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Diplomas in the form of a small quarto book, with the special style of decoration seen in these, and in a handsome binding seem to have been peculiar to Venice (where they were granted by the College of Physicians and by the Company of Aromatarii or Apothecaries) and the Universities of Northern Italy, viz. Padua, Pisa, Pavia, Perugia, and others....the seals are nearly always wanting, so that these diplomas are unusually perfect and well preserved specimens. The diploma being an individual possession, no two specimens are alike. One of these is a facsimile, the others are originals.