

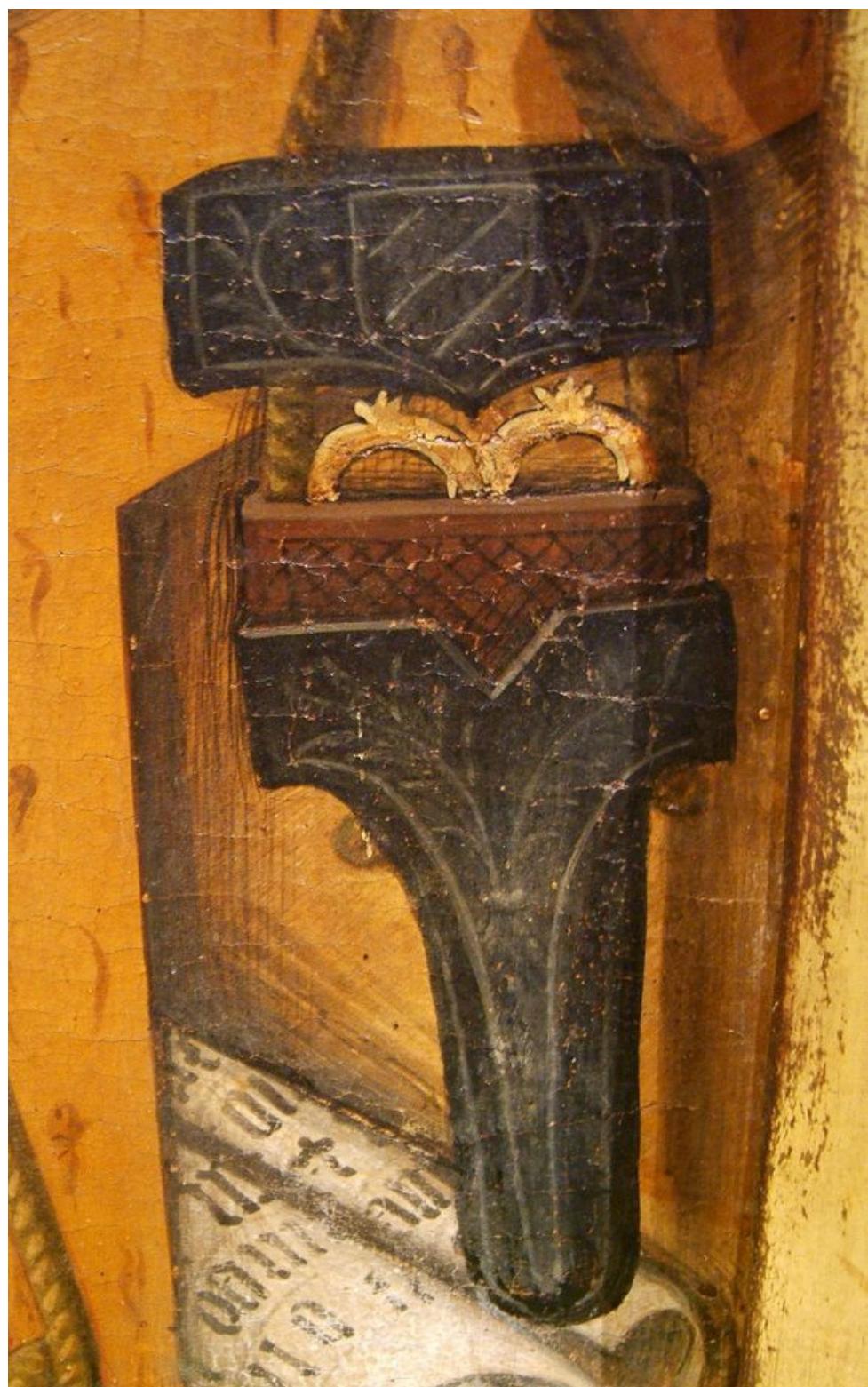
Medieval Etui:  
Laminated leather cases of the 14th-16<sup>th</sup> Centuries  
A Brief but enthusiastic History



Harley 4425 f. 98v *Roman de la Rose*, Faux Semblant and Amour  
Detail of a miniature of Faux Semblant (False Seeming) addressing Amour (Love).  
Netherlands, S. (Bruges)



Detail from the *Pieta*, most likely by the workshop of Rogier Van Der Weyden  
via The National Gallery, UK



JAUME FERRER Pannello dipinto (dett.) di San Girolamo, Sant Martino e San Sebastiano, 1450 ca  
Museo Nazionale di Arte della Catalogna - MNAC, Barcellona (Spagna) inv. 114742

Photo via Andrea Carloni



Book Box, 15<sup>th</sup> Century Italian

While this example is too small to have held a complete herbal or compendium, the inscription: MEDIXINA VIRTU VIVE ("live by the virtue of medicine") does indicate it was used to hold a medical text of some sort.

Photo and description via the Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY



Case for Enamel Diptych, 14th century British

Via the Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY



dimensions des tablettes : 8.3 x 4.6 cm

scènes inspirées du Roman de Tristan et Yseult

sur l'étui : Le frère Léonard aux pieds de saint François d'Assise

stylet en argent

via Musée provincial des Arts anciens du Namurois, Belgium

From the Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY



Case for a Book, 15th century, French?

On the back is an unidentified coats of arms with a crozier and mitre, suggesting that this protective cover for a book belonged to a bishop.



Book box, 1475-1500. Leather, Venice. Private Collection. Via RBA

I personally consider this example to be the absolute pinnacle of the art.



Case for a Book, 15<sup>th</sup> Century, possibly Italian

via the Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY



Lid, Bottom, Interior  
Case for a Book, 15<sup>th</sup> Century, possibly Italian

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Interior View  
Case for a Book, 15<sup>th</sup> Century