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Binding:

Hard parchment binding with a bookmark, from the 16th century (165 × 120 mm; with the bookmark 165 × 225 mm), in bad condition, two double binds. The spine strengthened from the inside with parchment. An inscription on the spine saying: *Recettario di Galeno*.

History:

Lemm (p. 84) incorrectly says that the manuscript is from the 15th century – both watermarks (1517-1524) and the writing indicate that it was made in the 16th century. Moreover, the manner in which numbers are written is characteristic of the 16th century. (f. 145r^o-158r^o). However, the writing itself has many fifteenth-century characteristics, which was the reason behind Lemm's incorrect assumption. The manuscript was most probably written in the Veneto region. The work is incomplete with many empty pages. There are many notes and inscriptions which, nevertheless, do not enable us to identify previous owners. 1r^o – German notes concerning the content: *1. 3 Bll. □-□ De vino / 2. Recettario P.I. Bl. 1-108 Es fehlen Bll. 8-12. / Registro Bl. a-o. / 3. Recettario P.II. Bl. 1-121. Es fehlt Bl. 79. / Registro Bl. a-i. (23r^o): a stamp of the University Library in Berlin and a stamp saying: *Abgegeben von der BERLINER UNIVERSITÄTSBIBLIOTHEK*. The manuscript has been in the Königliche Bibliothek since 1893 (cf. accession number: *acc. 1893.180*).*

Lemm, p. 84.

Content:

ff. 23r^o-25r^o RICETTE VARIE (VARIOUS PRESCRIPTIONS). Various prescriptions in the vernacular.

ff. 40r^o-158r^o RICETTARIO - PARTE PRIMA (FORMULARY – PART ONE). 167r^o-316v^o RICETTARIO - PARTE SECONDA (FORMULARY – PART TWO). The first part starts with a description of properties of medicinal herbs (e.g. merits of rosemary) and goes on to describe different diseases and prescriptions for pills, ointments, etc. Unpublished. The second part of the formulary begins with a treatise on urine and then lists prescriptions in an order typical of medieval medicine i.e. 'a capite usque ad pedes'. cf. also a text in ital. fol. 158, ff. 86r^a-96r^a. Unpublished.



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