

COLOR THE GARDEN OF HEALTH



Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine in Harry Potter's World invites you to color seven illustrations from *Hortus Sanitatis* (Garden of Health), a natural history encyclopedia printed in 1491 in Mainz, Germany. These scenes depict how Renaissance scholars studied nature and found medical uses for plants, animals, minerals, etc. In the *Harry Potter* series, young witches and wizards also study the natural world in their classes at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Hortus Sanitatis includes hundreds of other illustrations of plants, animals, birds, fish, and minerals. We invite you to view the fully digitized book [online!](#)



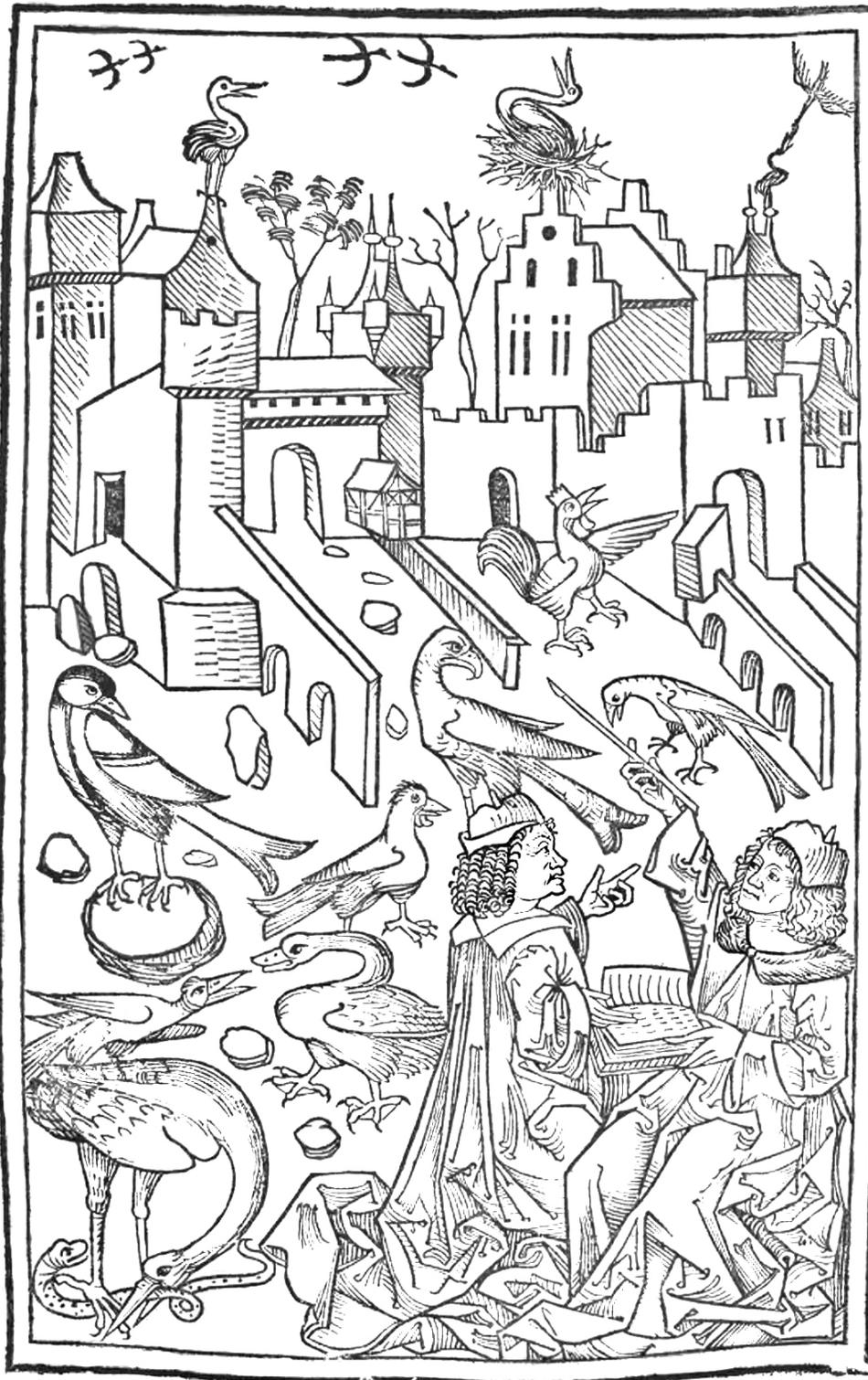
Botany discussion. *Hortus Sanitatis*. Mainz, Germany: Jacob Meydenbach, 1491

Many plants are ingredients in various potions and medicines. Professor Pomona Sprout teaches Harry's Herbology class, where students learn to care for and use magical, as well as common plants. Neville Longbottom later teaches the Herbology class at Hogwarts.



Survey of animals. *Hortus Sanitatis*. Mainz, Germany: Jacob Meydenbach, 1491

Half-giant Rubeus Hagrid teaches Care of Magical Creatures, a class at Hogwarts. Hagrid has an affinity for various magical creatures, such as dragons.



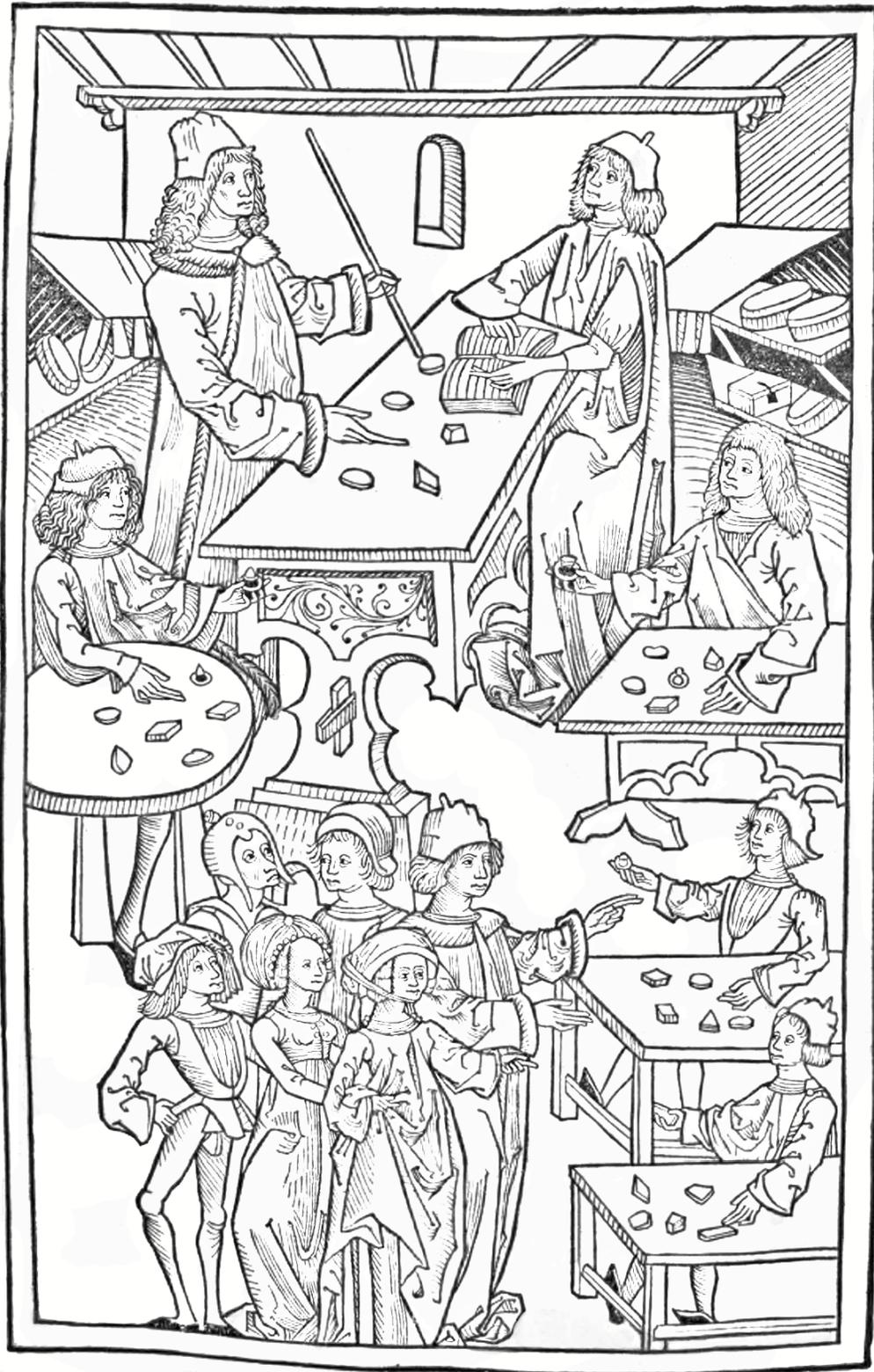
Observation of birds. *Hortus Sanitatis*. Mainz, Germany: Jacob Meydenbach, 1491

The *Harry Potter* series features many birds and winged creatures in its fictional world. The most notable bird characters are Harry's owl, named Hedwig, and Albus Dumbledore's phoenix, named Fawkes.



Discourse on sea animals. *Hortus Sanitatis*. Mainz, Germany: Jacob Meydenbach, 1491

For the second task of the Triwizard Tournament, Harry Potter must retrieve Ron Weasley held in the merpeople's village in the Black Lake. In the novels, merpeople appear as intelligent beings who live underwater all over the world.



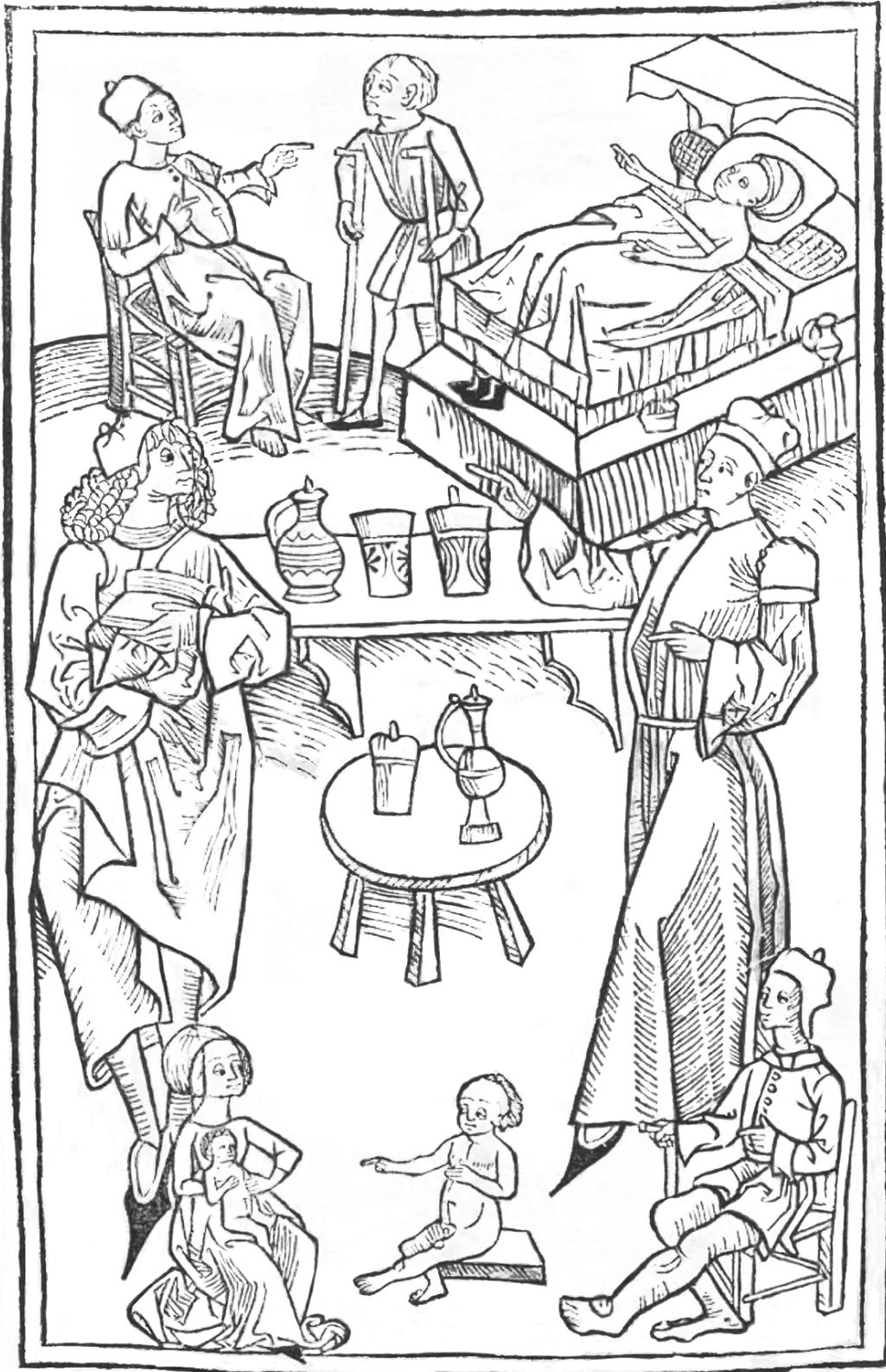
Use of minerals. *Hortus Sanitatis*. Mainz, Germany: Jacob Meydenbach, 1491

The wizarding world of *Harry Potter* also values precious stones and jewels. In Potions class, Harry and other students learn to use minerals in making potions.



Study of urine. *Hortus Sanitatis*. Mainz, Germany: Jacob Meydenbach, 1491

Bodily fluids that can indicate sickness, like urine, are a matter of business for twin brothers Fred and George Weasley. The pair sell a number of sweets that cause conditions like vomiting, allowing students to fake illnesses and stump professors and the nurse, Madam Pomfrey, alike.



Physicians and patients. *Hortus Sanitatis*. Mainz, Germany: Jacob Meydenbach, 1491

Madam Poppy Pomfrey heads up Hogwarts' hospital wing. She uses her knowledge of potions, spells, and herbology in caring for her patients.