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LA COLLEZIONE NUMISMATICA
DEL CONTE COSTANZO TAVERNA

Abstract

Count Costanzo Taverna was a distinguished coin and medal collector in the XVIII c. At his death in 1819 his collection was inherited by his brother Giacomo and later by his nephew Carlo who in 1871 donated it to the Milan's Municipality. The purpose of this paper is first to trace back the history and composition of the coin collection, mainly consisting of Milanese items, through an analysis of an unpublished 1815 catalogue, which has been recently found in the Taverna archives. Secondly, it aims to identify its most notable coins belonging still available in the Milan Municipal collections.