

Glossary of ornaments described in notes

Bandeau (Headpiece) : horizontal ornament, sometimes framed, printed above the title at the beginning of a text or at the beginning of a section of a text, either decorated (vegetal motifs, coat of arms), historiated (scene) or composed of the juxtaposition of the same fleuron or of the combination of several fleurons (frieze).

Cul-de-lampe : triangular ornament pointing downward composed of architectural and decorative motives or of the same repeated fleuron.

Please note that 'cul-de-lampe' is also used in French to describe a tailpiece, that is the ornament printed at the end of a text, a chapter or a section of a text. The decoration of this type of ornament is also described in the database.

Fleuron : vegetal, naturalist, or stylized ornament printed on the title-page, at the end of the text or between parts of the text (stanza for texts in verse).

Lettre initiale ornée (decorated initial) : initial letter composed of simple, usually vegetal, decoration.

Lettre initiale historiée (Historiated initial) : initial letter containing a scene.

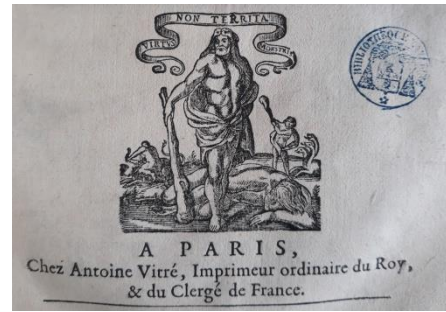
Marque décorative (Decorative mark) : ornament, other than 'vignette' or coat of arms, printed on the title-page, that does not identify the printer. Its decoration is described. It can be a 'cul-de-lampe'.

Marque typographique (Printer's device) : ornament identifying the printer (trademark).

Vignette : framed ornament. The decoration is described.



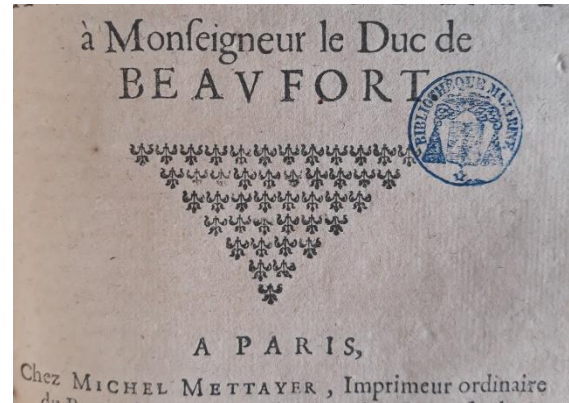
Printer's device



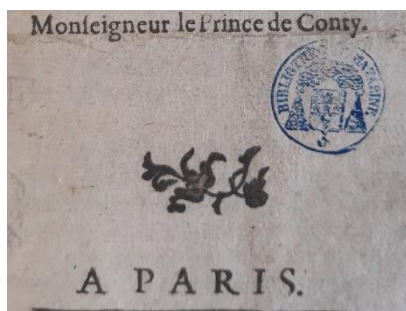
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Decorative mark (basket of fruits)



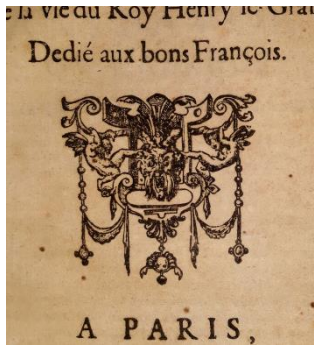
Decorative mark ('cul-de-lampe' composed of fleurons)



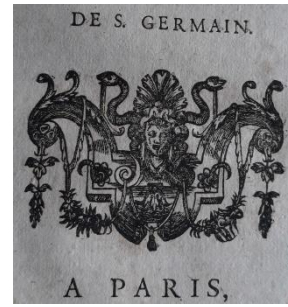
Decorative mark (fleuron)



Decorative mark ('cul-de-lampe' composed of putti)



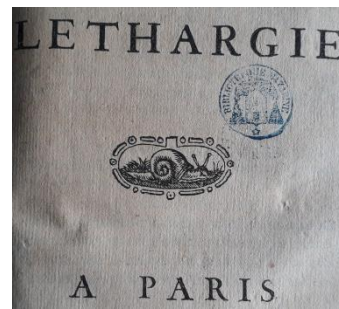
Decorative mark ('cul-de-lampe'
composed of grotesque)



Decorative mark ('cul-de-lampe'
composed of 'Medusa head')



'Vignette' (cherub's heads)



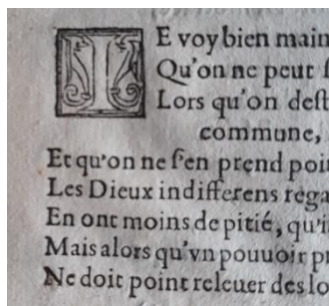
'Vignette' (snail)



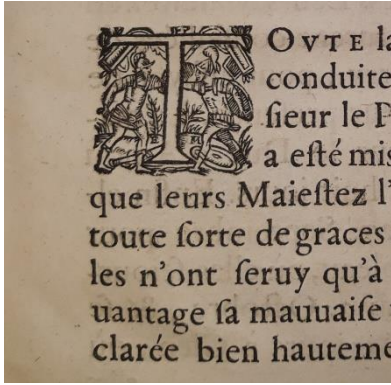
Decorative headpiece (royal coat
of arms of France and Navarre)



Headpiece (frieze)



Decorated initial



Decorated initial (men in ancient armour fighting)



'cul-de-lampe'



'Cul-de-lampe' (basket of fruits)

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