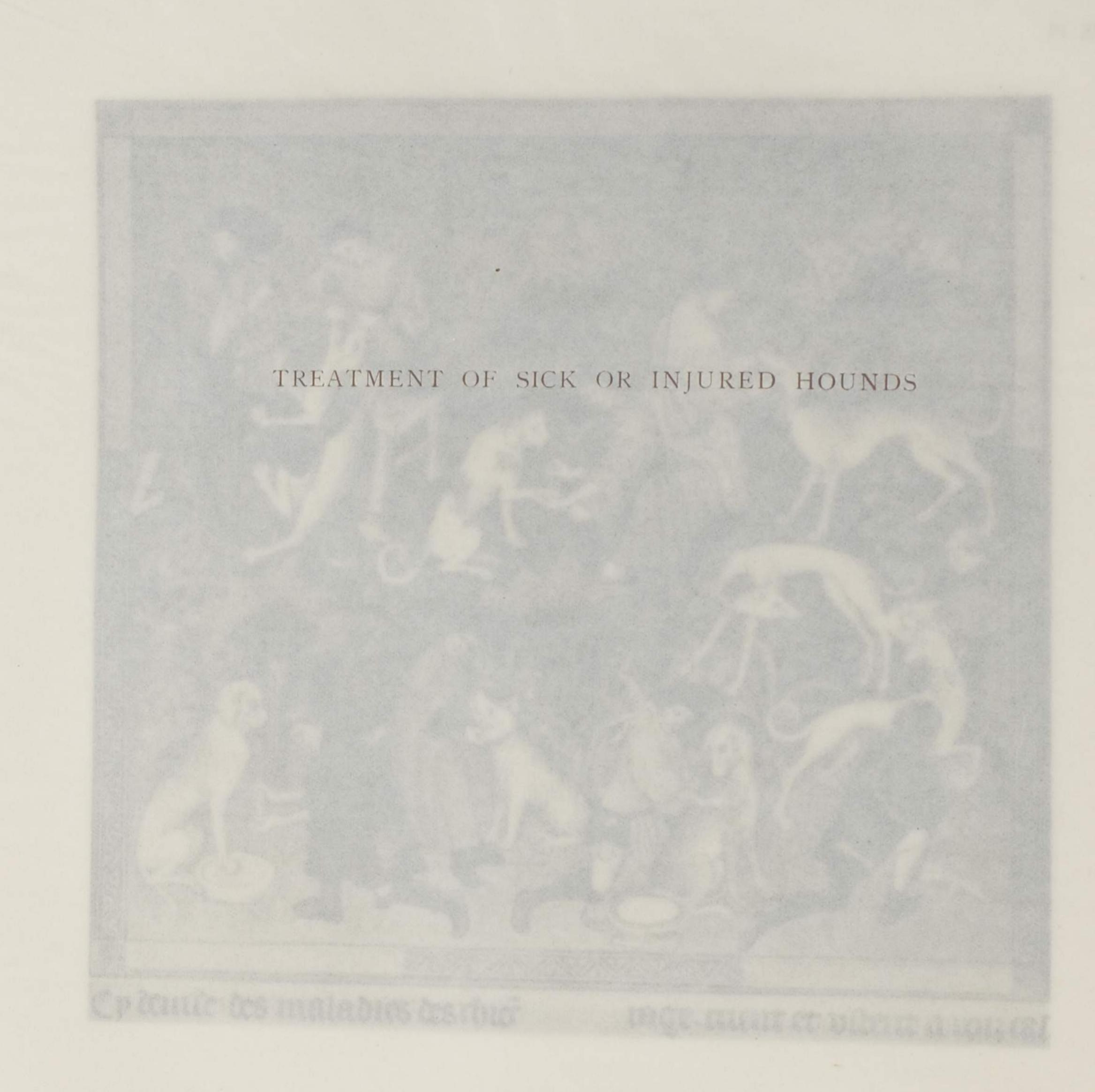
pan 3if thei had but lytel mete and also 3if pei but little. And also if they were cast in a river were cast in Reuere twies in he day hei shuld be twice in a day they should be sooner out of their be raber out of here jolite They beren here jollity. They bear their whelps nine weeks or whelpes ix wekes or more be whelpes byn blynde more; the whelps (are) blind when they are whelped whan bei ben welpede til bei bene ix daies olde bei till they be nine days old and then they may well may wel se, and lappe wel whan bei be a monyth see and lap well when they are a month old, but oolde, but bei han grete nede of hure dame in to they have great need of their dam to the time that pe tyme pat pei be ii monethis olde, and pan pei they be two months old, and then they should be well shuld be fedde wip gootes mylke, or wip kowes fed with goat's milk or with cow's milk and crumbs mylk, and crommes of brede imaked smale and put of bread made small and put therein, especially in the perinne and specially in be morowe and at nyght morn and at night. Because that the night is more by cause pat pe nyght is more cold pan the day. cold than the day. And also men should give them And also men shuld zeue hem crommes in flessh crumbs in flesh-broth, and in this wise men may brothe and in his wise men may norsshe hem to hei nourish them till they be half a year old, and by be of half yeere olde. And by pat tyme pei shul cast that time they shall have cast their hooks, and her hookes and whan bei han cast here hokes, ban when they have cast their hooks they should teach men shulde teche hem to ete drye brede and lape them to eat dry bread and lap water little by little, watir litel and litel for an hounde pat is norshed for a hound that is nourished with grease and fat of grece and fat brothe whan he hath cast his broth when he casts his hooks, and he hath always hokes, but if he haue alwaies soppes or bandes he sops or tit-bits, he is a dainty 2 hound and of evil is a chis2 hounde and of euel warde and also bei ward. And also they be not so well breathed ben not so wel breched as bei that eten alway than if they have eaten always bread and water. brede and watir, whan be biches ben alyned bei When the bitches be lined they lose their time, lose her tyme and also be while bei be grete with and also while they be great with whelps, and whelpes and also the while her whelpes souke, and also while their whelps suck. If they are not lined, but bei ben alyned sone vpon bei shul lose her soon they will lose their time, for their teats remain tyme for her tetes abiden grete and wexen ful of great and grow full of wind until the time that they wynde in to be tyme bat bei shuld haue had here whelpes, and by cause bei shuld not leese here tyme men make hem ispaide saue bis men wil kepe oon to bere whelpes and also oon spaied biche lesteth lengere in hure bounte pan oper ii þat byn not spaied.3 And 3if a biche be with whelpes be whiche ben not of ward lat the biche fast al a day hool and yeue here pan wip a litel grece the jus an herbe the whiche men clepen titimal be whiche be ypoticaries knowen wel, and she shal cast here whelpes. Napertheles it is gre perile namely 3if be whelpes bene grete and fourmed withinne the bicch. The moost defaute of houndes is pat pei lyuen not longe inowe for most comonly bei lyuen but xii yere and also men shuld late renne non houndes of what condiciouns that bei be of, ne nozut hunte with hem into be tyme bat bei were a xii mounthis olde and also they can hunt but nine years at the most. passed. And also bei may hunte but ix yeere at the moost.

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should have had their whelps. And so that they should not lose their time men spaye them, save these that men will keep open to bear whelps. And also a spayed bitch lasteth longer in her goodness than other two that be not spayed.3 And if a bitch be with whelps the which be not of ward let the bitch fast all the whole day, and give her then with a little grease the juice of a herb men calleth titimal, the which the apothecaries knoweth well, and she shall cast her whelps. Nevertheless it is a great peril namely if the whelps be great and formed within the bitch. The greatest fault of hounds is that they live not long enough, most commonly they live but twelve years. And also men should let run no hounds of what condition that they be, nor hunt them until the time that they were a twelve month old and past. And

¹ G. de F. (p. 85) adds: "and then they may be taken from their mother."



^{2 &}quot;Chis," or "cheese," hound, probably dainty hound, a chooser, from "cheosan," Mid. Eng. "choose," to distinguish; also written "ches," chees." (Stratmann.)

³ Lasts longer good, i.e., lasts as long as two hounds that have not been spayed. G. de F. (p. 86) adds: "or at least one and a half."