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Summary

This paper is a continuation of the article published in the first issue of Hum. The author describes around a hundred extremely rare examples of some editions from older Croatian literature, cultural history and science in general, which can be found in the library of Humac. The real treasure is certainly a copy of Parisian edition of Matrulić's Evandelistar from 1945, whose copy can be found only in the National and University Library in Zagreb, as far as these areas are concerned. A special "pearl" is also a copy of Exemplorum memorabilium cum ethnicorum tum christianorum e quibusque probatissimis scriptoribus (Venecija, 1621), written by famous Portuguese theologian and preacher Andrés de Resende from Evora. Special attention must be also given to the work of famous Neapolitan scientist Giovanni Battista Della Porta, founder of academy for analyzing secrets of nature (Academia secretorum naturae) called Magiae naturalis sive De miraculis rerum naturalium libri XX. It deals with cosmology, geology, optics, crop products, medicine, poisons, chemical experiments with ores, distillation, glass and its coloring, majolica, features of magnet, cosmetic products, etc.

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