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the source of any statements and separate fact from opinion as the references, except in chapter 4, parts 4 and 5, are given alphabetically, with no referral point in the text. The second part of the book follows the gradual development of the understanding of the importance of maintaining a stable salt/water balance for survival and the various means of achieving this state. More ruthless selection and editing of the contents could have been helpful.

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ANDERS BRÄDSTRÖM and LARS-GÖRAN TEDEBRAND (eds), *Health and social change: disease, health and public care in the Sundsvall district 1750-1950*, Report no. 9 from the Demographic Data Base, Umeå University, 1993, pp. 189, illus., no price given (91-7174-850-4).

ROBERT BUD, *The uses of life: a history of biotechnology*, Cambridge University Press, 1994, pp. xiii, 299, illus., £30.00, \$49.95 (hardback 0-521-38240-8), £12.95, \$19.95 (paperback 0-521-47699-2). The hardback edition was reviewed in *Medical History* in July 1994.

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J. M. KEPPEL HESSELINK, *Beelden in de mist: de geschiedenis van de neurologie in capita selecta* ['Unclear images': the history of neurology in capita selecta], Pantaleon Reeks No. 11, Rotterdam, Erasmus Publishing, 1994, pp. 248, illus., Hfl. 59.50 (90-5235-053-1).

H. F. J. HORSTMANSHOFF (ed.), *Pijn en balsem, troost en smart: Pijnbeleving en pijnbestrijding in de oudheid* [Pain and balsam, consolation and sorrow: the experience of pain and the combatting of pain in antiquity], Pantaleon Reeks No. 13, Rotterdam, Erasmus Publishing, 1994, pp. 240, illus., Hfl 89.50 (90-5235-042-6).

STANLEY L. JAKI, *Is there a universe?*, Liverpool University Press, 1993, viii, 137, £16.50 (hardback 0-85323-498-1), £8.95 (paperback 0-85323-009-9).

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LEAH LENEMAN, *In the service of life: the story of Elsie Inglis and the Scottish Women's Hospitals*, Edinburgh, Mercat Press, 1994, pp. xiii, 274, illus, £17.99 (paperback 1-873644-26-4).

M. J. VAN LIEBURG and R. B. M. RIGTER, *Vier eeuwen oogheelkunde in Rotterdam* [Four centuries of ophthalmology in Rotterdam], Pantaleon Reeks No. 10, Rotterdam, Erasmus Publishing, 1993, pp. 272, illus., Hfl. 49.50 (90-5235-058-2).

J. STEENDIJK-KUYPERS, *Volksgezondheidszorg in de 16e en 17e eeuw te Hoorn. Een bijdrage tot de beeldvorming van sociaal-geneeskundige structuren in een stedelijke samenleving* [Public health in the 16th and 17th centuries in Hoorn], Pantaleon Reeks No. 12, Rotterdam, Erasmus Publishing, 1994, pp. viii, 437, illus., Hfl. 74.50 (90-5235-061-2).

KEITH SIMMONS, *Universality and the liar: an essay on truth and the diagonal argument*, Cambridge University Press, 1993, pp. xii, 229, £30.00, \$49.95 (hardback 0-521-43069-0).

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