightenment German Culture (1680-1720)*, PhD thesis, University of London, 2004 (online resource), pp. 157-58.

While Gehema is best known today for his writings on reforming military medicine, he wrote a number of most **interesting and opinionated books on blood-letting, purging, apothecary reform, pediatrics, fevers, gout, tea, diet, healthy living**, etc.

The present work is “**a much disputed and vitriolic attack** on the ‘cruel medical murder-methods blood-letting, cupping, purging, enemas, juleppen and collapse-provoking heart-tonics with which unscrupulous physicians and healers (unworthy practitioners), assist so many thousands of innocent people to go wretchedly from life to death, conscientiously put before the eyes of all sensible people.’”—op. cit., p. 152.

Fine copy. This was a sensational success; the text had a number of later editions and was translated into Dutch. The NLM copy has 102 pages; our copy collates like many others, notably those at the BSB and Wolfenbüttel.



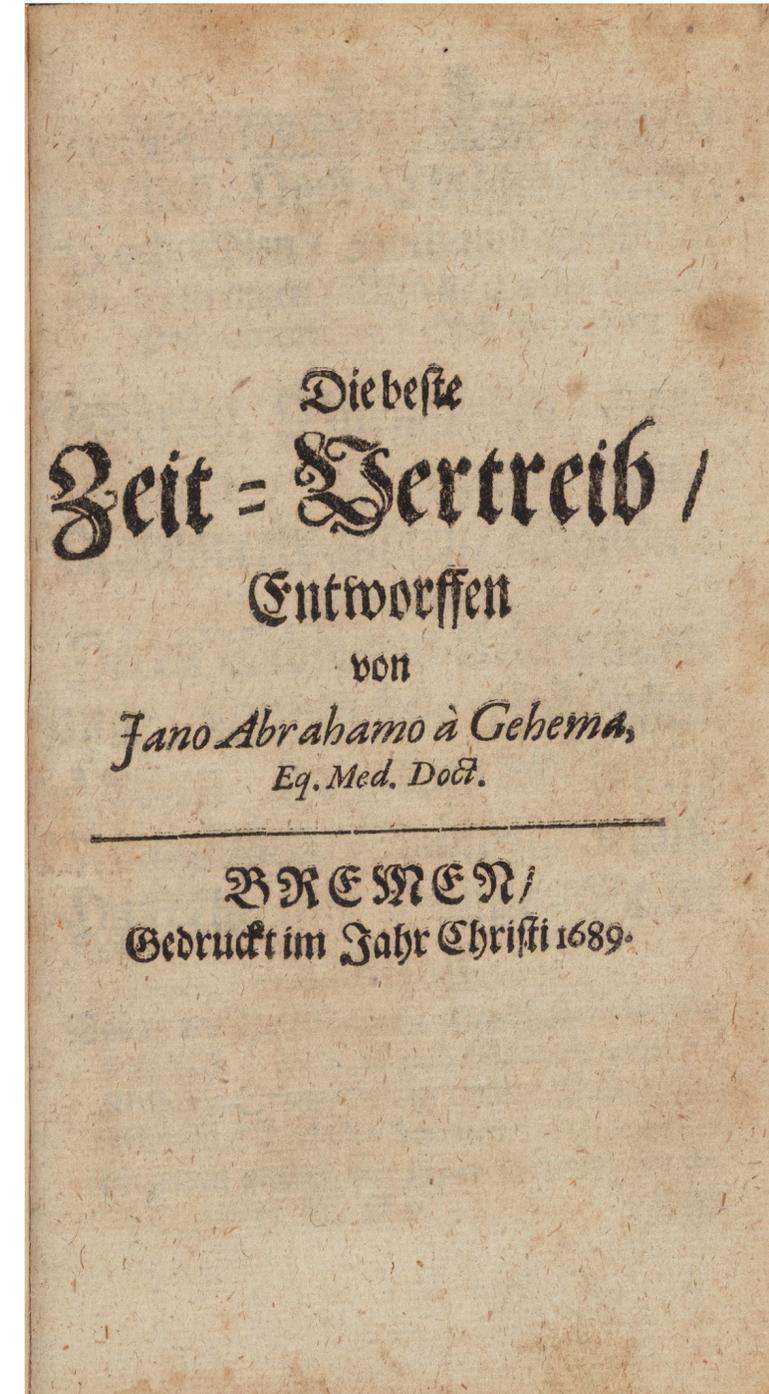
Self-Knowledge Leads to Health

2. **GEHEMA, Janusz Abraham.** *Die beste Zeit-Vertreib...* 6 p.l., 51, [1] pp. Small 8vo, attractive antique calf-backed marbled boards. Bremen: 1689.

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First edition and scarce; WorldCat locates **no copy in North America**. This work is concerned with “the best pastime”: the striving for self-knowledge, based on reason, experience, and the “new medicine” Gehema propounded. Through self-knowledge, the layperson could achieve healthy living, avoiding extreme treatments recommended by older and more conservative medical professionals.

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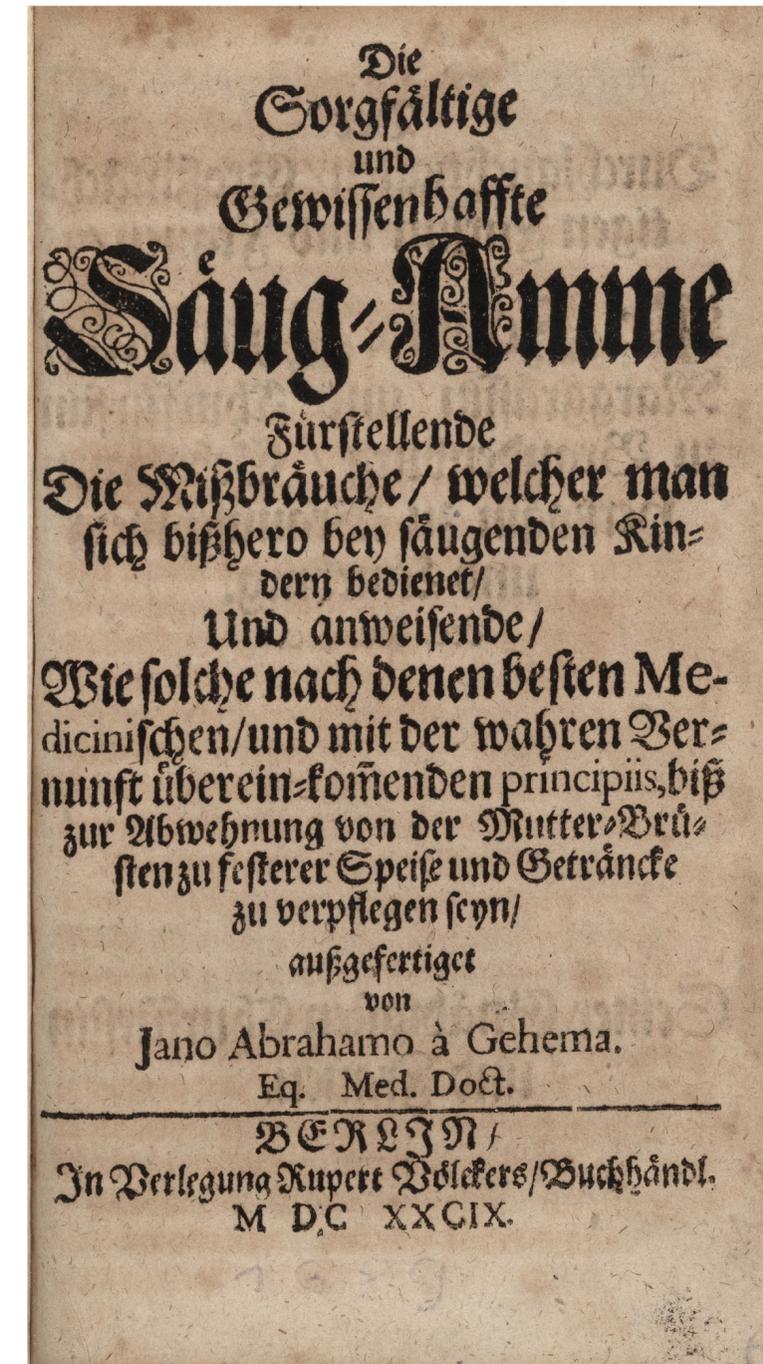


3. **GEHEMA, Janusz Abraham.** *Die Sorgfältige und Gewissenhafte Säug-Amme fürstellende die Missbräuche, welcher man sich bisshero bey säugenden Kindern bedienet, und anweisende, wie...biss zur Abwehnung von der Mutter-Brüsten zu festerer Speise und Geträncke zu verpflegen seyn...* [32] pp. Small 8vo, attractive antique calf-backed marbled boards (some browning). Berlin: R. Völckers, 1689.

\$2950.00

First edition and rare; WorldCat locates **no copy in North America**. This is Gehema's main work on pediatrics and the nutrition of infants. It is **not recorded in the standard works on pediatrics**.

Fine copy.



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4. [AMELUNG VON TANNENBAUM, Heinrich Christian]. *Nonorigi Schadgehemii ein- vor allemahl gethane Antwort auff den von D. Jano Abraham à Gehema, mit unbesonnenen, tölpischen, unverantwortlichen, groben Injurien, übel Vertheydigten Reformirten Apothecker.* 142 pp. Small 8vo, attractive antique calf-backed marbled boards. Freystadt [Dresden]: "zufinden bey dem Autore," 1690.

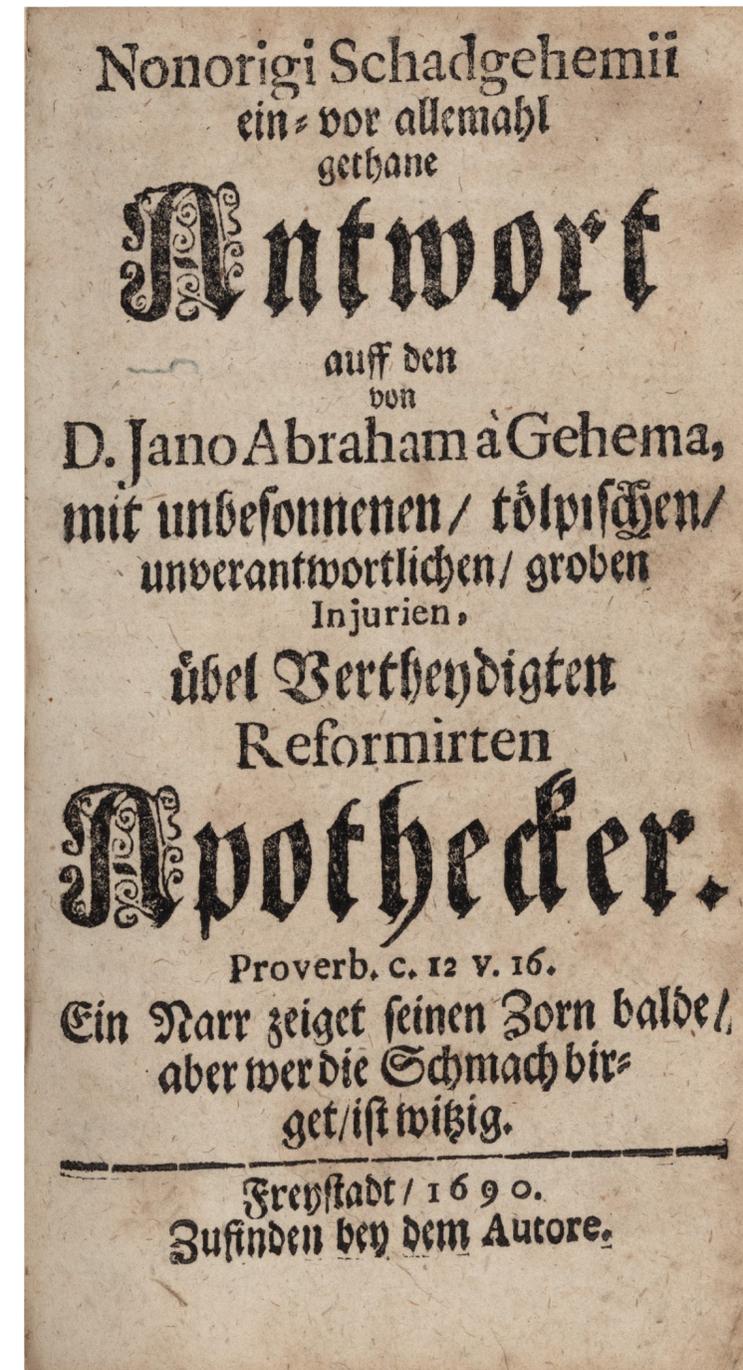
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First edition, and very rare (**no copy in North America** according to WorldCat), of this pseudonymous attack by the alchemist/chemist Amelung on the Reformierter Apothecker (1688) of Gehema. Gehema was one of the leading proponents in Germany of the "new medicine" of the Dutch and French, which he had learned while a medical student at Leiden, Groningen, and Utrecht.

In the Reformierter Apothecker, Gehema presented his plan to reform the apothecary trade in Germany by reducing and simplifying the range of remedies to only useful herbs and drugs. Amelung, the author of the *Chymische Untersuchung* (1690) and about whom nothing else is known, **attacks both Gehema's pharmacological knowledge and medical knowledge** while defending the German apothecary trade.

Fine copy.

¶ For Amelung, see Ferguson, I, pp. 30-31, & Ferchl, pp. 8 & 471.



5. [AMELUNG VON TANNENBAUM, Heinrich Christian]. *Auffrichtig eröffnete Gedancken über den Reformirten Apothecker, oder: Unpartheyischer Ausspruch, ob das von Herrn Abraham à Gehema...so genante, ohnmaaszgeblich-für gestellte Project, wie und welcher Gestalt die heutigen Apothecken zu reformiren; billig, thuelich, rathsam und nöthig sey? Entworffen von Ninorigo Schadgehemio.* 104 pp. Small 8vo, attractive antique calf-backed marbled boards. Freystadt [Dresden]: 1690.

\$2500.00

First edition, and very rare (**no copy in North America** according to WorldCat), of this pseudonymous second attack by the alchemist/chemist Amelung on the Reformierter Apothecker (1688) of Gehema.

Fine copy. Minor browning.

