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AN UNEXPLORED WRITTEN SOURCE FROM THE END OF THE 19TH CENTURY

Contribution to the Semantics of Words Denoting Clothes

Abstract:

This article examines an almost unexplored source for the history of Bulgarian culture and language – a massif of handwritten documents from the end of the 19th century, housed in the Scientific Archives of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. This source provides information on the domestic production of clothing and purchase of clothes, fabrics accessories and jewelry. In this paper, examples are given from the description of clothing in the regions of Samokov, Sofia, and Stara Zagora to show how this source could contribute to a historical dictionary of the Bulgarian language and mostly to a more thorough description of the semantics of lexemes denoting clothes.

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