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Searching for Traces: Fragments of Former Manuscripts

Abstract

Each century has left its marks on our manuscripts. This contribution focuses on the scientific research of such seemingly “minor” traces: fragments or remains of manuscripts. The systematic research carried out on these fragments provides new testimonies of texts and enriches our knowledge of historical bookbinding and restoration techniques. This research will contribute, as well, to the history of books and libraries. These facts are demonstrated paradigmatically – under the auspices of the book restorer/conservator.