



# The Bishop, the Knight, his Wives, and a Book:

an Arabic Euclid from the collection of Narcissus Marsh

*(and the tale of a wayward reader...)*

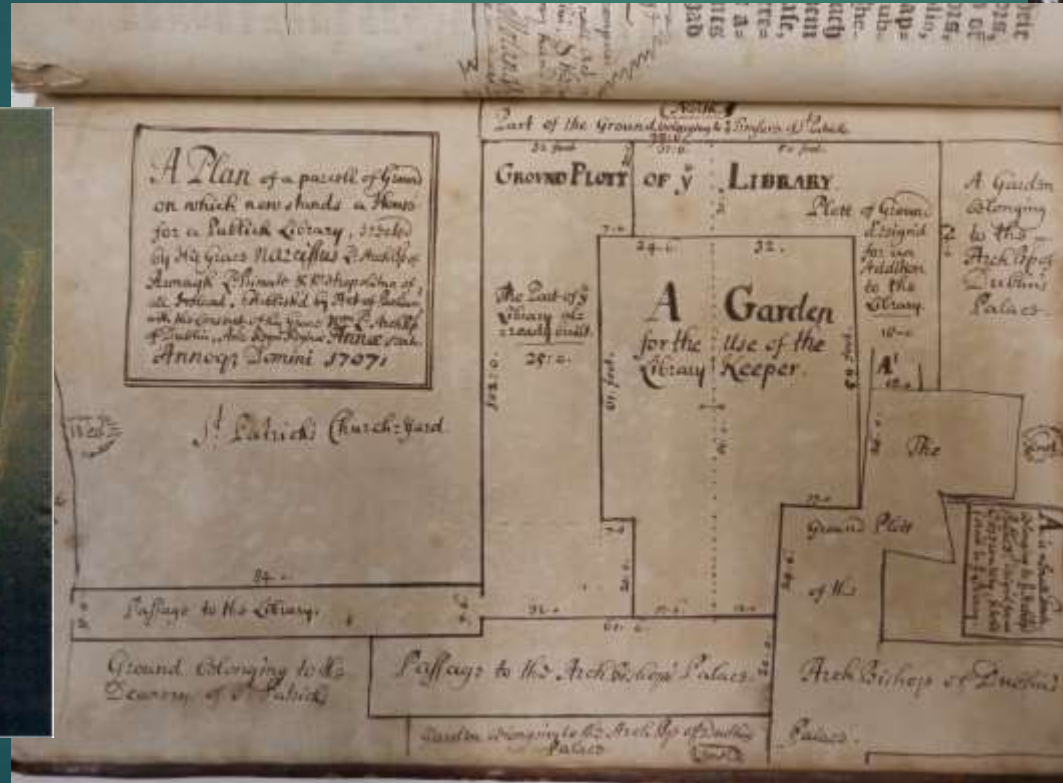
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# Marsh and mathematics



COMMENTS FROM HIS DIARY SHOW HIS INTERESTS IN TRIANGLES, PROPORTIONAL AND CONICS

23 December 1690

This evening I found out a solution of a third of the 5 difficult cases, wherein *one side with the sum of the other two & one angle being given in a triangle, the rest are required*. As 5 days before I had found out another, & this time twelve months, in Oxford, I had found out another.

26 December 1690

This day I found out the solution of the two other cases of the triangle before mentioned

6 January 1691

God blessed me with the invention of a way to find out (& express) any number of middle proportionals betwixt any two numbers, as betwixt 1 & 2 thus

7 January 1691

After great study I had a good invention in Conical Sections, for which God's holy name be praised.









كتاب تحرير اصول  
لاوقليدس

من تأليف <sup>130</sup>خواجه نصير الدين  
الطوسي

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ELEMENTORVM  
GEOMETRICORVM  
Libri Tredecim.

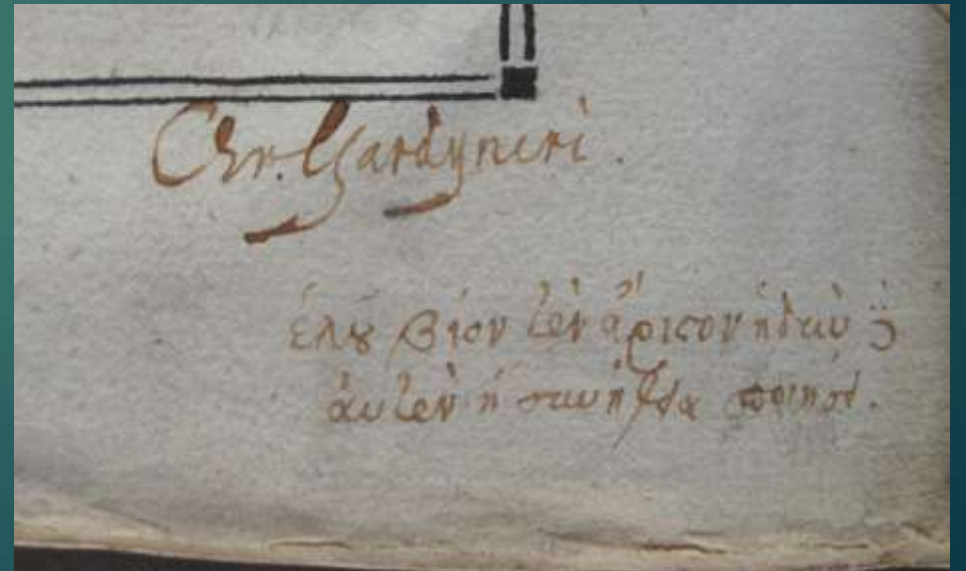
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NASIRIDINI TVSINI  
Nunc primum Arabicè impressi.

ROMAE  
In Typographia Medicea.  
M.D.XCIV.  
Cum licentia Superiorum.



# Euclid title page

GARDYNER'S SIGNATURE AND MOTTO







ΑΡΧΙΜΗΔΟΥΣ  
ΠΑΝΤΑ ΣΩΖΟΜΕΝΑ.

ARCHIMEDIS OPERA  
QVAE EXTANT.

NOVIS DEMONSTRATIONIBVS  
COMMENTARIISQVE ILLUSTRATA.

Per DAVIDEM RIVALTVM A FLVRANTIA Coeno-  
manum, e Regia Turma sacri Cubiculi, sanctiori-  
busque regni Consiliis & a literarum pietatisque  
studiis Christianissimi Gallorum & Nauarra Regis  
LYDOVICI XIII. semper Augusti.

*Operum Catalogus sequenti pagina habetur.*



PARISIIS,

Apud CLAVDIUM MORELLVM, via Iacobaea,  
ad insigne Fontis.

CIS 1500 XV.

EX REGIS PRIVILEGIO.

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# Rivault's edition of Archimedes' Works (Paris 1615)

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*Ad epistolam Gerardi Vossii  
Grammatica Graeca Nicolai  
Clenardi.*

*Vide epistolam Gerardi Vossii  
Grammatica Graeca Nicolai  
Clenardi.*

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Vorda. pag.*

*Rutgers. pag.*

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*Arnaldo Struterio. 60.  
Joachimo Polita. 67.  
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90.*

NIC. CLENARDI  
EPISTOLARVM  
LIBRI DVO. Y

QUORVM posterior iam primū  
in lucem prodit.



977  
ANTVERPIÆ,  
Ex officina Christophori Plantini.  
cl. Is. LXVI. 1666  
CVM PRIVILEGIO.  
††

*Chr. Gardyneri.  
Εἰς τὴν βίβλον τῶν ἐπιστολῶν Ἰνδίου  
ἡ ἀπόκρισις ἢ ἀπάντησις  
τοῦ αὐτοῦ.*

Clenard,  
Epistolarum  
EVIDENCE OF READING

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G. Budæi Parisiensis Cōsilia-

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BELLORVM IN REGIA MAGISTRI,

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Inuictis. & potentis. Principem FRANCISCVM  
Christianissimum Regem Franciæ

DE TRANSITV HEL-

lenismi ad Christianismum,

Libri tres.



PARISIIS.

Ex typographia Matthæi Dauridis, via amygdalina,  
ad Veritatis insigne.

1556.

Ex priuilegio Regis.

*Christiantyneri*  
*est p. 10. la. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12.*  
*de la. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12.*



Budæus,  
*De transitu Hellenismi ad*  
*Christianismum* (Paris, 1556)

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AE S C H Y L V S,

S O P H O C L E S,

E V R I P I D E S.

*Dr. Gardner*

Sive

DE TRAGOEDIIS EORVM,

Libri I I I.



LVGDVNI BATAVORVM,

Apud GODEFRIDVM BASSON.

Anno cl. lxx. xix.



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Meursius, Greek  
tragedies  
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## Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, *The Landlord's Tale; The Rhyme of Sir Christopher*



It was Sir Christopher Gardiner,  
Knight of the Holy Sepulchre,  
From Merry England over the sea,  
Who stepped upon this continent  
As if his august presence lent  
A glory to the colony.

...

But a double life was the life he led,  
And, while professing to be in search  
Of a godly course, and willing, he said,  
Nay, anxious to join the Puritan church,  
He made of all this but small account,  
And passed his idle hours instead  
With roystering Morton of Merry Mount,  
That pettifogger from Furnival's Inn,  
Lord of misrule and riot and sin,  
Who looked on the wine when it was red.

And first it was whispered, and then it was known,  
That he in secret was harboring there  
A little lady with golden hair,  
Whom he called his cousin, but whom he had wed  
In the Italian manner, as men said,  
And great was the scandal everywhere.  
But worse than this was the vague surmise,  
Though none could vouch for it or aver,

That the Knight of the Holy Sepulchre  
Was only a Papist in disguise;  
And the more to imbitter their bitter lives,  
And the more to trouble the public mind,  
Came letters from England, from two other wives,  
Whom he had carelessly left behind;  
Both of them letters of such a kind  
As made the governor hold his breath;  
The one imploring him straight to send  
The husband home, that he might amend;  
The other asking his instant death,  
As the only way to make an end.

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All this the Puritan governor heard,  
And deigned in answer never a word;  
But in summary manner shipped away,  
In a vessel that sailed from Salem Bay,  
This splendid and famous cavalier,  
With his Rupert hat and his popery,  
To Merry England over the sea,  
As being unmeet to inhabit here.

Thus endeth the Rhyme of Sir Christopher,  
Knight of the Holy Sepulchre,  
The first who furnished this barren land  
With apples of Sodom and ropes of sand.



Οὐρανίου  
Εὐχὴ ἅμα διὰ τῶν ἁγίων ἁπάντων  
ἐκείνων ἡμετέρας σωτηρίας

# ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑΙ ΤΩΝ ἉΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΤΕΡΩΝ,

Ἰακώβου ἁποστόλου καὶ ἀδελφοῦ.  
Βασιλείου τοῦ μεγάλου.  
Ἰωάννου τοῦ χρυσόστομου.

## ΠΕΡΙ ΤΩΝ ΕΝ Τῇ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ.

Διοσκουδοῦ τῷ ἁρεοπαλίτῃ.  
Ἰωάννου τοῦ φιλοσόφου καὶ μάρτυρος.  
Γρηγορίου τοῦ Νύκτιος ἁρχιεπισκόπου.  
Ἰωάννου τοῦ δαμασκίου.  
Νικολάου τοῦ Μεθυστιᾶς ἐπισκόπου.  
Σαμῆνα τοῦ Γαλατίας ἁρχιεπισκόπου.  
Μαρκίου τοῦ Ἐφέσου ἁρχιεπισκόπου.  
Γερμανοῦ τοῦ Κωνσταντινουπόλεως ἁρχιεπισκόπου.  
Προβίου Κωνσταντινουπόλεως ἁρχιεπισκόπου.

Omnia Latine scorsim excusantur.



Βασιλεὺς τῆς ἀνατολῆς καὶ τῆς ἀρχιμετῆ.

PARISIIS, M. D. LX.

Apud Guil. Morelium, in Græcistypographum Regium.

PRIVILEGIO REGIS.

# Leitourgiai Tōn Hagion Paterōn Paris, 1560

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τ. ἡ ἀρχὴ τοῦ κόσμου καὶ τῆς ἀνθρώπων, καὶ τῆς ἐπιπέρας καὶ τῆς ἀνθρώπων, καὶ τῆς πόλεως καὶ τῆς ἀνθρώπων, καὶ τῆς ἀνθρώπων, καὶ τῆς ἀνθρώπων.

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Georgii Gemisti, qui & Plerho dicitur, ex Diodori, & Platonis historiis de ista, quae post pugnam ad Mantinam gesta fuit, per capita tractatum.

Herodiani a Marci principatu historiarum libri octo, quos Angelus Politianus elegantissime latine fecit.

E narracione antiquae, & perbrevis in totum Thucydidem, sunt quibus autem intelligendo est quamlibet sollicitus.



Chr. Gardyneri  
Dei Divi le tenon itus de  
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Bibliotheca	Folio	Wendiana
Pappus Alexandrinus		Dope: Platina de vita Dionysii
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Epist. Pasquier de Republica h. l.		
Francis Petricus de Republica h. l.		
Pausanias de vita Dionysii		
Card. de Perron de vita Dionysii		
Dionysii Petricus de vita Dionysii		
		Mo. Cass. Ananus de vita Dionysii
		Georg. Petho de vita Dionysii
		Georg. Petho de vita Dionysii
		Dionysii secundus h. l.
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# Geōrgiou Gemistou Tou Kai Plēthōnos (Venice 1503, Aldus)

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Chr. Gardyneri.  
ἐπιπλέον τῶν ἐπιτομῶν  
ἐν τῇ ἰστορίᾳ τῆς πόλεως.

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Rome, 1592

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CHRISTIE'S, 28 APRIL 2000

DE SUPREMA  
POTESTATE REGIA

Exercitationes habitæ in Academiâ  
OXONIENSI,

Contra ROB. BELLARMINVM, &  
FRANCISC. SVAREZ:

Auctore ROB. ABBOT ibidem tunc Pro-  
fessore Regio, nuper Sarisburienſi  
Epiſcopo.

Super Imperatorem non eſt niſi ſolus Deus, qui  
fecit Imperatorem. *Opus. Milenit.*



*John J. J. J.*

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LONDINI,  
Ex Officina NORTONIANA,  
Apud IOANNEM BILLIUM.  
M. DC. XIX.





# Other books owned by Gardynner included:



Commandino's edition of Euclid  
*Eukleidou Stoicheiōn biblia 13. = Elementorum Euclidis libri tredecim. :  
Secundum vetera exemplaria restituti* (London, 1620)

CHRIST CHURCH OXFORD

John Dee's copy of [Mega etymologikon.] = *Magnum etymologicum  
Græcæ linguae* (Venice, 1549)

CORPUS CHRISTI, OXFORD

Copernicus, *De revolutionibus* (Nuremberg, 1543)

CHATSWORTH, DEVONSHIRE COLLECTION

Drusius, *Liber Hasmonaeorum* (Franeker, 1600)

NATIONAL TRUST, WIMBORNE

Chrysostom, *De Sacerdotio, Libri VI* (Augsburg, 1599)

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πανταχῆ τῆ ἀλήθειαν

Marsh's Greek motto, which is found on many of his books: it translates as

'Truth everywhere'