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### Ordonances of Chivalry (MS M.775).

**Record ID:** 158842

**Accession Number:** MS M.775

**Name:** [Pierpont Morgan Library. Manuscript. M.775.](#)

**Title:** Ordonances of Chivalry (MS M.775).

**Published/Created:** England, probably London, third and fourth quarters of the 15th century.

**Description:** 320 leaves, (1 column, 28 lines), bound : vellum, ill. ; 244 x 165 mm

**Links:**



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**Credit:** Purchased in 1931.

**Genres:** [Illuminated manuscripts--England--London--15th century.](#)  
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[Diagrams, Astronomical.](#)  
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#### Contents:

fols 3r-4v: Abilment for the Jusus of the Pees -- fols. 5r-11v: Memoriale - a table for calculating daily and yearly expenses -- fols. 12r-13v: The Assize of Bread and Ale, and tables of Weights and Measures -- fols. 14r-15r: Poem on the Coronation of Henry VI in 1429 -- fols. 16r-23v: The Coronation of the Kings and Queens of England -- fols. 25r-121v: Vegetius, De re militari, an English translation completed for Thomas Lord Berkeley -- fols. 122v-123v: How a man schall be armyd at his ese when he schal fighte on foote -- fols. 124r-130r: Thomas, Duke of Gloucester, Letter to Richard II on Tournaments -- fols. 131r-138v: Sailing directions -- fols. 139r-195r: Aristotle, Secreta Secretorum, translated into English verse by John Lydgate and Benedict Burgh -- fols. 195v-198r: How Knyghtis of the bath shulde be made -- fol. 199r: To make aqua composyta (added in a slightly later hand) -- fol. 200r: Last page or prologue of a poem in English beginning: I that to youre service wolde were able and ending: The pore effecte of my litill konnyng -- fol. 200-274v: Christine de Pizan, Pistill of Othea to Hector; translated into English verse, with a gloss in prose -- fol. 275r: Recipe for a powder -- fols. 275v-282v: The Challenges of Pierre de Masse and Philip Boyle and the results of their combats with Sir John Astley in 1438 and 1441-1442, followed by the oath of a herald on appointment -- fols. 283r-291r: Calendar in Latin, thunder prognostications, astrological tables and diagrams -- fols. 293r-320r: Parvus Cato and Magnus Cato, translated into English verse by Benedict Burgh -- fol. 320r: John Lydgate, Four Things that make a Man a Fool -- fol. 320v: Medical recipes.

**Language:** Middle English and Latin

**Script:** textura

**Notes:**

Ms. ordonances of chivalry written and illuminated in England, probably London, 3rd and 4th quarters of the 15th century.

Decoration: 4 full-page and 5 smaller miniatures, 1 astrological table, 1 Zodiac Man, with inscriptions, 1 circular astrological diagram.

Artist: Wingfield Master.

**Binding:**

English stamped calf, gilt, ca. 1545, with motto ich dien of Edward VI Prince of Wales (his arms have been removed), by the King Edward and Queen Mary Binder.

**Provenance:**

Written for Sir John Astley (d. 1486), arms on several pages: quarterly, 1 and 4, azure a cinquefoil ermine (Astley); 2 and 3, gules two bars or (Harcourt) over all a label of three points ermine); Thomas Fitzhugh (arms 'part azure a fesse inter three buckets sable hooped or'); Brian Tunstall; Thomas Tunstall; owned by Edward VI before accession in 1547; Astley family, to Sir A.E.D. Astley, 21st Lord Hastings; his sale (London, Sotheby's, July 20, 1931, pp. 9-15, lot 7, pl. VI-IX) to Quaritch; purchased through Quaritch in 1931.

**Associated Names:**

[Wingfield Master, active approximately 1450-1470, illuminator.](#)

[Vegetius Renatus, Flavius.](#)

[Christine, de Pisan, approximately 1364-approximately 1431. Epître d'Othéa à Hector.](#)

[Lydgate, John, 1370?-1451? translator.](#)

[Burgh, Benedict, translator.](#)

[Scrope, Stephen, d. 1472, translator.](#)

[King Edward and Queen Mary Binder, binder.](#)

[Astley, John, d. 1486, patron.](#)

[Fitzhugh, Thomas, former owner.](#)

[Tunstall, Brian, former owner.](#)

[Tunstall, Thomas, former owner.](#)

[Edward VI, King of England, 1537-1553, former owner.](#)

[Astley family, former owner.](#)

[Astley, A. E. D., 21st Lord Hastings, former owner.](#)

[Sotheby's \(Firm\) bookseller.](#)

[Bernard Quaritch \(Firm\) bookseller.](#)

**Formatted Place:** England--London.

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**Standard Bibliographies:** De Ricci, v. 2, p. 1501-1502

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[1450-1499.](#)

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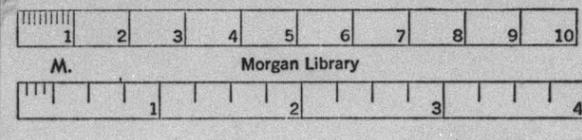
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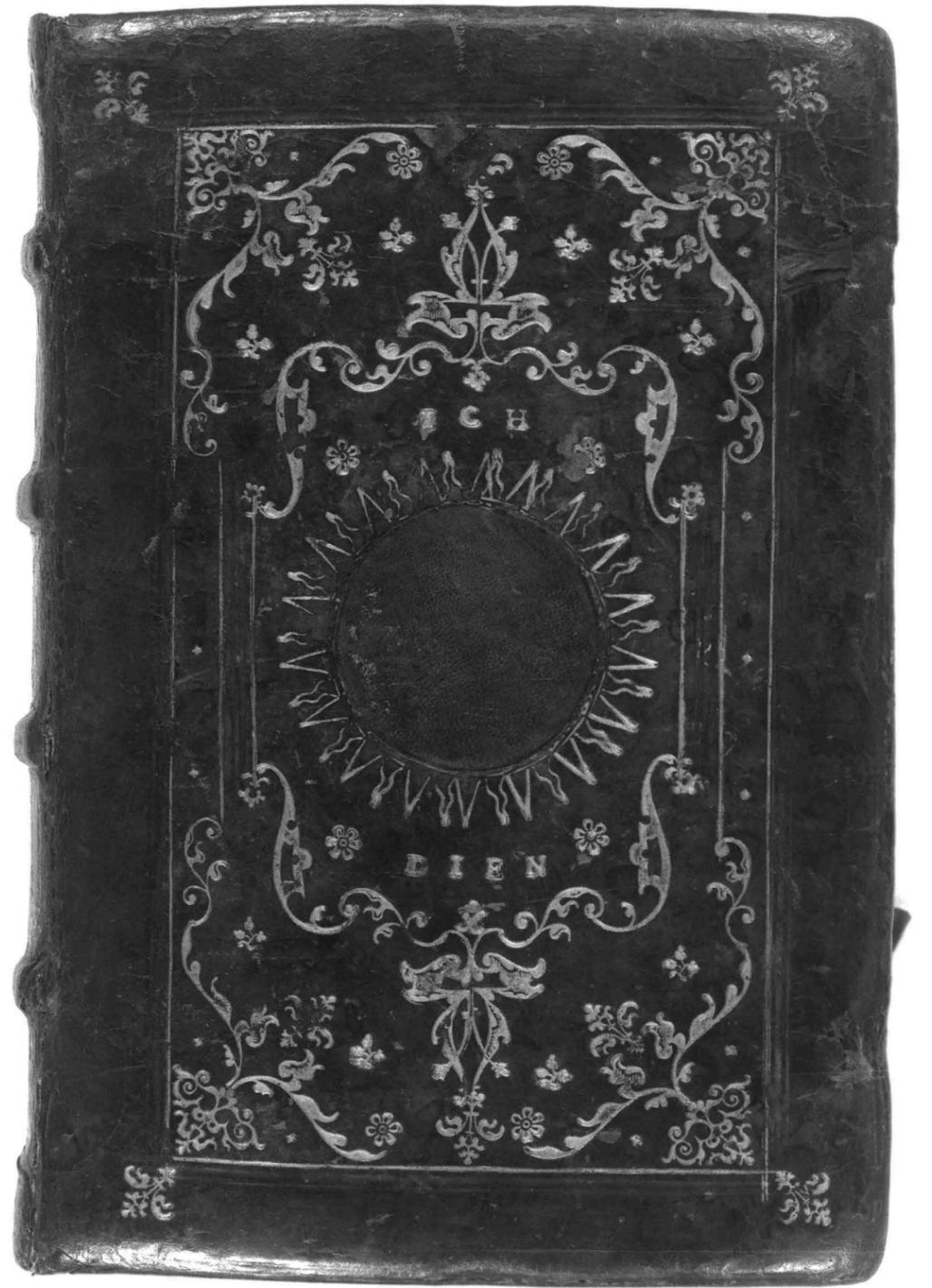


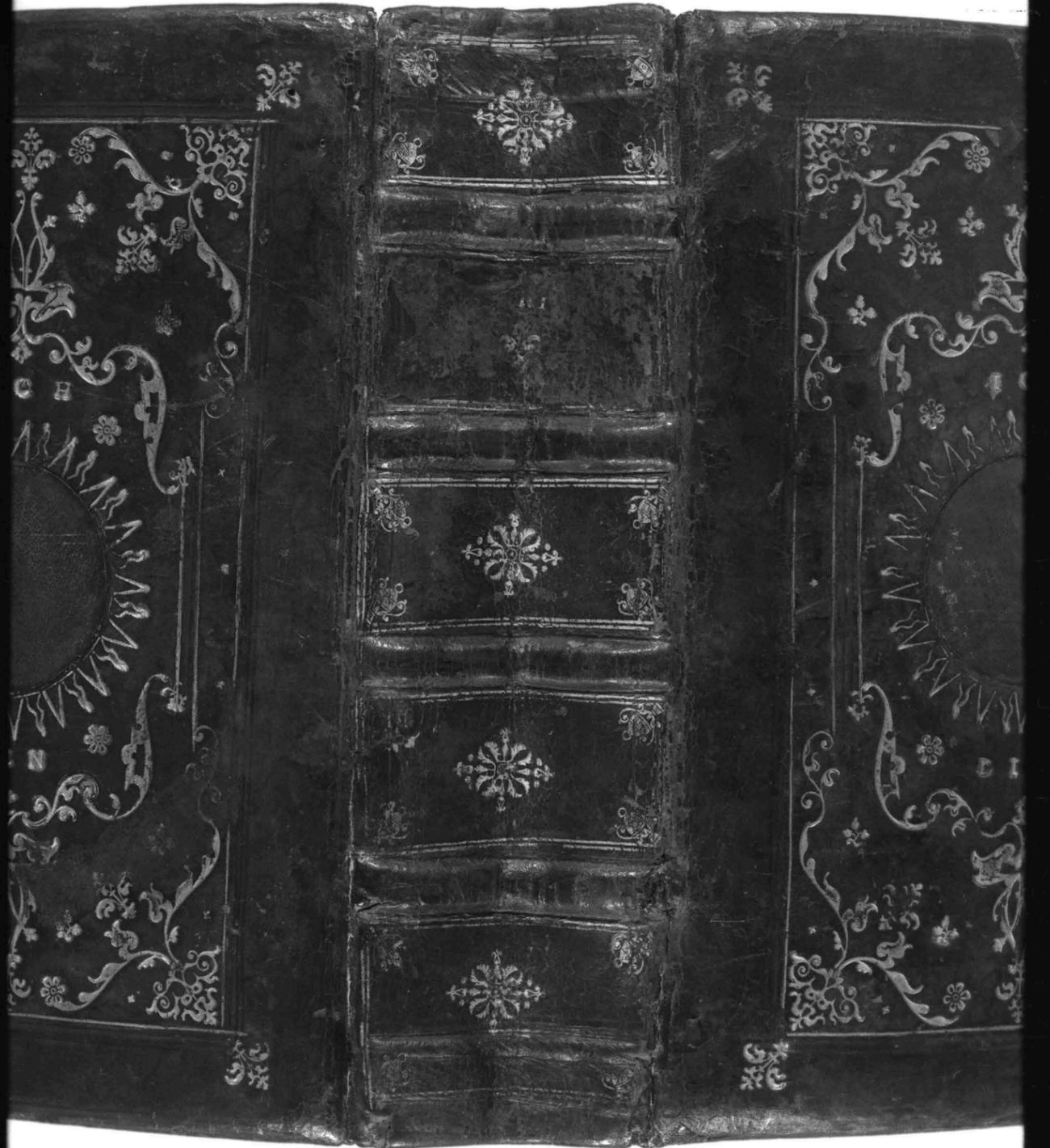
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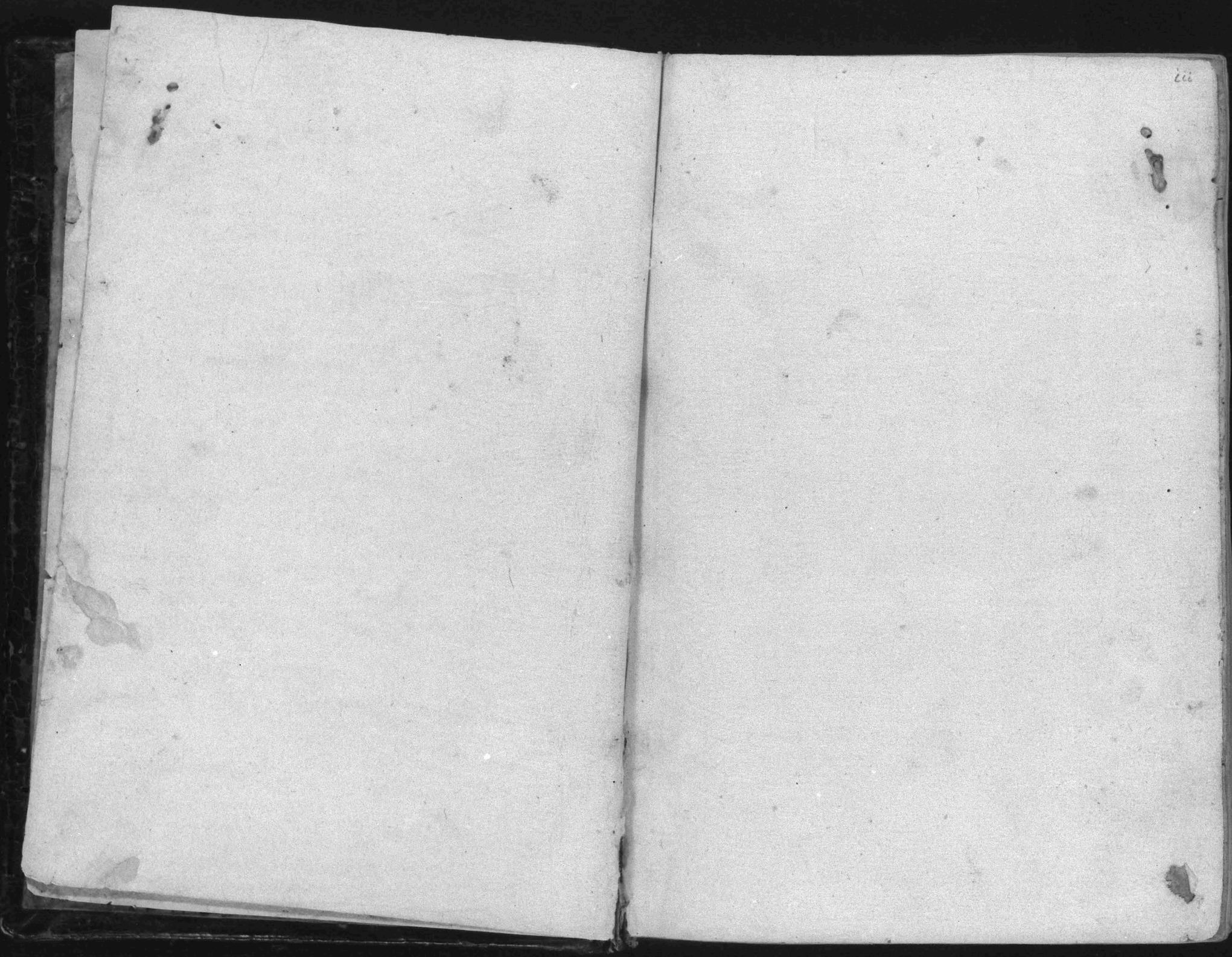
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