

## VELLUM LEAF FROM AN ILLUMINATED MEDIEVAL MANUSCRIPT

FRANCE; Early XVth Century

Latin Text; Cursive Gothic Script

**Book of Hours**  
(*Horae Beatae Mariae Virginis*)

FROM THE COLLECTION OF OTTO F. EGE

This beautiful manuscript leaf was written and illuminated about the year 1535 A.D. At this late date Books of Hours were also being printed in great numbers by such famous French printers as Vostre, de Colines, and Tory. These were elaborately illustrated and frequently hand-colored.

The cursive gothic script used in this leaf, with its boldly accented letters and flourished initials, borrowed heavily from the decorative chancery or legal hands of the XIIIth and XIVth centuries. It influenced the type face known as *civilité*, designed by Granjon, and first used in 1559 A.D.