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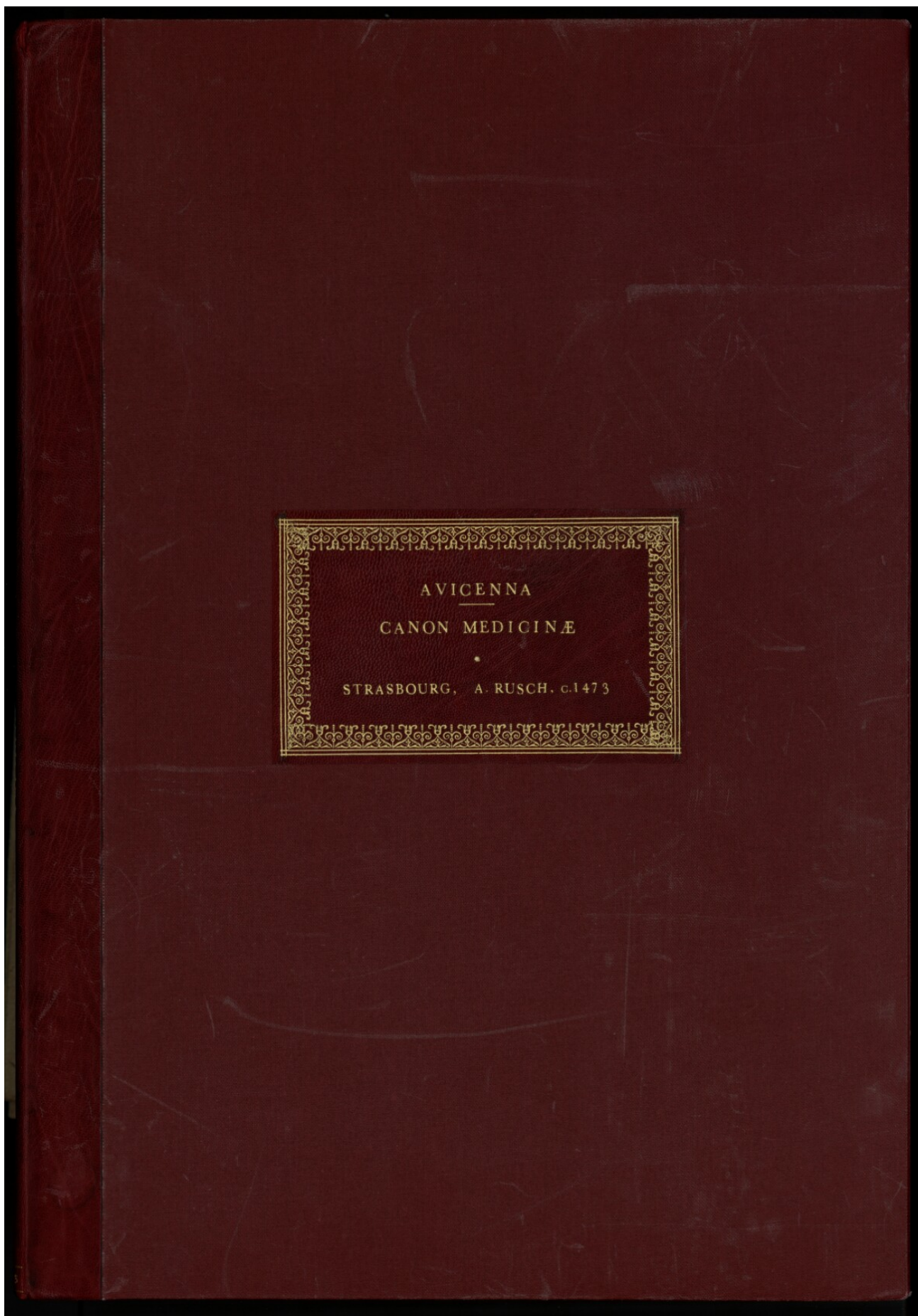
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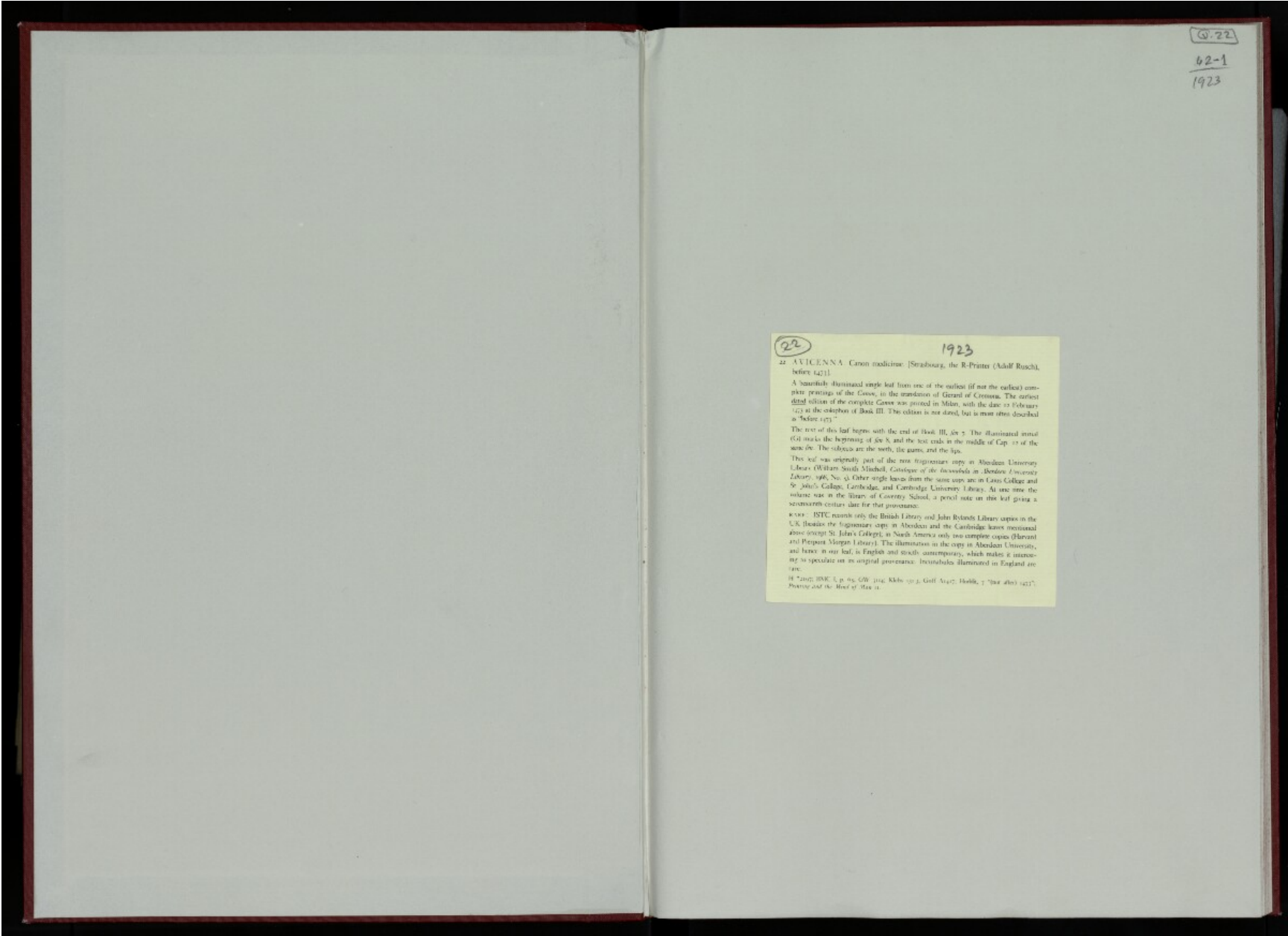
#### About this record

Abū 'Alī al-Ḥusayn ibn 'Abd Allāh ibn Sīnā (980–1037), commonly known as Avicenna, was born at Afshaneh, near Bukhara in Persia (present-day Uzbekistan). By the age of 10, he was well versed in the study of the Qur'ān and various sciences. He was the most famous and influential of the many Islamic scholars, scientists, and philosophers of the medieval world. He was foremost a physician but was also an astronomer, chemist, geologist, psychologist, philosopher, logician, mathematician, physicist, and poet. A prolific writer in all of these fields, he captured the knowledge of the time in well organized texts. Avicenna's writings influenced the scholarship of medicine in the West into the 17th century. This is an illuminated leaf from one of the earliest (if not the earliest) complete printings of the Canon medicinae (The canon of medicine), the Latin translation of Avicenna's al-Qānūn fī al-ṭibb. The text is about the care of the teeth, gums, and lips. The book was produced in Strasbourg circa 1473 by the noted printer and publisher Adolf Rusch.





Illuminated Leaf from Avicenna's Canon of Medicine [F-1-2] (2/6)



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22 AVICENNA Canon medicine [Strasbourg, the R-Printer (Adolf Rusch), before 1421].

A beautiful illuminated single leaf from one of the earliest (if not the earliest) complete printings of the *Canon*, in the translation of Gerard of Cremona. The earliest dated edition of the complete *Canon* was printed in Milan, with the date 22 February 1472 in the caption of Book III. This edition is not dated, but is most often described as 'before 1472'.

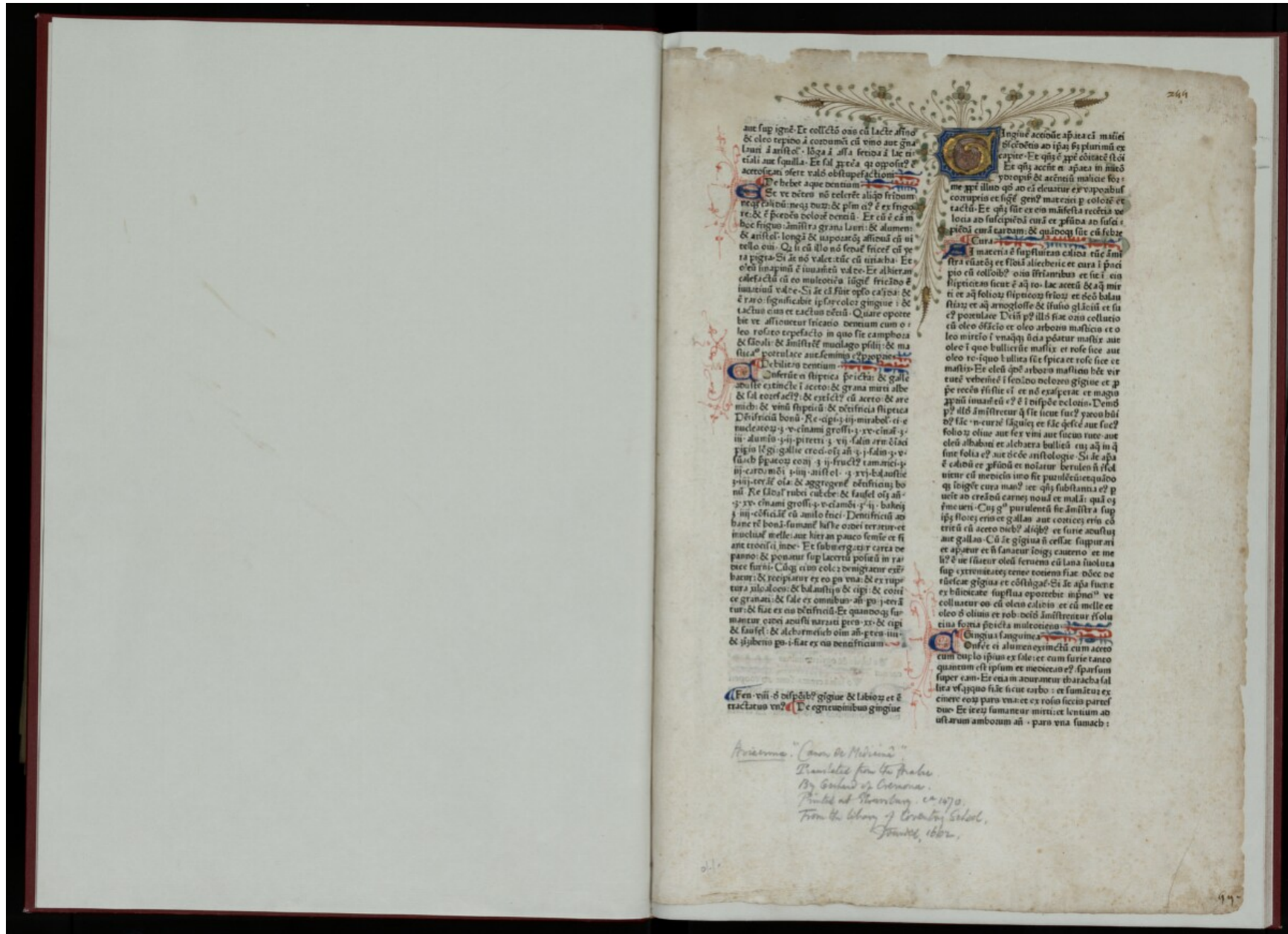
The text of this leaf begins with the end of Book III, fol. 7. The illuminated initial (54) marks the beginning of fol. 8, and the text ends in the middle of Cap. 13 of the same fol. The subjects are the teeth, the gums, and the lips.

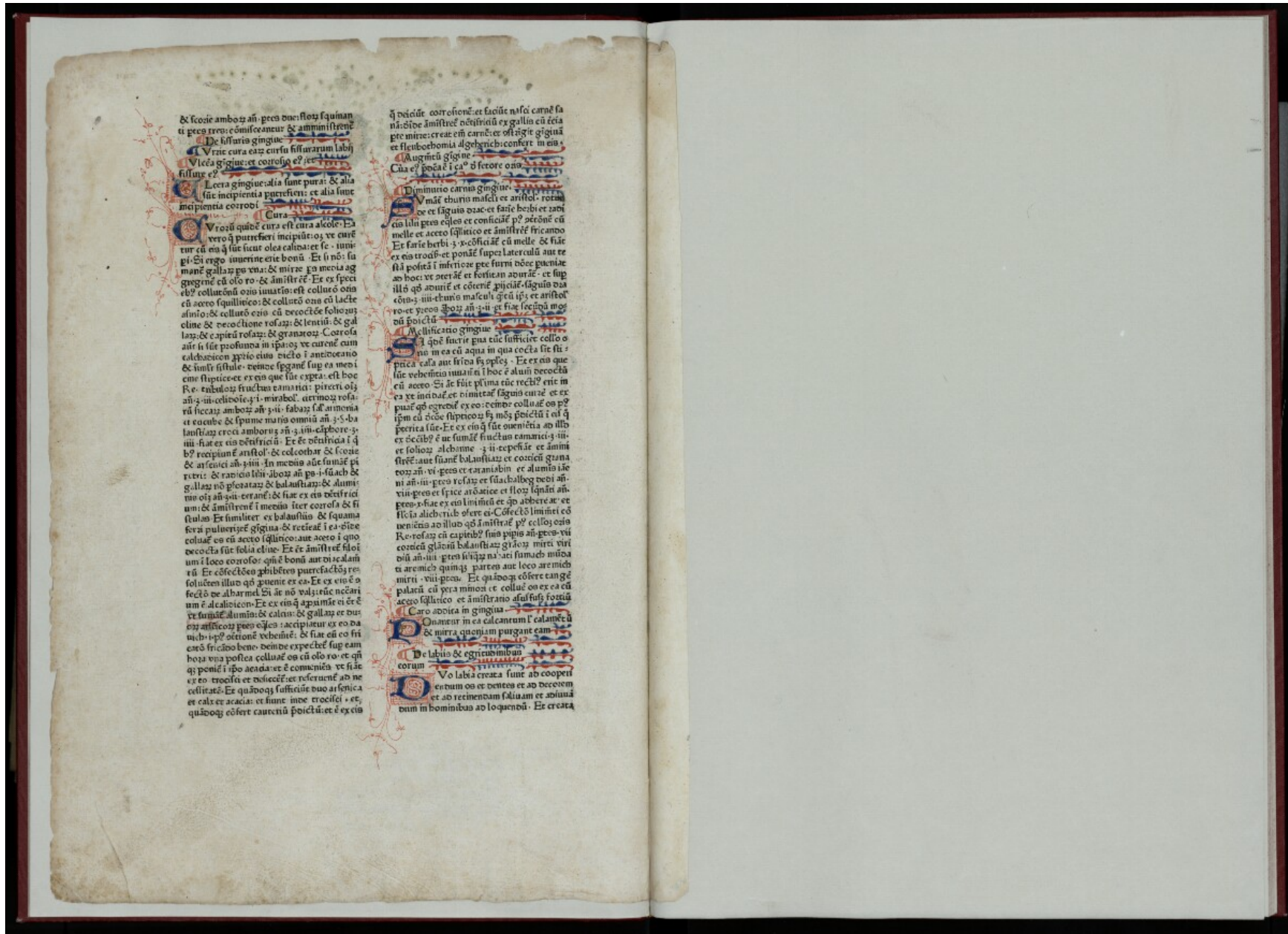
This leaf was originally part of the first fuggerensis copy in Aberdeen University Library (William South Matherell, Catalogue of the MSS. in Aberdeen University Library, 1906, No. 4). Other single leaves from the same copy are in Glos College and St John's College, Cambridge, and Cambridge University Library. At one time the volume was in the library of Gower's School, a pencil note on this leaf gives a sixteenth-century date for that provenance.

1923 - ISTC records only the British Library and John Rylands Library copies in the UK (besides the fuggerensis copy in Aberdeen and the Cambridge leaves mentioned above) except St. John's College, in North America only two complete copies (Harvard and Peabody-Morgan Library). The illumination in this copy is Aberdeen University, and hence in one leaf, is English and possibly contemporary, which makes it interesting to speculate on its original provenance: illuminated in England or France.

H. Zangl, *BM&C*, L. p. 66, GW 1102, Klio 107, 1, Goll. Anz. 1868, 7, 704 (then 1421).  
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Illuminated Leaf from Avicenna's Canon of Medicine [F-1-5] (5/6)

