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Scientific, medical and moral texts in Latin, German and French

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I.

1. ff. 1r-3v Me pudet Iudeum audire talia scire, / Deberet clericus noscere que potius / Me piget et miseret simul et cedit quod appellat ... et sic patet concordia intuenti. Et sic finitus est computus Iudaicus. Explicit hoc totum, infunde, etc.

Computus Iudaicus. Thorndike-Kibre, 854 (list of manuscripts); Walther, *Initia*, 10842.

2. ff. 3v-10v Omnia que a primeva rerum origine processerunt ratione numerorum formata sunt ... Et hoc de radicum <extractione> dicta sufficiant tam in numeris quadratis quam in cubitis. Explicit algorismus etc.

Iohannes de Sacrobosco (s. XIII¹), *Algorismus*. Thorndike-Kibre, 991.

3. ff. 10v-15r Ein maister waz Boecius genant, der spricht also: Alles daz von angeng der welt geschaffen ist, daz ist alles mit dem zal geordent und gemacht ... *Explicit algarismus tecimicalis [?] per manus*.

Iohannes de Sacrobosco (s. XIII¹), *Algorismus*. German translation (see *Verfasserlexikon*, v. 4 [1983], 734- 736). The German text ends incomplete f. 14v; on f. 15r final page of another *Algorismus* in German. The name of the scribe is not given.

4. f. 15v Unum, duo, tres, quatuor, quinque ...

Short treatise on numbers, with a note in German on roots.

II.

5. ff. 16ra-19rb [D]e libro geneteorum figura sive dispositio matricis declaratur ... modice moveantur et cibaria levia ministrentur et mollia et omnia apetitiva prosequantur.

Gynaecological treatise.

6. ff. 19rb-20va Vidende sunt quatuor alteraciones in sano pulsu. Si vero pulsat acute ... in sanis vero hominibus si tale signum erit causa timoris et cum homo fuit iuuenis et pingwis. f. 20vb blank

Treatise on the pulse.

III.

7. ff. 21ra-31rb [M]agister Allexander phisicus egregius in hoc describit opusculo virtutes et proprietates mensium per circulum anni ... Et hec de complexibus sufficiant. Amen. Laus tibi, virgo pia, dulcissima virgo Maria. Explicit, etc. Finito libro sit laus.

Alexander, *De proprietatibus mensium*. Thorndike-Kibre, 841. Dietetical prescriptions, herbs and their use, medical recipes, etc.

8. f. 31va-b Eyn ros von wasser zu rech das sal man erchennen ... di selist stechen so teilt sich der//

First page of a treatise in German on the care of horses.

IV.

9. ff. 32ra-51va *Incipit liber secreta secretorum Aristotilis*. Domino suo excellentissimo et in cultu Christiane religionis [*sic*] strenuisimo, domino Guidoni vere de Valencia civitatis Tripolis glorioso pontifici, Phylipus, suorum minimus clericorum, seipsum et fidele devocionis osequium. Quantum luna ceteris stellis est lucidior ... [f. 32v:] *Incipit prologus*. De prologo cuiusdam doctorris in commendacione Aristotilis, de prologo Iohannis qui transtulit istum librum ... [f. 33r:] *De epistola Aristotili missa*. Deus omnipotens custodiat regem nostrum ... ad diversa declina semper ad meliorem et probabiliorem partem.

Ps.-Aristoteles, *Secreta secretorum*, Latin translation by Philippus Tripolitanus. Thorndike-Kibre, 410 and 465. Printed from c. 1472 onwards (GKW 2481-2487).

10. ff. 51va-52va Saturnus, qui superior est omnibus planetis, manet in unoquoque signo per duos annos et dimidium ... § Calida sunt mascula credas ac divitia [?], / Feminina frigida veluti nocturna.

Astrological treatise. Thorndike 1384. The final part, in verse, begins: “§ Piscis Vir(go) Leo Sagitarius Aries arescunt ...”.

11. ff. 52va-53rb Audiens sapiens sapientior erit et intelligens gubernacula possidebit [Prov. 1:5]. Timor Domini principium sapientie [Prov. 1:7] ... qui docet factuum quasi qui coglutinat testam: cor factui quasi vas confractum sapientiam tenebit.

Moral proverbs, sentences, aphorisms and counsels.

12. ff. 53rb-65ra *Incipit practica equorum de generatione*. § De genere equorum et generatione. § De laqueatione equorum ... [f. 53v:] Cum inter cetera animalia a summo rerum opifice creata ... ut melius comedant et inpingentur.

Iordanus Rufus (Giordano Ruffo di Calabria, d. c. 1256), *De medicina equorum*. Thorndike-Kibre, 310. Molin, ed. (Padua, 1818) [not seen].

13. ff. 65rb-66rb *Medicinalis liber ancipitris est ita*. Quoniam [l. quando] inter stomacho infirmatur ancipiter, accipe columbam parvam, que adhuc paruum volare possit, et proice ipsam coram ancipitre ... super frontem cum ferro calido, et sanabitur.

Liber medicaminum avium. Thorndike-Kibre, 1169.

14. f. 66rb Gullielmus Falconarius, qui nutritus fuit in curia regis Rogerii ... remedia et medicinas et naturas falconum, ancipitrum et astrorum in libello tratavit.

Guillelmus Falconarius, *Tractatus de falconibus*, Prologue. G. Tilander, ed., *Dancus Rex, Guillelmus Falconarius, Gerardus Falconarius. Les plus anciens traités de fauconnerie de l'Occident*. Cynegetica, 9 (Lund, 1963), pp. 134-136.

15. ff. 66rb-67vb *Hec sunt capitula*. De dolor [sic] capitis qui dicitur subvertinum ... quia ad locum pristrinum [sic] revertertetur [sic].

Table of contents and nearly complete text of *Dancus Rex*, ed. Tilander, pp. 60-116.

16. ff. 67vb-68ra Cum videbis per supradicta singna que in primo libro diximus ... Ad gutam grafam coque eum sub planta pedis cum acu aerea, et sanabitur.

Guillelmus Falconarius, *Tractatus de falconibus*, selected chapters, ed. Tilander, pp. 138-175.

17. ff. 68ra-69ra Si Deus est animus, nobis ut carmina dicunt, / Hic tibi precipue sit pura mente collendus ... Morte repentina noli gaudare [sic] mallorum. Expliciunt notabilia Cathonis.

Disticha Catonis, I.1 – IV.46. Walther, *Initia*, 17703; Bloomfield 5528. Ae. Baehrens, ed., *Poetae Latini minores*, v. 3 (Teubner, 1881), pp. 216-235; M. Boas, ed. (Amsterdam, 1952), pp. 34-255.

18. ff. 69ra-70ra Verborum levitas morum fert pondus honestum, / Et nucleum celat arida testa bonum ... Nec vilis, nec inops, nec sine veste fores. Expliciunt notabilia Isopi. Deo gratias. Amen.

Gualterus Anglicus (s. XII) or Anonymus Neveleti, *Fabulae*. Walther, *Initia*, 20163.

19. ff. 70ra-71vb *Doma phylo<so>phorum*. Talent m'estoit pris que je racontase <l'enseignement> de phylo<so>phes de cele clergie qui est apelee moralitee ... apres devés garder que vos ne proichiés vostre // [catchword: don car la loi de doner]

Moralités des philosophes, French translation in verse of Guillelmus de Conchis (Guillaume de Conches, s. XIII¹, attribution questioned), *Moralium dogma philosophorum*. J. Holmberg, ed.,

Das Moraliū dogma philosophorū des Guillaume de Conches, lateinisch, altfranzösisch und mittelniederfränkisch (Uppsala etc., 1929), pp. 84-110. Very incomplete at the end.

V.

20. ff. 72ra-73vb Aliqua superius scripta sunt, nunc illud sciendum est quod maximam dixi primum esse cognoscendum origines et species et genera febrium, ut sciamus que est generalis et que specialis ... Idropicorum urina et ruffa cum fuerit mortem enunciat.

On fevers and the pulse.

21. ff. 74ra-85rb Humanum genus duobus modis regitur, scilicet theorica et practica ... sed in patella dimittatur in frigidari et post usui reserve. § Explicit comentum ***** super antidotario minori Nicolay. Deo gratias.

De dosibus super antidota. Commentary on the *Antidotarium* of Nicolaus Salernitanus. Thorndike-Kibre, 645. Same text in Munich, Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, MS clm 8742, ff. 60v-70v.

22. ff. 83v-85r margins and 85v Medical recipes.

Composed of five parts, all measuring 225 x 150 mm.

Part I: ff. 1-15, paper, 4° folding. Germany, s. XV. I¹⁴ (+ a singleton from another manuscript, f. 15). Frame ruling in ink for one column of ca. 40 lines (except f. 15, which has two columns). Copied by various hands all writing Gothic Cursiva Libraria/Currens. Headings and other text parts underlined in red; red stroking of majuscules; 2-line red plain initials; the explicit formula on f. 15r in red.

Part II: ff. 16-20, paper, 4° folding. Germany, s. XIV. II⁸ (- 6, 7, 8, probably blank). Frame ruling in ink for two columns of ca. 53 lines. Copied by one hand writing Gothic Cursiva/Cursiva Antiquior Libraria/Currens. Decoration missing.

Part III: ff. 21-31, paper. Germany, s. XIV. III¹² (-12). Frame ruling in ink for two columns of ca. 45 lines. Copied by two hands: one writing Gothic Cursiva Antiquior Libraria/Currens (art. 7), the other writing Gothic Cursiva Libraria/Currens (art. 8). Decoration missing.

Part IV: ff. 32-71, paper. France, s. XIV. The inner and outer side of the quires reinforced by parchment stays cut from a manuscript. IV-VIII⁸. Catchwords framed below the inner column. Lead ruling for two columns of 50 lines below top line, with single bounding lines at both sides of the columns and a supplementary vertical line in the intercolumnar space, 170 x 112 mm., intercolumnar space ... mm. Copied by one hand writing Gothic Semitextualis Libraria. Red headings and paragraph marks; red stroking of majuscules; 2-3-line red flourished initials with brown penwork.

Part V: ff. 72-85, palimpsest? parchment. France, s. XIII. IX⁸ (ff. 72-79), X⁶ (ff. 80-85). Frame ruling in lead for two columns of ca. 53 lines. Small bold Gothica Textualis Currens. Decoration missing, or 1-3 line plain black initials. Art. 8 is copied in Gothica Semitextualis Libraria, s. XIV

S. XV limp parchment binding with leather spine stiffener and visible sewing and flap. The parchment is from an erased music manuscript. Remnants of a paper title label on the spine (text lost).

The various components of this manuscript were brought together in the fifteenth century probably in Central Europe. On the front pastedown, in s. XV Cursiva (doubtful reading): “Nos tangit lacota krugch dra^eg tollit omnia nostra / Invenit pogorill. qui non wlt esse peryatell”. Below, in a s. XVI German hand: “Synopsis philosophie Aristotelis”. Collection of Count Oswald Seilern (1900-1967, circular armorial bookplate). Christie’s sale, London, 26 March 2003 (The Count Oswald Seilern Collection), lot 12. Purchased on the Edwin J. Beinecke Fund.