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SUMMARY

OF THE

PNEUMATO-CHEMICAL THEORY,

TABLE

The new theory and the language of the new nomenclature being at this time generally adopted, the following pages are principally intended, as a Supplement to the Analysis of the New London Pharmacopœia.



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To the READER.

THE most able chemists having for a length of time admitted *Phlogiston* to be a principle in the composition of certain bodies, and the cause of particular modifications of matter, it required more than ordinary minds to doubt its existence; but since it has been discovered, that water is a compound body, and that the calx of a combustible body becomes heavier than that body was originally, another principle has been introduced, called *Oxygen*; which more satisfactorily accounts for this, and many other extraordinary phenomena. The evidence against water being an element or simple body, and the necessity of accounting for the increase of weight in calcined bodies, were the occasion of much perplexity to the supporters of the phlogistic system; and the mode of solving the latter particular carried with it too great an air of sophistry to stand its ground. One of its most able defenders did advance, that phlogiston not only has no weight, but that it possesses positive levity; and that when taken from an absolutely heavy body, the body, by being deprived of this levity, becomes more heavy. Such a sophism, to-

gether with the further assertions, that it renders air elastic, and constitutes flame by a chemical combination with air, &c. &c. does not allow of demonstration; and, instead of supporting the cause of phlogiston, has undoubtedly injured it; since no one circumstance is apt to sink the credit of an hypothesis more, than an attempt to support it by an inefficient proof.

The discoveries and experiments made by Dr. BLACK, Mr. CAVENDISH, and Dr. PRIESTLY, respecting the properties of elastic fluids, were the more immediate causes of the late improvements in Chemistry; and the two great discoveries of Mr. CAVENDISH, namely, the formation of water, by the combustion of inflammable gas and pure air; and of nitrous acid, by the application of electric sparks, to a mixture of pure and impure airs, have helped to enforce the pneumatic system.

On a transient view indeed, an attempt to explain the phenomena of fire, heat, and ignition, without the aid of phlogiston, appears to be fraught with absurdity; but when we consider the talents and character of the persons who have ventured upon this arduous task, the regularity of the system they have adopted, together with the variety and accuracy of the facts and experiments produced as tests of an agency, at least adequate to the former principle, the difficulty of reconciliation may not prove so great as it is conceived to be.

It has been advanced that phlogiston was never separately exhibited: it is the same with oxygen; on which account the latter principle is not yet positively establish-

ed: for it is too well known, that the basis of human system is mostly speculative, and consequently subject to error, and to change.

With regard to the theory of acidification, we are told by M. FOURCROY, that it is a fact proved by the most strict experiments, that sulphur cannot convert itself into sulphuric or vitriolic acid, unless once and a half of its weight of oxygen, or the base of vitriolic air, be combined with it; that in like manner, phosphorus cannot become phosphoric acid, nor charcoal carbonic acid or fixed air, unless combined with two parts and a half of oxygen, &c. So far the new doctrine of acidification is a recital of facts; but when from these particular facts, it is generally concluded, that oxygen is the constituent part of all acids, analogy leads us to think so, and then begins theory. Experiments therefore, accurately and repeatedly performed, are most likely to be the verification of it.

Professor GADOLIN has observed, that as the nature of the basis of pure air, and the mode by which it combines itself with bodies have not been investigated, there is no absolute proof of its being brought about by the principle of acidity; it is also uncertain, whether it gives acidity, or by its combination, sets at liberty bodies possessed of the properties of acids.

The Academy of Sciences at Paris, in their comparative remarks on the two principles, have long since acknowledged, that the new theory possessed advantages superior to those of the old; because it agrees better with the mutual action of the principles of different bodies;

and in consequence of the precision and exact calculation to which the perfection of modern apparatus has reduced the method of analysing. Another powerful evidence in favour of the new theory is the consentient judgment and practice of several men of eminence, who had strenuously supported the phlogistic system.



A

SUMMARY

OF THE

PNEUMATO-CHEMICAL THEORY,

AND OF THE

NOMENCLATURE.

THIS Theory and Nomenclature were regularly digested, and first made public, under the direction of Mess. MORVEAU, LAVOISIER, FOURCROY, and BERTHOLET, in the year 1787, by which the principles, names and order of things were entirely changed.

The elementary bodies or substances are divided into five classes, after the following method :

CLASS I.

This class comprehends those simple substances or principles which approach nearest to the idea of elements,

are the first principles in combination, and have hitherto resisted analysis. These are

Lumiere	Light	Azote	Azot
Calorique	Caloric	Hydrogene	Hydrogen
Oxygene	Oxygen		

Light. Heat and light are the principal instruments of nature towards the various productions and changes of bodies. Light seems to be subject, like other bodies, to the laws of affinity, but is too subtle to be investigated.

Caloric or *Matter of Heat*, is called in the new system *calorique*, to distinguish it from *chaleur* heat, the latter denomination being intended to express the effect of the former. Dr. BLACK says, that heat when combined in a certain degree with other matter loses its sensible qualities, and remains inactive: heat in this state of quietude, he calls *latent heat*, which is copiously contained in atmospheric air, and gives to it the elastic power; and substances are in a solid, liquid, or aeriform state, in proportion to the quantity of caloric with which they combine.

Light and caloric appear in many instances to be productive of the same effects: combined with oxygen, hydrogen, azot, and ammoniac, they assist in changing substances not decomposed into the state of gas, and thus produce vital air, inflammable air, phlogificated air, and alkaline gas.

Oxygen, the acidifying principle, or basis of pure or vital air, called also heretofore dephlogificated air. The

word is derived from οξύ acid, and γεινομαι to beget, having the supposed property of changing various substances, and producing acids. It is absolutely necessary to respiration and combustion, and by being combined with different substances, called *acidifiable bases*, is said to form the different acids: it also unites with metals in their calcination, &c. and is considered as the cause of additional weight to substances in that state. United with a quantity of oxygen not sufficient to convert them into acids, it forms metallic substances, or earths, into what were formerly named calces, now called oxyds.

Pure air	143	parts with	100	of sulphur	give sulphuric acid
—	3	—	1	of impure air	nitric acid
—	72	—	28	of charcoal	carbonic acid
—	154	—	100	of phosphorus	phosphoric acid

With unknown bases it is said to form muriatic, boric, succinic, and fluoric or spathic acids.

With a basis compounded of *hydrogen, charcoal, and* sometimes a small portion of *phosphorus*—different vegetable acids.

With a basis compounded of *hydrogen, charcoal, phosphorus, and azot*—different animal acids.

With the metallic substances, *arsenic, molybden, and tungstein*—their respective acids.

With *iron*, a doubtful acid, called prussian acid.

Hydrogen, Inflammable air, or gas. The word is derived from υδωρ water and γεινομαι to beget, water

having been proved by experiments to be oxygenated hydrogen, or the immediate production of the combustion of oxygen gas with the hydrogen gas, deprived of light and caloric during the combustion.

Hydrogen is an aeriform fluid, when procured from iron or zinc, it is eleven or twelve times lighter than atmospheric air. If from putrid, animal, or vegetable substances, it is much heavier. It is generally mixed with a portion of the substance from which it has been separated; has a noxious suffocating quality, and is a constituent part of vegetable and animal substances.

With *charcoal*, and not in the state of gas, it is said to constitute *oil*; which is more or less fixed in proportion to the quantity of hydrogen or charcoal it contains.

Iron and *Zinc* contain a large quantity of this air. When gas, it dissolves *charcoal*, *phosphorus*, and several *metals*; also *sulphur*, in union with which, it forms *hepatic gas*.

Water is declared to be compounded of fifteen parts of hydrogen, and eighty-five of pure air; the proportions of which are said to have been repeatedly proved by experiments.

Azot, or *Impure air*, called also *mephitic* and *phlogisticated* air, is one of the essential principles of animal matter: the name is derived from α privat. and ζωη life; this air having a suffocating quality.

With *caloric*, or the matter of heat of the atmosphere, it becomes gas.

With one part of azot, and three of oxygen or pure air, the nitrous acid is formed.

According to Monf. BERTHOLET's experiments, ammoniac, or volatile alkali, is composed of 807 parts of azot and 193 of hydrogen.

In the proportion of 73 parts to 27 of pure air, atmospheric air is formed.

Some chemists declare azot to be a substance compounded of oxygen and hydrogen, others of pure air and phlogiston.

CLASS. II.

The substances of this class are called *acidifiable bases* or *Radicals*, being the radical principle of the acids; which united with oxygen or the *acidifying principle*, are said to constitute acids.

The known acidifiable bases or radicals of the acid are *azotic* or bases of nitrous acid, called *nitric radical*, the *carbonic*, from the french word *carbon* charcoal, the *sulphuric* and the *phosphoric*. Those which have not yet been separated from the oxygen are much more numerous; such are the *muriatic radical*, the *boracic*, *fluoric*, &c. It is not unlikely that these acids, altho' said to be simple bodies, have compound bases, and that they differ merely from the different proportion of the same principles.

The acidifiable bases or radicals are arranged in the tables after the following order: Sulphuric, phosphoric, muriatic, boracic, fluoric, succinic, acetic, tartaric, pyro-tartaric, oxalic, gallic, citric, malic, benzoic, pyro-lignic, pyro-mucic, camphoric, lactic, saccho-lactic, formic, pruffic, sebacic, lithic, bombic.

These radicals manifest different qualities, according to the different quantities of oxygen with which they are saturated. Neutral salts also differ from the same cause, and the several states of those acids are expressed by as many different terminations, adapted to the same original word: thus for instance,

Sulphur completely oxygenated or saturated with oxygen, is called *acidum sulphuricum*, sulphuric acid, formerly vitriolic acid.

Salts prepared with this acid are called sulphates *fulphats* ex. gr. *fulphas potassæ*, or of vegetable alkali, formerly called *tartarum vitriolatum*, &c.

Sulphur united to a less quantity of oxygen, before called volatile vitriolic acid, is styled *acidum sulphurosum*, or sulphureous acid,

The salt formed from the sulphureous acid is named *fulphis* or *fulphite*; ex. *fulphis potassæ*, Stahl's sulphureous salt.

The combination of sulphur not advanced to the state of an acid, is denominated *fulphuretum* or *fulphuret*; ex. *fulphuretum potassæ*, alkaline *fulphuret*, or alkaline liver of sulphur; *fulphuretum olei fixi* formerly balsam of sulphur, &c. &c.

Agreeable to this analogy are the words *acetic*, and *acetous acid*, *acetat*, and *acetite salt*, *nitric*, *nitrat*, *nitrous*, and *nitrite*, *carbonic*, *carbonat*, &c. &c.

The acids, obtained by distillation from tartar, sugar, wood, &c. called empyreumatic spirits, are expressed by the dissyllable *pyro*, from the greek word $\piυρ$ fire. Thus the spirit of tartar becomes *pyro-tartareous acid*, the salt *pyro-tartrite*; spirit of wood, *pyro-ligneous acid*, and the salt *pyro-lignite*, &c.

Besides the radical acid already mentioned, many other acids are capable of uniting with the same basis in different proportions; some of them retaining several bases at the same time, viz. Salts with excess of acid, with excess of base, and sur-compound salts; to the first is affixed the additional epithet *acidulous*, to the second *sur-saturated*, and the last has both the bases specified, ex.

Cream of tartar is called, *Acidulous tartrite of potash*.

Common borax $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Borat sur-saturated with} \\ \text{soda, or simply borax.} \end{array} \right.$

Salt of sorrel, containing copper $\left. \right\} \text{Cuprious oxalat of potash.}$

CLASS III.

This division comprehends all the known *metallic bodies* which are ranked as simple substances, and bear the title of acidifiable bases. Three only are yet positively known

to possess the property of producing acids, namely, arsenic, molybden, tungsten. The other 14, viz. manganese, nickel, cobalt, bismuth, antimony, zinc, iron, tin, lead, copper, mercury, silver, platina, gold, are susceptible of that intermediate state of saturation with oxygen, which is expressed by the particular name of *oxydum*, *oxide*, or *oxyd*; a word intended to denote a body impregnated with a certain quantity of oxygen, but not sufficient to form an acid, formerly called calx. The following oxyds may serve as examples:

Oxydum zinci sublimatum — Flowers of zinc.
 ————— plumbi femi-vitreum — Litharge.

Salts formed by metallic acids are distinguished in like manner with acids in general, by the terminations *as* and *at*; as arsenias, arseniat; molybdas, molybdat; and tungstas, tungstat, observing also to express the base.

No metallic substance is soluble in an acid till it becomes an *oxyd* or calx, by being united with *oxygen*, either from the decomposition of the acid, or of the water employed in the solution.

Metallic calces or oxyds, are absolutely heavier than the metals of which they are formed, and hence are evidently united with some new substance; but they are specifically lighter than before calcination. They lose no particular substance, but absorb, and unite with, the oxygenous principle deprived of most part of its specific heat, which the air contained, and which was the cause of the air having an aeriform existence.

The immediate combinations of metals with other metals, in their most simple state, without either of them being oxygenated or oxydated, are expressed by the word *alloy*; thus, the metals of printers' types are called *alloy of antimony and lead*; brads, *alloy of copper and zinc*.

The term *amalgam* is expressive of the alloys of mercury: thus the composition laid on looking-glasses is called, *amalgam of tin*.

CLASS IV.

Contains the five earths, which altho' they have certain properties in common, bear distinct marks that require different denominations.

Silice, or *Silica*—Siliceous, or vitrifiable earth, such as quartz, flint, &c.

Alumina, the basis of alum, or pure argillaceous earth.

Baryta, ponderous earth, or barytes.

Calx, calcareous earth in the state of lime.

Magnesia, of the shops.

The last four are soluble in acids, and are placed in the class of acidifiable bases. Chymists have not yet been able to decompose any of these earths; they are therefore ranked as simple bodies.

CLASS. V.

This class contains the three alkalies, all of which are supposed to be compounds, and are accordingly omitted in the list of simple bodies.

The vegetable alkali is named *potassa*, the fossil alkali, *soda*, and the volatile alkali, *ammoniac*; which last has been proved, by the repeated experiments of Mons. BERTHOLET and Dr. AUSTIN, to be a combination of *azot* and *hydrogen*.

The *Appendix* to the *New Nomenclature* contains some compound substances, which sometimes combine like simple bodies.

In the experiments made upon animal and vegetable substances, similar principles are frequently found both in the classes and different species, which may be considered as the chemical compositions of nature, such are *sugar*, *mucus*, *gluten*, *starch*, *resin*, *extract*, *fecula*, and the *oils*.

Sugar, *gums* and *starch* are ranked by M. LAVOISIER in the class of oxyds; they become oxyds by a basis being formed from an union of the inflammable air and charcoal, and a combination with pure air. An additional quantity of pure air brings them into a state of acids.

Balsams and *resins* contain nearly the same principles that volatile or essential *oils* do; they attain solidity by absorbing pure air, whilst they part with inflammable air.

Fecula is the farinaceous matter of vegetables, which serves for nourishment to the organic parts, and lodges in their trunks, branches, leaves, seeds and roots.

Oils are compounded of charcoal and inflammable air, not reduced into gas by means of calorique. There are two sorts of oils, the *fixed* or unctuous containing an excess of charcoal, and the *essential* or *volatile*, containing a greater proportion of inflammable air, which rises in form of gas with the watery vapour, by distillation, and re-unites in the form of oils. When burnt in pure air, they are converted into water and aerial acid.

The Nomenclature gives the title of *sapo*, soap, to the compositions of fixed oils; as *sapo potassæ* alkaline or common soap; and those composed of volatile or essential oils are distinguished by the word *saponulus saponul*, as *saponulus potassæ*, Starkey's soap.

The substance called *rector spirit*, being essentially the principle of odour in plants and flowers, is named *aroma*, and is not investigable.

The word *alcohol* is adopted for spirit of wine, and tinctures, &c. formed of that menstruum; such are, the dulcified spirit of salt, now called *muriatic alcohol*. Tincture of guaiacum, *alcohol* of guaiacum, &c.

Such combinations of alcohol and acids as form ether, are called agreeable to the acid employed; viz. *Sulphuric ether*, *acetic ether*, and *nitric ether*.

LAVOISIER says, that all vegetable substances contain three principles, pure air, inflammable air, and charcoal; that some of the alkalescent plants contain also impure air and phosphorus; also, that animal substances contain pure, impure, and inflammable airs, charcoal, and phosphorus; but afford more oil and volatile alkali, when distilled, than the alkalescent plants, consequently possess more impure and inflammable air.

COMBUSTION AND OXYDATION.

M. LAVOISIER who was one of the inventors of the New System, and a principle supporter of it by the accuracy and ingenuity of his experiments, declares that combustion is the decomposition of oxygenous gas, effected by a combustible body: towards which process, the oxygen that formed the basis of the gas, having greater affinity with the combustible body than with light or caloric, is absorbed by it, whilst the two latter substances are disengaged and set free, and form what is called flame; that no combustion can be effected without the application of additional heat to break the equilibrium or rest of the constituent parts; and that the combustion may be kept up, until the combustible body is quite saturated with the oxygenous principle.

When the combustion is in pure air, the whole of it is absorbed; in atmospheric air, about one fourth, that being the quantity it mostly contains.

The phlogistic system supposed metals to be substances composed of an earthy matter, and phlogiston or inflammable matter ; which latter being dissipated by the force of fire, left a calx ; and that by the addition of charcoal, or any kind of phlogistic substance, this calx was reducible to its pristine metallic state.

The new doctrine says, that metals are simple bodies ; but that in the state of oxyds, as in their ores, they are combined with oxygen. That in the operation of reduction, the oxygen unites with the charcoal, to which it has a greater affinity than to most metals, forms a carbonic acid, and sets free the metal.

After the discovery of calces being heavier than the metal before calcination, and of the component principles of water, it was suggested by Mr. CAVENDISH, that the phlogiston is carried off, and water is taken up in its stead : also, that the reduction of a calcined metal is effected by the inflammable principle of the water uniting to the metal, and the pure air, the other constituent part of the water, being set loose.

Mr. KIRWAN supposed, that metals when calcined lose their phlogiston, which he says is inflammable air in a concrete state, and that at the same time they mostly unite to fixed air formed during the operation ; but sometimes they unite to water, and other substances, by whose means they are calcined. The reduction of the calces of perfect metals, he says, may be effected by decomposing their fixed air ; those of the imperfect and semi-metal, partly by the decomposition of their fixed air, and partly by its ex-

pulsion with that of the other bodies which they had absorbed, and their simultaneous reunion to the inflammable principle.

The authors of the new system say on the contrary, that oxygen produces the same appearances in the calcination of all metals.

Oxydation, called in the phlogistic system *Calcination*, of metallic substances, is in every possible case, whether by air, water, acids, &c. a combination with the bases of pure air (oxygen) which is absorbed in different degrees by different substances.

They are oxydated in proportion to the quantity of vital air, which the atmospheric air, attending them, contained.

The oxygen is absorbed and fixed in proportion to the force of combustion; which, when rapid, is accompanied with heat and light.

When metals are dissolved in acids, the water contained therein is decomposed; the pure air of the water unites with the metal, and forms a calx or oxyd, and its inflammable air is disengaged.

Metals increase in weight according to the quantity of oxygen they absorb and fix, during combustion; which is in proportion to the decrease of weight in the surrounding air.

Metallic oxyds are decomposed or reduced into metals, by the laws of attraction pursued by oxygen. Heat separates it from some, one metal takes it from another, hy-

drogen or inflammable air takes it from most metals, and carbon or charcoal, perhaps from all.

Metallic substances have different degrees of chemical attraction to oxygen. M. LAVOISIER has exhibited a part of them in the following succession: manganese, zinc, iron, copper, mercury, silver, gold.

For further information on these subjects, vide ST. JOHN'S Chemical Nomenclature, FOURCROY'S Elements of Chemistry, LAVOISIER'S *Traité Élémentaire de Chimie*, KIRWAN'S *Essay on Phlogiston*, with Notes, &c.

P. S. There is no doubt but the investigation of factitious airs has produced additional strength to the medical art; and we have a promising appearance of success, from the effects of those fluids when regularly modified, in diseases which have hitherto baffled the powers of medicine. The MEDICAL PNEUMATIC INSTITUTION, liberally brought forward under the patronage of several persons of note both in and out of the profession, by the ingenious Dr. BEDDOES, late Chemical Professor at Oxford, is the most likely means of ascertaining the mode of applying those airs, and of obtaining a real statement of facts.

General or individual cases of the disease and
reasons for general practice of the same.

These diseases have different degrees of intensity
depending on various causes. In the following paragraphs a part
of them in the following order: pneumonia, pleurisy, and
non-vascular meningitis.

For further information on these subjects, the
reader is referred to the following works: "The
Diseases of the Lungs," by J. C. White, M.D., and
"The Diseases of the Lungs," by J. C. White, M.D.,
both published by the American Medical Association,
Chicago, Ill.

The following is a list of the diseases of the
lungs, and the organs of the respiratory system.

The diseases of the lungs are of two kinds: acute and
chronic. The acute diseases are those which are
characterized by a rapid onset and a short duration.
The chronic diseases are those which are
characterized by a slow onset and a long duration.
The acute diseases of the lungs are pneumonia,
pleurisy, and non-vascular meningitis. The
chronic diseases of the lungs are emphysema,
bronchitis, and tuberculosis. The diseases of the
organs of the respiratory system are rhinitis,
sinusitis, and laryngitis.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE
NEW NOMENCLATURE,
EXTRACTED FROM THE
REGISTERS of the ROYAL ACADEMY
of SCIENCES, at PARIS;
And published by Dr. ST. JOHN, in his Method of
CHEMICAL NOMENCLATURE.

THE Table of the New Chemical Nomenclature, which has been presented to us by Mess. de MORVEAU, LAVOISIER, BERTHOLET, and de FOURCROY, is divided into six columns.

FIRST COLUMN.

SUBSTANCES NOT DECOMPOUNDED.

The first column contains the substances which appear to be most simple, or to approach nearest to the state of simplicity; such are *light*, *matter of heat* or caloric, *vital air* or oxygen, *inflammable air* or hydrogen, *phlogisticated air* or azot.

Next are placed the acidifiable bases or radicals of the acids; that is to say, the substances, which although not acid in themselves, nevertheless produce the different acids, by their simple combustion with oxygen, or dephlogisticated gas deprived of its caloric or matter of heat. At the head of this class they have placed sulphur, which they regard as an elementary substance, or at least as a substance not decomposed, and as the base of the vitriolic acid. Next follow the less known bases of the muriatic, boracic, succinic, and acetic acids; in a word, the bases of all the acids successively taken from the mineral, vegetable, and animal kingdoms. These bases are expressed in the table by the name of *radical*: thus they say sulphuric radical, muriatic radical, acetic radical, &c.

In this class the most known bases of the acids are distinguished from those which we have not as yet been able to decompose, or whose principles we cannot obtain separately; such are azot, carbon, sulphur, and phosphorus.

In this first column likewise are placed the semi-metals and the metals, as simple substances; the five earths expressed by the words, *silice*, *alumine*, *barytes*, *lime*, and *magnesia*; also, the three alkalies, *potash*, *soda*, and *ammoniac* or volatile alkali.

SECOND COLUMN.

The Substances of the FIRST COLUMN, changed into the STATE of GAS by CALORIC.

Light or caloric combined with oxygen, with hydrogen, with azot, and with ammoniac, assist in changing

them into the state of gas, and thus produce *vital air*, *inflammable air*, and *phlogificated air*, or *alkaline gas*. These are the class of combinations denominated in the second column.

THIRD COLUMN.

The preceding Substances, united to OXYGEN, and thereby producing ACIDS.

The different substances contained in the first column, combined with oxygen, produce all the acids; to which in this state a general name is given, the termination of which is always the same; thus it is said *fulphuric acid*, to distinguish it from *fulphureous acid*, which contains a less quantity of oxygen, and consequently a greater quantity of sulphur; *nitric acid*, *muriatic*, *acetic*, *oxalic*, and *ferbacic acid*, &c. Next are placed the metallic calces, which are expressed by the generical name *oxyd*: thus is said, *oxyd of arsenic* instead of *calx of arsenic*, *oxyd of antimony*, of *bismuth*, of *silver*, of *gold*, &c.

FOURTH COLUMN.

The same Substances OXYGENATED and converted into the STATE of GAS.

In the fourth column are placed the names of the same substances oxygenated; that is to say, combined with oxygen or the base of vital air, acidified and transmuted into the state of gas; there are but few of them, in pro-

portion to the number of acids which occupy almost the entire extent of the third column: such are the *nitrous gas*, *carbonic acid gas* or fixed air, sulphureous gas, and fluoric gas.

We should remark, that, when an acid or a metallic calx imbibes an excess of oxygen, the epithet *oxygenated* is added to signify such property: thus we say, oxygenated muriatic acid, oxyd of arsenic or calx of arsenic; the oxygenated oxyd of arsenic takes the name of arsenic acid; molybdic, and tungstic acids may be expressed after the same manner.

FIFTH COLUMN.

The same OXYGENATED SUBSTANCES, with their BASES.

In the fifth column are ranged the combinations resulting from these oxygenated substances, combined with different bases, either alkaline, earthy, or metallic; to which are given names with different terminations, but which are similar for substances of the same species. The termination in *at* indicates the perfect and complete combination: thus sulphat of potash, of soda, of lime, &c. express vitriolated tartar, vitriol of soda, of felinite, &c. The termination in *ite* on the contrary, expresses the same combinations with the acids, but in a state less oxygenated: thus nitrite of potash saturated with vitriolic gas; acetite of potash signifies the common foliated earth, and acetat of potash, the combination of potash with ra-

dical vinegar. According to this rule also is said, *arseniat* of potash, and of soda, to signify the arsenical acid saturated with these two bases.

SIXTH COLUMN.

The aforefaid SUBSTANCES combined in their original SIMPLE STATE.

In fine, the sixth column presents the aforefaid substances combined in their original state of simplicity, without being acidified; thus plumbago, or the combination of charcoal and iron, is called *carburet* of iron; the union of sulphur with the metallic substances is called *fulphuret*; thus fulphuret of iron, and fulphuret of antimony, signify martial pyrites, and antimony, &c. The words fulphuret of potash, and fulphuret of soda, signify the livers of sulphur; sulphurated hydrogen gas, means hepatic gas, &c. The same manner of expression is used for the union of phosphorus with iron, which is called *phosphuret* of iron with copper, phosphuret of copper; and with lead, phosphuret of lead; in fine, phosphorated hydrogen gas, means phosphoric gas.

At the end is an appendix, containing the new denominations appropriated to several more compound substances, and which combine without decomposition; such are, among others *mucus* instead of mucilage, *gluten* instead of glutenous matter, *fixed* and *volatile* oil, for sebaceous and essential oil, *aroma* for the aromatic substance of plants, and *alcohol* for spirit of wine.

It being a leading principle of the new doctrine, that water is a compound body, it will not be amiss to notice the reflections of the Academicians respecting that subject, and the reply to them.

“ The experiments in support of the decomposition and recomposition of water are brilliant and capital; but the conclusions are deduced merely from the comparative weights of the gases, and of the water produced by them, and too little attention is paid to the enormous quantity of heat and light which disengages, during the combustion of the two airs.

Why should not the heat which is combined in two very different states in vital and inflammable air, be regarded as the dissolver of the water, which their combustion has produced? Does not what is known of the matter of heat, the different states of fluidity, of visible and invisible vapour, and æriform expansion through which it successively and continually makes water pass, oblige us to admit the dissolution and precipitation? Does not the electrical discharge in a thunder storm suddenly break these combinations, and produce a deluge of water? this cannot be generation.”

The proposers of the new system say in reply, “ From these reflections they infer, that the water obtained by the combustion of inflammable gas and vital air, may in like manner be only water condensed and precipitated, from the two cases in which they suppose it to have been held in dissolution.

But this conclusion is overturned, by the production of water from the two airs being weight for weight, and leaving no residuum. Whereas, according to the experiments of M. de Sauffure, scarce an inch of water falls in a violent thunder storm, and could the atmospherical air be deprived of all the water it contains, the quantity of water would not exceed one-fiftieth part of the atmosphere's weight.” Besides, the formation decomposition and recomposition of water are convincing proofs of its generation; since by burning together 15 grains of inflammable and 85 of pure air, exactly 100 grains of water are obtained; and by decomposition the same principles may be gained, in the same proportions.

The Names of the preparations of the London Pharmacopœia as they follow in the Anylysis with their correspondent Latin appellations according to the New Nomenclature.

OLEA.

Pharm. Londin.

Nov. Nomenclat.

—
Olea expressa—
Olea fixa

— essentialia

— volatilia

Oleum animale

Oleum animale volatile

SALES.

Acidum Distillatum

Acidum acetosum

— acetosum

— aceticum

— muriaticum

— muriaticum

— nitrosum

— nitricum

— vitriolicum

— sulphuricum

Flores Benzoes

— benzoicum sublimatum

Sal succini purificatus

— succinicum sublimatum

Ammonia præparata

Carbonas Ammoniacæ

Aqua Ammonia puræ

Ammoniacæ

Kali præparatum

Carbonas potassæ

Aqua Kali

Potassa Carbonate potassæ

— Kali puri

Potassa

Kali purum

Potassa fusa

Calx cum Kali puro

— cum Calce

Natron præparatum

Carbonas Sodæ

Aqua Ammonia acetatæ

Acetis ammoniacalis

Kali acetatum

— Potassæ

— tartarificatum

Tartris Potassæ

— vitriolatum

Sulphas Potassæ

SALES.

Pharm. Londin.	Nov. Nomenclat.
Natron tartarifatum	Tartris fodæ
—— vitriolatum	Sulphas fodæ
—— muriaticum five } Sal muriaticus	Murias fodæ
Nitrum purificatum	Nitras Potassæ, Nitrum
Alumen	{ Sulphas aluminæ five alu- minofus
Magnesia vitriolatum	Sulphas Magnesiae
—— alba	Carbonas magnesiae

PRÆPARATA E SULPHURE.

Flores sulphuris	Sulphur sublimatum
Kali sulphuratum	Sulphuretum alkalinum
Sulphur præcipitatum	Sulphur sublimatum
Oleum sulphuratum	Sulphuretum olei fixi

PRÆPARATA EX ANTIMONIO.

Antimonium	Sulphuretum antimonii
Antimonium calcinatum	{ Oxydum Stibii album nitro confectum
Antimonium muriatum	Murias Stibii
—— tartarifatum	Tartris potassæ stibiatus
Antimonium vitrificatum	{ Oxydum Stibii sulphura- tum vitreum
Crocus Antimonii	{ Oxydum Stibii sulphura- tum semivitreum
Sulphur Antimonii præ- cipitatum	{ Oxydum Stibii sulphura- tum aurantium

PRÆPARATA EX ARGENTO.

Argentum nitratum Nitras Argenti fufus

PRÆPARATA E FERRO.

Ferrum ammoniacale	{	Ferrum ammoniacale
		sublimatum
Ferri Rubigo		Carbonas Ferri
Ferrum tartarifatum		Tartris acidulus Ferri
—— vitriolatum		Sulphas Ferri

PRÆPARATA EX HYDRARGYRO.

Hydrargyrus acetatus		Acetis Hydrargiri
—— calcinatus	{	Oxydum Hydrargiri ru-
		brum per ignem
—— muriatus		Murias Hydrargiri corrosivus
Calomelas		—— sublimatus
Calx Hydrargyri alba		—— Hydrargiri
Hydrargyrus muriatus mitis		—— dulcis
Hydrargyrus cum sulphure	{	Oxydum Hydrargiri ful-
		phuratum nigrum
—— sulphuratus ruber	{	Oxydum Hydrargiri ful-
		phuratum rubrum
—— nitratus ruber	{	Oxydum Hydrargyri ru-
		brum acido nitrico
		confectum
—— vitriolatus	{	Oxydum Hydrargiri lute-
		um acido sulphurico
		confectum

PRÆPARATA E PLUMBO.

Plumbum ustum	Oxydum Plumbi
Minium	————— rubrum
Lithargyrus	————— semivitreum
Cerussa	{ Oxydum Plumbi album
	{ per acidum acetosum
Cerussa acetata	Acetis Plumbi
Aqua Lithargyri acetata	——— Lithargiri

PRÆPARATUM E STANNO.

Stannum pulveratum	Oxydum Stanni cinereum
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PRÆPARATA E ZINCO.

Zincum calcinatum	Oxydum Zinci sublimatum
———— vitriolatum	Sulphas Zinci

Spiritus distillatus	Alcohol
Tinctura Alöes	Alcohol Alöes, &c.
Æther vitriolicus	Æther sulphuricum
—— nitrosus	—— nitricum
Mucilago	Mucus

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