THE COLLECTION OF CHINESE MEDICINE CLASSICS IN THE ORIENTAL SECTION OF M. GORKY RESEARCH LIBRARY AT SAINT PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

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The collection of Chinese Medicine written classics in the Oriental faculty, Saint Petersburg State University, Russia, comprises 38 volumes and 645 books. Most of them, belonging to 9 categories and covering general scripts, Chinese materia medica and aspects of clinics, are of Qing Dynasty, issued in blockprinted edition. The earliest collector of these books was J. P. Woiczychovsky, the accompanying physician in the 10th Russian Orthodox Church Mission to Peking in the XIX century. This collection is only a small fragment of the Chinese classics spreading to Russia, and it also serves as important evidences of early Sino-Russian medical, scientific and cultural relations. History and bibliography of this collection are reviewed. Refs 21. Figs 8. Tables 2.

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