Recent attempt to arrive at the truth about the 15th century mass-murderer of boys, sometimes identified with the legendary Bluebeard. The secondary literature on Gilles de Rais—much of it semifictional—is enormous; suffice it to mention the names of M. Bataille (1965), E. Ferrero (1975), J. Rouille (1978) and J. Bressler (1981).


Solid study of the homosexuality of Henry III and its treatment in contemporary sources.


On the favorable response of the newly elected Mitterand government to the requests of homosexual spokespeople.


Presents research into unpublished trial appeals showing that 178 sodomy cases were judged by the Parlement of Paris during the years 1565-1640, with 77 death sentences confirmed.


These texts offer many revealing aperçus of the erotic life of this time (1619-1692).


Satire on effeminate at the court of Henry III, inspired by accounts of the berdaches in the New World. An enlarged edition was published in Cologne in 1724.


See pp. 106-26, "La mariée d'amitié entre deux belles," and following discussion. (Contemporary comment on "lesbian marriage.")

765. VOLTAIRE. Dictionnaire philosophique. Edited by

H. GERMANY AND AUSTRIA

Drawing upon secure foundations developed by philological and scientific research, the scholarly study of homosexuality emerged in German-speaking countries in the 19th century. It is a curious fact, however, that this research—being conceived as a universalizing endeavor—never brought forth a comprehensive picture of the history of homosexual and lesbian behavior in Germany, Austria, and German-speaking Switzerland. Moreover, there is a break in continuity caused by the 1933-45 (Nazi) period—which has in itself been the subject of a certain amount of specialized research with regard to the situation of homosexuals. For the homosexual rights movement in Germany, see III.V.


768. EISSLER, W. U. Arbeiterparteien und Homosexuellenfrage: zur Sexualpolitik von SPD und KPD in der Weimarer Republik. Berlin: Verlag Rosa Winkel, 1980. 142 pp. Analysis of how the two major left parties, the Socialists (SPD) and the Communists (KPD), dealt with the subject of homosexuality in the 1920s. English summary.

Translation of a record of a court proceeding that ended in one woman's being condemned to death.

A somewhat confusing narration of Hitler's 1934 massacre of Ernst Rohm and his homosexual Brownshirt circle.

Constance: Universität, 1979. 112 pp. (dissertation)
Attributes the major shift in conceptualizing sexual deviance (late 19th century) to changing social conditions reaching back to the 18th century.

Contemporary comment on the scandals at the court of Wilhelm II ("Lui"). Illustrated with 150 caricatures of the period.

Links the official policy of persecuting homosexuals to a hostility toward sexology. For a different view, see M. Herzer, below.

An early attempt to draw a comprehensive picture of the persecution of homosexuals in the Third Reich.

Moving account by an Austrian homosexual inmate of Hitler's concentration camps, first published in German in 1972. This book is one of the sources for Martin Sherman's famous play, Bent.

Gathers literary evidence purveying innuendos of the king's (1712–86) homophile orientation, and that of others of the period.
778. HERZER, MANFRED. "Nazis, Psychiatrists, and Gays: Homophobia in the Sexual Science of the National Socialist Period," Cabirion, no. 12 (1985), 1-5. Shows that sexual research did continue during the Nazi era, and that Nazi attitudes regarding homosexuality were more diverse than is usually allowed.

779. HIRSCHFELD, MAGNUS. Berlin's drittes Geschlecht. Berlin: Hermann Seemann, 1904. 77 pp. The noted sexologist offers a kind of tour through Berlin's homosexual subculture at the turn of the century cliques, gathering places, hustlers, etc. Reprinted in Documents, above (767). Also appeared in a French version: Le troisième sexe: les homosexuels de Berlin (Paris: Rousset, 1908; 103 pp.).

780. HOMMANN, JOACHIM S. Keine Zeit für gute Freunde. Frankfurt am Main: Poerster, 1982. 176 pp. Reconstructs the situation of homosexuals in Germany after World War II.


Articles in Dutch chiefly on Nazism and its affinities, with several seeking to discern contestable current parallels (i.e., with S & M).

In this shortened extract from the following work, Lautmann estimates the total number of pink-triangle inmates at about 10,000: Rüdiger Lautmann and others, Seminar: Gesellschaft und Homosexualität. (Frankfurt am Main: Suhrkamp, 1977; 570 pp.).

Homosexual elements in medieval German literature.

Eleven German-language texts. Some of this material, together with related items appears in translation in Lillian Faderman and Brigitte Eriksson (eds.), Lesbian/Feminism in Turn-of-the-Century Germany (Weatherby Lake, MO: Nadad Press, 1980).

Examines lesbian progress in West Germany from several perspectives.

On the Austrian double agent, who was blackmailed for his homosexuality by the Russians in the years before World War I. This book, which reflects new research, cites correspondence documenting Redl's affection for young men. Now obsolete is Robert B. Asprey, The Panther's Feast (New York: Putnam, 1959; 317 pp.).

The lesbian cabaret scene in Weimar Germany.

Traces the career of a little-known figure in the German gay movement (1866-1943). See also Mills's previous article, "A Matter of Honor: Hans Blüher and Magnus Hirschfeld," ibid., no. 42-43 (Spring 1980), 21-25. For a general treatment, see J. Steakley, below.

794. MIRABEAU, HONORÉ GABRIEL RIQUETTI, COMTE DE. The Secret History of the Court of Berlin. London:


796. PLANT, RICHARD. *The Pink Triangle: The Nazi War against Homosexuals.* New York: Holt, 1986. 259 pp. Clearly and eloquently written, this is the best account in English of these terrible events.


798. SHEPHERD, NAOMI. *Wilfred Israel: German Jewry's Secret Ambassador.* London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1984. 297 pp. Biography of courageous opponent of the Nazi regime (1899-1944), who was also a closeted homosexual.


Judicious reconstruction of the scandals involving a homosexual favorite of the Kaiser's from 1907 to 1909, accompanied by 39 cartoons.

Detailed account with many quotations of persecution of and discrimination against homosexuals in Germany in the second third of the 20th century.

Inspired by the contemporary Harden-Eulenburg-von Moltke scandals.

Sympathetic account of the fate of homosexuals under the Nazis and their uncertain status in the immediate postwar period.

Traces the career of the noble Richard Puller von Hohenburg in Alsace and Switzerland, where he was repeatedly arrested for sodomy and finally executed. For a review of the relevant aspects, see Numa Praetorius, "Ein homosexueller Ritter des 15. Jahrhunderts," JfS, 12 (1911-12), 207-29.

Pamphlet offering an account of homosexuals (and possible homosexuals) in the German resistance against Hitler.

I. LOW COUNTRIES

While the Netherlands was one of the main centers of the homosexual rights movement in the first decades of the present century, intensive scholarship on the history of homosexuality in the Low Countries developed only from
about 1965 onwards. The number and quality of publications, of which only a selection is presented here, are impressive. Continuing work can be monitored in the bimonthly Homologie and in the annual Homojaarboek (both published in Amsterdam).

807. BOON, LEO J. "De grote sodomietenvervolging in het gewest Holland, 1730-1731," Holland, 8:3 (June 1976), 140-52.
Account, with references to primary documents, of the great persecution of sodomites in the Province of Holland, 1730-31. See also his article "Het jaar waarin elke jongen een meisje nam: de sodomietenvervolgingen in Holland in 1730," Groniek, 12:6 (January 1980), 14-17.

Sodomy trials in Utrecht, 1730-32. Utrechtenaar (someone from Utrecht) is Dutch slang for a homosexual male, a usage Boon derives from these trials.

Monograph on the Groningen official who condemned 22 sodomites to death in 1731.


Treats several cases of Dutch women charged with sodomy in the late 18th century.

812. Groniek: Gronings Historische Tijdschrift, no. 66 (January 1980); no. 77 (May 1982).
These two theme numbers of the Groningen periodical are devoted entirely to homosexual history, chiefly Dutch.

Discusses several aspects of male homosexual life in Amsterdam in the 19th century, including Platonic friendship, cliques, street life, and cafes.

814. HEKMA, GERT. "De strijd om homoseksualiteit: de oprichting van een Janusbeeld," Groniek, no. 77