Bibliographic Description Assignment

You will be assigned a book from Special Collections. Using the bibliographic description models we've discussed in class, write a descriptive bibliographic record of the book including notes and description of binding.

In this assignment, you should provide the following information:

1. A brief bibliographic formula
   a. 2°, 4°, 8°, etc.
   b. Signed gatherings

So, for example, say you have a quarto that begins with a half sheet, folded as a conjugate pair and signed A. It continues with 32 regular whole-sheet gatherings signed B to Kk inclusive, omitting J, U, W, and Jj. The book ends with a half-sheet pair signed Ll. The formula is: 4°: A² B – 2K⁴ 2L² (from Gaskel, p. 329). Please also see handouts from class 8-31-15.

2. Descriptions of the following:
   a. Paper (type, chain line directions, deckle or cut edges, etc.)
   b. Watermarks

For example, consider this image (taken from one of the books we looked at in Special Collections, printed 1497):

From the Watermark Database ([http://www.wm-portal.net/niki/index.php](http://www.wm-portal.net/niki/index.php), log in as a guest, and search for “bull”) we can determine that it is a mark likely designed by Lucas van Leyden, Dutch, 1494 – 1533.

3. Notes on anything special you see as you work through your book. You may consider (but are not limited to) elements such as:
   a. Marginalia
   b. Binding
   c. Advertising
   d. Mistakes
   e. Illustrations