

## Suitcase for prayer book (inv. 00195)

Author: Anonymous  
Place: France or Southern Netherlands  
Period: 1401-1500  
Material: Iron, timber, leather  
Measurements: 9,3 x 15 x 18,5 cm  
Origin: Purchased by Jean van Caloen

Description: The wooden case, which can hold a prayer book, is covered with leather and reinforced with iron fittings. The hinged lid is like a saddle roof, hinges and lock are on the narrow sides. The green leather has pressed decoration with alternating shaded and floral motifs. Iron bands divide the surfaces. On the front is a lock plate mounted on red leather. The metal bands along the sides are looped for an additional locking system or for fastening. Inside the case is a handwritten note from Jean van Caloen about provenance and other information.

Exhibition:

Bibliography:



- Boîte avec couvercle, pour livre,  
de la première moitié du 15<sup>e</sup> siècle,  
(voir Encyclopédie des Beaux-Arts,  
plastiques par Auguste Demmin,  
tome troisième)

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- Vente A. Spas 1926  
n° 465 du catalogue. Petit coffret  
à manuscrit, en cuir ciré, à décor  
de circeaux et guillemets; fermeture,  
manette, et serrure en fer.  
0.15 x 0.10 x 0.06. fin 15<sup>e</sup> siècle  
vendu 2900 fr. + 15% pour frais

