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Forgotten Books, 2017. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Bone Called Luz With Notes on Medical Allusions in the Poems and Literary Remains of Samuel Butler There remains the assumption that the Luz might be one of the sesamoids of the great toe, and this theory can best be considered in the light of what Vesalius says about it. At the time Vesalius wrote, the jewish tradition had been pretty well filtered through Arabic sources and, in the drastic passage subjoined, he disposes of it with his usual lively scorn for anything savoring of superstition. Speaking of the sesamoid bones in the foot, Vesalius says Another one of these bones is that which the magicians and followers of occult philosophy so often call to mind as being fashioned like a chick pea, liable to no decay, and which, buried in the earth after death, will (they affirm) reproduce man like a seed on the day of the Last judgment. This may perhaps be the bone on either side, but is more likely to be the exterior, which is somewhat like a shelled pea, if we think of the middle...



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