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The cover shows the typical configuration 'kameelzakligging' of enterococci. The enterococcus on the left is filled with a picture of a Gram stain of enterococci in the bile of a liver transplant patient, the enterococcus on the right is filled with a picture of a mixed culture of *E. faecalis* and *E. faecium* hybridized with fluorescent DNA probes.

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All the world's a stage; And all the men and women merely players: They have their exits and their entrances And one man in his time plays many parts....

Shakespeare; As you like it.

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