Incipit tractatus magistri Arnoldi de villa nova in medicina experti

Reverendissimo in christo patri ac domino domino Richardo Cantuariensi Arnoldus de nova villa artis medicine professor se ipsum commendat per et b[illegible] Desiderat enim nobis [illegible] vestra [illegible] breui stilo componendum aliquid de benedicta arbore quercus et eius fructibus folijs et lignis. [illegible] quo [illegible] preceptis [illegible] mandatis facere volui [illegible] ex dictis aliquorum [illegible] Albertus magnus fide dignorum tractatum [illegible] in tria diuisum capitula. Primum de arbore predicta in quo eius virtutes traduntur in generali. Secundum de fructibus eius in speciali. Tercium de folijs eius [illegible] et [illegible] effectus. Quercus

Arbor quercus dignissima fuit ab antiquis tam judeis quam gentilibus et non sine magna causa fuit. Dicit namque ysidorus et albertus magnus in libro de naturis rerum quod antiqui gentiles ex arbore quercus deorum suorum ymagines [illegible]. Unde demones illam arborem propter eius virtutem [illegible] odiunt ex eo quod arboris illius lignum combustum suo odore demones fugat. Quando [illegible] de quercu [illegible] volentes fulmina et coruscationes super arborem quercus potius quam super alias arbores immittunt illa [illegible]. Judei etiam illam arborem super modum venerabantur ex eo quod abraham patriarcha [illegible] in [illegible] sub illa quercu tres viros id est tres angelos vidit et unum adorauit sub eadem quercu [illegible] trinitate [illegible]. Quare dyaboli propter eius virtutes abhominantur et angeli eandem benedictam arborem venerantur. ~~[illegible] tres angelos arbore sub quercu~~

[illegible] hec arbori [illegible] antiquos [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] annosa [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] vij quercus alia [illegible]

A || [illegible] ideo quia a quercu [illegible] [illegible] soliti [illegible] [illegible] ut [illegible] [illegible] ut [illegible] quercu solebant [illegible] [illegible] hinc [illegible]

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