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Italy, s. XV<sup>2</sup>

**Guarinus Veronensis, *De diphthongis***

ff. 1r-9v      *Guarini Veronensis de diphthongis libellus*. [Prologue:] Guarinus Veronensis Floro Valex [l. Valerio] salutem. Non sine causa factum esse certe scio, quod diptonganda vocabula scire te velle intelligo ... sermonem a diffinitione proficisci satius esse arbitror. [f. 1v, text:] *Quid sit diphthongus* [corr. from *diphongus*]. Diphthongus est duarum vocalium cum singule vocem suam servent in eadem syllaba complexio, ut aes ... Poenitet. Troezen opiddum [*sic, corr. from opidum*]. Troezenus. Schoenobates consensor funium. *Finit diph.*

Guarinus Veronensis (Guarino da Verona, 1374-1460), *De diphthongis*. Printed from c. 1472 onwards (GKW 11606). The text mainly consists of annotated lists of words containing the diphthongs “ae” and “oe” successively. In both cases the words beginning with the diphthong come first, followed, in alphabetical order, by those in which the diphthong is in another position (“in mediis”). In the introductory text spaces have been left open for the Greek words, which have not been added. The spelling is mediocre.

Paper, ff. I + 9 + I, 210 x 150 mm. 4° folding. S. XVII foliation in the middle of the lower margin of the recto pages, from “31” to “39” (= ff. 1-9). Parchment stay in the middle of the quire. The paper at places damaged by the acid ink.

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Rake ruling for one column of 28 lines below top line, the bounding lines in lead, the horizontal ones in light brown ink, scarcely visible. Ruling type 11, 137 x 77 mm. All majuscules at the beginning of lines protrude into the margin.

One hand, writing an imperfect Humanistica Semitextualis Libraria, using tironian *et* instead of the ampersand and mixing *ae* and *e*. Brown ink.

Headings in red ink. There are guide letters and space for a 4-line initial on f. 1r and a 2-line initial on f. 1v, but neither initial has been executed.

Binding s. XX: white parchment over cardboard; paper endleaves.

The manuscript is most probably the third quire of a larger unit which has not been identified. Purchased on the Edwin J. Beinecke Fund.

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