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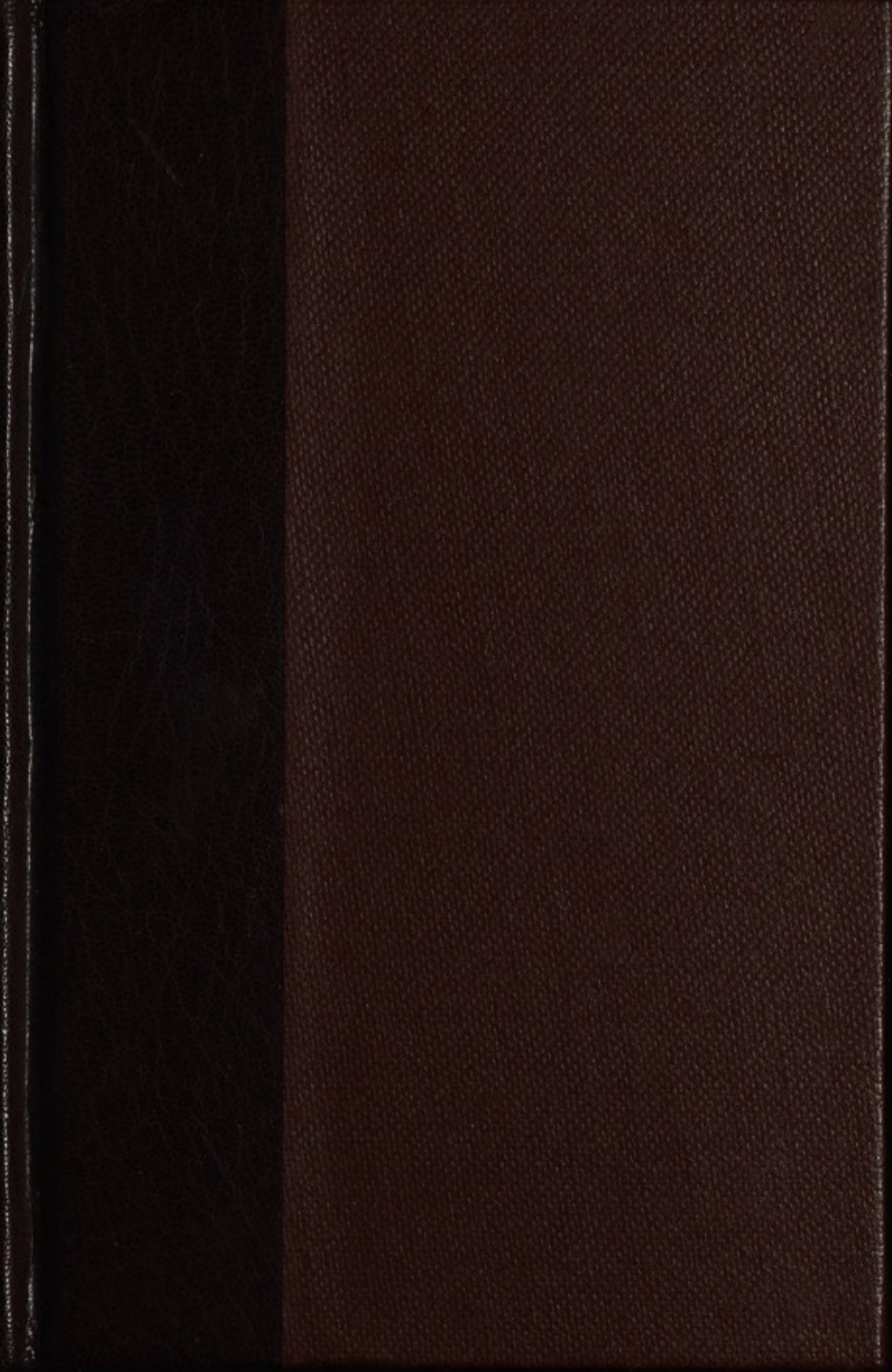
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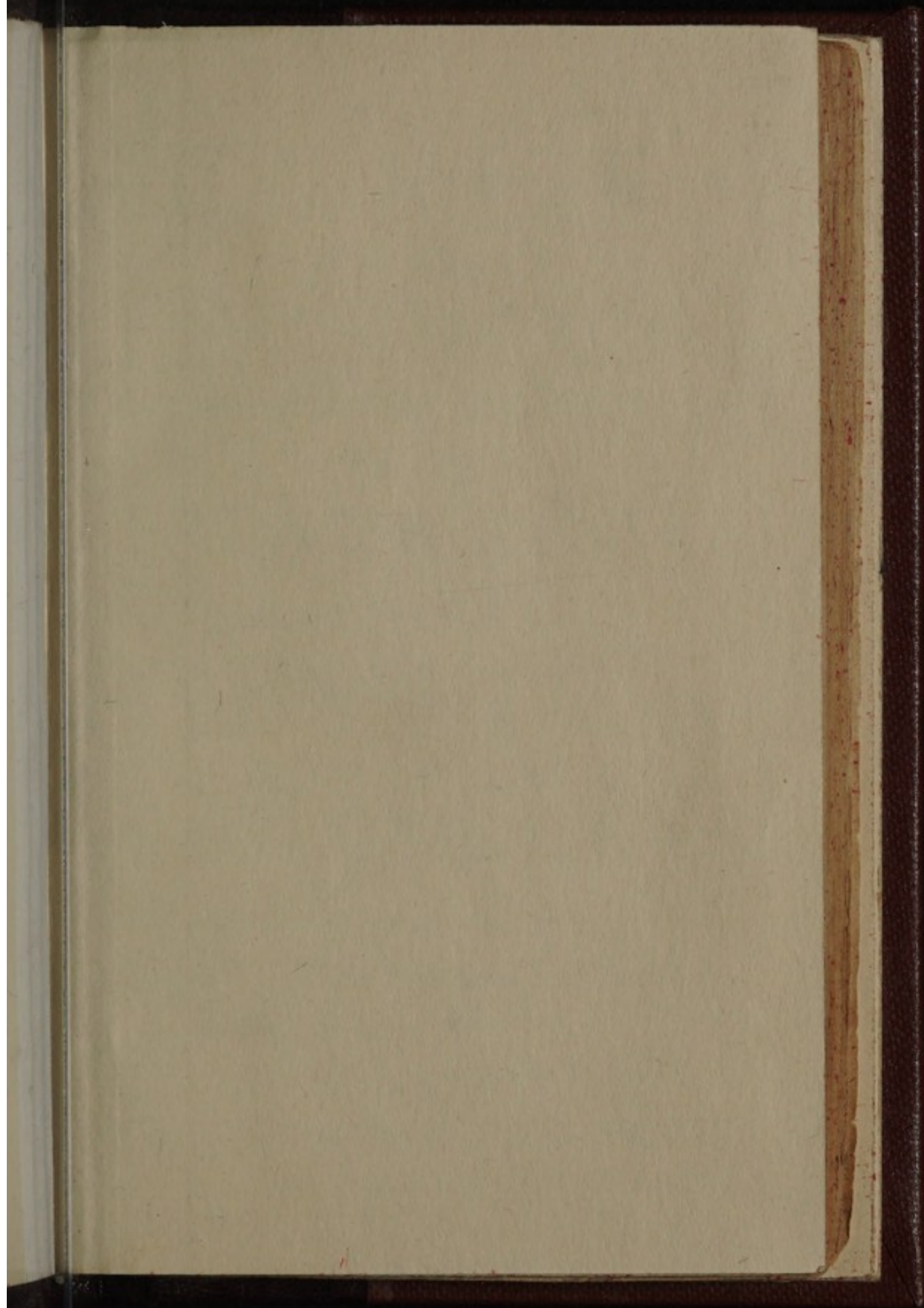
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And P R O F E S S O R of

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In the U N I V E R S I T Y of

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T O T H E
R E A D E R.

Reader,

THou art here presented with the Secrets of that ever renowned Physitian, *Lazarus Riverius*, whose other Works, publish'd first in Latin, and then in our own Language, I believe thou art very sensible that they were like good Wine, needing

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The Preface to the Reader.

no Bush ; for at the first comming forth of his Practice of Physick, in the Latin Language ; many eminent Physitians in *England*, and other parts made it their *Cynosura* and steer'd their Practice wholly by it ; as the Mariner sails by his Compass : for in those days, before it was translated into English ; you might see the Apothecaries files fill'd with *Recipe's*, transcrib'd out of his Book almost *verbatim, & ad amussim*, scarce any alteration at all, or what's worth the taking notice of, being made in their prescriptions ; and at this very day I can assure you there are very able Physitians in *England* and other parts (without making comparifons) that still adhere

The Preface to the Reader.

adhere to, and have a greater estimation of, and veneration for him, than for *Willis*, the *London Practice of Physick*, &c. and other later Books. Now as concerning these his *Arcanum's*, they were publish'd in Latin, as it seems, by an Honest, Ingenious and Conscionable Scholar of his; who was not willing the World should be depriv'd, of such a rich Cabinet, containing so many precious Jewells; and if any one shall object any thing as to the laboriousness of these, above other operations yet extant; they are desired to consider; that their excellent Virtues and eximious Qualities, will countervale, equally ballance and recompence, all that; always remembering

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remembering the old saying, *Di laborantibus omnia vendunt; & labor improbus omnia vincit.* And this is all, Reader I hope I need to say in behalf of this piece; little truly in it self; but will't find, without doubt, to be great in its worth; so I bid thee *Adieu*, as also because I would never have too great Gate made for a little City; and so I say again Farewell.

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THE
SECRETS
OF
Laz. Riverius, &c.

CHAP. I.

His Tincture of GOLD.

SINCE there are more then a good many *Recipés* of *Aurum potabile* extant, in the World, which by some are denominated the *Essences* of Gold; &c. I have a mind, in like manner, to describe one after my most Honoured and
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Learned Master *Riverius's* method and manner, as one of those to whom I doubted not, in the least, to stand by, and trust to, after the example of my aforesaid Master, and also of the very Learned and excellent Artist *Peter John Faber*; under whose Discipline I first learned my Chymical Operations; and many of his very excellent Secrets.

Other Artists dissolve Gold, making not, in the least, any preparation, or disposition thereunto before hand; but our method is performed after this manner.

Take of the purest Plate-Gold, and calcine it thrice with Antimony; always adding thereto Crude Antimony; then separate it from the Cinders which will be very apparent; and being mundified dissolve them in *Aqua regia* after the usual manner of dissolutions. Upon the dissolutions sprinkle Oil of *Tartar* made by *deliquium* drop by drop; and so the Gold will be precipitated to the bottom; then the water being drawn off by decantation; see you take away the acrimony by often ablutions with clear, sweet, common water: Then dry it either in the Sun,

or upon warm Cinders ; but be sure you beware of the Fire, for it's now *Aurum fulminans*. Afterwards dissolve the Powder in Spirit of Salt, and our Spirit of Vitriol, keeping it in a heat for the space of one month ; and by that time it will communicate its whole Tincture to the said Spirits. Separate the half, adding a new Spirit till it be tinctur'd ; and to every Ounce of the tinctur'd Spirit, add a drachm of the volatile Salt of Tartar dissolv'd, digesting it in a warm place for the space of fifteen days ; then add all these again to the Powder, which then remains in the bottom of the Vessel ; put it into a Glass-house Furnace, for the space of two months, with a gentle Fire at first, augmenting the heat by litle and litle ; for at fifteen days end they will all become of the consistence of a stone ; then after two months, let them be put in a moist place, in an Egg, as the custom is, till they be dissolv'd ; thus you have the true, exact and genuine process of our *Aurum potable*.

Virtues, Uses and Doses.

THE Virtues of this our so great a Secret very far excel all others ; for it corroborates the Heart, the Brain, the Liver, and all the parts of our Body ; but those parts especially whose duty, faculty, and functions are to attract, alter, nourish, separate, expel, &c. By this the true Bafame of life is upheld ; by this it's preserv'd in its Youthful state ; its Spirits are augmented, and old Age retarded ; and lastly it so orders affairs that the Humors corrupt not one another. So that it's proper in all kind of Diseases, both by reason of the Gold, and also of the fix'd Salts, which dissolves all impurities of the Body by transpiration ; it's given in certain appropriate Liquors from five drops to eight, for one dose.

C H A P. II.

His Tincture of SILVER.

BEcause what's written of Gold, chal-
 lengeth to its self, the First place in
 Value and Vertue; In the next place, I
 put our Tincture of Silver; as coming
 nighest to the other, not only in Price
 but in Virtue also. Its process is perform'd
 after this manner and method following.

Take of the purest Plate-Silver, and dis-
 solve it in *Aqua fortis*; and see you preci-
 pitate it with Oil of *Tartar*; then shall
 you wash it with common Water; then
 dry it, and extract a Tincture with the
 aforementioned Liquors after the very same
 manner and method, as aforegoing in the
 process of Gold, and at length dissolve it,
 as abovesaid.

Virtues, Uses and Doses.

INnumerable are the Virtues of this
 Tincture of Silver; especially in Ca-
 pital Diseases; for it is very effectual in

the *Epilepsie* although it be of a long standing, in the *Vertigo*, in the *Megrim*, *Palsy*, and all other Diseases proceeding from Infection of the Brain. For as in the Macrocosm, or great World, *Silver* is called the Brain of the World; So this Tincture is a true, and powerful remedy against Diseases of the Brain. It moreover wonderfully helps *Hectical* and *Pthi-fical* persons, if it be given with other specifics, especially with our potable *Gold*, before describ'd; it's given in Waters appropriate to the Disease, as for example, in the *Falling-sickness*, in *Swallows Water*, from five, to seven drops, &c.

CH A P. III.

This Tincture of Jupiter, or TIN.

Concerning *Tin*, many write of a Salt made thereof; but few have had the happiness to attain to the true and genuine manner and method of its operati-

on : So that in lieu of Salt of *Jupiter*, or *Tin*, they'l extract the Salt of *Saturn*, or *Lead*; as plainly appears in most of our great, boasting Professors at this day; who are not able to produce any substance from *Tin*; Now our Tincture is made after this manner following.

Take pure *Tin* without *Lead*, and calcine it in the Fire, in an Iron Vessel, continually stirring it with an Iron *Spatula* till it be reduc'd to a Powder; and it will wax white with the heat of the Furnace, then put it into a Glass-house Furnace for a month, with a very vehement Fire; or into a Reverberatory Fire, for seven days together; afterwards digesting it with a gentle heat, in distill'd Vinegar; separate the green Tincture, which will tinge; and this being taken away, put your Vinegar to the calcin'd *Tin* into a luted Retort, distilling it seven times; always adding new distill'd Vinegar: Digest the distill'd part with the same Calx in a warm place for many days together; then filtre and distil it to a dryness; adding Spirit of Wine well rectified, and alcoolizated to that which is fixt matter, you

shall dissolve the Tincture; but take notice you shall put only so much of the Spirit, as will dissolve the fixt matter. Afterwards digest it for eight days, for by that time the Spirit being separated, the Tincture will remain in the bottom, which indeed is marvelous.

Note. You will not find any such clear and sincere Receipts as these; for I lay down nothing, but what I have illustrated by frequent Operations.

Vertues, Uses and Doses.

THIS Tincture is wonderfully beneficial for all kinds of Diseases; for as *Jupiter* derives his Name à *juvando*, from helping; so that this Tincture helps all Diseases, both inward and outward. *Inwardly* it obtains the first place in Diseases of the Womb, although incorrigible: For it Comforts, Strengthens and Mundifies it from impure and corrupt Seeds, which produce so many various Diseases; it also succors the *Brain, Heart, Liver,* and *Hypochondria's*, and given with Specifics, it much profits Hectical and Pthysical persons.

Outwardly

Outwardly it bridles and checks any acrimonious humor in Wounds ; and sweetens it ; and brings them to their perfect integrity. 'Tis given with Liquors, from a Scruple to half a Drachm, for one dose.

C H A P. IV.

His Tincture, or Essence of MARS.

THere are already very many Remedies extant from the very many preparations of *Mars*, or *Iron*, though a Tincture of the nature of this of ours be in use but by very few ; and yet it is one of the most excellent, though it be the most laborious of all others ; its process is as follows.

Take filings of Iron, and being very well fir'd in a Crucible, extinguish them with distill'd Vinegar, and this do more then thirty times, then make them boil in the said Vinegar. And, while 'tis warm, filtre them through a Paper ; dry your Filings,
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and firing them again, as before, in a Crucible, quench them with distill'd Vinegar, as abovesaid: Which rule after you have repeated thrice, you shall then distil your filtrated Vinegars to a dryness; and then add thereto Spirit of Wine; and as for the rest of the process, you shall observe the same order as in the Tincture of *Jupiter*.

Virtues, Uses and Doses.

THis Tincture is a great Cordial, strengthening the parts, and opening obstructions: For it is excellent above other remedies in all Fluxes, as *Dysenteries*, *Diarræheas*, and *Lienteries*, &c. and all immoderate monthly and white Fluxes in Women; *Gonorhæas*, spittings of Blood, Fluxes of Blood, either at Nose, or *Hæmorrhoides*; in all sudden Fluxions in any part of the Body. It suffers no Corruption in any manner of Wounds; and heals them in a very short time; it mundifies and heals Wounds and Ulcers; it is given in specific cordials from a Scruple to half a Drachm.

Note. After the same manner are made the Tinctures of *Lapis Haematitis*, *Sanguis Draconis*, &c. which are Remedies appropriate to the Blood.

C H A P. V.

His Essence of MERCURY.

Sublimate your *Mercury* thrice, according to the common manner, with *Vitriol* and *Nitre*; and thence separate a most pure Chrystal; which you shall afterwards sublimate again seven times, with common white Salt very well decrepitated; and being very well bruised put it into a Glass Vessel, with Spirit of Salt very well rectified, which must be six fingers breadth above the Salt: Being seal'd, digest in *Balneo* forty days; then separate the Spirit by decantation; and pouring new Spirit thereon digest again, for forty days more. Then separate as abovesaid; and if all the sublimate be not dissolv'd, infuse

and digest anew, until almost nothing remain in the bottom. All the Spirits being digested, put them into a Retort very well luted; and with a Recipient distill them until white drops ascend; then remove them and cohobate the Spirit four times, always upon the *Caput mortuum* making, towards the latter end, a more vehement Fire, till all becomes one: what remains of the fixt matter in the bottom calcine, so long until it wax white, and become a Salt after the usual manner. Distil the Spirit, and separate until the Tincture remain in the bottom, which you shall join to its Salt, by a gentle Fire, that they may incorporate into one substance, then dulcifie it with Spirit of Wine, and digest it in the same, and separate the Spirit; doing thus five times, that it may become dulcified.

Vertues, Uses and Doses.

THis is a difficult Operation; but in recompence it eradicates all almost incurable Diseases; and may be given to all Bodies, Sexes and Ages, in all kinds of Diseases.

Diseases ; it mundifies all kinds of corrupt Diseases producing malignancy in any part of the Body : It Operates without any trouble, disturbance, hurt or damage to the Body ; it preserves and cherishes the natural Balsam of Life ; it expells all impurities by insensible transpiration ; it dries up and consumes Catarrhs proceeding from what cause soever : It cures obstructed and cachectic Bodies, caused from deprav'd, and naughty humors of the *Hypochondria's*, Womb, or corrupt Blood : It helps both hot and cold hysterical persons, by corroborating the Liver and other *viscera* : It drives out either new or old infections proceeding from the *Lues Venerea* : It heals also *Schyrrhus's*, King's Evil, or such pertinacious tumors : 'Tis administered in Broths, or the yelks of Eggs, or Wine, from eight drops to ten, in a morning, fasting.

C H A P. VI.

His Essence, or Tincture of CORAL.

TH E R E are almost infinite *Recipés*, which teach how to draw a *Tincture* from *Coral*; and how to make its *Salt*: But for the most part they are deceived. And in lieu of a *Tincture* of the *Coral*, there appears a *Tincture* of other *Ingredients*, (from the *Efficacy* of the *Balneum*) which use to be mixt therewith. Ours is this which follows, a very sincere one, if it be artificially perform'd by an expert *Operator*.

Take *Coral* very smally pounded; and infuse it in a *Glass Vessel* in *Vinegar* which hath before extracted the *Tincture* of *Antimony*; and was separated therefrom by *distillation*; for there is nothing more fit than this for *Corals*, *Unions*, *Crabs-eyes*, *Eggshells*, *Bole-Armenie*, *Lapis hematitis*, and the like. Let the *Vinegar* swim six fingers bredth uppermost; and let the *Coral*

be dissolv'd for some days space in an hot Balneo ; and then distill the Vinegar to driness, then wash the Powder ten or twelve times in Cordial Waters ; until all acrimony, and the grosser and earthier parts be taken away, and it become very well dulcify'd, and as clear as Chrystal. Then dry it well and lay it up to be used, as shall be directed hereafter : Then take other Coral, and being mixt with equal quantity of *Sal Armoniac*, put them into a sublimatory Vessel to be sublimed ; and the *Sal Armoniac* will attract all the redness from the Coral : Then put your *Sal Armoniac*, being rubifyed, into Spirit of Wine, rectifyed and alchoolizated, in an hot Bath ; and in few days the Spirit of Wine will attract to it self all the Tincture ; then separate the Spirit by distillation, and there will remain an Essence ; to which you shall add the aforesaid fix'd Powder, and this is your true, real and genuine *Essence of Coral*.

Virtues,

Virtues, Uses and Doses.

THIS is a Cordial, and a mundifier of the Blood, as may appear in Leprous persons ; 'tis given to all Bodies, and in all kinds of Diseases ; 'tis proper for Fluxes as hath been said in the Essence of Mercury : It comforts the Heart and Stomach ; restores the natural heat, and fortifies the radical moisture ; it dissolves glotted Blood ; it helps and cures venemous Wounds, and malignant and solid Ulcers : 'Tis given in Broth, the yelk of an Egg, Wine, Plantane-water ; &c. from half a Drachm to a Drachm.

C H A P. VII.

His Essence of PEARLS.

OUR Essence of Pearls differs somewhat from that which is commonly describ'd by others ; and is this which followeth.

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Digest your Pearls in Vinegar of Antimony, as before, and they will very quickly be dissolv'd ; then do as before in the Essence, or Tincture of Coral, until the Salt become white ; to wit, after it hath lost its Acrimony by washing ; then dissolve it in Alchoolized Spirit of Wine, and distil it seven times, always upon the *Caput mortuum*, then separate the Spirit, and there will remain your Essence as in others.

Virtues, Uses and Doses.

TIS a most perfect Cordial ; and not in the least inferior to *Aurum potable* ; for 'tis given to restore weak and languishing Bodies ; 'tis proper in malignant Fevers, and the Plague, by reason of its Cordiality : It repells, Syncopes or Swooning Fits, Passions of the Brain, as Apoplexies, Epilepsies, Palsies, and Vertigoes, as also Hysterical passions and Hypochondriacal Fits ; it's given in Broth, or the yelk of an Egg, in appropriate Waters, from half a Drachm to a Drachm.

C H A P. VIII.

His Effence of EMERALDS.

TAke one part of the Fragments of E-
 meralds finely poudred ; of *Nitre*
 and *Sulphur* three parts ; the which be-
 ing put into a glas'd Vessel that will resist
 the Fire ; you shall calcine it : Afterwards,
 being dulcifyed with warm Waters, cal-
 cine them twice, after the same manner,
 as before, always with new *Nitre* and *Sul-*
phur. After the third calcination and dul-
 cification put your Powder, into a crucible
 luted, into a Glass Furnace ; or into a Re-
 verberatory Fire, for the space of six days ;
 afterwards being put into a Glass Vessel
 pour on Spirit of Salt rectify'd ; as much
 as will overtop it four fingers breadth ; and
 so digest them in an hot Bath for twenty
 days ; then make a separation by decantation
 into another Vessel ; and, pouring on new
 Spirit of Salt upon the fœces, digest them
 again as abovesaid, until all the Poudrer be
 dissolv'd. Put all the Spirit into a Vessel

very well stopt ; and digest it for the space of a month ; which being past, distil it lightly, for the Tincture will remain in the bottom ; then you may augment its Virtue by adding Spirit of Wine Alchoolized ; and digesting it, and afterwards by separating it.

After the same manner is made your Effence of *Carbuncles, Hyacynthes,* and other pretious Stones.

Virtues, Uses and Doses

I Have no need to say any thing of the Virtues of this Effence, good Wine needing no Bush ; for it is really a most potent Cordial against Poison, and malignant, pestilential Fevers ; and succors all Diseases of the Brain, as Madnes, Apoplexies and the like.

C H A P. IX.

His Essence of Auripigmentum.

TIS a very dextrous and perfect spagy-
gical Art, to be able on the one
hand to extract deadly Poyson from useful
precious things; and on the other hand
to be able to convert Poyson it self into
most perfect Antidotes, Alexipharmics and
true Cordials. As may be seen in *Orpi-*
ment; which though it be one of the dead-
ly Poysons; yet may be produc'd from it
an admirable Essence; by reason of its
Cordiality; and its process is perform'd af-
ter this manner following.

Take one part of *Auripigmentum*, and
three parts of rectify'd Nitre, which being
put into an unglass'd Earthen Vessel that
will resist the Fire; do as is usual in *Crocus*
Antimonii; being calcin'd, then wash
off the Nitre with warm Waters; then
dry it, and do so again as abovesaid with
new Nitre; then repete this exsiccation
after a new ablution; and adding two

parts of *Nitre*, and two of *Sulphur* Fire it a fresh; and dulcify it; but take heed of flame and fume: After the third calcination and dulcification, put your Powder into a crucible well luted into a Fornace or Reverberatory Fire, for the space of one month. Afterwards proceed with Spirit of Salt, as hath been often said in other foregoing processes, digesting and cohobating it oftentimes; all being dissolv'd, separate the Spirit, to a dryness; then with Spirit of Wine; &c. proceed as in other before.

Virtues, Uses and Doses.

THis Essence expells all manner of Poyson very forcibly; and is of like Virtue with *Aurum potabile*, Pearls, Corals, and pretious Stones; it purifies impure Bodies from all naughty corruption in the Veins: This is the chiefest among other remedies against malignant Ulcers, Gangreens, or any other corrosions; and roots out Scurffs and Scald-heads being anointed therewith. 'Tis given in Broths or Waters, from a Scruple to a Drachm.

C H A P. X.

His Essence of common Salt.

Filtrate decrepitated Salt several times through a Paper in rain Water being seven times distill'd: Exhale the humidity; and from what remains fixt, diligently extract a Spirit with *Bole-Armenia* according to Art. Then cohobate it four times upon the *Caput mortuum*, and being rectify'd from its impurities keep it, for the use hereafter specify'd; then break your Retort, and make a Salt of the *Caput mortuum* according to Art; filtrating it well and it will begin to look red; then joyning it with the aforesaid, digest it in *Balneo*, in a Vessel well luted with *Mastich* and the white of an Egg: Then after a month is past, rectify it again twice or thrice, and adding alchoolized Spirit of Wine, and making a new digestion, separate the Spirit of Wine, and there will remain your *Essence of Salt*.

Virtues, Uses and Doses.

THIS Essence will preserve as well dead Carcasses as living wights from Corruption, and is more effectual for Wounds, than your Balsams; it wonderfully helps Ulcers; it dissolves the Gravel and Stone in the Blader; it mundifies the Veins from any bad, gross quality; and cures Diseases proceeding from Blood; it conglutinates, consolidates and cures Ulcers of the Reins and Blader: It helps obstructions of the Spleen, Liver and *visera*; it very much prevails against putrid Fevers; it removes infections of the Skin; amongst which are Scabs, Pimples, Shingles, St. Anthony's Fire, Ringworms, &c. it suppurates all sorts of hot Tumors; and dissolves cold ones, although they be schyrrous: It appeases pains in the joints; it defends the radical moysture, keeps back old Age; sharpens the Wit, 'tis drank in Liquors from one Drachm to two.

C H A P. XI.

His Essence of Sal-prunella.

MIX *Sal-prunella* very well clarify'd with Common Salt decrepitated; its done by the same Rule as in Common Salt. This differs not in Virtue from the Common, chiefly in Fevers.

C H A P. XII.

His Essence of Sulphur.

First of all rubifie Vitriol, then adding an equal portion of Sulphur; put it into a new pot as the custom is, and let the Sulphur be sublimated four times; then mix with it Common Salt decrepitated, dissolved and coagulated, and sublime it thrice with the said flower, and then the flower will wax white, and become volatile; and this keep for uses hereafter specify'd; Afterwards

terwards take Spirit of Sulphur drawn
per Campanam, and rectify'd: And pass-
 ing it a fresh through filings of Steel;
 take away its acrimony; so that it become
 as sweet as Water; put your flowers, for-
 merly laid by into this dulcify'd Spirit;
 so that the Spirit may swim four fingers
 bredth above them, and digest them in
Balneo, in a well Glazed Vessel well stopt;
 where your Spirit will assume a reddish
 Color; separate the Spirit by decantation;
 still adding fresh until it will tinge no more;
 then separate the Spirit by distillation; and
 the Tincture will remain at the bottom;
 to which adding alchoolized Spirit of
 Wine, digest them for several days, until
 they be very well mixt; afterwards sepa-
 rate them by distillation, and in the bot-
 tom there will remain an Essence.

Virtues, Uses and Doses.

THIS is a most cordial Essence; and no-
 thing is more proper against contu-
 sions in Wounds, even when the nerves
 are cut in two; it cures Punctures, or Poy-
 sonons bitings, of any animal; it extin-
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guishes the Poyson, and heals the Wounds. 'Tis a true Balsam in Diseases of the Lungs, even Ulcers thereof; it succors Hectical, Pthysical, Asthmatical People. It conserves the radical moysture; it eradicates pains of the joints; it comforts the nerves; it consumes new and old impurities in Catarrhs; it restores hearing to the Deaf; 'tis profitable to sordid Ulcers: 'tis to be drank from half a Drachm to a Drachm, in Broths or Waters; and is outwardly used by it self alone, or with proper Unguents.

C H A P. XIII.

His Essence of Vitriol.

PHilosophers assert Vitriol to be the Blood of the macrocosmical machine; and will needs have the Philosophers Stone, after which so many inquirers have labor'd in vain, to be made of it. In this they affirm the true Force and Virtue of the Universal Secret which is the Soul of
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minerals doth consist. But, indeed, and in truth, if through genuine spagyric Operations, there emerge so many wonderful Virtues, from all sorts of minerals and semiminerals; then certainly not a few marvellous ones are to be extracted from Vitriol; as may appear, from its stopping Fluxes of Blood, it being only calcin'd in the Sun; and the many also that use it by applying it a distance, to preserve the parts from corruption. Hence it may appear, that it must certainly be of much more efficacy being mundified from its Impurities, and brought to its perfection by an ingenious Artist. Now its process is as followeth.

Take calcin'd Vitriol, and, a Spirit being extracted therefrom according to Art, rectifie it; and dissolve the fœces that remain in hot Water; then filtre and dry them, repeating the said Operations several times, that you may gather from thence a Spirit and Salt, as before said. Afterwards join the Spirit, being thrice rectify'd, to the Salt; and distil them, cohobating them seven times; but alway dissolve the *Caput mortuum*, and fix it as before.

fore. Put your Salt into a Vessel, that will endure the Fire, into a Reverbatory Fire for seven days, until it begin to look red; then add it again to its Spirit well rectify'd, and, in a Vessel very close stopt, digest it in an hot *Balneo Mariæ*; After forty days distil it, and rectifie the Spirit seven times and dissolve the Salt in *aqua vitæ*, rectify'd and alchoolized, and fix it; then join the Spirit again, and digest it until it grow red; afterwards separate the Spirit by distillation; in the bottom there will remain a Tincture which you shall add to fresh Spirit of Wine alchoolized; digest it, and, extracting a Spirit therefrom, there will remain your Essence.

Virtues, Uses and Doses.

NO one yet ever communicated a more famous medicine against all Diseases; for it expells all kind of Poyson whether vegetable, animal or mineral; it recreats the vital, natural and animal Spirits. This is the *Arcanum* so long conceal'd by many which is so wonderful and so universal; and which

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which agrees so well with all Diseases, all Ages and both Sexes; it exceeds your *Aurum potabile*, *Panacea's*, or any other medicine under any denomination whatever: 'Tis given from a Scruple to a Drachm, in Broths, yolks of Eggs or other Liquors.

C H A P. XIV.

His Antiepileptic Troches.

THere are many that affirm these to be your mineral *cinabar*; whose mother they suppose to be the bowells of the Earth. But they are much mistaken; for that which is call'd your mineral *cinabar*, is cover'd under the shadow of this of ours, lest it should be called *Antimony*. The *cinabar* laid down by many Authors against the Epilepsy, called mineral and artificial, is made after this manner following.

Take the *Caput mortuum*, which remains after making of your compound Butter of Antimony, and add thereto as much Mercury sublimate; then distil it for use in a Glass well

well luted in an Alymbec. Towards the end make a fierce Fire, so that the Antimony may ascend to the neck of the Glass, just like your clearest cinabar, which will be mineral. Wash this until it be dulcify'd, and then put it into a Crucible, into an open, circulatory Fire for three hours together, and kindle your Spirit of Wine three or four times.

Of this take one Ounce, Magistry of Pearls and Coralls, of each one Drachm and an half. Ambar and Safron, of each one Scruple, Elke's hoof one Drachm; humane Scull prepar'd without Fire three Drachms; *faculz Peoniae* half an Ounce, Oil of Ambar distill'd, of the mucilage of Hart's-horn, and Scull, as much as will be sufficient to form them into Troches; whereof give from a Scruple to half a Drachm, to Epileptics; and you will see Wonders; for this *Arcanum* hath been confirm'd by many experiences.

C H A P. XV.

His magistral Caput mortuum

Take the *Caput mortuum* of *Aqua fortis*, made of *Nitre* rectify'd, and *Vitriol* well calcin'd; and make a *lixivium* thereof with warm, distill'd Rain-water, and extract a Salt according to Art. Then the same Salt being dissolved again twice in the said distil'd Rain-water, until there appear chrystalls; take one part of rectify'd *Nitre*, and two of the said Salt; and melting the *Nitre* in a crucible with a Fire of the second degree, add the Salt by degrees; and melt them all with the Fire for the space of three hours. Put this Mass into *Aqua fortis*, extracted from the aforesaid things; and to every pound add flowers of Antimony from the *Regulus* of *Mars*, three Ounces; leaf Gold three Drachms; Coral, Pearls, Egg-shells, of each two Drachms; digest all in a warm place for four days together; this done distil to a dryness; powder the Mass which remains

remains, and imbibe it again in *Aqua vitæ*; digest for eight days, and distil to a dryness; The *Caput mortuum* which remains keep in Glasses well stopt: And if you shall give from twelve to eighteen drops thereof, you will consume Hypochondriacal Diseases; for it is one of the most powerful remedies against such Diseases. It expells all kinds of obstructions, and naughty Fevers; 'tis good for Cachectic Bodies and frees folks from Dropsies.

C H A P. XVI.

His Golden Cathartic.

TAke of our *Aureat*, hereafter describ'd, half an Ounce; Spirit of *Sulphur*, rectify'd after the best manner; three Ounces; digest them in a warm place. At fifteen days end distil them with a Glass retort with a Fire of Sand; and then cohobate the said Spirit with the said *Aureat* nine times; and wash the powder very well with Cordial Waters, and dry it.

it. The dose is from four to ten Grains, with Magistery of *Mechoacan*, *Falap*, *Scamony*, or Extracts; which shall be most convenient.

C H A P. XVII.

His Antivenereal Pills.

TAke of our *Calomelanos*, Magistery of *Lapis lazuli*, extract of *Rhubarb*, *Senna*, *Turbith*, Buckthorn-berrys, of each two Drachms; *Gum Guajaci* or *Ligni sancti* the weight of them all; magistery of *Tartar* dissolv'd in Oil of Cinamon of each one Drachm and an half; Syrup of *Fumitory* as much as will suffice to form them into Pills.

Vertues, Uses and Doses.

THese Pills very happily pull up all Venereal humors by the root; yea even if the Bones be infected; Their dose is from half a Drachm to one Drachm; for twenty, thirty or forty days together.

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His Calomelanos.

TAke good Mercury, and put it into a Retort, with a double quantity of Sand both very well mixt; and put to the Fire by degrees; and pour it into a Vessel; not shutting its mouth, that the impure parts may remain in the Sand. Then sublimate it with common Salt decrepitated, according to Art; and throwing away the fœces, add the Salt again to that Mercury being more purely sublimated. Then casting away the parts that remain sublime it more purely with new Salt; do this seven times, and the fœces being at last separated, place the Retort in a Reverberatory Furnace, with the sublimate of the seventh process, and leave it there for two hours with a most vehement Fire. Then wash it with Cordial waters many times, and imbibe in Juniper *Aquæ vitæ*, which must swim a top a fingers breadth, and burn it, which you must do thrice.

C H A P. XIX.

*His Cathartic of Antimony with Vitriol,
called His Catholicon.*

TAke shining Antimony out of the Earth ;
that which is of a Golden Color, one
part, rubify'd Vitriol two parts, being
purify'd and mixt, put them into a Cru-
cible that they all melt together: then
powder the Mass, and put it into a Re-
tort very well luted with distill'd Vinegar,
that it may be uppermost four fingers
breadth ; and augment the Fire by litle
and litle, and at last make a most ardent
one, that all the Spirit may be exhal'd ;
and it will evaporate with a moderate
heat, until there remain a fat Tincture.
Then take of the Extract of *Rhubarb*, *Se-
na*, *Falap*, *Turbith*, *black Hellebore*, of each
one Drachm ; Extract of Aloes one Ounce,
Essence of Juniper and Citron Pills of each,
two Drachms ; and adding thereto half
an Ounce of the abovesaid Tincture, di-
gest them all with a moderate heat ; and
to reduce to the consistence of an Extract ;

and you will have a very excellent Cathartic, marvelous against all kinds of Fevers; as well acute as intermitten; excelling all the Panchymagogues of other Physitians, the dose from eight to fifteen Grains.

C H A P. XX.

His Troches against Gangrenes.

TAke the fœces of Common Regulus, and put it into a moist place upon a Marble, under a Vessel, and keep it from the rain, that the Air only penetrate it; and that it may be dissolv'd into an Oil; which you shall exhale with a gentle Fire, and you will have a most pungent Salt; whereof take one Ounce, Mercury sublimate one Ounce, Barly and Lentil meal of each two Ounces; Gum tragaganth, two Drachms; dissolve them in Rose-water, and make Troches of them, which will cure all Gangreens, and wonderfully corrode peccant flesh.

C H A P. XXI.

His Antibectic Powder.

TAke of the starryed Regulus of *Mars*, and English Tin, of each one part; pulverize them and mix them with three parts of rectify'd *Nitre*, and calcine them according to Art; then take away all the Saltness with hot water, as is usual, and put the white powder again into a Reverberatory Furnace for three days, or in a Glass, or Potters-Furnace; and imbibe it again in *Aqua vitæ* rectify'd, which you shall kindle to burn; and this you shall do thrice. Take one Ounce of this Powder, of Vipers prepar'd half an Ounce; Sage dry'd and powdred one Ounce and a half, then throw live Frogs into a pot; shut it close till they be dead; and then put them into an Oven till they be so dry as they may be powdred; and mix three Ounces of these with the ingredients abovesaid; and of this compound give from one Drachm to two; for forty days together.

C H A P. XXII.

His Aqua vitæ, against pains of the Joints.

TAke four handfuls of ground Ivy, of Cypress leaves, *Sage, Rosemary, Spike, Nettles*, of each one handful; of Elme Bark, and leaves, of each two Ounces: Dwarf Elder two handfuls; all these being beaten, in a Morter, infuse them in two pownds of Generous Wine; and then distil them and extract the forth part. To that extract call'd *Aqua vitæ*, add half of the dose of the aforesaid green Herbs, and two pounds of Earth-worms, which have been wash'd well with Wine, before; and three pounds of Dogs grease, and then distil them again, extracting the half. Then add the third part again of the aforesaid Herbs, Worms and fat, and distilling them again extract the third part; and so you will have a perfect *Aqua vitæ*, which will be excellent good to comfort and resolve all Diseases of the Joints and Feet-Gout.

C H A P. XXIII.

His Anodine, or Narcotic of Vitriol.

TAke of *Romane Vitriol* and *Tartar* of each one pound ; filings of *Steel* half a pound ; the *Tartar* and *Vitriol* being pulveriz'd put them into a *Glass Cucurbit* ; being first well mixt ; then imbibe them in distill'd *Vinegar*, swimming two fingers bredth above ; and digest for three days. Which being past, congele them with a moderate *Fire* ; and imbibe them in *Vinegar* as aforesaid ; and follow the aforesaid order ; After you have congel'd them add distill'd *Vinegar*, which must overtop it six fingers breadth ; and with a mild *Fire* it will very suddenly take a red color. Then put fresh *Vinegar* there-to, until the *Tincture* be extracted ; and to the said *Vinegar* add *Oil of Tartar per deliquium* : For so all the *Sulphur* will descend to the bottom of the *Glass* : then you shall dry it well ; and immerge it in three pounds of rectify'd *Aqua vitæ* ; then

place the Vessel, well stop'd with Mastick and the white of an Egg, in hot Horse-dung ; which you must change every four days ; At the fortieth days end distil ; and reserve the Tincture remaining in the bottom of the Glass, according to the custom of Tinctures : And here you have a true Narcotic.

Virtues, Uses and Doses.

THis Narcotic was invented chiefly to chase away away all acute, burning and malignant Fevers, and especially *in deliriums* ; as also against Hysterical passions, Colic, and Nephritic pains ; and against all Diseases wherein *Laudanum*, or *Nepenthe* is to be given, this Narcotic is safer ; the dose is from five Grains to twelve.

C H A P. XXIV.

His Aureatum

TAke one Ounce of leaf Gold, Crude Antimony four Ounces ; mix them and melt them together in a crucible ; but with an equal, not a vehement Fire ; lest the *Regulus* be separated by too much Fire. After you have melted them let them cool ; and then powder them finely ; after that calcine them by degrees with a gentle Fire after the same manner as done in calcining of Glass ; always stirring them with an Iron rod. You shall know them to be calcin'd enough when the Antimony and Gold shall become very white ; and will not cleave together ; nor being put upon burning coals will smoak at all. Glass is made from hence by putting the *Calx* in a crucible in a vehement Fire of Fusion for an hour ; and then 'ts perfect when the Vitrification appears very clear and of the color of a Carbuncle Stone.

This truly is somewhat a difficult Operation ;

nation ; and sometimes fails the Artist ; but you shall have a more clear manner and method for the compounding this *Arcanum*, in another Work, which I shall expose to light ; where I shall explicate the very proper and genuine one to the young Student. This as it is a richer preparation with Gold than that which *Crollius*, *Senertus*, *Schroderus* and others have left us, so 'tis a more Cordial one : Lastly this our *Aureatum* is of a vomitive and solutive nature ; but challenges to it self, the first place among the Vomitives ; because the Gold defends the Heart and *Viscera*. It doth not only equal the Virtues of the Antimonial Cup but excells them : Its dose is from two Grains to five.

C H A P. XXV.

His Catholic Water.

TAke of the juice of Bryonie, Buckthorn berryes, Celandine, Eglantine berryes, of the bark of Elder, dwarf Elder, Germander :

Germander ; of each two Ounces ; Spirit
 of Wine rectify'd two pounds ; digest them
 for two days space, then distil them and
 to the distill'd water add your Extract of
 Rhubarb, Agaric, Sena, Hedge Hyssop,
 of each half an Ounce ; Magistery of Me-
 choacan three Drachms ; solutive Magiste-
 ry of Tartar two Drachms ; Cinamon,
 Mastick, Ginger and Aniseed of each half
 a Drachm. Spirit of Vitriol stibiated six
 Drachms ; and digest them in Horse-dung :
 At twenty four days end strain them and
 keep them in a Vessel very close stop'd :
 This is call'd Catholic, because it works
 truely without any nauseousness, and in all
 Diseases wherein purging is requisite, it is
 very profitable ; and 'tis to be taken ei-
 ther in Broths, Wine or Water ; the dose
 is from one Drachm to three or four at
 most.

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His First Alexipharmac Troches.

TAke of Oriental Bezoar Stone, Harts-horn prepar'd, Jovial and mineral Bezoar : Of the true Unicorn and Rhinoceros's horn of each tow Drachms, Earth of *Malta*, yellowish Bole-armenia, *Bohemian* Earth ; *Terra sigillata*, of each half an Ounce ; Contrayervæ five Drachms ; *Spodium*, all the Fragments of pretious Stones, prepar'd half a Drachm. Magistery of Pearls ; of all Corals ; of Boars teeth, of each one Drachm ; twenty leaves of Gold ; let all be poudred and with the Mucilage of Harts-horn make Troches.

Virtues, Uses and Doses.

They free the Diseased from all manner of Poyson, malignant and erratic Fevers ; and are marvellous good against menstrual Fluxes, spitting and vomiting of Blood ; Pleurisie and pain at Heart. And
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are in a more especial manner profitable to Women with child that fear Abortion; their dose is from half a Scruple to a Scruple in Specifics.

C H A P. XXVII.

The Second Viper Alexipharmic Troches.

TAKE yellow Monks-hood, Swallow-wort, Scorzonora, Contrayervæ, Citrion Pills, of each one Drachm. Viper powder half a Drachm; right Unicorn's-horn, true Bezoar Stone, and Rhinoceros's-horn, bone of Harts-heart, of each half a Drachm. Jovial Bezoard, red Chrystal prepar'd, of each one Drachm; let them be poudred, and with mucilage of Harts-horn make them into Troches; which will vanquish Poysons and malignant Fevers, Pustles, Smal-pox and Meazles, and the like; the dose is from one Scruple to half a Drachm.

C H A P. XXVIII.

His Third sort of Alexipharmic Troches.

TAke of Tormentil Root, Angelica, Carline, or White-thistle, Gentian, Contrayerva, yellow Monks-hood, Swallow-wort, Scorzonora, Master-wort, of each one Drachm ; Juniper and Bay-berries of each one Ounce ; Ivy, half an Ounce ; Cinnamon, yellow Sanders, Wood of Aloes, of each two Scruples. Bone of an Harts-heart half an Ounce ; you shall powder all these, and put them into a Glassen Vessel and besprinkle them with Essence of Tartar three Drachms ; adding red Chrystal prepar'd, Oriental Bezoar-Stone, Magistery of Pearls, true Unicorns-horn, of each one Scruple ; Magistery of Ambar, Salt of Jupiter, leaf Gold of each twenty five Grains. Of the Mucilage of Harts-horn and gum Tragacanth made with Pome-citron-water, as much as will suffice to make all into Troches according to Art.

Virtues, Uses and Doses.

THESE Troches expel the Plague and Pestilential Diseases, and malignant Fevers; and are profitable and powerful in all *Synopes* or swooning of the Heart; and Arsenical Medicines; and such like Poysons; the dose of them is from a Scruple to half a Drachm.

C H A P. XXIX.

His Cordial, or Balsam of Life.

TAKE of our Universal *Panacea* with Gold, of the Essence of Gold and Silver, of each two Drachms; of the Essence of *Ambar-Grise*, twenty five Grains, of the Essence of Pearls three Drachms; of the Tincture of Vipers half an Ounce; of the Essence of Harts-blood one Ounce; mix them and add to them true Oriental

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Opobalsmum four Grains ; and you have a very great Cordial to comfort Nature with all ; the dose of this Balsam is from half a Scruple to a Scruple.

C H A P. XXX.

His Balsamum Salutis.

TAke^c of the Essence of Ambar-Grise made with Spirit of Roses, of the Quintessence of Roses ; of the Essence of Juniper-berryes, and Citron peels of each one Scruple ; Oil of the flowers of Pome-citrions, half a Scruple ; mix them and give it with simple Sugar of Roses, from two drops to six.

C H A P. XXXI.

His Bezordicum minerale.

OUR *Bezoardicum minerale* differs but little from that Common one, which the Chymists compound ; but 'tis more correct and safer ; because the correction of Antimony and Mercury is while they be purged from all their evil and malignant qualities by the Fire. Its process is as followeth.

Take Regulus of Antimony ; but let it be of that which hath afterwards been purify'd in a most ardent Fire ; for sixteen hours together ; and also Mercury sublimate that hath been made of it, as before in our *Calomelanos* ; and distil them by an Alembic ; as the custom is, extracting a Butter, as in *Bezoardicum minerale*, laid down by other Authors : Then dulcify it by washing often with warm Waters, and dry it in a temperate heat ; being dried imbibe in Spirit of Nitre, which must overtop it four fingers bredth, and then di-

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stil ; and after cohobate thrice, and dulcify again as before. Put your dulcification into an Earth Glass'd Vessel, that will endure the Fire ; and kindle your Fire for about three days together ; for this is its true manner and method of its decoction. Then imbibe the Spirit of Wine ; which you shall kindle about five or six times, and then you are certain to have the perfect and best *Bezoardicum minerale*.

This is that of my Master's ; and if you take notice of the compositions of others ; you shall not need to be altogether so diligent and exact. He used it in fit sorts of Broths, giving a Scruple for one dose ; as may appear from his, and my, Observations ; and because it is well corrected and concocted , so that it will never harm any one, he gave it to all that were troubled, not only with a malignant, acute and pestilential Fever ; but also in Cachectic distempers ; and in the Small-pox and Meazles, and other such like Diseases ; the dose is as before, from half a Scruple to one Scruple.

C H A P. XXXII.

His Bezoardicum Joviale.

THis is compos'd after the same manner as the former, nothing excepted, but only differs in the Composition; for first you must make a starryed *Regulus Martis*, and join to it by Fire a like quantity of the more perfect Tin; and the^aforefaid Mercury sublimate, as in the process of our *Calomelanos*; But be sure you omit nothing of the right ordering and making the aforefaid mineral. For that is it which is so much celebrated by my Master's using it in his practice; whereof he gave, and so do I, in all desperate Diseases, from half a Scruple to half a Drachm.

There are other Solar Bezoardies made by adding Gold; and also Lunar ones by adding Silver; as they are describ'd by other Authors: But I think it enough not to depart from the Fire, and manner of making which I have laid down in the mineral Bezoar. For if you shall do o

therwise they shall not obtain their whole Virtue. The Correction of the correct flowers, *crocus* and *auratum*, is done after this manner.

Take, the Flower, Saffron, or Glafs, and put it into a Retort with rectify'd Spirit of Vitriol, to digest, for the space of five days, in a moderate hot place; then distil to a dryness; and chohobate six times more; always distilling to a dryness; then dulcify with Cordial Waters; and being dry imbibe it in generous *Aqua vitæ*; which you shall kindle thereon five times; for after this manner your Antimony is much corrected; and being so corrected they are to be compounded after this manner.

An Appendix.

HAVING not a mind to pass by the wonderful prodigie of Bezoardics; I have given thee this Additional one; whereby Reader, thou wilt not disdain to cast thine eye upon a very fair Event which hapned at *Venice*.

The most Illustrious and most excellent *Andreas Donatus* the most worthy Senator of this Republick, and to whom I am very much obliged, commanded me to visit, one *John Baptist Tola*, who was Sick; I went, and found him to be about sixty five years Old, of a dull, melancholick temperature; formerly given to drink much generous Wine; and then at that time labouring under a continual, malignant Fever, for one day past; and troubled in his head with fumes, and an obscure delirium; his pulse was tremulent and small; his Urine thick and troubled; his eyes darkish, almost glassy; his faculties

very abject : at length, that I may contract much into a litle, from all signs that appear'd mortal ; I gave out that I despair'd of his life ; which also did a most excellent Physitian ; who had administred opportunely many remedy's, according to rules of Art : We both concluded that there was no other way left but to succor him with Cordials ; and told his Servants there was but a very short period to death. Yet I ask'd this most excellent Physitian, whether he thought best, at last to try your Solar and Jovial Bezoardics ; for many times good events follow from those in these cases ; because these Bezoardics compel nature to expel those things, by Sweat, Urine or Seige, which impel the miserable patient almost to death. He confirm'd this my opinion ; and commanded presently to be given, six Grains of the Solar, and six of Jovial Bezoar, in Cordial waters ; but he sent to the Governor, a very good Spagyric and a perfect operator, that he would allow of the aforesaid advice ; The patient took it ; and voyded much black choler by seige ; but his faculties being exhausted from a Convulsion, which follow'd.

follow'd, they were almost destitute of strength, and began to express signs of greater debility; whereupon his domestics being affrighted; his Son being a Presbyter comes to me, not only inflam'd with anger: But from the Physitians words signifying to him that his death proceeded from that powder of the Bezoardics; who though he know it could not in the least be from that; yet he endeavours to lay the blame upon me, because of that suddain, dangerous motion: His Son, I say, upbraiding me with the heinousness of the fact; threatned to accuse me concerning the death of his Father; But at length such an Evacuation, by the Almightyes permission, carried off the black bile, which nature of it self was not able to do; and so, as it were being dead, recal'd him to life. Since which time, always when I am in any Consultation, I never propound any thing contrary to the opinion of others; being assur'd that the least evil that shall happen will be attributed to me.

C H A P. XXXIII.

His Antipleuretic Extract.

TAke of the Extract of wild Poppy flowers, two Drachms, red Mallows, of Gum extracted from Wood of Oak; of each one Drachm and an half; of the *pleura* of a Man, or Boar, two Drachms; of the filings of a Boars Teeth, three Drachms; of the true Unicorn, Magistry of Coral, of the inward Peels of Filberds, Box flowers, *Salis prunella*, of each one Drachm; make a Mass with the aforesaid extracts, and you will have a prodigious composition against a Pleuresy; whose dose is from a Scruple to half a Drachm.

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His Hysterical Extract.

TAke of the Extract of Mugwort, and Mother-wort of each three Drachms; Extract of Savin, and Juniper Berryes of each one Drachm; *fæculæ Aronis*, half an Ounce, *Fæcula* of Bryony two Drachms, Extract of Gith, and Assarabacca of each one Drachm, and an half; Magistery of Ambar four Drachms. Salt of Jupiter four Scruples; Seeds of Hart-wort, Nepente, of each two Scruples; Seeds of Bishops-weed, Rue, Caraways, Anise, Cardamomes of each two Drachms; Castor, four Scruples; mix them all according to Art; and give thereof from half a Drachm to two Drachms; for it is greatly profitable in Hysteric passions.

C H A P. XXXV.

His Nephritical Extract.

TAke dry'd Rupturewort, three hand-
 fulls, Eryngo, Rest-harrow, Burdock,
 of each one handful; Juniper and Bay-
 berryes, of each two Drachms; Seeds of
 Gromwel, Netles, Onions, Saxifrage, Anise,
 Fenil, of each two Ounces; of all these
 make an Extract according to Art; to
 which add Magistery of *Lapis Judaicus*,
 mountain Christal, Crabs-eyes, Eggs-shells,
 Salt of Bean-shells, Salt of Flower of Ar-
 moniac; of each one Drachm; ferment
 all these together, and you have a great Re-
 medy against pains of the Reins; its dose
 is from a Scruple to half a Drachm.

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His Golden Extract.

TAke of Bay-beryes, Persian Almonds,
of each four Ounces ; Flowers of
Nuts, of Elder, of wild Grapes ; of the
herb Catmint, Origanum, Penny-royal, of
each one handful ; Carot-feed, Ani-feed,
Fenil-feed, Cummin-feed, of each two
Ounces ; Cinamon, Cloves, of each half
an Ounce ; wood of Aloes, one Drachm ;
make an Extract according to Art ; to
which add true Balsam of *Peru*, Oil of
Nutmegs ; of the Skie-color'd Oil of Tur-
pentine ; of each half an Ounce ; mix and
ferment them together ; and the dose is
from half a Drachm to one Drachm.

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His Golden Diaphoretic.

THis is describ'd by many Authors to be that Sulphur which is in the fœces of the vulgar Regulus ; which being beaten and boild with Vinegar, the Sulphur is precipitated to the lower part ; afterwards washing it very often, and drying it, they use it to mundify the Blood, and provoke Sweat. But ours is more correct ; because the aforesaid forms being finish'd ; it is again calcin'd in a Furnace for twenty four hours ; or in a circular Fire, till it wax white, together with the fourth part of fulminant Gold. Then it's digested in ardent *Aqua vitæ*, which is kindled thrice ; and so you have a very good Diaphoretic, in Pleuresies and pestilential Fevers ; and is given from sixteen Grains to twenty.

C H A P. XXXVIII.

His Common Diaphoretic.

THis is the Common Regulus, thrice calcin'd ; always with double quantity of Nitre rectify'd, and then dulcify'd, and *Aqua vitæ* kindled thereupon ; It is given from a Scruple to half a Drachm, or to one Drachm ; against all chronic diseases ; where it will work upon them by sweat, or insensible transpiration.

C H A P. XXXIX.

His Fixt Diaphoretic.

IT is the fix'd Powder of Father *Bazil Valentine*, which he proposes for an universal remedy ; and sometimes under the name of *Bazil's* fix'd *Panacea* ; describ'd in the Triumphal chariot of Antimony of the same Author.

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His universal liquid Panacea, with Gold.

TAke an Ounce of leaf Gold, and calcine it with Sulphur, in a circulatory Fire for eight hours ; adding Sulphur four times ; then wash with warm water ; and being dry'd join it to Oil of Antimony, made after this manner.

Take of the *Regulus* of Antimony, Mercury sublimate, of each four Ounces ; mix them well in a Mortar, and distil them with a Retort ; as you use to do in *oleum glaciale*, or Butter of Antimony : Add then Fire by degrees, till it be converted into Butter ; putting coals also to the neck of the Retort ; put that Oil into a Wine Cellar upon a stone, with a Vessel under it, to receive drop by drop ; and you have an Oil ; to one Ounce of which add one Ounce of Gold calcin'd by ciment, as aforesaid. Then put your Vessel in a warm place, digesting for a month together, for it will be ting'd into a Golden color. Then

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add rectify'd Spirit of Wine, and put it into an hot place, as before, and the *Aqua vitæ* will attract all the Gold to it self; strain it, and adding *Aqua vitæ* again until it be tinged, exhale the Oil; and the Powder will remain; you shall put this with eight Ounces of crude Antimony, and twenty Ounces of Oil of *Nitre* made *per deliquium*, into a Vessel, which you shall stop very close, to digest. At a months end add a quart of rectify'd Spirit of Wine; and digest again; and the Tincture will in a short time be rob'd of its menstruum, join this Spirit with that of the Gold; and add another Spirit upon the Oil of *Nitre*; until the color be detected; for it ought to remain, as it was when it was first placed. Then filtrate these Spirits through a Paper; and distil them with cinders, by degrees; until there remain four Ounces of the Tincture, in the lower part of the Retort: And this is our universal liquid *Panacea*; which works by transpiration; And gently forces the vital faculties, to do those things which Nature hath need of; without doing any damage. Many Hectical, Phthysical, and Hydropical Patients

Patients have been cur'd and obtain'd their health by me, with this : And you may give thereof from eight drops to twenty ; with Specifics ; and it works sooner or later as the strength is.

C H A P. XLI.

His Tincture, or true Oil of Sweet Antimony.

TAke of your clear Hyacinthine Glass of Antimony, four Ounces ; Oil of Nitre made by *deliquium*, eight Ounces ; the Antimony being beaten mix it with the aforesaid Oil, in a glaz'd Vessel well stopt ; and digest for a month with an equal and temperate Fire ; and that Oil will become reddish. Then add rectify'd Spirit of Wine, as you did before in your liquid *Panacea*, till the Oil be depriv'd of its Tincture. Then extract the Spirit and Tincture, which rests in the lower part.

Virtues.

Virtues, Uses and Doses.

'TIS very precious against all kinds of Diseases, and little inferior to the *Panacea* aforesaid. 'Tis excellent good in inward Wounds and corrosive Ulcers; and other pernicious Diseases. Its dose is from eight to ten drops, in Wine, or other Specifics.

Bazilius and others write that Bodies are renewed and made to grow young by this; for it mundifies all impurities of the humors; which pollute the Blood; and is a very great Cordial. It helps Hydroprical, Cachectical, Hectical, and Phthysical, and all such like infirmities after a wonderful manner.

Many others have written of this; but not easily to be done, for if you observe the manner of this operation, there is no need of distilling your *menstruum*; for your *Aqua vitæ* may be remov'd, and it will serve for other solutions.

Other Tinctures are made after the same manner, and all good; but these two excel

the other ; that likewise which is extracted from crude Antimony is marvellous ; because the simple Nitre attracts the Tincture ; and the Fire consumes nothing thereof ; and is call'd a *Panacea*. It is extracted from the vulgar Regulus of the third degree ; from *Ambars*, from *Regulus* of *Mars*, from Regulus of Jupiter, from *Crocus metallorum*, from flowers of Antimony ; from calcination of the same ; and if it be extracted with the said *menstruum*, it will be much better, than from distill'd Vinegars, and other such liquors ; its dose is from half a Scruple to one Scruple.

His Corrosive Oils are of two sorts ; to wit, his *Oleum glaciale*, that is the butter, that I speak of to dissolve Gold ; and this corrodes all bad flesh : The other is a liquor which is made of the fœces of the vulgar Regulus, by *deliquium*.

Those are accounted for Essences by many, which I call by the name of Tinctures or Extracts. But I call those Essences which are made after this manner.

Take of the Simple from which you will extract an Essence, Flowers, Barks, Peels, Seeds, Roots, if you can have them

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all ; and macerate them in rectify'd Spirit of Wine, for two days ; then distil to a dryness. Then imbibe that Spirit again with the herbs or flowers of the same, and digest them again in a Vessel well stopt ; and distil a fresh ; and follow the same course twice ; then circulate, and you will have a vegetable Essence, for your use. Those which he used for the most part are those of Wormewood, Mint, Rosemary, Sage, Spike, Lillies of the Vally, Marygold-eaves, flowers of the Lentil tree, Peony, Oak, Angelica, Carline, Swallow-wort, Celandine, Eyebright, Bistort, Tormentil, Contrayerva, Juniper and Bay-berryes, Ani-seed and Fenil-seed, and Cummin, Par-nip, and Carots-seeds, Cardamoms, Ga-anga, Citron-peels, and such like.

C H A P. XLII.

Q U I N T E S S E N C E S.

THese are made after another manner than your Essences ; for your materials must be fermented ; as most writers direct ; and then an Oil separated by distillation ; what's separated is then true Quintessence ; your liquid Tinctures are extracted with Spirit of Wine ; by exhaling part thereof. Some Extracts are made with distill'd waters by the help of acid Liquors : They are extracted from minerals and semiminerals, with their proper *menstruums* ; as may more fully appear from our Laboratory.

C H A P. XLIII.

E L I X I R S.

Since we mention'd these in our Observations, 'tis necessary therefore to explicate some of them. As for your *Elixir Proprietatis*, I always follow'd *Crollius's* way of process; and can testifie of its very good effects. And I add, with him, of the Essence of Wormewood and Mint; as for example two Ounces of the Elixir, of the Essence of Wormewood and Mint of each one Ounce; digest them together, and use them, for it is a great stomachic. And so I add to the same, of the Essence of Celandine, Watercresses, Mustard-seed, Snails, of each equal parts, and I digest them for a month; of which I give from a Scruple to half a Drachm. Against all atrabiliary distempers, and Scorbutic and Hypochondriac, with very happy success.

C H A P. XLIV.

An Elixir against the Scurry and Hypochondrical effects.

TAke two pounds of *Elixir Proprietatis*, Essence of Ambar two Ounces, Essence of Capars and Tamarisk-Bark, Essence of the middle bark of Ash, of each half an Ounce; white Dittany roots, Rhapontic, Polypody, Scorzonera, Fern, Sweet root, of each two Drachms; Watercresses, Wall-house-leek, Germander, Celandine, Ceterach, Harts-tongue, Agrimony, Vine leaves with its flowers, Liverwort, Fumatory; flowers of Broom, Centaury, St. John's-wort, of each two handfuls, Broom-seeds, Fenel-seed, of each half a Drachm; *Lignum sanctum* raspt, and its bark, of each four Ounces; Salsaparilla, one Ounce and an half, Sassafras four Ounces; Salt of Tartar half an Ounce; beat them and infuse them all in well rectify'd Spirit of Wine, and dephlegmated; as much as will suffice, till they be well imbib'd.

imbib'd, and it overtop them two fingers breadth, digest them eight days, distil, and in the distill'd repete a new composition, as before; 'tis marvelous for Hypochondriacs, and for those that are afflicted with cold Rheums; the dose is from one Scruple to half a Drachm in appropriate vehicles.

C H A P. XLV. 8

Elixir Nephriticum.

TAKE of true Nephritic wood one Ounce and an half; Camomil, Melilot, ground Ivy, Golden-rod, Flewellin, St. John's-wort, with its seed and flowers, Rupture-wort, or the Turkish herb; of each three handfulls, Rest-harrow root, Pimpernel, Saxifrage, of wild Rose-seeds, and Gromwel of each two Ounces, winter Cherryes three Ounces; Juniper and Ivy-berryes, of each one Ounce and an half; being all beaten, put them into a Vessel well stopt, with Spirit of Wine

terebinthinated ; which must be uppermost the breadth of four fingers ; then digest for eight days ; then distil ; and again infusing the same things green, do as before ; the dose is of this from a Scruple to half an Ounce : And 'tis an excellent thing for Gravel and the Stone.

C H A P. XLVI.

An Uterine Elixir.

TAke Mug-wort, Rupture-wort, Feverfew, Peny-Royal, Catmint, of each three Drachms ; Peels of Citrons and Pome-Citrons, of each half a Drachm ; of the roots of Swallow-wort, Birth-wort, Peony, Madder, Bryony, Oris, white Ditany, Zedoary, Ani-seed and Cardamum-seeds of each half an Ounce ; Bazil two Drachms, Bay-berryes, two Ounces ; Ginger, Cinamon, Nutmegs and Saffron, of each one Ounce, being all beaten, digest them in Spirit of Wine, alchoolized, three pints, in a Vessel close stopt, and in

a warm place, to wit, in Horse-dung, or *Balneo Mariæ* ; at fourteen days end distil in *Balneo Mariæ* ; and then add to the fœces, a pint of new Spirit of Wine ; and digest again in an hot place. At eight days end separate the ting'd Spirit by inclination ; and exhale the Tincture with a very gentle Fire, until it be converted into a mellagenous substance. Add this to the first distillation ; burn the fœces to ashes ; and extract a Salt with water of Mugwort ; which you shall join to the aforesaid Elixir, together with an Ounce of Tincture of Tin. It works after a heavenly manner in diseases of the Womb ; and all diseases that draw their origine from the Womb. The dose is from half a Drachm to a Drachm, in proper Liquor ; and may be administred during several days, according as necessity requires.

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C H A P. XLVII.

His Antiepileptical Extract.

TAke of the Extract of an humane *cra-*
nium, made according to Art, half
 an Ounce ; Extract of Box, the root and
 seed of Peony, Oak-wood, Flowers of Lilly
 of the Vally, and Flowers of Line-tree of
 each two Drachms ; of the mucilage of
 an Harts-horn of one year old, three
 Drachms ; of true Oriental Bezoar Stone,
 true Unicorns-horn, true Elks-hoof, of
 each one Drachm ; of the Extract of Swal-
 lows and Magpies, before they fly out of
 their nests, Peacocks-dung, of each one
 Drachm and an half ; of our Narcotic
 Vitriol, Salt of Silver, Ambar, of each
 two Drachms, Magistery of Pearls, Co-
 rals and Saphirs, of odoriferous flowers of
 Sweet-root, the true Balsam of *Peru*
 of each half a Drachm ; of our fixt Dia-
 phoretic of Antimony, half an Ounce ;
 of our Universal Tincture of Antimony
 with Gold, three Drachms ; mix them and

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make a compound, whereof you shall give either in Pills, or proper Liquor, from half a Scruple to half a Drachm ; for a dose, for fifteen days , in the morning in the wain of the moon.

With this have many Epileptics been wholly freed, though I gave it to some for months together, more or less ; and though it be laborious and costly , yet it challenges a place amongst the most powerful. Used after the same manner, 'tis very good against all Megrims, Palsies, Apoplexies, and capital diseases proceeding from a cold distemper.

C H A P. XLVIII.

His Polycrest, or Tincture of many uses.

TAke of the roots of Angelica, Carline, white Dittany, Bistort, Tormentil, of each three Drachms ; Swallow-wort, Gentian, Rhapontic, Scorzoner, true *Acorus*, of each half an Ounce, of the leaves of Wormewood, Southern-
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wood, ground Ivy, of each half an handful ; of the flowers of Rosemary, Centaury the less , Clary, Betony, Pome-citrons of each one pugil, of Cinamon, Nutmegs, Cloves, of each one Drachm, Myrrh, Mastic, Aloes-Succotrine, of each two Scruples, red Coral prepar'd, Harts-horn, Mother of Pearl prepar'd, of each one Drachm and an half ; Saffron one Scruple, *Assa dulcis*, Spikenard, of each one Drachm, Peels of Citron and Pome-citrons, of each one Ounce and an half ; of all the sorts of Sanders, of each half an Ounce ; beat all these, and infuse them in a glassen Vessel well stopt, in nine pints of choice alcoolized Spirit of Wine, to digest for fifteen days ; then seperate your Tincture by decantation, and add thereto the Salt made of the fœces according to Art ; this Tincture excels in many Virtues ; as your *Elixir vitæ* ; it recreats the vital Spirits ; and expels from them all venemous Vapors ; 'tis given in all malignant diseases, in time of the Plague, and against all Poisons, from a Scruple to a Drachm.

C H A P. LI.

His greater Elixir of life.

TAke of the juice of Baum eight pounds, generous Wine four pounds, shavings of crude Harts-horn three pounds ; Unicorns-horn Bole-Armeny, of each half a pound ; three Vipers the skins taken of, without their heads, tails or intrals, and distil them through an Alymbic well tinn'd ; which hath a great refrigeratory ; but let the fragments of the Harts-horn and Unicorns-horn be put in the neck of the Alymbic that they may receive all the fume. After you have distill'd add new juice and Wine to the distillings again ; and always new Harts-horn, and three Vipers, as abovesaid, do this operation nine times ; to every time adding fresh juice, and new Wine. And changing your Vessel according to the capacity ; the last time let all things be added to the aforesaid Polycrest Tincture, and let them be digested in Horse-dung, or in a warm

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Balneo Mariæ for a month in capable glaz'd Vessels, well clos'd : Then distil to dryness, extracting, not only from all the fœces, but also from the shavings of the horns, and earths, a Salt according to Art ; which being mixt with the distillation, you shall circulate for two months.

This *Elixir*, although difficult, yet 'tis not very chargeable ; but I never found a more pretious one, among the many that I have used : for it operates more cordially than that of the most *Serene* grand Duke of *Tuscanie's*. It may be given in all diseases wherever the heart and *viscera* have need of help ; and to resist poyson and putrefaction, &c. Its dose is from half a Drachm to two Drachms ; neither hath it the smell of *Aqua vitæ*, but a most grateful and sweet one.

C H A P. L.

His Tincture of Vipers.

TAke twenty Vipers, their skins pul'd off and imbibe them in Spirit of Salt; and then add white Dittany of *Crete*, Tormentil, Bistort, Swallow-wort, Scorzonera, of each one Ounces; as much generous White-wine as will serve to imbibe them, which must overtop them two fingers breadth; and digest in *Balneo Mariae*, or Horse-dung; at eight days end boil them in the same glaz'd Vessel for two hours in *B. M.* and strain them hard: Burn the dried fœces and extract a Salt from them; what remains is to be twice purify'd with the white of an Egg, and to be put into a warm *B. M.* again for three days; with moderate heat; for in this time it will be red like Blood.

This is Cordial and Alexipharmic; profitable for Hectical, Phthysical, Hydro-pical, Cachectical, putrid and malignant Fevers, and in time of the Pest; and many
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use it for a preservative, for they affirm it clears the Blood; the dose is from a Scruple to half a Drachm.

CHAP. XL.

His Antinephritic Extract.

TAKE Firr-wood rasp'd and its bark one pound, Nephritic-wood half a pound; seven Ounces of the inward bark of Filberds, Saxifrage and Pimpernel, Pellitory of the wall, Rupture-wort, of each one handful; Liquiris, Rest-harrow, Burdock, and Lovage roots, of each one Ounce and an half; ripe Juniper-berryes, Persian Almonds, Cherry stone kernels, of each three Ounces: of the seeds of Carrots, Percely, Pimpernel, Onions, Nettles, Broom, of each half an Ounce; beat and bruise them all; then take of the juice of Rupture-wort, ground Ivy, Pellitory, Onions, Citrons, Redishes, of each one pound; generous Wine three pints; and with all the aforesaid materials, put it into

a capable glaz'd Vessel, well stopt in *Bal-
neo* for eight days; then press them strong-
ly, and clarify them with the white of an
Egg, and strain them, and exhale by an
Alembic in *B. M.* until they become in
form of a liquid Extract. Then you shall
add these things following; Magistery of
Crabs-eyes, Egg-shells, Mother of Pearl,
mountain Christal; of each one Drachm
and an half; volatile Salt of Beans,
Pellitory, Ambar, Urine, of each one
Drachm, mix them and keep them for
use.

This is a very great Remedy against all
kinds of Stones, Gravel and the like; and
excels others in extinguishing pains of
the Reins: The dose is from half a Drachm
to a Drachm either in Pills, or proper Li-
quors.

C H A P. LII.

His Antifebrile.

TAke of China root, bark of Tamarisk, and Ash, of each one Ounce ; leaves of Germander, Celandine, Pimpernel, the lesser Turnsoil of each a handful ; distill'd water of the juice of Turnsoil, and from the juice of tender tops of Ash leaves of each three pounds ; Spirit of Vitriol stibiated two Drachms ; being all beaten, infuse them in the aforesaid waters, in a Glass Vessel well stoppt, in *B. M.* at twelve days end extract all the moisture by strong expression ; and make a Salt of the dry'd and burnt fœces ; make an Extract of the Liquor by the heat of a Balneum, according to Art ; then take of this Extract two Ounces, Extract of Rhubarb, Sena, orange hedge Hyfop, of each half an Ounce Magistery of Mechoacan, and Jalap of each one Drachm ; of Salt of the abovesaid fœces, Salt of the lesser Centaury, Gentian, and Worme-wood vitriolated, of vi

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triol of Mars, of each one Drachm ; Magi-
 stery of long small Snails-shells of the Lake,
 half an Ounce ; Magistery of Tartar solu-
 tive, two Drachms ; all these you must
 ferment for twelve days ; and this is given
 in all kinds of Fevers, as well intermitting
 as continual. It stays the Vapors of Fe-
 vers, and purges pleasantly ; and is one
 of the most perfect that can be given ; and
 besides it hath never harm'd any one ; the
 dose is from half a Drachm to a Drachm
 and an half.

C H A P. LIII.

*His stibiated Spirit of Vitriol, which en-
 ters into his Aqua Catholica and Antife-
 brile Extract.*

TAKE Spirit of Vitriol rectify'd one
 Ounce, Hyacynthine Glass of Anti-
 mony, half an Ounce ; digest them in
 a warm place for a month, and your Spirit
 will be ting'd into a Golden color ; strain
 it and reserve it for use This Spirit, with

other purging Medicines, from twelve to twenty drops, works pleasantly, and without Vomit, and corrects their heat.

C H A P. LIV.

His purging Magistry of Tartar.

THIS is describ'd by many, but they put not that Trust in it which they ought; for Physitians don't mind the way of composition, which is this which follows.

Take Salt of Tartar made of the Oil of the said Tartar, one part, the strongest distill'd Vinegar, two parts; mix them together: after they begin to ferment with an inward murmuring, distil to a dryness; then add new Vinegar; and the aforesaid sublimation beginning again, let them be dulcified: For the Vinegar puts off the Salt with its Saltness; and the Salt throws off the Vinegar with its Acrimony; then distil again, and this operation you must perform ten times; until the Vinegar reassumes its Acrimony; and you must always distil

to the fixing of the Tartar. To the fix'd matter of the tenth operation add distill'd and rectify'd *Aqua vitæ*, made of the scæces of Wine; and it will suddenly be ting'd into a red color; then strain the Tincture; and pour on *Aqua vita* again; till it will tinge no more; then filtrate and distil again to dryness; what remains fix'd, will be dissolv'd into an Oily liquor by the Air; which is then solutive Magistery of Tartar.

Virtues, Uses and Doses.

THis dissolves gross and tenaceous humors, in the Veins; but 'tis a certain and necessary remedy in all vitious and long Fevers; yea my Master *Riverius*, at the end of acute and contumacious Fevers, to dissolve the reliques of the humors and the ferment, purg'd his Patients by degrees, after this manner.

Recipe, of Maiden-hair-Water or the like, proper for the peccant humor, six Ounces; Sena two Scruples, Cinamon, Rhubarb, of each one Scruple; stibiated or common Spirit of Vitriol three drops; these he infus'd for a night; and strain'd

them in the morning, and adding fifteen or twenty drops of the said Magistery, he gave four or five times, more or less, as need required ; to some every day, to others every other day ; to some a less, to others a greater dose ; to some in lieu of *Rhubarb* he gave *Mechoacan*, or *Jalap* ; to some he gave an Ounce of *Roses solutive* ; and after this manner bodies were freed from infection ; and Fevers from becoming erratic. I have us'd and use this method, as also many Physitians of my acquaintance, have got great Praise thereby.

C H A P. LV.

His Febrifuge.

TAKE flowers of Antimony thrice sublimed with *Sal-Armoniac*, and dulcify'd ; very clear Hyacinthine Glass of Antimony, of each half an Ounce ; *Aqua fortis* made with Nitre, and Alum, four Ounces ; precipitate the said Antimony in Water, and again take Mercury revivify'd
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from Cinabar, six Ounces ; and, with *Aqua fortis* made with Nitre, Vitriol and Alum precipitate, till all become precipitated. Then take Gold of Venetian or Hungary Chehiens fil'd, to one Ounce, and dissolve it in *Aqua Regia*, and put the three menstrums with the materials into a Retort well luted ; distil by degrees to dryness ; gather the Spirit in a Recipient well stop't, and pour the distill'd into a Retort ; distil again, twelve times after the same manner, always upon *Caput Mortuum*. The last time, break the Retort, and wash the Powder five times with Cordial Waters ; and being dry'd put it into a quart of *Aqua vitæ* rectify'd, and distil again in a new Retort, well luted, cohobating six times upon the Mass ; then separate the *Aqua vitæ*, and put the Mass of Calx into a strong Crucible well luted in a circulatory Fire, for three hours : Then take away, and kindle the *Aqua vitæ* upon them.

This Febrifuge is compos'd of three *Hercules* with our Master, the forth Champion the destroyer of quartane Agues, as may appear from innumerable experiments from his, and my observations : The dose

is from six Grains to twenty with Resin of Scammony, or Scammony prepar'd with Sulphur, from twelve Grains to fifteen, according to the strength of the Patient. Many have searched for this ; but not by true and legitimate operations, but this is the only sincere one.

C H A P. LVI.

Very good Salts, which he used in pertinacious and Autumnal Fevers, and to dissolve Heterogeneous humors.

TAKE Salt of Gentian, of Centaury the less; Celandine, Worme-wood, Carduus Benedictus, Self-heal, of Vitriol of Mars, flower of Sal-Armoniac, of each one Ounce; water of Agrimony, or such like, as much as will suffice to dissolve the aforesaid Salts, and make a *Lixivium*; decoct with a gentle Fire, until there arise a skin a top; and put it in a cold and moist place, and they will be crySTALLIZ'd.

Virtues.

Virtues, Uses and Doses.

THese consume obstructions and vitious intermitting Fevers ; proceeding from impurities, as quartanes, &c. the dose is from one Scruple to half a Drachm, and a Drachm in Broth ; or some proper Liquor : They are given to some two hours before the fit ; covering the Sick that they may sweat.

My Master gave a Salt made of *Alum* and *Tartar*, which he highly extoll'd, but I never us'd it ; 'tis this ;

Take Cream of Tartar and Alum, of each equal parts, as much *Carduus* Water distill'd, as will dissolve them ; and let them be reduc'd by a gentle Fire into a form whereby they may be christalliz'd, in a moist and cold place. Of this he gave from one Scruple to half a Drachm, in proper Liquors.

I also often give Vitriolated Salt of Worme-wood, or others ; to wit, take Salt, and put it to Spirit of Vitriol, till there be a subbullition, which done evaporate,

porate, and it will be the less pungent ; and apter to deobstruct, and cooler ; of Vitriolated Tartar many write, and 'tis given by Physitians.

In like manner any of these Salts are join'd with Steel ; if you take two parts of Salt, which you would chalibeat, and one of Vitriol of *Mars*, and dissolve with some appropriat distill'd water, you may then condense into a Salt, with a gentle Fire, which will truly be chalybeated. After the same manner they are made with Vitriol of *Venus*, with Salt of Luna, with Salt of Tin ; and the like.

C H A P. LVII.

His Famous Antiscorbutic Salt.

TAKE of the white and searsed ashes of Ash-tree, Juniper, Box, *Lignum sanctum*, crisp Mint, Germander, Agrimony, Centaury, Liver-wort, Cetrach, Harts-tongue ; Fumitory, Elder-budds, Water-creeses, Capars, Tamarisc, Broom, St. John-

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wort; Sea-Porcelane, sprigs of Vine, of each equal parts; of which with water of Water-creffies, make a Salt according to Art. Then take of this Salt two Ounces, and add two Drachms of Vitriol of *Mars*, Salt of Tartar aluminated half a Drachm; flowers of Sal-Armoniac thrice sublim'd, two Drachms; twenty leaves of Gold; Common Spirit of Salt, as much as will suffice to imbibe, so that it overtop half a fingers bredth; let the Spirit with the aforesaid materials be dryed, and make a Mass, and 'tis called *Riverius's* Antiscorbutic; which is very exquisite in Hypochondriacs and Cachectics, &c. for it expells all impurities of the attribilious humors, and mundifies the Veins; the dose is from half a Drachm to one Drachm; in proper Liquor.

C H A P. LVIII.

*His Extract of Lignum sanctum, for the
Lues Venerea.*

THis differs from others because I use the Extract, and menstruum, which is sudorific ; after this manner.

Take *Lignum sanctum* rasp'd , with its Bark, *Salsaparilla*, Cinamon, of each four Ounces, Sassafras two Ounces ; generous Wine six quarts ; digest them in a Vessel well stopt ; after two days distil, and extract a quart of the Spirit ; which put by it self ; the other Wine exhale by *B. M.* till half be wasted ; then strain, and filtre, and exhale again by *Balneum*, until it be of the consistence of Hony ; and a litle harder. To every Ounce of this extract add two Drachms of Common Antimony diaphoretic, and half a Drachm of Oriental Bezoar ; make Pills, of which give one in a morning from one Scruple, to half a Drachm, in half an Ounce of the *Aqua vitæ* spoken of before ; and let the Patient
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be well covered ; and in thirty days, more or less, they shall be freed from all evil quality of the aforesaid disease ; as I have often experienc'd, of this composition.

C H A P. LIX.

His potable Turpentine for Gonorrhœas.

TAKE four Ounces of clear Terebinthine, and put it into a marble Mortar, with two yelks of Eggs, and mix them with a wooden pestle, and they will be converted into a Liquor ; adding a pint of water of Agrimony, mix them till it be wholly dissolv'd. Then put it into a Glass Phiol, in *B. M.* for a night, and early in the morning strain it through a broun Paper, or a linnen Cloth. Then add a pound or more of fine Sugar, with as much juice of Limons as will suffice for a gratefullness ; and of this, you shall give one Ounce or an Ounce and an half, in the morning, to them that cannot take Pills.

C H A P. LX.

His Water against old Gonorrhœas.

TAke *Lignum sanctum*, Mastic-wood, the bark of Firr, of each four Ounces ; beat them and infuse them in four quarts of generous Wine ; add Dittany and Oris roots, of each three Ounces ; a handful of dry'd Mint : An handful and half of Vervene ; Seeds of *Agnus Castus*, Rue, Letuce, of each three Ounces ; well bruis'd ; clear Terebinthine one pound ; mix them and put them into a Glafs cucurbit for twenty four hours in a warm place, then distil by *B. M.* and of this give two or three spoonfuls ; in the morning for some days.

C H A P. LXI.

*His potion against Gonorrhœas and Ulcers of
the Reins and Bladder.*

TAke of the herb Prickmadam, two hand-
fuls of the roots of Confound, Tor-
mentil ; Ladies Mantle , *Solomon's-Seal* ,
Knotgrafs, Plantan , of each one Ounce
and an half ; Seeds of *Quinces* , *Agnus
Castus* , Rue, Plantan, *Roses* , of each one
Ounce ; juice of Limons one pound ; *Sanguis
Draconis* , *Crocus martis* astringent, of each
one Ounce ; water of Mallow flowers three
pints ; macerate them for two days ; then
boil with a gentle Fire ; and give two spoon-
ful in the morning four hours before meat.

C H A P. LXII.

Concerning Extracts.

IN my Master's *Pharmacopeia* many O-
perations seem to differ from these, but
reduc'd to the form describ'd by him ; and
are

are of greater value then those that *Quercitan* and others use ; not that *Quercitan* and so many others wanted the best ; but *facile inventis addere* ; he kept an other a more profitable form ; as appears from these *Arcana's* describ'd by me, which are amplify'd by the addition of Operations and Virtues.

My manner of Extracting Purges from Vegetables, according to the aforesaid discipline, is thus ; I Extract the juice from those Plants, which I had gather'd before at proper times ; and I digest in *B.* and clarify very well ; then I distil by separating the Spirit ; and I coagulate what rests into the form of an Extract. Afterwards I beat the press'd Plant, and the fresh one not press'd, and put them into a fit Vessel to distil by descent ; such a Vessel as they use to make Oils of Woods, having plac'd your Vessel to receive the Oil with a circulatory Fire ; which must always be more vehemently augmented all the humidity being extracted, I convert the rest being burnt, into white ashes ; but lest the ashes should not be calcin'd enough, I calcine them again. Of this
with

with the Water or Spirit that is first separated, I make a *Lixivium*; and by filtration a Salt; according to use: The Oil extracted by descent, which exhales an igneous odor, I mix with the aforesaid Salt; and a little clear and pure Salt of Tartar being added to the same, I digest in a warm place; then I distil, always cohobating the Spirit upon the fœces, till the Oil by the strength of the Salt be destitute of an *Empyreuma*. Then I reduce it into the form of Honey. I then add this melluginous substance to the extract first made; whereby all the Spirits of the Extract and faculties of the Salt, are united by this means. This is the perfectest process that can be found out for Extractions. In using 'tis given according to strength of the Compound, or the Rules of the *Pharmacopœas*, yea rather in a less quantity, because 'tis more Effectual.

In Herbs, Druggs, or dry Roots, or of little juice, all the strength is extracted with their proper *menstruum*; and the matter is so accommodated as before, by descent, and an Oil express'd. Then is made a Salt; which is added to the Oil; and

being often rectify'd, as 'tis said, is join'd to the Extract ; but truly those kind of Extracts are to be kept in Glass Vessels stoppt.

All sorts of Extracts, may be made after this manner, as well Alexipharmic as Specific ; though they were compounded of divers things ; but I shall not stay to describe the way ; for one that is vers'd in the Art, needs no Instruction.

It is to be noted that your Extracts of Vulnerary Herbs, as *Aristolochia*, *St. John's-wort*, *Comfry*, *Star-wort*, *Veronica*, *Sannicle*, *ground Ivy*, &c. may not only be us'd inwardly ; but also outwardly in form of Liniments, apply'd to wounds by it self, or with other like ; they work wonderful effects ; for they strengthen and contract, and defend the part from corruption ; and bring it soon to a cicatrice ; so also those Plants which are absterfive and Ulcerative will the better perform their operations.

Concerning Oil of Vegetables for Spagyric use, many spagyric Volums treat thereof, but I esteem this to be the best way. Dry the Plant that you will have Oil from, and extract an Oil by descent,

as aforesaid ; then make a Salt of the ashes ; which join to the Oil ; then with a litle *calx viva* rectify the Oil ; for the *calx* dissipates the igneous odor, if you will pour it on, often times as the custom is. Put it then into a Glass Vessel to the Sun ; mixing the flowers, or leaves of the proper vegetable for infusion ; or of another, if you intend a compound ; for it re-assumes a greateful odor, and according to the Virtues of the Plants, it receives those degrees of increase ; which are an hundred fold : And it is used after the same manner to the aforementioned concerns, by my first Master *Peter John Faber*, as well inwardly as outwardly.

C H A P. LXIII.

His Chymical Bazilicon.

TAKE distill'd Oil of Myrrh, Mastich, Frankincense, of each an Ounce ; Oil of Turpentine, *Philosophorum*, of wax distill'd, of each one Ounce ; three yelks

of Eggs, mix them well and use them ;
for you will find wonders.

C H A P. LXIV.

His Balsam of Sulphur.

TAke one Ounce of flower of Brim-
stone, three Ounces of Oil of Tur-
pentine, Oil of Violets three Ounces, mix
them and let them boil in a glaz'd Vessel
stiring them with a wooden Spathula, til
they become very red ; then take them
from the Fire, and add Oil of wax, yelk
of Eggs, of each half an Onnce ; mix
them and use it in all cancrous Ulcers, in
all Wounds, Convulsions, and bruised and
prick'd Nerves.

C H A P. LXV.

His mumiated Balsam.

TAke of the Extract of round Birthwort, the lesser Centaury, of each half an Ounce; of the Extract of *St. John's-wort*, the greater Comfry, of each one Ounce; Venice Turpentine, and, white Hony, of each four Ounces, Myrrh an Ounce and a half; true Mummy three Ounces, *Crocus martis*, four Ounces; mix all these and infuse them in a glazen Vessel, with three quarts of rectify'd *Aqua vitæ*; and digest for a month; dayly stirring the ingredients that the Spirit of Wine may extract more easily the Tincture of the things; then separate the Tincture diligently by inclination; and distil in *Balneo*, till there remain, as it were of the consistence of Hony in the Alembic, which is your Balsam; which you may use to agglutinate all sorts of Wounds; the distilled Spirit is also of wonderful Virtue.

C H A P. LXVI.

His Apoplectic Balsam.

TAke of the Essence, or distill'd Oil of Spike, Sage, Rosemary, Juniper, of each one Drachm; Rue, Marjoram, of each half a Drachm; Cinamon, Cloves, of each one Scruple; of Ambar one Drachm and an half; of the Extract of *Benjoin*, *Storax calamit.* Of the white oriental Balsam of each two Drachms; of *Balsam of Peru*, liquid oriental Balsam, of each half an Ounce, prest Oil of Nutmegs, three Ounces; Ambar-greese of each one Drachm and an half; sweet Musk, two Drachms; mix them and stir them over a very gentle Fire, until they be united; 'tis a very complete remedy for Epileptics and Apoplectics; it expells *Vertigoes*; defends the body from contagious corruptions of the Air; recreates the Heart and all the vital and animal functions: 'Tis to be used by anointing the coronal futures, and the Tempills, and by smelling to it.

C H A P. LXVII.

His Spirit of Sulphur, to consolidate Ulcers of the Lungs, and to cure their corrosions.

TAKE of the acid Spirit of Sulphur rectify'd, and imbibe thereon, by degrees, two or three pounds of filings of Steel; and it will bubble of it self; and from thence become as it were of a saline quality. Then put all into a Retort well luted; and distil according to Art, and extract a Spirit; Imbibe in this again the *Caput mortuum*, and cohobate five times; in a new Retort every time; to the dulcify'd Spirit add Magistery of Pearls, Rue, Oriental Balsam, and of *Benjoin*, of each one Ounce and an half; mix them, and it will be wonderful in the aforesaid diseases; for all Pthysics; whereof many have been cur'd by me with this.

Note. Your Magistery of Pearls is made by distilling, your Unions first in Oil of Sulphur, and then being well dulcify'd

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with Cordial waters; afterwards exalting them with Spirit of Wine. Your Magistery of Benjoin and Oriental Balsam, are to be dissolv'd in Spirit of Wine, and precipitated with Cordial waters, and then sublimated after the same manner as Sulphur: That which is sublimated is purer, and best for the Lungs.

C H A P. LXVIII.

His Balsam of a Red-Dog.

KILL a Red-Dog, and throwing away the Intralls, not the Fat, cut its flesh and skin all into pieces, and break his bones small; boil them all in a fit glaz'd Vessel, with a sufficient quantity of Oil and Wine; adding, Bears, Goose, Hens, Badgers, Foxes, Cats, Horses, Asses grease, of each one Ounce; four pounds of Earth-worms wash'd in Wine, roots of dwarf Elder, ground Ivy, of each three handfuls Sage, Spike, Rosemary, Worme-wood, Southern-wood; leaves of Cypress, bark
of

of Ivy and Elm, Savin, of each one hand-ful: boil all these, until the flesh be consum'd, then press them and put them into a strong Retort well luted, with six Ounces of Ivy-Gum; and two pounds of the Wormes aforesaid, ground Ivy six hand-fuls, twenty live Frogs, and digest it in a warm place three days; then distil and extract all the Oil, which you shall keep, for 'tis an Anodine, and consolidates the Nerves, especially in articular diseases.

C H A P. LXIX.

Rulandus's Emplaster of Sulphur.

TAKE three Ounces of our Oil of Sulphur, three Drachms of Colophony, half an Ounce of wax, of Myrrh the weight of all; the Wax, Colophony and Oil being mixt, sprinkle in the Myrrh by degrees, being very finely powdered, and boil them with a gentle Fire; always stirring them with a Spathula, until they be very well mixt; after a quarter of an hour

hour take them from the Fire, and let them cooll by degrees : And so you have a most excellent and infallible Emplaster, for the curing of all kinds of Wounds and Ulcers ; as his Experiments in his Centu-rys describe, which you may always safely trust ; and in his ninety fourth cure, he says, that there is a divine, wonderful, and quick Virtue in this Emplaster, of softening, suppurating, breaking, absterging and agglutinating, as by long experience hath been try'd.

C H A P. LXX.

His Toad Oil.

TAke four live Toads, far from any water, and put them into a glaz'd pot well stop'd to purge ; then take two pounds of common Oil, wherein boil Sage, Sowthistle, roots of Oris and Gentian of each one handful ; and puting one of the Toads therein, set it over a Fire in an open place, in a glaz'd Vessel cover'd, but

take

take heed of the smoak; when the first is dry put in another live Toad; and that dry'd, a third, and so a fourth; and when 'tis boild strain the Oil; and this is very hot, and very good against all cold pains, against Scabs, Morpew and Dropfie; use it hot.

C H A P. LXXI.

His Anti-Apoplectic Balsam.

TAke rectify'd Oil of Ambar, *oleum petroleum Philosophorum*, Rosemary, Sage, Spike, (being all distill'd) of each half a Ounce; Oil of Nutmegs, by expression, two Ounces; Extract of Castor, Oil of Box, Camphar, of each one Drachm: Balsam of *Peru*, Occidental Opobalsam; Civer, of the Extract of Benjoin, of each half an Ounce; Musk, Ambar-grise, of each one Scruple, mix them all, and with a moderate heat make a Balsam; which is prevalent against diseases of the head by anointing the hinder part thereof, the

restrills

noistrills, and pulse; against the Apoplexy, Epilepsy, &c. Collic pains and Hysteric passions are remov'd by anointing the navil.

C H A P. LXXII.

His Pills against pestilential diseases.

TAke wash'd Aloes, Saffron, Myrrh, of each half an Ounce, Oriental and Occidental Balsam, of each half a Drachm, six bones of Harts-heart; Unicorns-horn, Emeralds, Oriental Bezoar, Pearls, and Coral prepar'd, wood of Aloes, of each ten Grains, Ambar-grise five Grains; our Tincture of Ambar-grise; of Ambar, and Magistry of Tartar, of each, as much as will form a Mass of Pills, where take one of half a Drachm weight; going to bed, twice a week. These mundify the Blood, corroborate the Head and Stomach, help pains of the Heart, comfort all the Spirits, revive youth and retard old age.

C H A P. LXXIII.

His Water breaking the Stone.

TAke green Wallnuts in the month of *May*, bruise them and distil them thrice, always cohobating with the distill'd water upon the fresh Nuts bruis'd ; then extract a Salt ; from the residue of the *Caput mortuum* ; and 'twill be very powerful.

C H A P. LXXIV.

His Balsam against Asthma's

TAke Balsam of Sulphur made with Oil of Terebinthine, and his Oil of Sulphur dulcify'd of each one Ounce ; flowers of Sweet root, one Ounce and an half ; two pounds of Oil of Sugar made with Spirit of Wine ; mix them and make a Balsam ; this is very profitable in all diseases of the brest, and lungs, the dose is from half a spoonful to a spoonful.

C H A P.

C H A P. LXXV.

*His Pills against all impurities of the
blood and humors.*

TAKE Extract of black Ellebore, with its fixt Salt, half an Ounce, of our *Calomelanos* two Drachms; leaves of parti-color'd Gold half a Drachm; Magistery of Pearls one Drachm; mix them and make a Mass of Pills, the dose is from a Scruple to half a Drachm; If without *Calomelanos*, it may be given for four or five months twice in a week; but you will mundify the contumacy of the *Lues venerea* with the said *Calomelanos*.

C H A P.

C H A P. LXXVI.

His Balsam against Colic pains.

TAke of Persian bitter Almonds four pounds, Cypress Terebinthine three pounds, beat them and mix them well; then take three Ounces of express'd Oil of Nutmegs, Balsam of Peru one Ounce and an half, Oil of Cloves half an Ounce; mix and distil them according to Art; and cohobate thrice upon the *Caput mortuum*; then add Spirit of Vitriol rosated three Drachms; mix them and circulate for fifteen days; for 'tis very profitable against Colic pains; the dose is from half a Scruple to one; in proper Liquors.

C H A P.

C H A P. LXXVII.

His Ophthalmic water.

TAke the juice of Celandine, Eyebright, Verbene of each half a pound ; juice of River-Crabs eight Ounces ; Aloes Succotrine half an Ounce ; crude *Tutia*, one Ounce ; *Crocus metallorum*, one Ounce and an half ; digest them with a gentle Fire for twenty four hours, then distil, and add to the distillation three Drachms of glass of Antimony ; and boil them over a gentle Fire for an hour, then strain and keep it ; for it is excellent against dimness of sight, Cataracts, &c.

C H A P. LXXVIII.

*His Arcanuum against the biting of a
mad Dog.*

TAKE the Liver of a mad Dog reduc'd to the form of a Magistery, and the Magistery of River-Crabs, of each one Ounce. Tincture of Oriental Saffron, Gentian, Castor, Myrrh, of each two Drachms; of the Quintessence of Vitriol, of common Salt, Antimony, Silver, of each half a Drachm; of St. John's-wort-leaves, Betony, Yarrow, the lesser Centaury, Mug-wort, Mint, Wormwood, Plantane, Polypody of the Oak, the lesser Sage, Vervain, Garden Rue, of each one pugil, of Moon-wort, three pugils, dry and powder them and with a sufficient quantity of Gum draganth dissolv'd in Scorzonera-water, and with the abovesaid liquors make Troches, and give a Drachm for a dose for four days, with some Cordial water, and you will see wonders.

C H A P. LXXIX.

His Tincture against Dysenteries.

TAke of Hares-blood dry'd half a pound
 rectify'd Spirit of Wine one pound
 and an half; digest them in *B. M.* for three
 days; then extract a Tincture according
 to Art; and coagulate to the consistence
 of Hony; the dose is from half a Scruple
 to one, with some Emulsion of Sorel-
 feed.

C H A P. LXXX.

His Balsam of Mastich.

TAke of the best Mastich, as much as
 you will, dissolve it in Spirit of Tere-
 binthine, over a warm Fire in *B. M.* then
 separate the *menstruum* from the dissolv'd
 body, and then you have a Balsam for all
 diseases of the body; for outwardly apply'd

to the mouth of the stomach ; it stays vomiting ; and inwardly you give five drops in Broth, or Wine.

C H A P. LXXXI.

*His Arcanum against twisting of the guts
and vomiting.*

TAKE of the æthereal Oil, or Quintessence of Terebinthine, six Ounces, a Drachm and an half of Balsam of Peru, fine Mastich six Drachms, mix and distil them, then cohobate thrice ; and use it in Malago Wine ; or Broth of red Cicers, or any other specific liquor, the dose is from six Grains to twelve ; your *oleum ethereum* is good for the same, after the same manner.

C H A P. LXXXII.

His Spirit of fixt Nitre tartariz'd.

TAke of Spirit of *Nitre* rectify'd one pound, put it into a glass Cucurbit, with a large mouth open; and pour on drop by drop and by degrees as much Oil of Tartar by *deliquium*; which will raise a froth; and so long pour on, as long as you shall observe no more froth to arise: The Tartar'd Nitre, will fall to the bottom; then decant, and dulcify with Rose-water; 'tis given in long diseases with appropriat decoctions, from six drops to eight, in water of Crabs, or Ants, and 'tis Antifrebrific.

C H A P. LXXXIII.

His Emplaster against a Pleurisie.

TAke three Ounces of Line-feed, Onions and new Soap, of each one Ounce and an half; bruise and mix them;

then

then put them over the Fire in a Frying-pan ; mixing them till they be incorporated, spread these upon a stupe, and apply it to the Pleuretic part, and opposite pain ; and you will see marvelous effects against this disease.

C H A P. LXXXIV.

His Emplaster for broken and disjointed bones.

THE bone being reduc'd into its place, take three Ounces of chimney-foot one Ounce of Frankincense, four Ounces of Wheat-flower ; as many whites of Eggs as will suffice to bring the materials into a fit consistence ; then apply it to the part with fit splinters and bandages ; and remove it not till it fall off by help of nature ; this may seem improper to some ; but truly, I never saw any equal or excel this in such like cases ; you may afterwards use Cerats of *Oxyroceum*, and such like ; as occasion requires.

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C H A P. LXXXV.

His Antipleuretic Oil.

TAke four pound of common Salt in the month of *May*, wherein put humane *pleuræ*, two pounds, three pounds of Cammomil and white Lilly flowers ; for two months place them in the Sun : Then press them with a press ; and weigh the Oil ; to which add a Pompion in Summer, the weight of the Oil, cutting away the marrow and peel ; and cutting it into pieces make it boil , until the Oil hath extracted all the moisture from the Pompion ; to wit, its small pieces become dry. Then you shall have in a readines twelve pieces of new Iron red hot, every one weighing half a pound, and put them in singly into the Oil ; and so twice made hot ; you shall twice extinguish in the Oil ; and then it will be complete. 'Twill prove wonderful if the pain'd parts be anointed therewith twice or thrice in a day.

C H A P.

C H A P. LXXXVI.

His Uterine Powder.

TAke Rupture-wort one handful, Bay-berryes husk'd, Parsnip-seeds, of each one Ounce; Rue and Agnus Castus and Peony-seeds, grains of Paradise, of each half an Ounce; Calamus Aromaticus, Cassia lignea, Mace, Cinamon, Cloves, of each three Drachms; *Feculae Brioniae*, *sal Jovis*, of each two Drachms; mix them and beat them into very fine powder, whereof you shall give from half a Drachm to a Drachm, in Broths, Wine, Conserves, or the like, against all diseases of the Womb.

We cannot make publick all our *Arca-*
na's, at this time, in this small treatise; but if it shall please God to grant us two more years of life and health; I have many observations worth noting to publish; and a Laboratory, wherein shall be expounded most of the mysteries of Art; and cautions for errors, wherein Artists

offend. And although there are at this day many new Volums publish'd in the Italian and Latin, &c. languages concerning the spagyric Art which have been collected from the Ancients ; yet I also shall write of the same, but more correctly.

The Chymical Cup so often nominated in his Observations, and so commonly administr'd to all people, is not prepar'd, as some have supposed of the Vulgar *Regulus* of Antimony ; true 'tis prepar'd from a *Regulus*, but of the third degree ; which differs much from the Vulgar ; although many also use this not without prejudice to the takers. I have been at *Rome*, *Naples*, *Venice*, and other Cities of *Italy*, and other Provinces, and I found many that would tell you they knew the secret of the Chymical Cup : But all prepar'd it of the common *Regulus*, or of that compounded with *Mars* ; I discours'd many of them to penetrate, whether any of them knew how to separate the Arsenical parts which the *Regulus* conteines, from the same ; but they judg'd, when the Antimony is fired with Tartar and Nitre, that those

those Sulphurous fœces, which are then separated, contain'd all the Impurity of the Antimony ; and that was the Cup of the Ancients ; But truely they are far from the truth ; for they will find none of the classic and rational Authors using the simple *Regulus*, to make the Cup of, but for other preparations. The Vulgar *Regulus* hath not as yet left its crudity ; and made after the manner aforesaid 'tis call'd *Regulus* of the first degree ; whereof many compositions may be made ; as the Starry *Regulus*, with filings of Iron ; as the noble Ambar ; which is a *Regulus* ; and so with Gold, Silver, Tin, Iron ; the other *Regulus* is made into an Ambar, with Iron, Brass, Lead, Tin, Mercury and the *Regulus* ; but how to attain to the top of the third degree, *hic labor, hoc opus* ; and then it may be granted for perfect ; as *Clossius* and *Bazil Valentine* celebrate it for the King of purging medicaments ; for it only draws so much out of the body as is hurtful to it ; mundifies the Blood ; and corroborates the uncorrupted humors, as is observ'd in those that have taken thereof ; who although they vomit, yet are they not at all

all weakned thereby ; and in this it differs from other medicines. I celebrate these its praises, because I write in the Latin language ; and so they will not penetrate the ears of the ignorant ; for I am not to put weapons into the hands of Children. I tell you truely for twenty two years past no other purging medicine hath entred my body, than Wine of the Chymical Cup ; whereof I drink three or four times in a year ; and, by the grace of God am perplex'd with no infirmity at this time ; and if you see it often mention'd in the Observations, this is because it hath gain'd very great honor.

Here truely I must not neglect by any means to discover the frauds of some, which they are not afraid to perpetrate ; many of which make these Cups, and distribute them : Yet those cannot attain to fly higher than the first degree ; but that their operation may appear very beautiful and shining ; they add marchesite of crude Silver, which doth not only augment the beauty, but also multiplies the *Regulas* to the half ; and so being greedy of Gold, they cheat you with a *Regulus*, and sell

you Cups, as of the third degree : But these are most diligently to be avoided ; for the Marchesite in lieu of mundifying the Blood, corrodes it ; and though it quickly provokes bodies to vomit, it brings no small damages thereto. The way to detect so great cheats, shall be more plainly laid down in our Chirurgery.

The composition of our Chymical Cup, of our astringent Balsam, and astringent Pills, is not in this treatise, but I reserve it for another ; and therein also shall be explicated the more hidden and noble *Arcana* ; and these shall be the most celebrated ones of my most beloved Master ; and the three aforesaid shall be the Captains : For I hope therein to lay down rare secrets of nature ; to wit, I have accurately investigated, with Virtuoso's and other curious Persons the natural virtues of minerals, semiminerals, stones, animals and vegetables, which work by an occult power ; for those are your true specifics ; from which I have seen wonders ; neither could I know any thing therefrom.

In this second work I shall put to light public Observations belonging to Chirurgery ;

gery ; which have and shall happen until this work shall come forth ; and chiefly those in the Kingdom of *Naples*, and at *Venice* where I now live ; although I am not altogether fixt in this City : I am often at the consults of most excellent Physicians ; as the most excellent, *Bernardus Florius*, *Bracchus*, *Bravus*, *Cornelius* and others ; who have often been pleased to accept of my advice.

I have made experience in this City of my astringent Balsam in the house of the most illustrious, and most excellent the Count d' *Avaux*, Seignieur de *Longueville* Embassador of the Christian King to this most serene Republic : To wit, the jugular veins were cut in a porket by his Chirurgion ; the greater Artery in the thigh of a Dog ; and the Artery nigh the jugular, was cut by me in another Dog ; and all were heal'd only with our astringent Balsam ; to the admiration of all people, in nine days time. And one *Surdus* a Barbar in *St. Vitus's* was cur'd of a broken artery with this our Balsam : And a Pilot, whom a Surgion cutting of an Ulcer in his virile parts, cut an Artery, which could not

be clos'd with Fire ; the flux of Blood was staid by our Balsam ; and he recover'd.

Another experiment was made in the house of the most Illustrious and most Excellent the Marquess of *Fuentes*, the Spanish Embassador, in a Dog ; who had an Artery cut eight days before, and was cur'd. The most Excellent *Pica*, cut a vein quite asunder, and while he call'd to the standers by to see the Dog, during the space, almost all its Blood flow'd out of its body before the Balsam was apply'd, then the Balsam being apply'd that litle Blood that remain'd flow'd no longer ; but the Dog died the day following of an inanition with a terrible convulsion ; by reason he could take no nourishment.

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The Politick Whore, or the *Conceited
Cuckhold*.

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