# THE ART OF FENCING OF JOHANNES LIECHTENAUER

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## AGENDA

- Intro and Distinctions
- Liechtenauer and the Recital
- The Fellowship of Liechtenauer
- Glosses and illustrations
- Related manuscripts
- Outro and Questions







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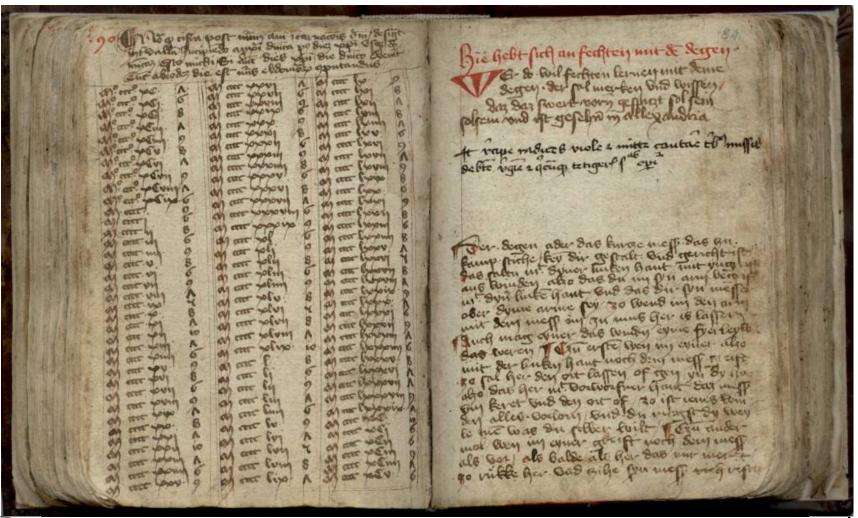








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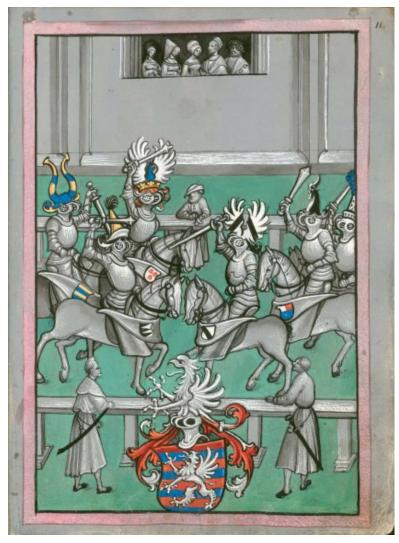
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### IDEAL FENCING MANUAL









## MULTIPLE VERSIONS







# STRUCTURED AND ORGANIZED







Remedy







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### DIFFERENCES IN CONTENT

#### Sixth Scholar of the Fourth Remedy

[22b-c] From the cover of the forehand I have caught you so

That I will lay you out on the ground.

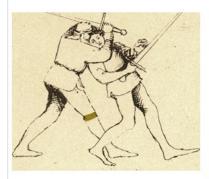
[30r-a] ¶ A covering more on the right foretells when I will catch [you] by the throat;

You, sad, are then laid out into the dark earth.



[30r-c] ¶ During a similar play, we bring you down into the deep earth.

I will accomplish this also; nevertheless I myself <I> remain on





[15r-c] This play is made in this fashion: that is, that one goes with a middle blow against a middle blow to his left side, and then quickly goes to the narrow with a cover. He throws his sword to the neck of his companion, at the same time grasping his right hand with his left (as you see depicted here). He can then throw him to the ground without fail, thrusting his right foot behind [the player's] right.

[Text identical with subsequent play in Ms. Ludwig XV 13.]



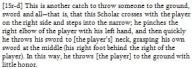


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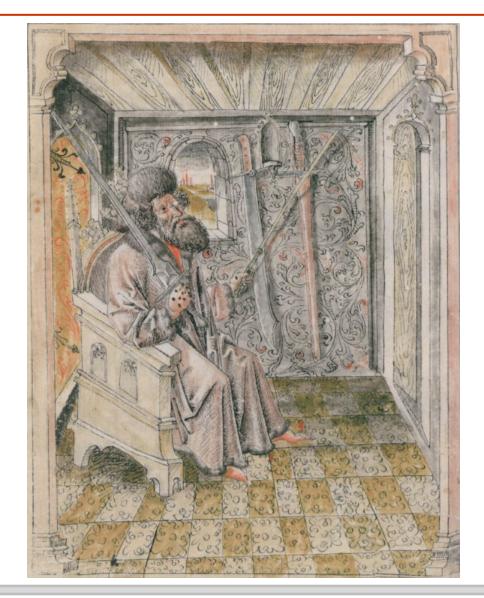








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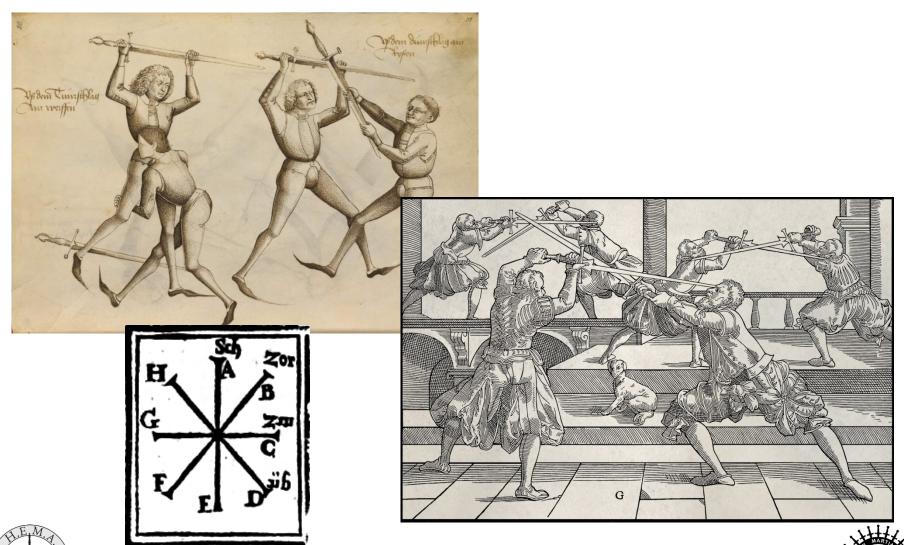








# ACTUAL SOURCE OF INTERPRETATIONS







## JOHANNES LIECHTENAUER



"And before other things you should notice and know that there is only one art of the sword, and it was invented and put together many hundreds of years before, and it is a basis and a core of all the arts of fighting. Master Liechtenauer learnt and mastered this art in a thorough and rightful way, but he did not invent and put together this art, as it is stated before. Instead, he traveled and searched many countries with the will of learning and mastering this rightful and true art."

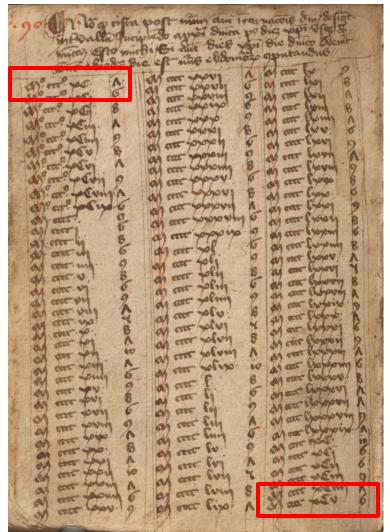
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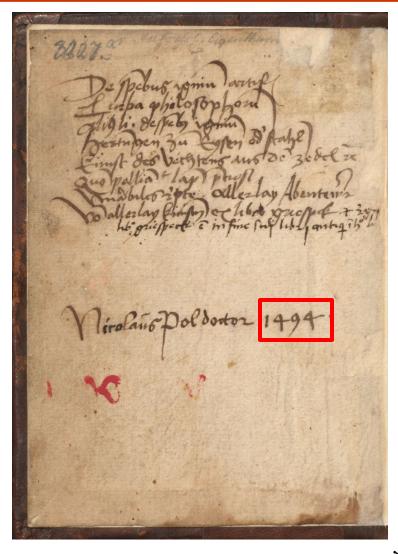






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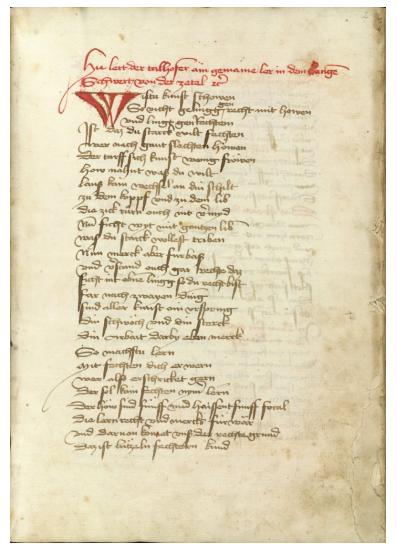








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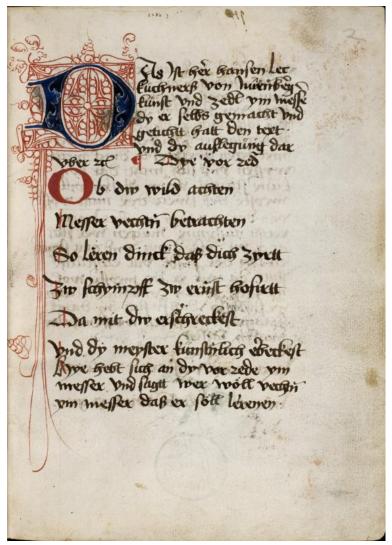
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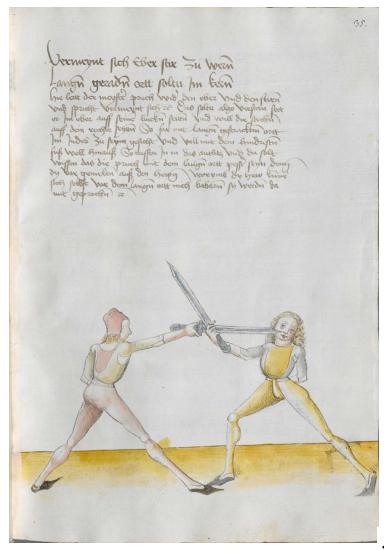
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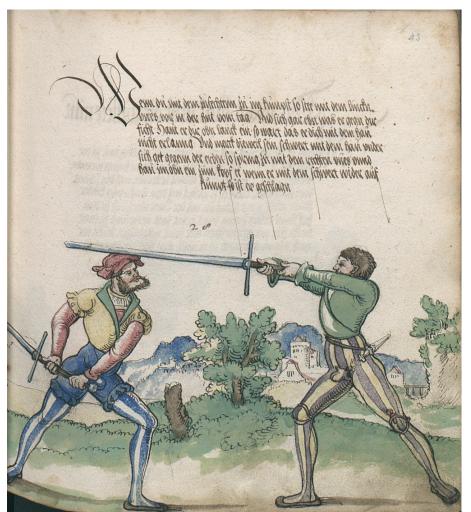








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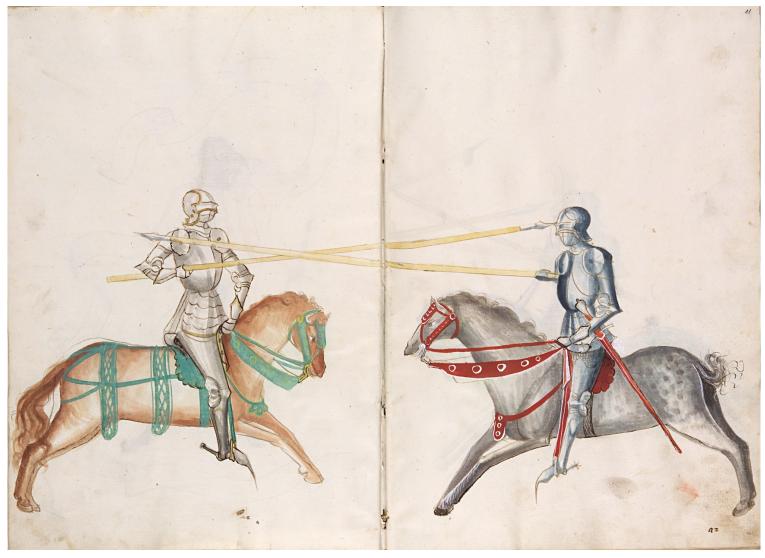










































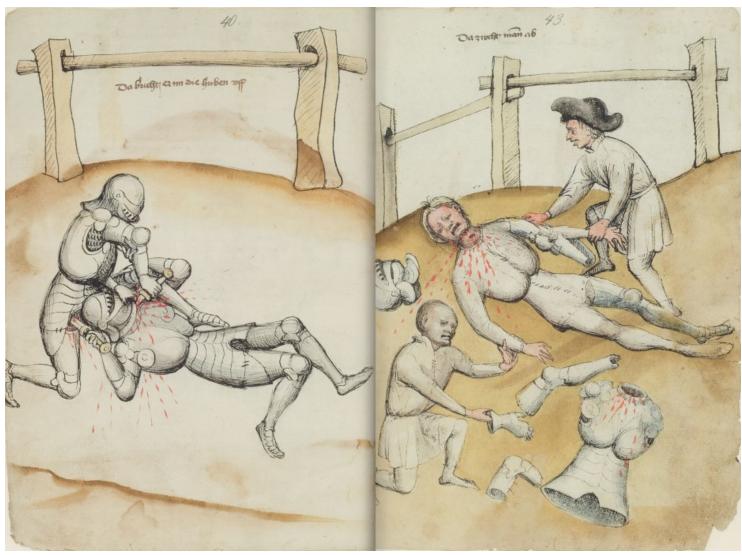








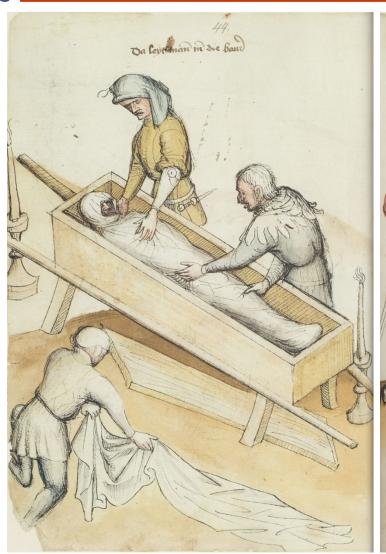




















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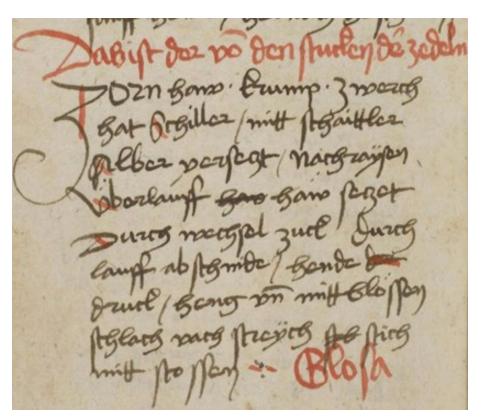








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Following-after, run-over
Set the cut, change-through, pull
Run-through, slice-away, press the hands
Hang and with openings
Strike, catch, sweep, thrust with blows.







# OBSCURE AND CRYPTIC WORDS

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Whoever cuts over you,

The wrath-cut point threatens him.

If he becomes aware of it,

So take-away above without driving.

Be strong against

And thrust. If he sees it, take it down

Note this precisely:

Cut, thrust, leaguer; soft or hard,

In-the-moment and drive-after[sic]

Without hurry. Do not rush your war:

Whoever's war aims

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#### FELLOWSHIP OF LIECHTENAUER

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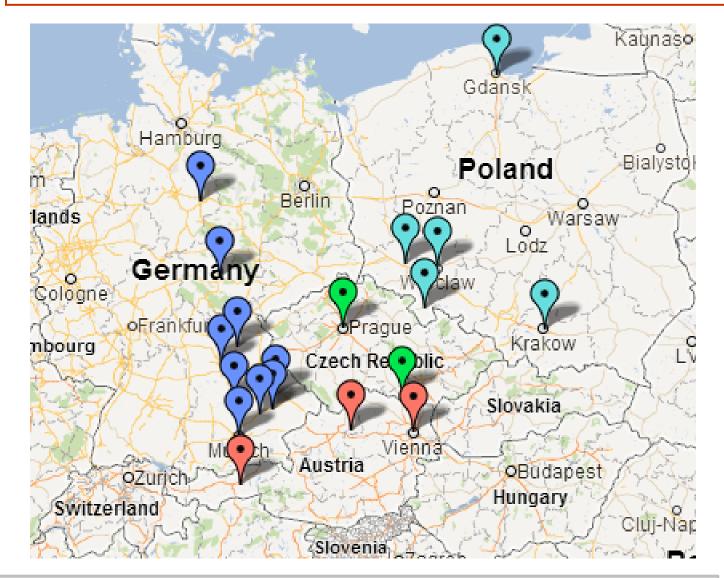
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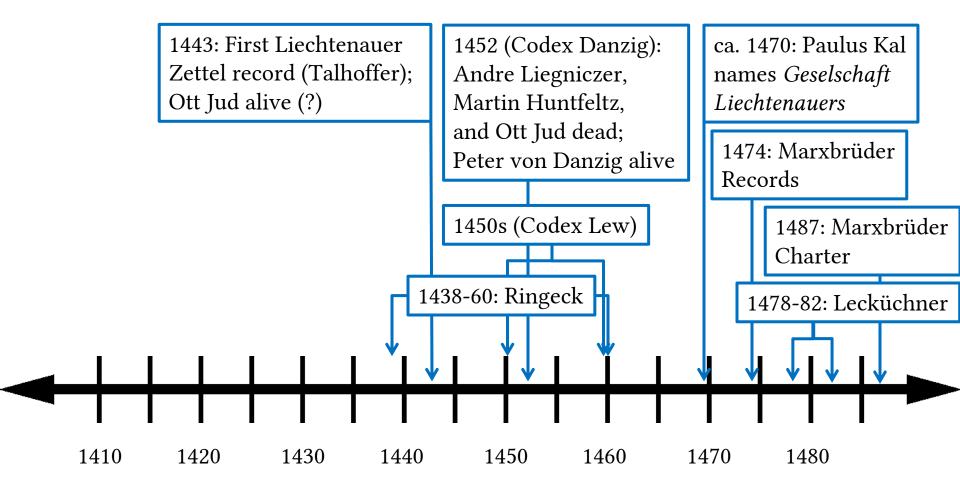








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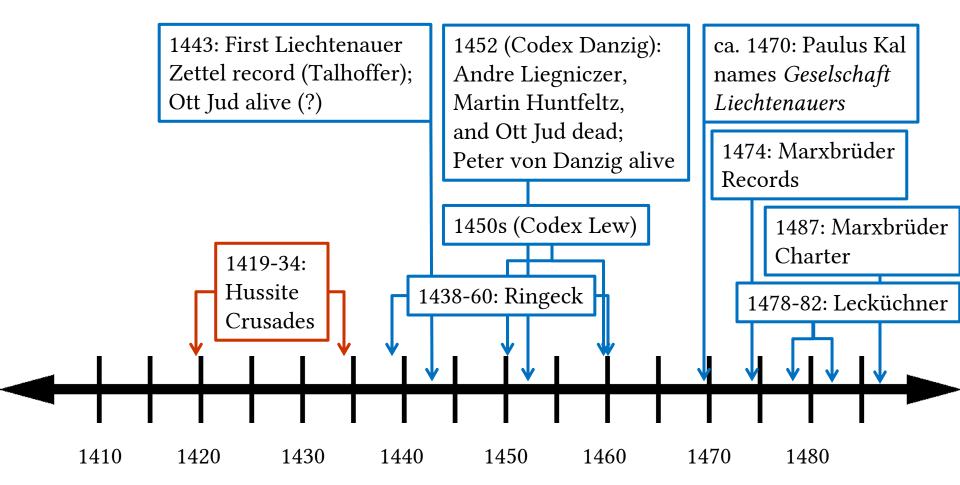








#### MERCENARY FELLOWSHIP?









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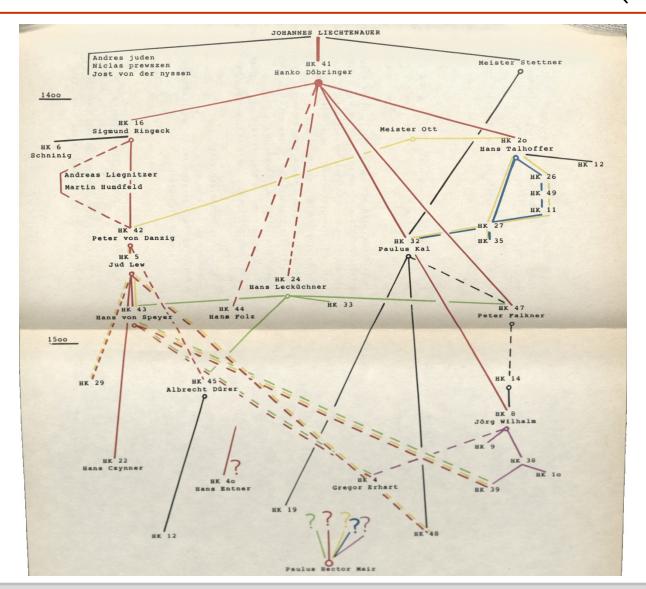
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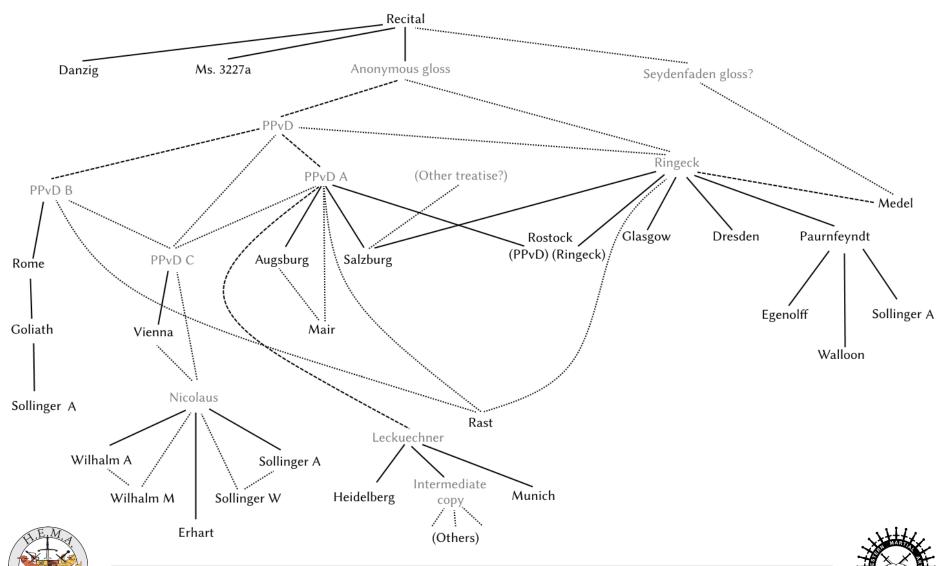








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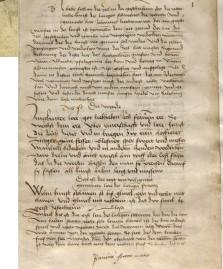
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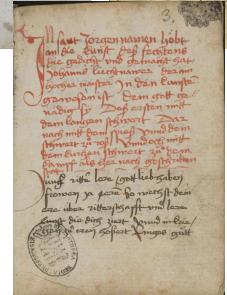
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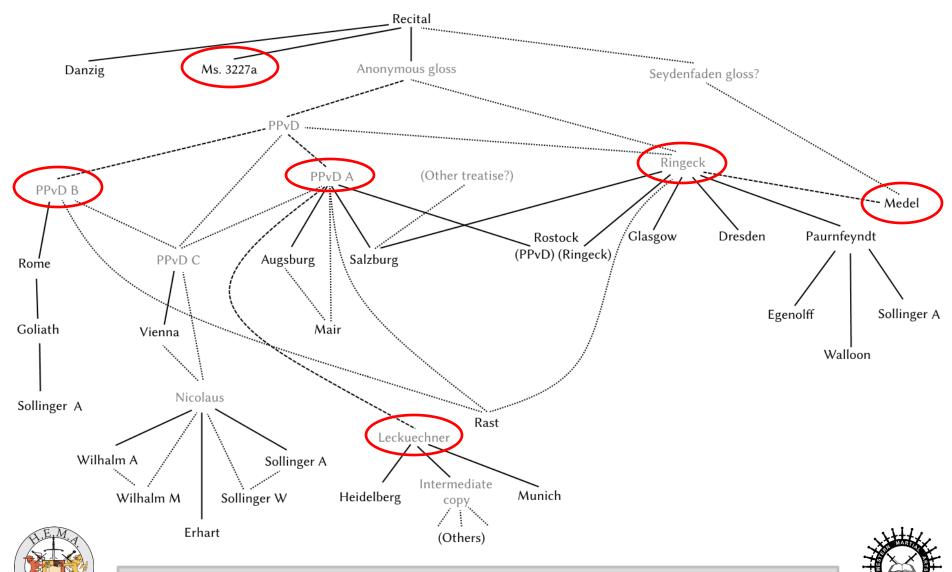






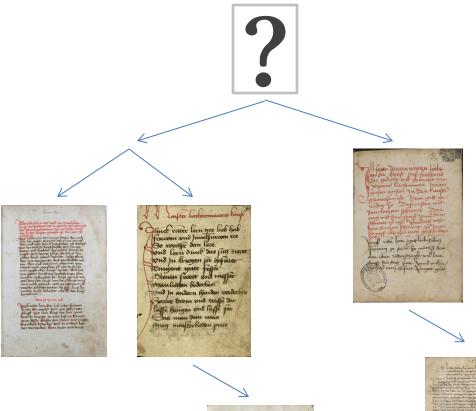


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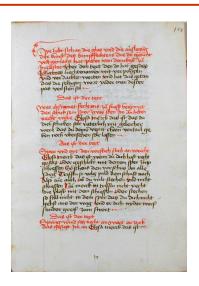


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# PSEUDO-PETER VON DANZIG









# PRIMARY GLOSS (1450S)









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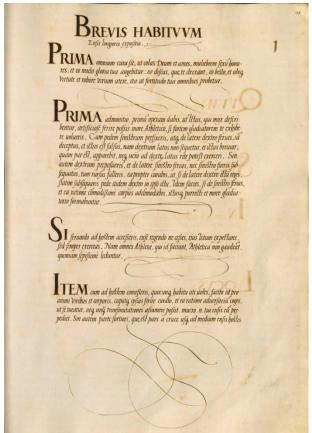
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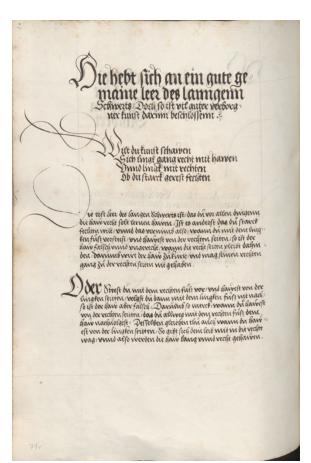




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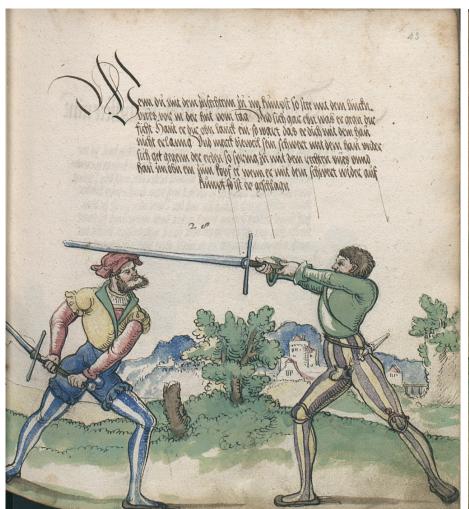








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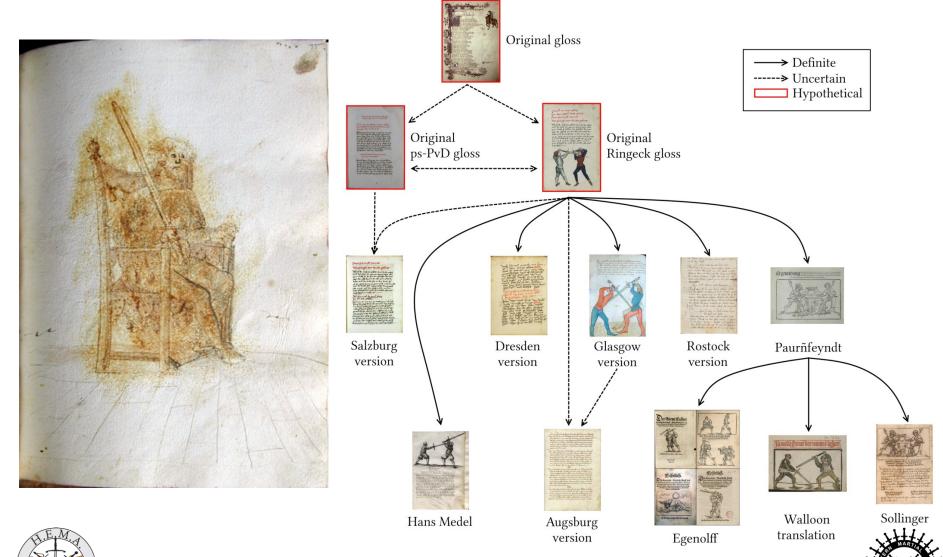
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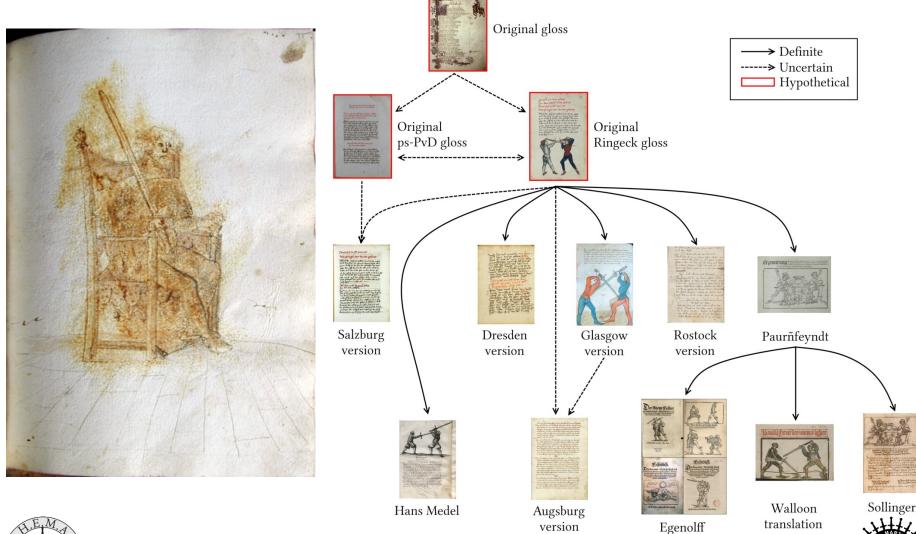


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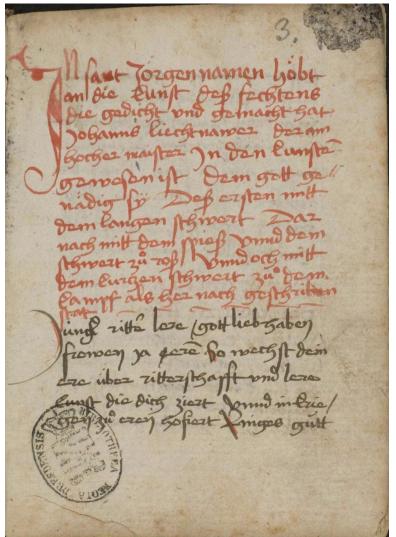
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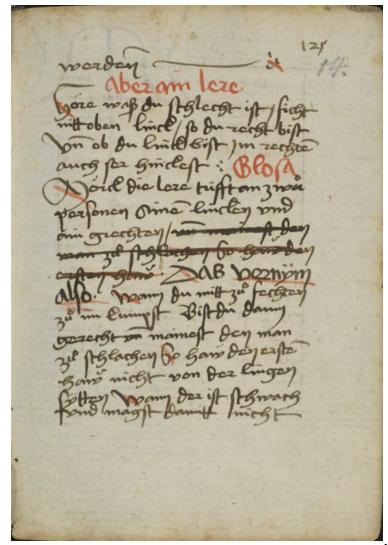






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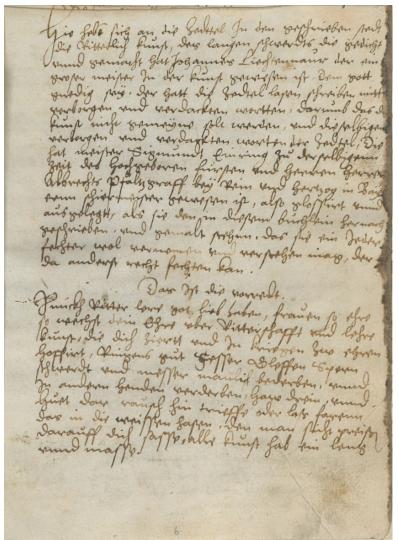






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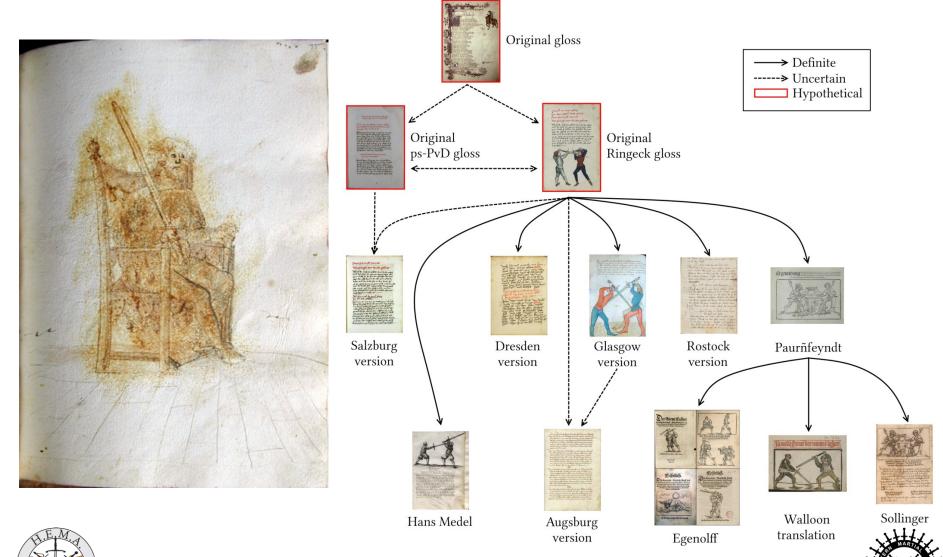








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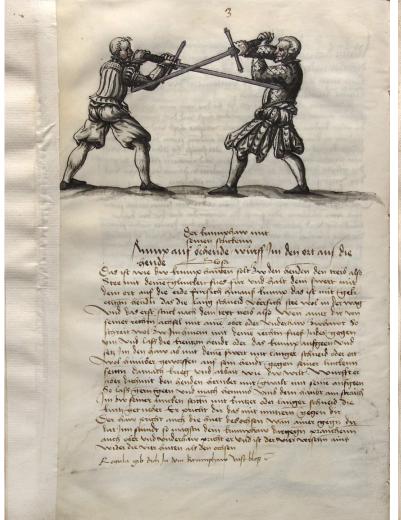
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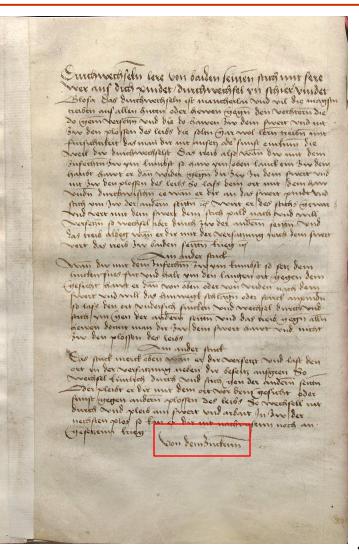
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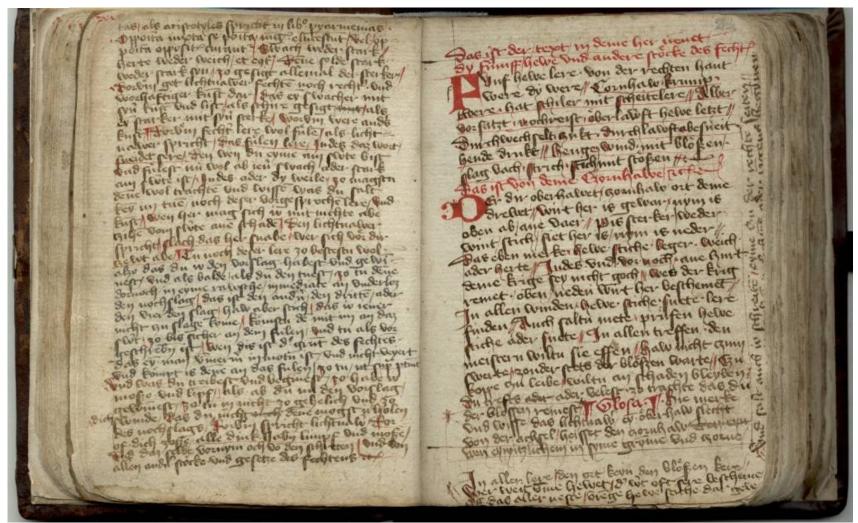








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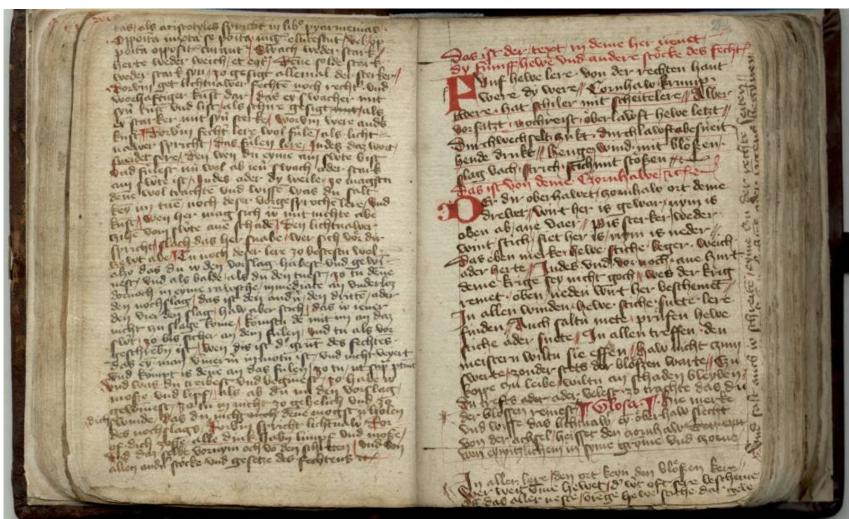








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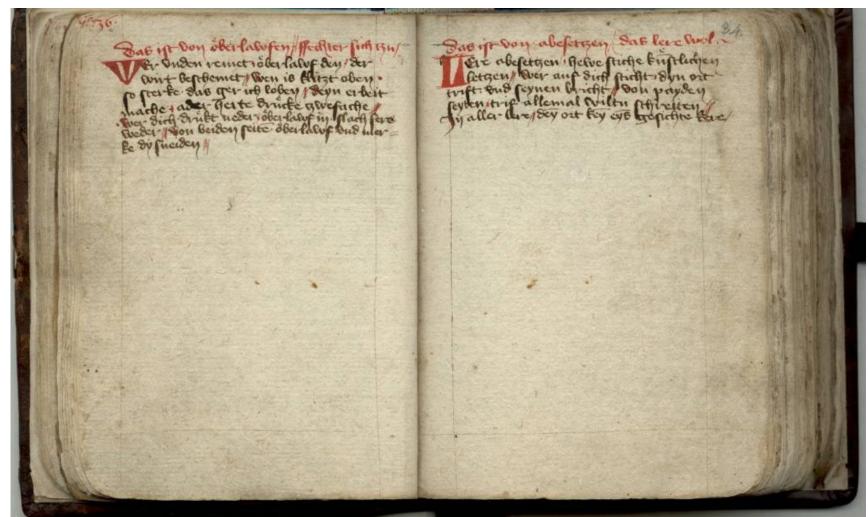








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### HANS LECKÜCHNER

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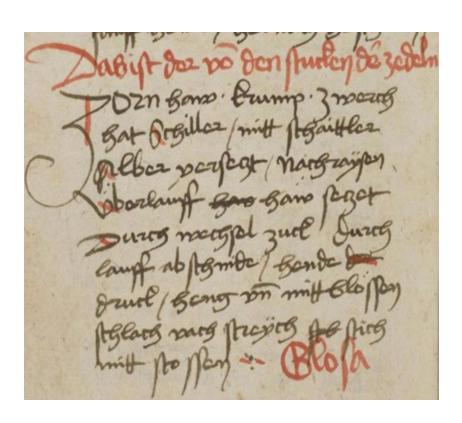








### SEVENTEEN HAUPSTUCKE



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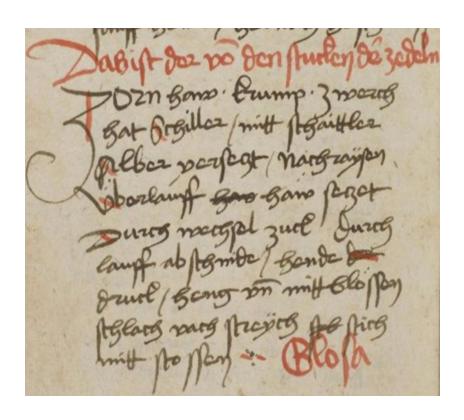
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Following-after, run-over
Set the cut, change-through, pull
Run-through, slice-away, press the hands
Hang and with openings
Strike, catch, sweep, thrust with blows.







### SEVENTEEN HAUPSTUCKE



Wrath Hew (*Zornhaw*)
Crooked/Arcing Hew (*Krumphaw*)
Thwarting/Crossing Hew (*Twerhaw*)
Squinting/Oblique Hew (*Schilhaw*)
Scalp/Vertex Hew (*Scheitelhaw*)

Hidden Strikes

Four Sieges (vier Leger)
Four Forefenses (vier versetzen)
Racing After (nachreisen)
Over-Running (überlauffen)
Defending (absetzen)
Changing Through (durchwechseln)
Drawing Back (zucken)
Running Through (durchlauffen)
Slicing Off (abschneiden)
Hand Pressing (Hende drucken)
Four Hangings (hengen)
Twenty-Four Windings (winden)

Twelve Chief Techniques







#### STRUCTURE OF THE RECITAL

#### General Advice

Structured Set Plays

Wrath Hew (*Zornhaw*)
Crooked/Arcing Hew (*Krumphaw*)
Thwarting/Crossing Hew (*Twerhaw*)
Squinting/Oblique Hew (*Schilhaw*)

Scalp/Vertex Hew (Scheitelhaw)

**Tactical Framework** 

Four Sieges (vier Leger)
Four Forefenses (vier versetzen)
Racing After (nachreisen)

**Technical Glossary** 

Over-Running (überlauffen)

Setting Off (absetzen)

Changing Through (durchwechselen)

Drawing Back (zucken)

Running Through (durchlauffen)

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Hand Pressing (Hende drucken)

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Summary of the Zedel

Twenty-four Windings (winden)





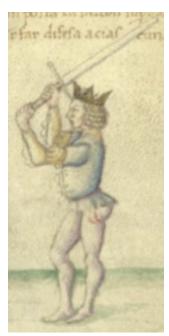


## STRUCTURE OF THE RECITAL

Okay, now start with your sword at your right shoulder. What? No, wait... Well, never mind, that's fine, we'll come back to that later.















### STRUCTURED SET PLAYS

- ("War") - Binding with the long edge

Crooked/Arcing Hew ———— Long edge, inside opening

- (Feinting?) - Binding on/with the flat

Thwarting/Crossing Hew——— Short edge, outside opening

- (Feinting?) - Binding with the short edge

Squinting/Oblique Hew ———— Short edge, inside opening

- Binding against short positions

Scalp/Vertex Hew — Long edge, top of the head

- Binding against hanging covers







### TACTICAL FRAMEWORK

Four Sieges (vier Leger)

Four Forefenses (vier versetzen)

[Four Offenses (vier ansetzen)]

Racing After (nachreisen)







### GLOSSARY AND SUMMARY

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### OBSCURE AND CRYPTIC WORDS

#### Das ist der zorn haw mitt sinen stucken ~

Wer dir ober hawet

Zor haw ort im dröwet ∙:

Wirt er es gewar

So nÿms oben ab an far :·

Biß störcker wider /

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#### This is the wrath-cut with its plays

Whoever cuts over you,

The wrath-cut point threatens him.

If he becomes aware of it,

So take-away above without driving.

Be strong against

And thrust. If he sees it, take it down

Note this precisely:

Cut, thrust, leaguer; soft or hard,

In-the-moment and drive-after[sic]

Without hurry. Do not rush your war:

Whoever's war aims

Above, they become ashamed below.







## CRYPTIC WORDS EXPLAINED

Gloss: Mark, the Wrath-hew breaks all Upper-hews with the point, and is yet nothing other than a simple peasant strike, and that drive thus: When you come to him with the pre-fencing, if he then hews at your head from above on his right side, then hew also from your right side from above, without any parrying, with him wrathfully on his sword. If he is then Soft on the sword, then shoot in the long point straight before you and stab him to the face or the breast. So Set-on him.

~ Pseudo-Peter von Danzig (A)

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~ Sigmund ain Ringeck

Glossa. Here notice and know that Liechtenauer calls the "rage strike" a strike from above delivered from the shoulder, as to anyone in his anger and rage no other strike is as ready as this strike from above done from the shoulder toward the man. That is why Liechtenauer means that if one strikes to you with a strike from above, you should strike the "rage strike" against him so that you shoot your point quickly toward him... It may be also understood that the first verse means that to whom you strike from above with the "rage strike," threaten him with the point of the "rage strike."

~ Pseudo-Hans Doebringer

Gloss: When one will strike you to the head from his right side with an over-cut, so you cut as well against it with a wrath-cut from your right side, especially if he defends softly on the sword, and in the cut, throw-in the wrath-point into his face and thrust.

~ Hans Medel von Salzburg (Hans Seydenfaden von Erfurt?)







### ARTISTIC LICENSE

"Here begin Peter's devices: the sword-taking with counters and grappling..."



Peter's actual device.









### HANS TALHOFFER



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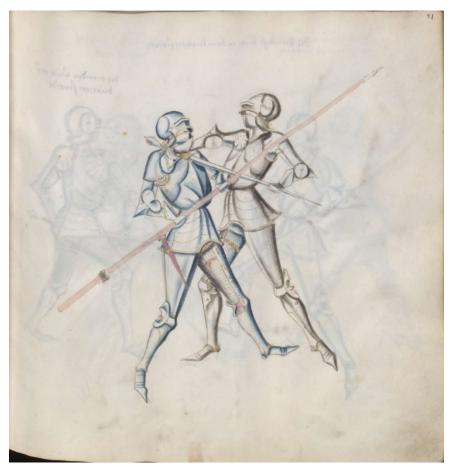


















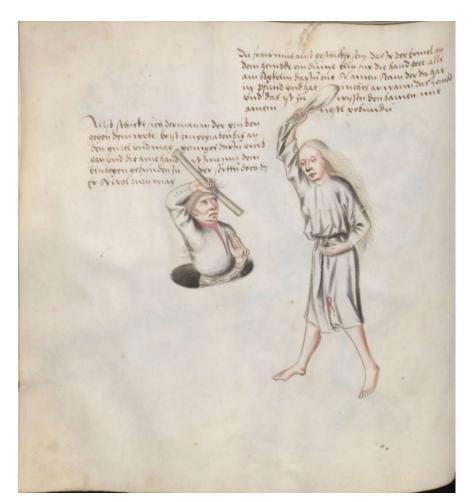












































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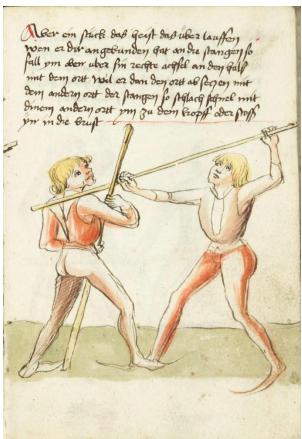






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~Pseudo-Hans Doebringer

**Gloss:** When one will strike you to the head from his right side with an over-cut, so you cut as well against it with a wrath-cut from your right side, especially if he defends softly on the sword, and in the cut, throw-in the wrath-point into his face and thrust.

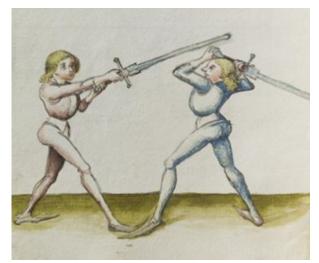
~Hans Medel von Salzburg (Hans Seydenfaden von Erfurt?)







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When he strikes high to your head...



...strike wrathfully ...or the chest. onto his sword and then thrust him in the face...









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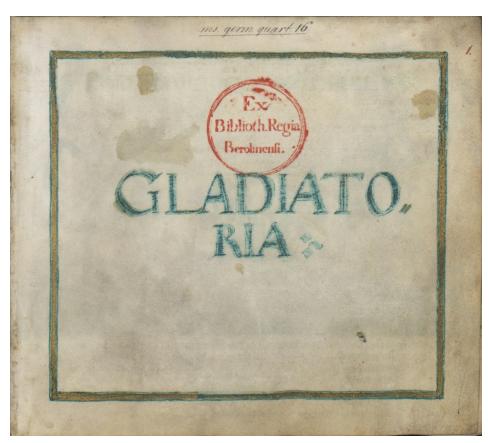
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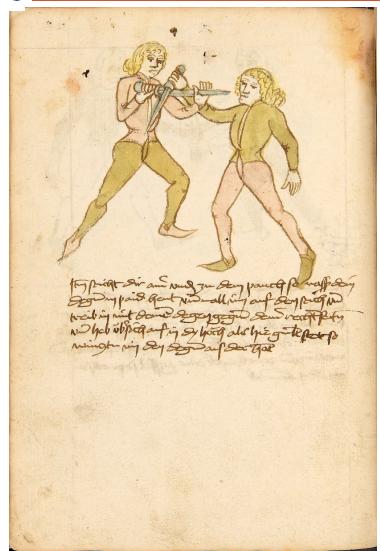








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## GLASGOW FECHTBUCH



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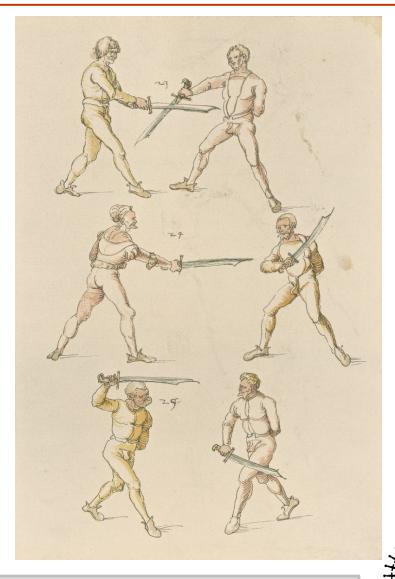






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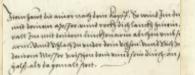
## ANTONIUS RAST



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[19] Mark. Here begins the text and the gloss. The first of the Wrath-hew with its techniques:

27 Who Upper-hews you,

Wrath-hew point threatens him.

Gloss: Mark, the Wrath-hew breaks all Upper-hews with the point, and is yet nothing other than a simple peasant strike, and that drive thus: When you come to him with the prefencing, if he then hews at your head from above on his right side, then hew also from your right side from above, without any parrying, with him wrathfully on his sword. If he is then Soft on the sword, then shoot in the long point straight before you and stab him to the face or the breast. So Set-on him.



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[16] This is the wrath-cut with its playsWhoever cuts over you.

The wrath-cut point threatens him.

Gloss. Understand it thusly: When one cleaves-in above from his right side, so also cleave-in a wrath-cut with him, with the long edge strongly from your right shoulder. If he is then soft upon the sword, so shoot-in the point forward long to his face and threaten to stab him (as stands done hereafter next to this).

[19r] Das ist der zorn haw mitt sinen stucken ~ |Wer dir ober hawet |Zor haw ort im dröwet -:

[38] This is about the Zornhau (wrath strike)
27 Whoever strikes at you from above,

7 Whoever strikes at you from above, the point of the Zornhau endangers him...

Comment Here learn and know that Liechtenauer strikes an Oberhau (Strike from above) from his shoulder which is called the Zomhau. For someone who is angered and wrathful, no other strike comes as ready as the Zomhau, because this Oberhau strikes from the shoulder to the opponent, and this is why Liechtenauer says: If someone strikes an Oberhau against you, you should strike the Zomhau against him so that your point thrusts forward quickly.

...[39] Alternatively, you may understand the first verse as if you strike a wrath strike from above, the adversary is being endangered by the point of the wrath strike...









## CONCLUSION

### Questions?



