

Transcription of M.R. James's unpublished description
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Title:	Alchemica
Secundo folio:	aerem (?)
Language:	Latin & French
Material:	vellum
Measurements:	11½ x 7¾ ins.
Collation:	1 ¹² 2 ¹² (one canc.?) 3 ¹² 4 ⁸ -7 ⁸ (+1) 8 ⁸ -12 ⁸ 13 ¹² -15 ¹² 16 ¹⁰ (wants 10) 2 flyleaves
Number of leaves:	161
Columns:	single
Lines to a page:	29 to 38
Date:	XIV
Handwriting:	various hands of charter type: pale ink
Binding:	old brown calf

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Contents:

On the flyleaves at end: scribbles. Ego Wylhelmus
Chausey. Ego Wylhelmus Martyn (XV-XVI).
The flyleaves are from a well written copy of the Digest
(45.1 C.E.S.) of cent. XIII
Given by John Rant (Gonv. & Cai.) 1655 with the current inscription

1. f.1 is a fragment and hardly legible beginning with
Ad ... asorii suis in l.I
It is a collection of receipts, chemical or alchemical
and appears to continue to f.30
2. [...] Liber mag^{ri} pat⁸ⁿ [sic] 30
In nomine domini amen. Liber de turba philosophorum
quem extraxhit magister pauton'. Incipio tractare
de eo quod uidi meis oculis
-vel lunam bonam. Expl.
Miscellaneous receipts follow 35^b
3. Liber de tincturis telarum et coriorum 37
Primo adinde cum sume de succo ebulorum
very miscellaneous matter supervenes
37^b Charm for freeing a prisoner. Sicut sanctus ferribus
fuit liberatus
Note de terra tremula
38 Modus faciendi incanstum etc
39 descriptio elixir
4. Inc. liber mag Bernardi 41^b

Hanc preparacionem sulphuriis misit mag. Gerhardo
 speciali amico suo
 -deus te uiuet [?] in illo. amen. Expl opus B. [42^b]
 Receipts

5. Hic inc. opus mag. Theoderici qui ait 44
 istud est opus facilius et veracius quod ego inueni
 perambulando constantinopolin greciam etc.
 -testimonium perhibet veritati. Expl. et bene.
 Planetary tables & later note 48^b

6. Large hand: Rosarius 49
 Accipe ossa turbidi maris
 ends unfinished?

7. Liber Rasis 52
 Liber exposicionis elementorum continet
 -lares proprios inhabitare recusat. Finit. Amen.

8. Inc. interrogaciones regis Khalid et respon-
 cionis morieni de omnibus in quibus tota efficacia
 mag. Hermetis constare probatur 59^b
 -super ea que tibi attribuit

9. Inc. expositio specierum 67^b
 Dixit morienus O bone rex
 -per cuncta seculorum secula amen.
 Explicit liber elkemie de arabico in latinum translatus
 erat (? era) millesima centesima octogesima
 secunda in mense febr. et in eius die undesimo
 in hora octaua eiusdem diei.

10. (Maria soror Moysis) 68^b
 Pernet linner' de spaine (?)
 -pur lor ignoraunce . Expl. maria soror
 moysi
 maria mira sonat hic breuiter talia donat
 etc

receipts in several hands 69^b

10. Liber perfecti magisterii (?) 70
 Quoniam solis indagine
 possibly another tract. begins at 81 after
 vitam eternam possidebis
 Hec sunt decem capitula
 Hec sunt aque rubee
 -et ultra non possum. Expl. liber perfecti magist-
 erii
 Receipt

11. Inc. liber qui dicetur Lumen luminum ex libris
 medicorum etc. 87^b
 -preter deum reuelauit
 Receipts 94

12. Epistola Auicenne ad Asam de re tecta 94^b
 Hec pertracta sunt
 -completur IIII^{or}. Finit ep. cum laude dei.
 Inc. expositio super eandem ep. 99^b
 Interrogacioni vestre
 The next explicit is on 110^b

dicuntur in libro metheororum. Expl. List of chemical terms 110 ^b Various receipts Diagram of spheres 113 ^b Extracts from Auicenna. Ex libro Artephii The next paragraphs are headed Sermo de aluminibus etc -quoniam ipse est iusticia. Expletur est liber de Rob'. deo gr.	118
13. Inc. liber de solis et lune sec. Hermetem in lapide dabessi quoniam de opere The end is not plain	133 ^b
14. Ut ait Alkindus. Hec disciplina quibusdam -teres et era	140 ^b
15. Inc. liber de XXX verbis Iam scis tu qui hanc queris -compleatur numerus. Expl. uerbum XXX. Receipt	141 ^b
16. inc. liber de naturis colorum iuxta aristotiles septena decima preceptorum Notato quoniam ignis solus	144
17. Inc. liber duodecim aquarum Libelli huius aquarum series quedam de auro sequuntur 146	145
18. Inc. liber coniunccionum liber secundus Alquini Ex antiquorum sententia -in sole transmitat. Expl. lib. con. Receipts Alkemia leuissima et efficacissima 154 ^b	152
19. De vij planetis e de vij metals isi asuit la manere Ki vout saur le art e la mestrie des metals Ends imperfect in De orpiment.	157