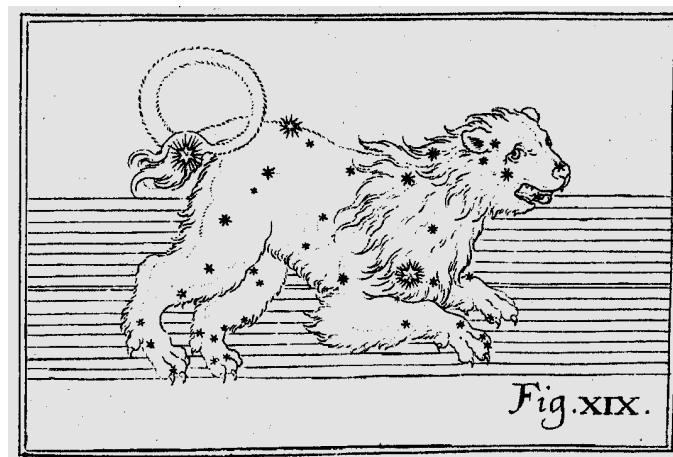
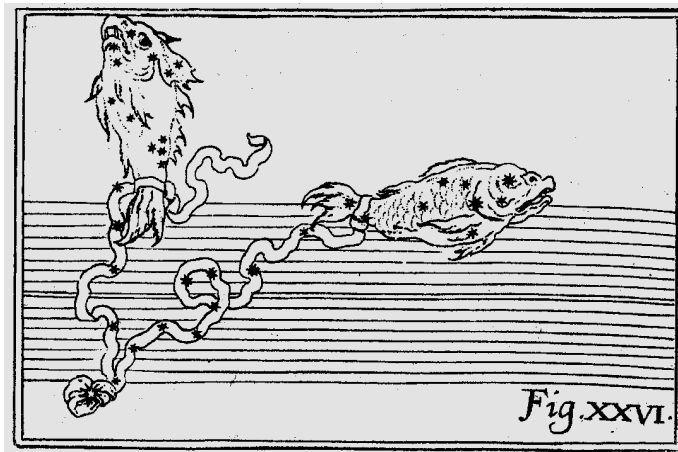
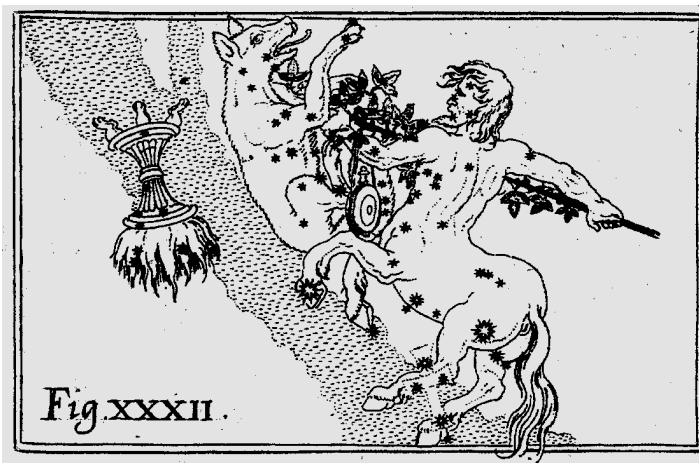
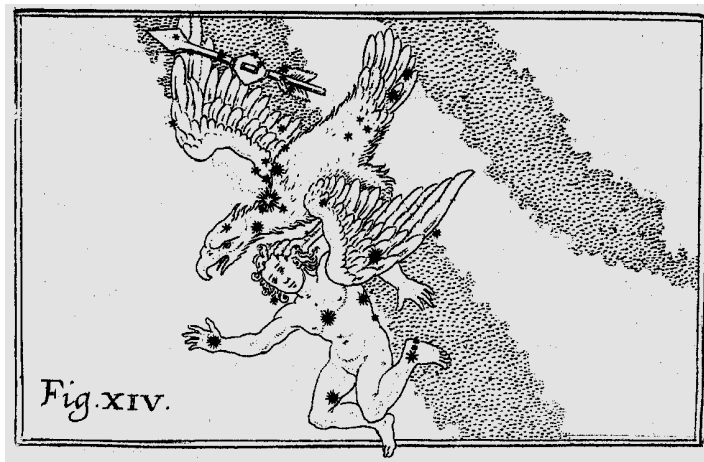


A professor of mathematics at the University of Wittenberg, Aegidius Strauch was the author of a little textbook on astronomy (135 x 85 mm.). It is illustrated with thirty-five miniature plates about 95 x 60 mm. in size, which are numbered Fig. I to Fig. XXXV.



The first is an astronomical diagram, Fig. XXXIV is a map of the moon and the last one has drawings of Jupiter and Saturn, with the signature of the engraver Johann Dürr, who probably engraved them all. The other thirty-two prints are untitled celestial charts of the constellations, with one or more on each plate:

Ursa minor; Ursa major; Draco; Boötes; Coma Berenices; Lyra; Cygnus; Cepheus; Andromeda; Pegasus; Equuleus & Delphinus; Sagitta & Aquila; Antinous & Serpens; Aries; Taurus; Gemini & Cancer; Leo; Virgo; Libra; Scorpio; Sagittarius; Capricorn; Aquarius; Pisces; Cetus; Orion; Eridanus, Lepus, etc.; Canis; Hydra; Centaurus & Lupus; Toucan etc.



The letterpress pages of this popular textbook were printed on rather poor quality paper subject to deterioration, but fortunately the plates were not. However, they did become rather worn in the later editions.

*Astrognoſia ſynoptice et methodice.* Wittenberg, Jobus W. Fincelius, 1659; Tobias Mevius & Elerdus Schumacher, 1668, 1678; Johann A. Quenstedt & Christian H. Schumacher, 1684; Johann L. Quenstedt, 1694.

