Bidloo, professor of anatomy at The Hague, was physician to William of Orange. An English contemporary, William Cowper, furnished his Anatomy of Humane Bodies almost completely with engravings plagiarized from this book by Bidloo, who promptly and publicly excoriated Cowper in a published communication to the Royal Society. Before the days of copyright, this is one of the most famous instances of plagiarism in the history of medicine. This large folio contains not only 105 beautiful anatomical copperplates, but also a fine engraved portrait of the author. These plates are considered among the finest illustrations of the Baroque period.