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1. A late fifteenth-century Book of Hours from Northern France.

Contents: Calendar, sequences of the Gospels; Obsecro te and O intemerata; Hours of the Virgin (use of Rome); Penitential Psalms (beginning missing); Litany (including SS. Francis, Anthony, Dominic and Bernardinus); Hours of the Cross; Hours of the Holy Ghost; Office of the Dead; Suffrages. Further prayers have been added at beginning and end in a later hand, including one for Charles IX of France (1560-74)

Miniatures and borders throughout. The calendar illuminations include angels, saints, the occupations of the months, and the signs of the zodiac. Two kneeling lay figures in miniature at the beginning of Prime might possibly represent the first owner and his wife.

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2. A fifteenth-century Book of Hours, probably from north-eastern France.

Contents: Calendar (the feasts of S. Eligius, Bishop of Noyon and Tournai, are in red: 23 June, 1 December); Hours of the Cross (beginning missing); Mass of the Virgin; Sequences of the Gospels; Hours of the Virgin (use of Rome); Office for Advent; Penitential Psalms; Litany; Office of the Dead.

The miniatures include the Nativity, showing the Virgin reading and S. Joseph seated by a fire, and the Resurrection of the Dead (preceding the Penitential Psalms).

Fifteenth-century blind-stamped binding in brown leather. The clasps (missing) consisted of thongs of woven material secured on the upper cover with brass nails and fastening on the lower cover near the spine.

The catches are also missing. There are remains of headbands worked in green and blue thread.

Not foliated (January 2002)

3. A fifteenth-century English girdle-book containing astrological and medical material.

Contents: Table of movable feasts; calendar; astrological tables and signs of the zodiac; eclipses of the sun and moon, 1387-1462, including a volvelle; notes and diagrams on bloodletting; material on the planets.

The calendar includes a number of saints from the north of England, and also the feasts of SS. David, Chad and John of Beverley which were introduced in 1398. The MS. probably belonged to a doctor and was designed to be hung from the owner's girdle.