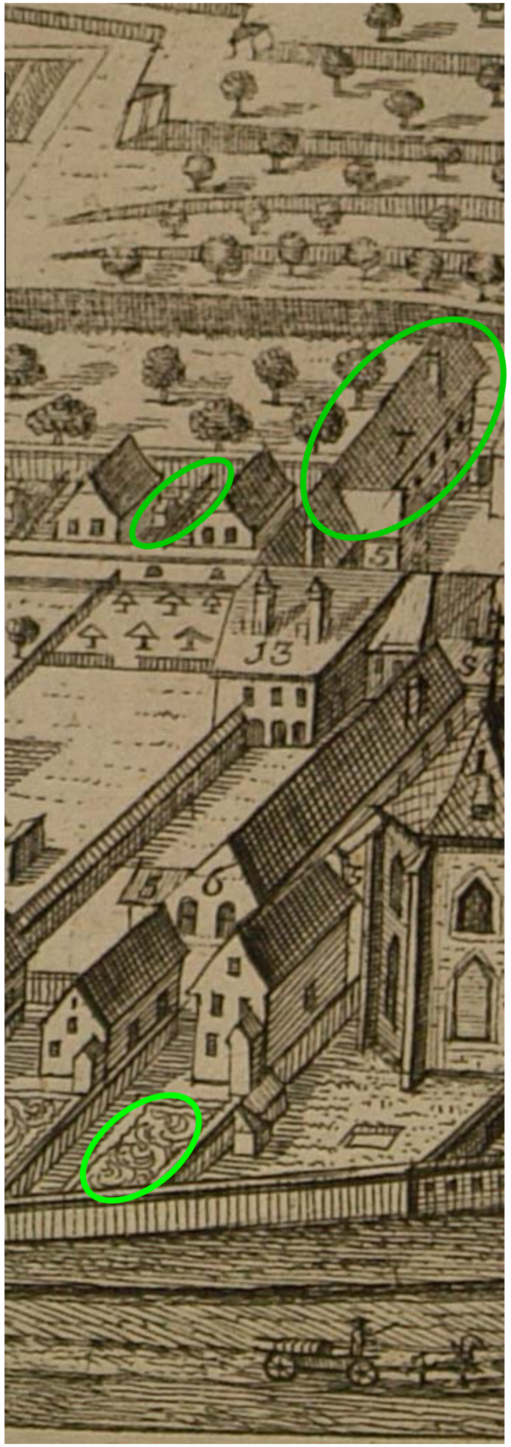


Tending your library like a garden:

The **Library** of the Charterhouse of Gaming under the Librarian **Leopold Wydemann** (1668–1752) and Prior **Joseph Kristelli of Bachau** (ord. 1702–1739)

Patrick Fiska (Vienna)

Si hortum habes in bibliotheca nihil tibi deerit.

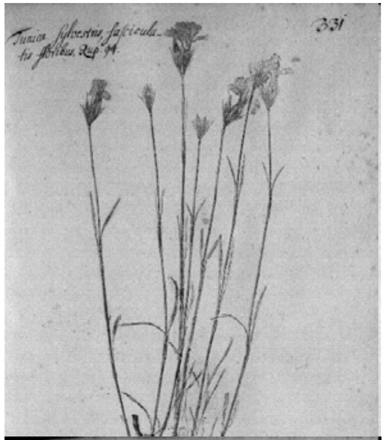
Cicero, Ad familiares IX,4

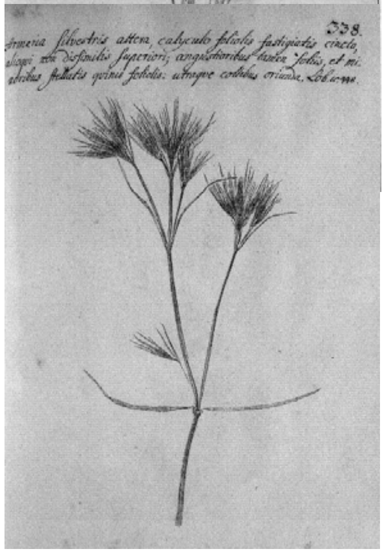
Et cum labor omnis est adhibitus, super venientes imbres, gelu, pruina, et tempestates uni saepe die totius anni laborem frustrantur, et ut absque incommodo res procedat, certe in hortis herbariis ultra tres aut quatuor menses voluptas quaeri, nequit adulta namque aestate flores defluere, herbae marcescere incipiunt autumno vero omnium illarum deliciarum senectus ingruit. Denique hyeme mors horti tetrica conspicitur.

Hic vero noster, quem colo, hortus Bibliothecarius, semper amoenus, semper viret, semper utilis et iucundus est, semper flores mentis et animi proferens uberrimos, non vere, non aestate, non autumno, non hyeme inter moriens, non ullis coeli intemperiis aut tempestatibus obnoxius. *Quin ne hostiles quidem incursiones aut vastationes bellicas reformidat. Transportari enim ad loca tutiora et conservari potest.*

Hugo Blotius, Pro Bibliotheca Imperatoria oratio (1576)

Flowers sent or received by the librarian Leopold Wydemann





Spanische Jesumin
Spanish Jasmine

Johann Hieronymus Kniphof: Nature prints ca. 1747

Cariophylla quaedam underschiedlicher gattungen
Various species of carnations

Tulipae Hollandicae

Peter Lauremberg, Apparatus plantarius (Frankfurt a. Main 1654)

Tulipa centifolia

Denis Dodart & Nicolas Robert, Estampes pour servir à l'histoire des plantes (Paris 1719)

Viola flava
Wallflower

Cartaußer Neglen
Carthusian pink

Mitto etiam venerabilis patris Henrici de Cosveldia tractatum De tribus votis monasticis et reverendi patris Bernardi Remediarium contra pusillanimes et scrupulosos, a venerabili patre nostro Sebastiano ex codice Mellicensi descriptos; quos iuxta eosdem codices revidebis.
Pergit ille uti hortum floribus ita mentem moribus religioso dignis excolere. *Quod nulla nuper miserit hortensia, partim ex mea negligentia, dum eum non admonui, partim ex iactura, quam in hyeme etiam ipse experiri debuit, accidit.*

Leopold Wydemann to Bernhard Pez, 1724–05–05

The Library of Gaming

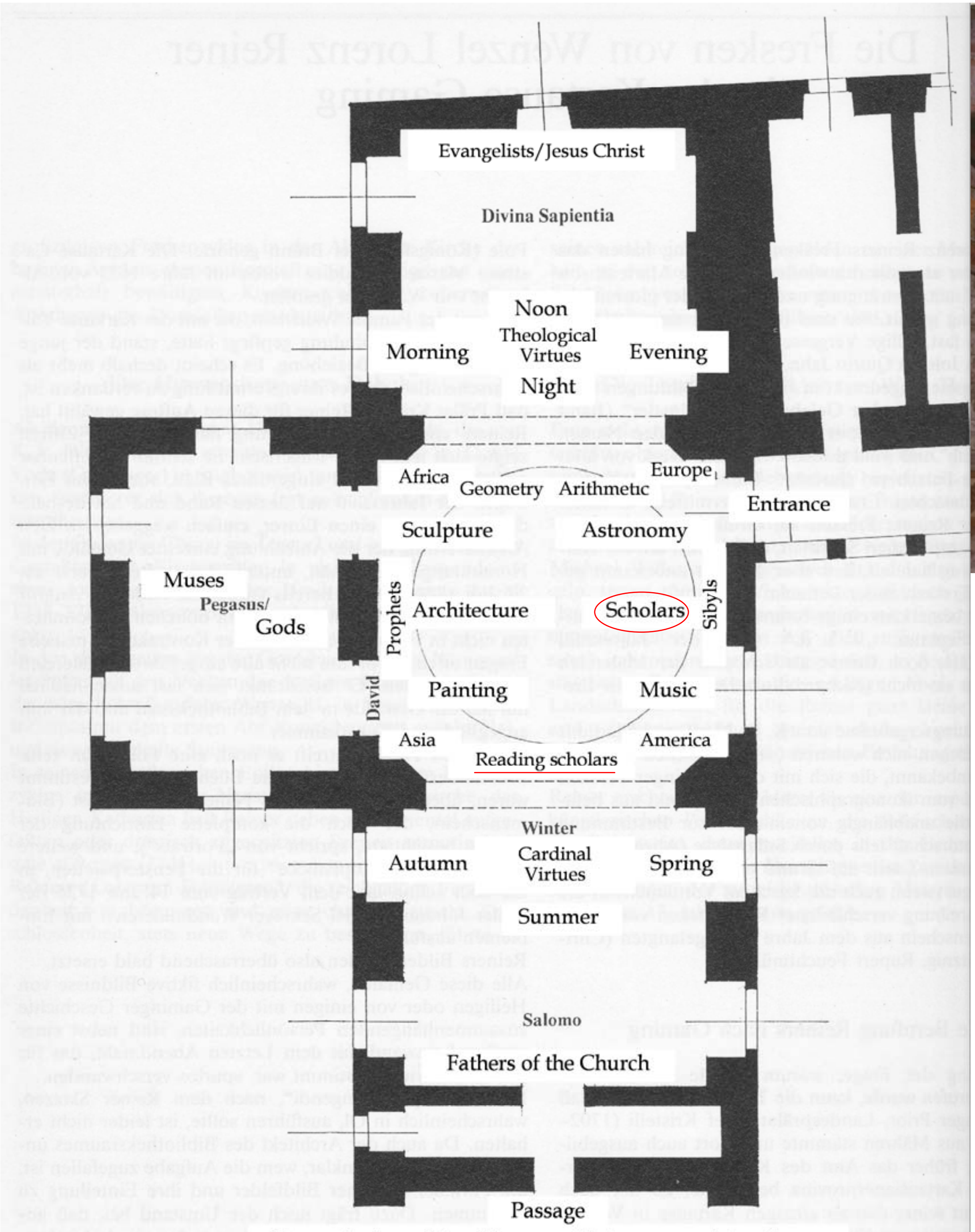
before the reconstruction: / after the reconstruction:

Veduta of the charter-house of Gaming, in: Anton Steyerer, Commentarii pro Historia Alberti II. ducis Austriae cognomento Sapientis (Leipzig 1725). **Depicted state is different from the time of publication.**

Charterhouse of Gaming. Oil-painting from the Charterhouse of Buxheim, before 1720

Charterhouse of Gaming.
Library courtyard after 1726

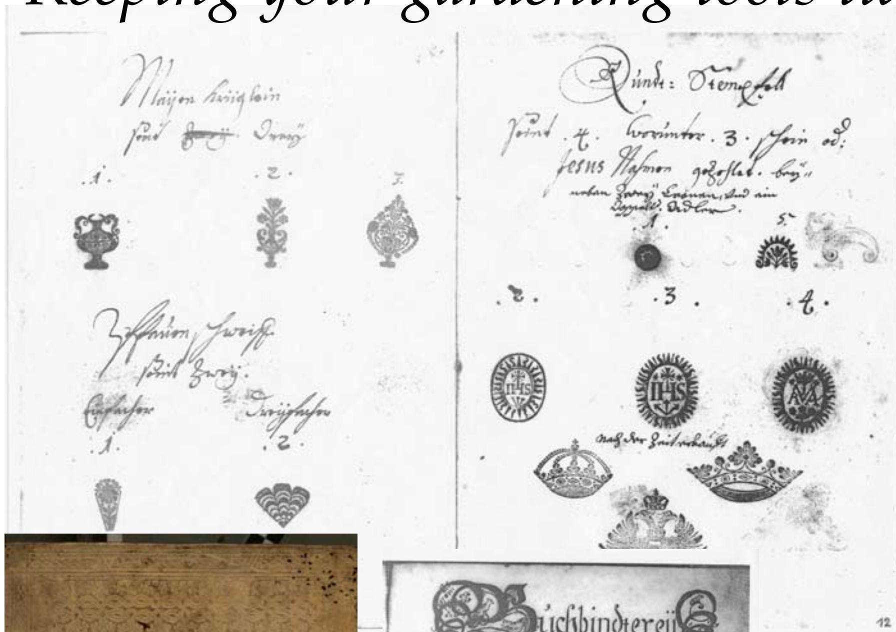
Fresco cycle by
Wenzel Lorenz Reiner
1723



Ground plan of the library with iconographic scheme

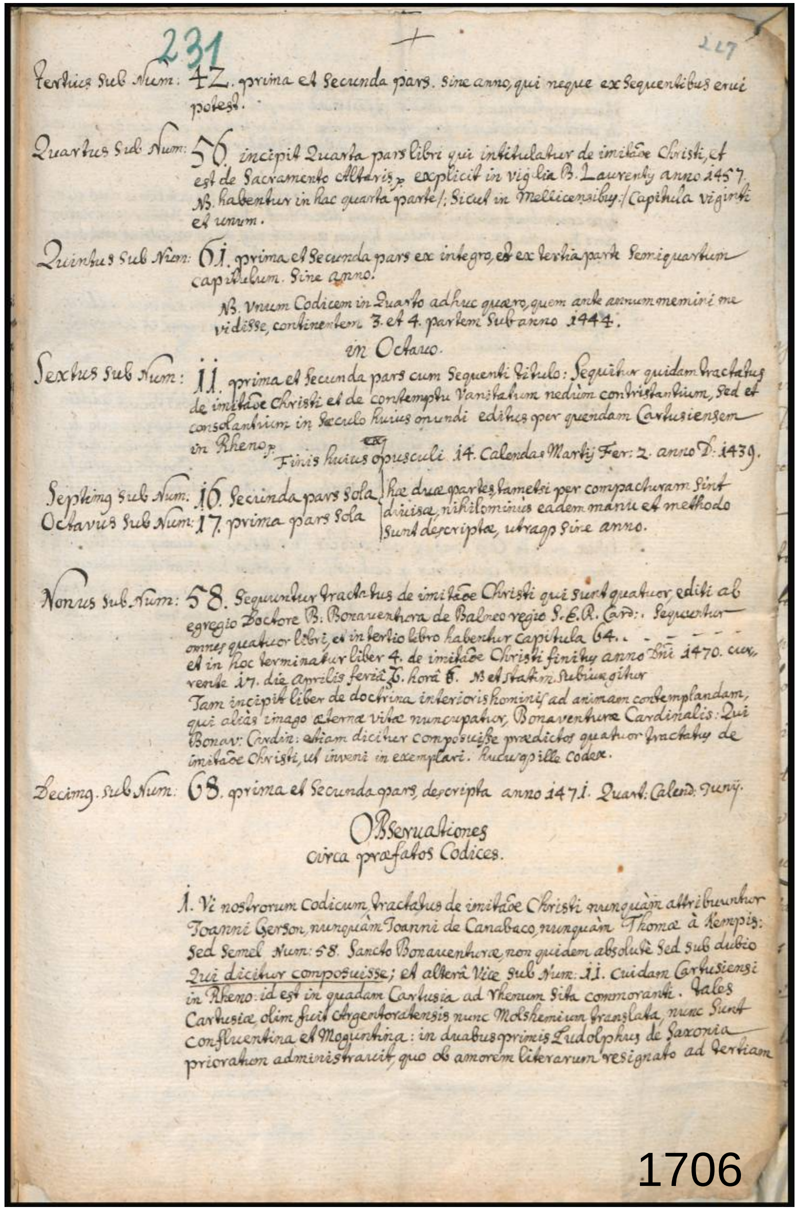
Scholars

Keeping your gardening tools tidy: Bookbindery 1715



Büchbindtereij
aüfgerichtet dürch
Den
Hochwürdigsten,
Hochgelehrdtisten, Wohl
Gebohrnen und Gnädigen H.
Herrn Josephum
Deß H: Cartaüser Ordens stifft
Würdigsten Prælaten
1715.

Leopold Wydemann's catalogue(s) of medieval manuscripts



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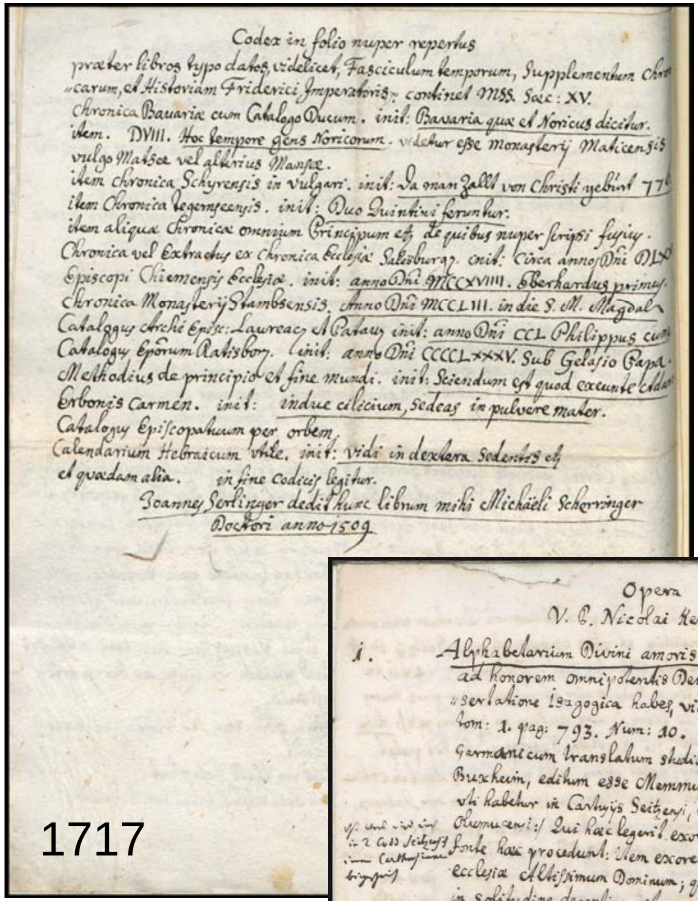

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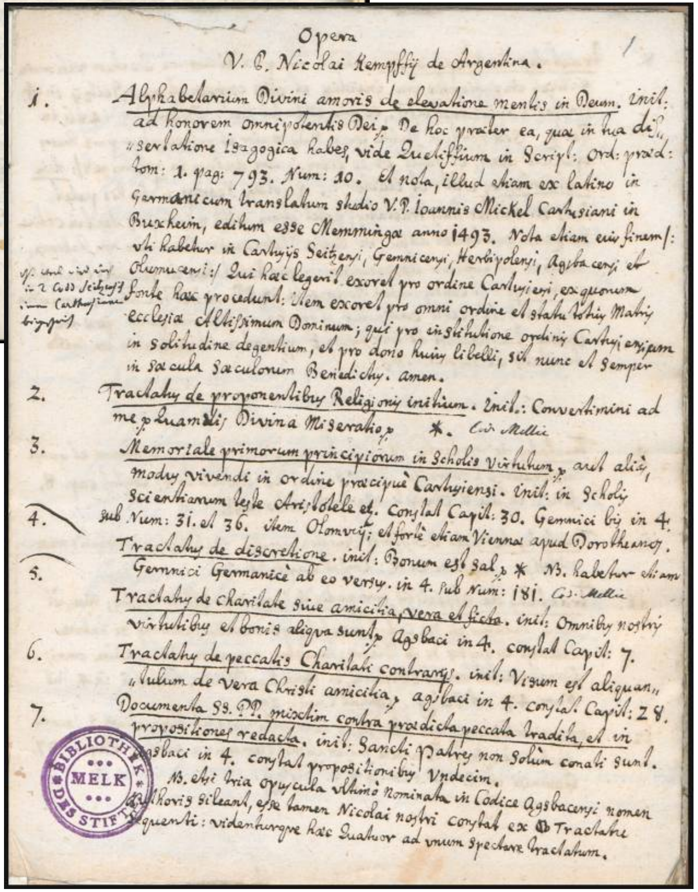
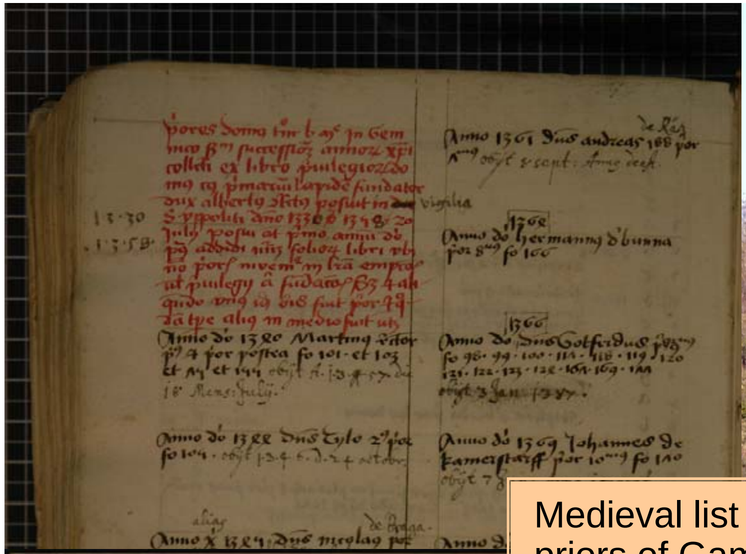
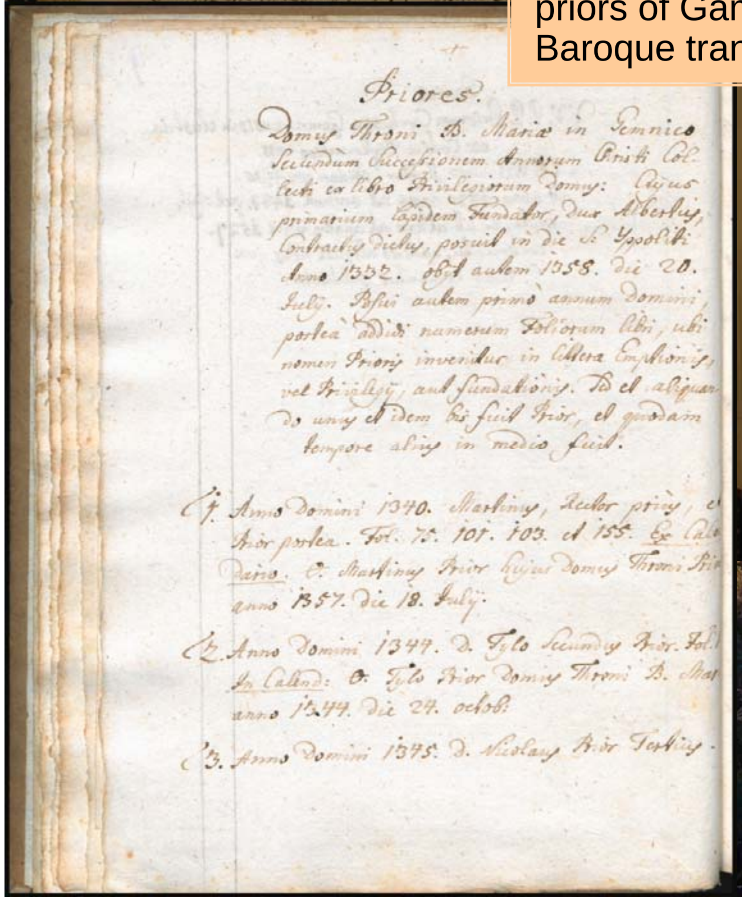
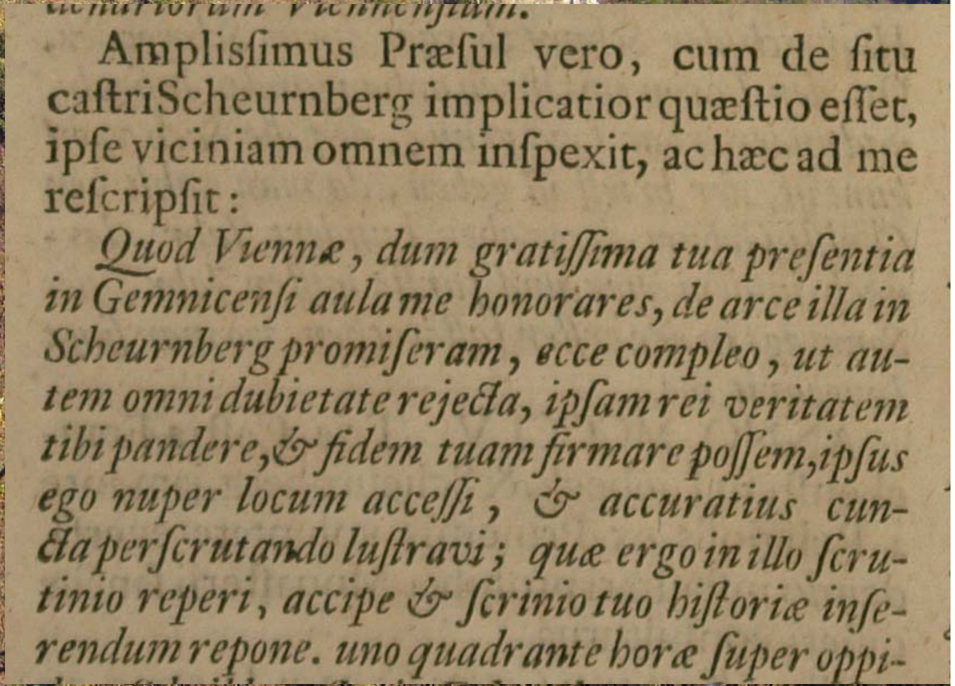


Preparing the soil: Research





Medieval list of the priors of Gaming and Baroque transcription



Ampliſſimus Præſul vero, cum de ſitu caſtri Scheurnberg implicatior quæſtio eſſet, ipſe viciniam omnem inſpexit, ac hæc ad me reſcripſit:

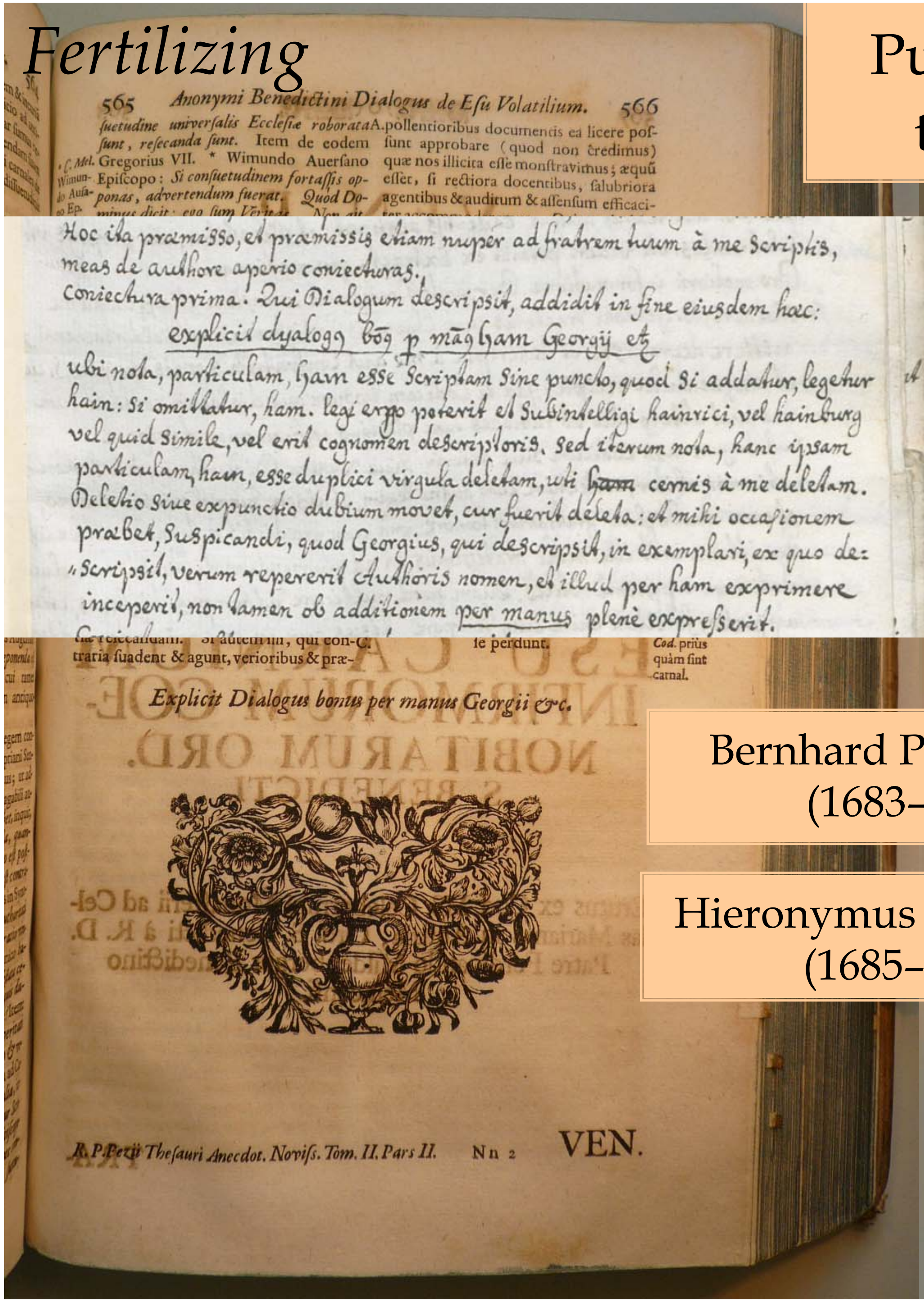
Quod Viennæ, dum gratiſſima tua preſentia in Gemnicenſi aula me honorares, de arce illa in Scheurnberg promiſeram, ecce compleo, ut autem omni dubietate rejecta, ipſam rei veritatem tibi pandere, & fidem tuam firmare poſſem, ipſus ego nuper locum acceſſi, & accuratius cuncta perſcrutando luſtravi; quæ ergo in illo ſcrutinio reperi, accipe & ſcrinio tuo hiſtoriæ inſerendum repone. uno quadrante horæ ſuper oppi-

Letter by prior Kristelli published in Anton Steyerer's *Commentarii*

Charter by the founder of Gaming, duke Albert II. of Austria

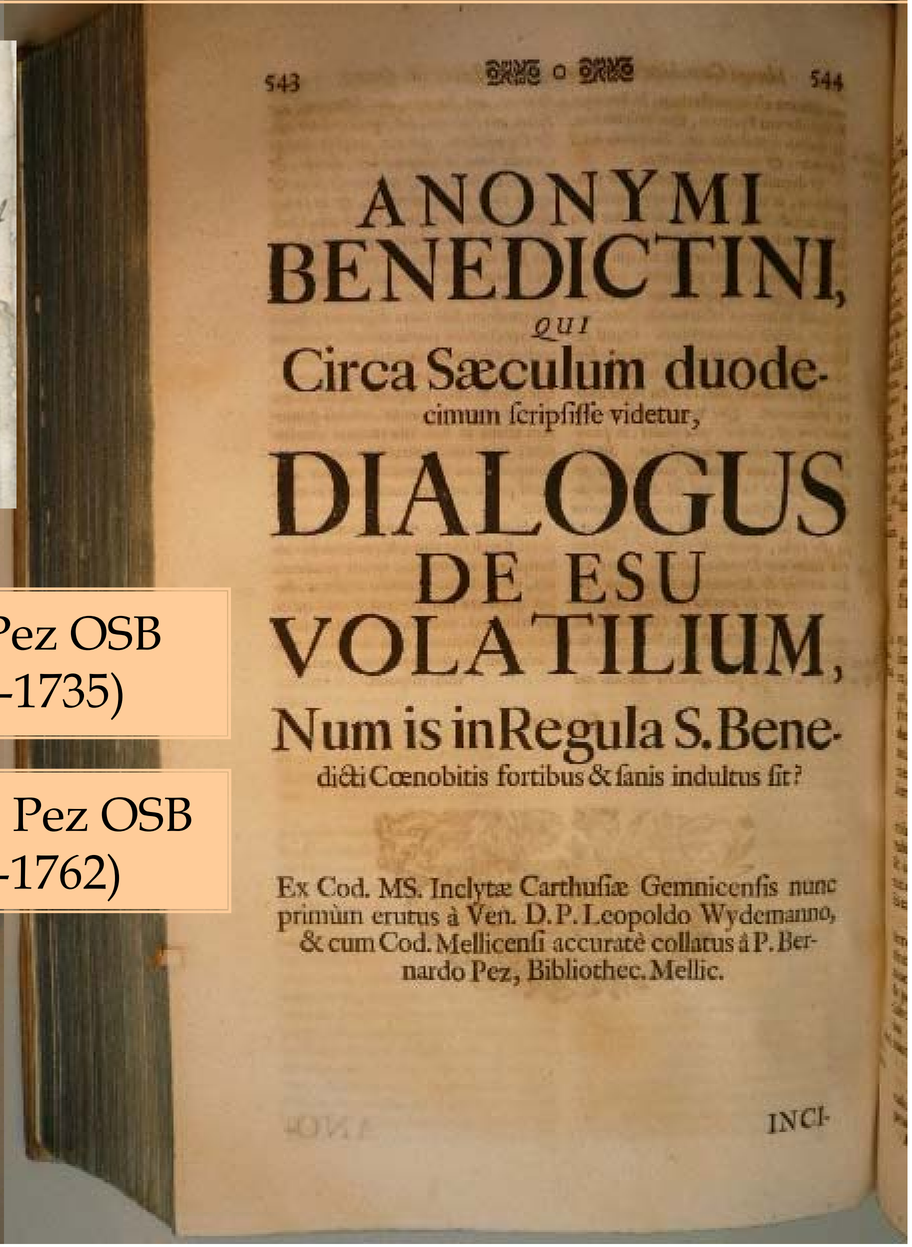
Fertilizing

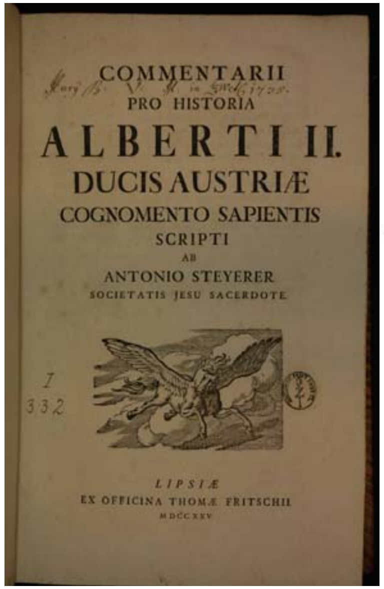
Publishing medieval texts from the Gaming library holdings



Bernhard Pez OSB
(1683–1735)

Hieronymus Pez OSB
(1685–1762)





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ANTONIO STEYERER
SOCIETATIS JESU SACERDOTE.

LIPSIÆ
EX OFFICINA THOMÆ FRITSCHII
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PANDECTAE
SECULARES,
DUM
SACRATISSIMA
FAMILIA CARTHUSIANA,
QUAE
GEMNICI FLORET IN AUSTRIA
INFERIORE,
PRIMUM
ANTISTITIS
JUBILEUM,
ET
QUARTUM SECULUM SUUM,
AD
EXEMPLUM SACRORUM VETERUM,
GEMINA FELICITATE CELEBRARET,
Anno poſt Seculum XVII. ſecundo atque trigeſimo, VI. Kal. Octob. die S. NILO, Abbati Cryptae Ferratae, ſacro;
AETERNAE MEMORIAE
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VINDOBONAE
Ex
Auguſta Typographia Caeſarea Vangeliana.

EPISTOLA.
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CHRISTELLIO
DE
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Almae Inclytaeque Carthuſiae Gemnicenſis,
Quae
Supplex ante Thronum B. M. V. Deo Hymnum dicit,
ANTISTITI
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S. CAES. R. CATH. M.
CONSILIARIO,
CELSISS. PRINCIPIS PASSAVIENS.
ARCHIDIACONO,
Nec non
SAC. ORDINIS D. BRUNONIS
Per Alemanniam Superiorem & Poloniam
GENERALI, quem vocant, VISITATORI;
NOVI SECULI AUSPICATORI,
SECULUM ET SALUTEM

JO. CAR. NEWEN, Agrippinas,
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Servus in ſeculum.

Harvesting