

Cicero (M. Tullius Cicero), De inuentione. pseudo-Cicero, De ratione dicendi ad Herennium (Rhetorica ad Herennium)**M. T. Ciceronis Rhetorica**

Codicology: Vellum, mm 290 x 200 (11.3 x 7.7 in.), ff. 136 + 3, double columns of 27 lines. Cent. xv, in a beautiful Roman hand rather sloped, but not by and Italian scribe. Very fine initials.

Collation: a² A⁸-R⁸ b¹.

Provenance: At top of f. 1r (xvi):

“Liber quondam Theodori Archiepi Cantuariensis^[p]”

Doubtless the book was found by Parker^[p] at Canterbury^[p] and he was deceived by the Roman script into thinking it an early work.

Decoration: The decorative initials are very beautiful. The letter is in gold: coloured foliage (pale brown) surrounds it on a ground, parti-coloured, of blue and red dotted with white: these grounds have sharply cusped edges. There are finely painted grotesque figures in grisaille and dragons (compare this with MS 285^[CCC285]).

Sub-sections have plain gold initials.

Research: Mr E. H. Minns^[p] of Pembroke College^[p] has called attention to the probable identity of the scribe of this MS. with the scribe of the Pembroke College MS. no. 235^[CPC235], who gives his name as John Pacy, Chaplain^[p], with the date 1464. There is no decorative work in the Pembroke MS.

Foliation: ff. i-ii + a-b + 1-136 + c + iii-iv.

Language: Latin.

Contents:**1.****1r-72v** **Cicero (M. Tullius Cicero)^[p], De inuentione**

- 1r () In red capitals
 1r *Rubric:* Marci Tullii Ciceronis^[p] Rethoricorum liber primus Incipit
 1r () *Incipit:* Sepe multum hoc mecum cogitauit
 3r () *Explicit:* considerare poterit
 3r () *Rubric:* Finit prologus
 3r *Rubric:* Incipit de genere artis Rethorice Liber Primus
 3r () *Incipit:* Civilis quedam ratio est
 35r Liber II
 35r () Initial. Man shooting at butterfly
 Ends
 72r *Explicit:* que restant reliquis dicemus
 f. 72v blank

2.**73r-136v** **pseudo-Cicero^[p], De ratione dicendi ad Herennium (Rhetorica ad Herennium)**

- 73r *Rubric:* Marci Tullii Ciceronis^[p] in nova Rethorica Liber Primus Incipit
 73r () *Incipit:* At si in negotiis familiaribus
 Liber II
 80v *Incipit:* In primo libro herenni^[p]
 Liber III
 95v *Incipit:* Ad omnem iudicalem causam
 Liber IV
 106v *Incipit:* Quoniam in hoc libro herenni^[p]
 124v () *Explicit:* ad sententiarum exornacionem transeamus
 Liber V
 This manuscript preserves as Liber V the section of Liber IV concerning “Figures of Thought” (Liber IV: 47-69)
 124v *Incipit:* Distribucio est cum in plures res
 (Liber IV 47)
 On f. 135r the lower part of col. 2 and all col. 1 on f. 135v are erased from
 135r () contorquet brachium et dubitanti gracho (Liber IV 68)
 to
 135v () erceantur non habent, aut si diffisus sit (Liber IV 69)
 Ends
 136r *Explicit:* diligencia consequemur exercitacionis
 On f. 136v is scribbled hart hary (?)

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