

Hic liber est meus,
And that I will show ;
Si aliquis capit,
I'll give him a blow.

Or :

Small is the wren,
Black is the rook,
Great is the sinner
That steals this book.

Or again :

Hic liber est meus
Testis est Deus.
Si quis furetur.
A collo pendetum
Ad hunc modum.

The above is always followed by a drawing of a gibbet.

Some French inscriptions are very *caractéristiques* :

Aspice Pierrot pendu,
Quod librum n'a pas rendu ;
Pierrot pendu non fuisset,
Si librum reddidisset.

Or the following, below the name of the owner :

Qui le trouvera sy lui rende :
Il lui payra bien le vin
Le jour et feste Saint Martin,
Et une mésange à la Saint Jean,
Sy la peut prendre.

Or this one half French and half Latin.

Qui ce livre cy emblera,
Propter suam maliciam,
Au gibet pendu sera,
Repugnando superbiam.
Au gibet sera sa maison,
Sive suis parentibus,
Car ce sera bien raison,
Exemplum datum omnibus.

R. R.

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