Cieplice w Szkle: nauki staropolskich medyków o leczniczym wykorzystaniu wód mineralnych około 1600 r.

Hot springs in a town of Shklo: the teachings of Old-polish physicians on the medicinal use of mineral waters ca. 1600

SUMMARY

The properties of the unusual waters flowing out from several springs in a town of Shklo (pol. Szkło), near Yavoriv (pol. Jaworów), now the territory of Ukraine, were described in details by two physicians in relevant treaties published at the turn of the 16th and 17th centuries. The works by Wojciech Oczko and Erazmus Sykst concerning the health resort were supposed to popularize among the Polish readers the scholarly medical knowledge within the medicinal use of sulfuric waters. The author of this article attempts to analyze and interpret the content of these publications, paying special attention to their specific recommendations, which concerned the rules of proper use of the medicinal properties of the hot springs in Shklo. These directed to the Old-Polish readers recommendations were inspired by the scholarly knowledge of contemporary medicine, as well as, of the natural philosophy, which was taught in medical faculties of the universities of Padua and Bologna. The above mentioned topics present some specific contexts and various possible motivations of writing treaties regarding the balneology in Central Europe around 1600.

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