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The pigeonhole principle, two centuries before Dirichlet.

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It is pointed out that what is nowadays famous as the “pigeonhole principle” was already (implicitly) mentioned by the French Jesuit Jean Leurechon [Selectæ propositiones in tota sparsim mathematica pulcherrimæ, Gasparem Bernardum (1622)].

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