

Watermarks

Ff. 4. 9 SPECULUM VITE (English), ETC.

Paper, $11\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{3}{4}$ in., 103 ff (52, 53, 67, 84, and all after 107 lost), single (arts 2-4) and double (art. 1) columns, 34-53 lines to a page. Two xv cent. hands (changing at 85), the first small and neat, with headings and capitals in red. On f. 1 an indented initial in red and black with conventional foliage filling and flourishing.

A-D¹² E¹² (wants 4, 5) F¹² (wants 7) G¹² (wants 12) | H¹⁰ I¹² K (one leaf only); catchwords

XVII cent. speckled calf, blind tooled, rebacked

20 f^o Therefore

1-83. ^b(1) Almighty God that is in Trinite - God graunt us that it mote so be A.M.G.N. 83. Here is the ende off thyg trectyce - May wyte whether he be foule or cleue. Now have I thus to ende brought - That on Crosse for us wolde be doone. Amen

The Middle English Speculum Vite, sometimes attributed to William of Nassington; JMSV 245 no. 10

This attribution and the sources of the Speculum Vite are discussed by H. E. Allen, Publications of the Modern Language Association of America xxxii, 133

The missing ff 52 and 53 contained the passage on Gluttony and Chastity (That bears dignity and great state - For there to he would you fair win, = Di. i. 36, ff 132^b - 138^b); 67 contained the passage on Chastity (To hold it against their adversary - That to religion falls be skill, = Job, ff 176-9) 84 (? blank) cut out

85-86. (2) I Complayne me sore when I remembre me - And of pis pinge herkyu how my mayster seyde. Explicit HENRY SCOGAN'S Moral Balade, stanzas 2-7, 18-21, 9 JMSV

- 22.64 no. 2
- 86-87.^b (3) [JOHN LYDGATE] *Stans puer ad mensam etc.* My dere soune
 first thy selfe enable - Put all defaute upon John
 Lydgate. Explicit *Jb.* 2233 no. 10
- 87-107.^b (4) Benedict Burgh's paraphrase of the Distiches of Cato.
Cum animadverteterem etc. (Cato Minor). Whan I advertice
 to my remembrance - Dothe as pis saythe w^t all your
 hole entent. Explicit (*Jb.* 3955 no. 4) 88.^b *Si deus est*
animus etc. (Cato Major). For that God is inwardly the
 wythe - Streyte to good fame and leve you in here hors
 (*Jb.* 854 no. 7). Explicit *Proverbia Catonis*
- 107.^b Scribbles (xvi) In the outer margin of 18 the
 name Thomas ryght (late xv)
- ? Holdsworth 75 Parris 300

Other copies of the *Speculum Vite* *Gg.* 1.7, *Gg.* 1.14,
Ji. 1.36, *Ll.* 1.8, *Add.* 2823