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Italy, s. XIV/XV

Quintus Curtius Rufus, Historiae Alexandri Magni

f. 1 //quicquid mortalitas cupiebat impleret ... esse uel subdere//

Quintus Curtius Rufus, Historiae Alexandri Magni, Ch. 10.5-10.6; E. Hedicke, ed., (Leipzig, 1912), 374.7-377.13. The top line of text is illegible.

f. 2 [potu]//isset dum a pluribus ... copiisque praeesset que//

Ch. 10.9-10.10; E. Hedicke, 384.6-387.12. The top line of text is illegible.

Parchment (stained, creased and with numerous holes). 2 folios (bifolium; probably one bifolium missing between fols. 1 and 2). 307 x 211 mm (written space 195 x 105 mm). 1 column. 33 lines. Dry-point or lead ruling on the hair side. Single horizontal and vertical bounding lines. Prickings in upper, lower and outer margins.

Written in a rounded gothic bookhand (gothico-humanistica). 1-line initials are brown capitals and are not set apart from the text. There are brief notes on the text written in the margins in a cursive humanistic script of the fifteenth century. Punctuation consists of the punctus. Running headlines ("L[iber]" / "X") in red and blue appear in the center of the upper margin.

The bifolium was used as the wrapper for a volume measuring ca. 214 x 155 mm. The inscription "Pratica di M. Guglielmo Pagnini" appears on the back of the cover (bottom of fol. 2r); the number "6" is written on the spine, which is mostly destroyed, along with remnants of other numbers ("23" and "17"). There are several illegible inscriptions on the front cover. The

number "I.1947" is written in a modern hand on the inner flap. Miscellaneous names, accounts and pen-trials are written on the outer covers and the inside flaps, of which the following are legible: "Jo. Bastiano Franch," "Antonio," "Di Giovanni," "Antonio Franch," "Ambrogio Franch di (?)villa [?]," and "Havendomi mostrato in gran tempo," the last with a drawing of a face.

Modern hands have written in pencil the number "54" at the top of fol. 1r, "Lombardy, saec. XV" at the bottom of fol. 1v and the number "6013" in pencil in the lower outer margin of fol. 2r. Gift of the Yale University Library Associates; purchased from Kraus in 1948.

Bibliography:

Kraus, H. P. List no. 109 (New York, [1947]), no. 104.