



## ABU'L-QĀSEM NĀ'ĪNĪ

**ABU'L-QĀSEM B. JA'FAR NĀ'ĪNĪ, ḤAJJ MĪRZĀ SOLṬĀN-AL-ḤOKAMĀ'** (1245-1322/1829-30 to 1904-05), major representative (practitioner, instructor, author) of traditional medicine in late Qajar Persia.

Abu'l-Qāsem, allegedly a descendant of the Il-khan Öljāytū (*al-Darī'a* XXIV, p. 16, no. 81) received his primary education at the Nīmāvar school in Isfahan and continued and completed his studies during a ten-year stay at Yazd. Subsequently he taught at the Ṣadr *madrasa* in Tehran and at the same time composed two medical treatises according to the traditional Iranian system: *al-Toḥfat al-Nāṣerīya* in Arabic (no bibliographical reference found) and *Nāṣer al-molūk* in Persian (lith. ed. Tehran, n.d.; see Mošār, *Fehrest* II, p. 3227). In 1280/1863-64 he was named head physician (*ḥakīmbāšī*) to the ministry of foreign affairs, and in 1294/1877-78 was appointed instructor of traditional medicine at the *Dār al-Fonūn*. His influence as a teacher must have been quite strong, since Moḥammad Qazvīnī called most of the physicians who in this and the subsequent period still adhered to traditional medicine directly or indirectly Nā'īnī's students. At court he gained increasing favor; he was named Solṭān-al-ḥokamā' in 1302/1884-85 and called upon to attend patients in the shah's harem at times when Western-trained physicians were, for whatever reasons, dismissed from their service (see E'temād-al-salṭana, *Rūz-nāma*, p. 412). Abu'l-Qāsem died of cholera at Kalāk, a village he owed near Karaḡ.



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Bāmdād, *Rejāl* I, pp. 57-58, which includes a lengthy quote from Moḥammad Qazvīnī. Moḥammad Ḥasan Khan E'temād-al-salṭana, *Rūz-nāma-ye kāṭerāt*, ed. Ī. Afšār, Tehran, 1345 Š./1966, index, s.v. Solṭān-al-ḥokamā' Nā'īnī. Storey, II, p. 307, no. 563.