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A COUPLE OF WORDS WITH OCEANO GASPARRINI

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A talk with a craftsman, a carpenter, who for decades had been in charge of the "material health" of the Istituto Superiore di Sanità. The story of Oceano Gasparrini, similar to those of many other workers that in the same years were in charge of the maintenance, shows a great love for the Institute's "wellbeing ", as if it were their own home, and as such it was to be kept in order. Oceano's story develops through a series of human and work experiences and let you image a quiet and familiar relationship with work rhythms, colleagues and equipment itself. Old instruments are caressed, looked at with a sort of care, as if they were human beings who played their role and now are left aside in a corner. Oceano transmits an atmosphere that is now difficult to retrace, made of manual expertise, experience and love for his work, a "craftwork" to the service of science, now disappeared.

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