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BOOK OF CRIME FOR THE TOWN OF KRAKOW, (ACTA DAMNATORUM SEU MALEFICORUM ALIAS SMOLA...) FROM THE YEARS 1554-1625

The statement of Agnieszka from Krzeczow, written in 1600 concerning the theft of goods from the cellar of Mr Chubisz.

The book, from which the selected fragment comes, is the oldest “book of villains” in Krakow. They were court books, otherwise known as “black books”. They contained the most serious criminal cases (e.g. murder, assault, mugging, theft and black magic), including the statements of the parties and witnesses, as well as the decision of the court.

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