

Watermark

LL. 4. 14 PTERS PLOWMAN, ETC.

the first small animal

Paper, $11\frac{3}{4} \times 9$ in., ii + 160 ff (out of 174), single column, 32-42 lines to a page. Six xvcent. current hands, (changing at 127, 161, 164, 170, 173), with underlinings and initial capitals in red.

2 fly leaves. a - h¹⁴ i¹⁴ (wants 8-13); catchwords and signatures | A¹⁶ B¹⁰ (wants 7-10) | C⁸ (wants 8) | D¹² (wants 8, 11, 12) | E²

Quarter niger, marbled paper sides, vellum tips (Gray, Cambridge, 1958)

2^o f^o Of Halesed

1-107. (1) [Visio WILLELMI de Petro Plowman, so on 36^b] In a souner sesoun whanne softe was þe same - And siþþe he grede after grace till I gan awake. Explicit hic dialogus Petri Plowman. A copy of the B-text, JMSV 1459 no. B8, no. XIX and denoted by C2 in Skeat's edition, 2 vols (Oxford, 1886) bowel begins on 36^b, Dobet on 70^b, Dobest on 95. Apparently copied from Oxford Oriel 79 when perfect.

6. 6. 88. 102-

107^b - 119^b. (2) [Prolog.] And as I passid in my þreire þer prestis were at messe - But þe wickyd will and þe werkes after 108^b. [Passus primus] Now Richard þe redeles reweth on 3ou self - breaking off And some dradde dukis and bowell þfor soþe (iv, 93) Passus II (110) III (113) IV (118)

11. 1. 170

Mum and the Sothsegger, an alliterative poem formerly known as Richard the Reseles. Printed by M. Day and R. Steele, ETS 199 (1936) with BM Add. 41666, another fragmentary copy discovered in 1928, of which 899. b. 215 is a photostatic reproduction JMSV*6 120-125 (? blank) cut out; 126 recto and verso blank

127-148. (3) A tract on algorism, or The art of numbering. Almaner

of thynges that prosedeth ffor the ffirst begynnynge thoru
 resun of now[m]bre þei where fformed and rizth as þei ar
 to be knowyn — breaking of f(?) þan as it is said in dupla-
 cion and begyn to werk at þ^e rith hand

148 blank

148^b: A ready reckoner

149-52

lost

153-158. (4) Here bygynneth the wyse boke of Philosophie and
 astronomye conteyned and made of the wyseste philiso-
 phre and astronomer þ^e evere was sy the þ^e world ffirst
 bygan þ^e is ffor to say of þ^e land of Greece ffor in þ^e land
 was an Englishsh man etc. and compyled þis boke out of
 grek (Greek) graciously in to Englishsh. Friste þis boke
 telleth how many hevenes þer beþe — he þerkyth moste
 on erthely þingis blake clopunge he lweþe moste

156-159. (5) Here bygynneth þ^e tretis of þ^e booke of þisnonomye. anobile
 knowunge of nature — here we disposiþ ffirste 157. Now
 of þe complexicim. The fforce of manys body — ending
 imperfekt An harde cere betokeneth a man of good dispos-
 ision of body. A nasshe (Significations of the Ear)
 160 lost

161-163. (6) Hee sunt psalmodum sacra carmina. Daviticorum etc.
 Primus enim vite lignum dicit fore vite / þe quo vrescen-
 tur vita quicunque fmentur — Magnus et excelsus
 quod ab omni confiteatur / Terrigen. A series of
 rhyming distichs on the Psalms, ending unfinished with
 Ps. 98 163^b blank

164-167. (7) Augustinus. Quisquis metu cuiuscunque potestatis veri-
 tatem occultat etc. Who so for eny drede the truthe en-
 closeth / Goddes wrethe seyth Austen he to hym toseth —
 Ysodorus. Lacrimae penitentium apud deum pro baptisma-
 te reputantur. The teres of the penitent man / For swete
 baptisme of God arn tan Sayings of the Fathers, with
 English translations in complets; DM&V 4128, the only

- recorded copy 167^b, 169 blank; 168 cut out
170. (8) A page of a glossary to Piers Plowman (xvi?) 170^b blank;
- 171-2 lost
- 173-174^b. (9) A doctrine of fishing and fowling. [A] man pat loveþ
 fishing and fowlyng bope - Stray no stwes stele no
 plays. Explicit res disputandi Piers of Fullham;
 JMEV 71 no. 3, lacking the 'Moralyte' Followed (174^b)
 by a quatrain in another hand. Ihesu Crist of Nazerep
 ep / pat deid on cros w^t woundes wyde - A popular
 prayer to Jesus; Ib. 1686, the only recorded copy
 On f. i (verso blank) the Introit of a Votive Mass to
 the B.V.M. Salve sancta parens unica puerpera regem -
 Chevalier 18197, followed by scribbles ii (verso
 blank) the xvcent. note Memorandum that on Knape
 is fermer of Whitchurch in the Cuntie of Oxon and
 hath viij yeris to come and hath by leace the Court
 the profettes of the sain w^t all Comodites as wief stray
 ffellonz and the letting of all the Cope holdes
 Said at one time to bear the Moore bookplate
- Has an R in the Library shelf - list Co. 7. 53. 5