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Carl Friedrich von Jaenisch · Tableau systématique des cas dans lesquels un roi et un cavalier gagnent contre un roi et un pion (pour la région H de l'échiquier)

Binding:

Binding made of brown leather, veneers made of marbled paper, the spine is damaged; the binding is original.

History:

The manuscript contains the copy of a little work which was published in Petersburg, in 1837 – the following line can be read on the title page: *Découvertes / sur le / Cavalier / (aux échecs) / par / C. F. J. (Jaenisch) / St. Pétersbourg 1837 / Imprimerie de C. Wienhoeber*. The author is Carl Friedrich von Jaenisch, born and deceased in Russia (1813-1872), a famous Russian-Finnish chess player whose all books were published in French. The copy was probably made in 1837 or later. It was included in the accession register of the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin on the 11th of February 1847, as a gift for the Prussian king (ex Bibliotheca Friderici Wilhelmi III), under the number 2497. Considering the fact that the manuscript contains the notes in German made by the hand of the text, the copyist must have been a speaker of German and the manuscript might have been made in Germany. It is possible that from the time of origin until World War II its history was purely German. This is certainly a copy made ad usum proprium, rewritten by the chess player.

Content:

The main text: *Découvertes sur le cavalier (aux échecs)*, is a little work which was mentioned above. It is a true copy of the quoted edition and the manuscript is of no textological value. The second text: *Tableau systématique des cas dans lesquels un roi et un cavalier gagnent contre un roi et un pion (pour la région H de l'échiquier)*, was written by the hand of the copyist of the first text; perhaps it is his work and in this form it remains anonymous. The text is accompanied by the notes and commentaries (in German and French) which explain the

text of Jaenisch. The paper has different size and the second text was made some time after the first text had been written. With reference to this manuscript, cf. Lemm, p. 10.