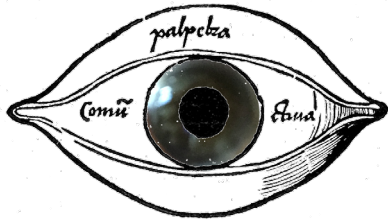


DE CATARACTIS

*A Roman account of
cataracts and their removal*



Following recent cataract surgery I now see a brighter, sharper world with great clarity.

Curiosity led me to *De Medicina*, a medical treatise written around 30 AD by Aurelius Cornelius Celsus that includes a chapter on the description and treatment of cataracts: 'De Cataractis'.

I am pleased to present three pages from Codex F, a ninth-century copy of *De Medicina*, together with a Latin transcript, and an English text.

With sixteenth-century woodcuts, details of two digital flowers from *Florilegium Solmentes* (the blurry versions simulating the effect of cataracts) and a veiled photograph revealing hitherto lost astonishing blue.



MrBeast didn't pay for my surgery but I wholly recommend the procedure. I hope the curious will find Celsus's description an interesting read and enjoy lifting the veils of Gampi paper to reveal the effect of phacoemulsification with intraocular lens Model DCB00 implantation.



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