

ANCHIENT XILOTHEQUE



This xilotheque dates back to the 19th century and was originally composed by hundreds of handmade pieces.

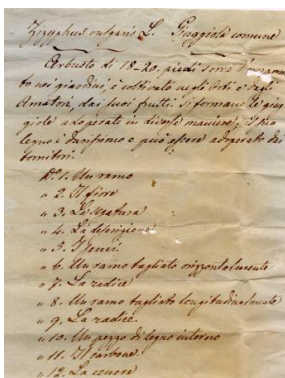
Unfortunately, during the years, a considerable part got lost or destroyed. Today's collection consists of 56 pieces.

These book-like storage boxes were made in the nineteenth century, or even before considering the style. They are modelled like a book, their dimensions are: 19 x 12.5 x 3.4 cm.

Each 'book' is made of the wood of a different tree species. So, by looking at them the spectator can observe the bark and the radial, longitudinal and cross wood profiles (see the picture below).

A label shows the Latin and common name of the species. Inside of the box the "reader" can have further information on the species features related to seedling, leaves, flowers, seeds, fine roots and small samples of sawdust, charcoal and ash (details).

The legend of every part consists of a handwritten parchment paper.



External resources: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xylotheque>

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