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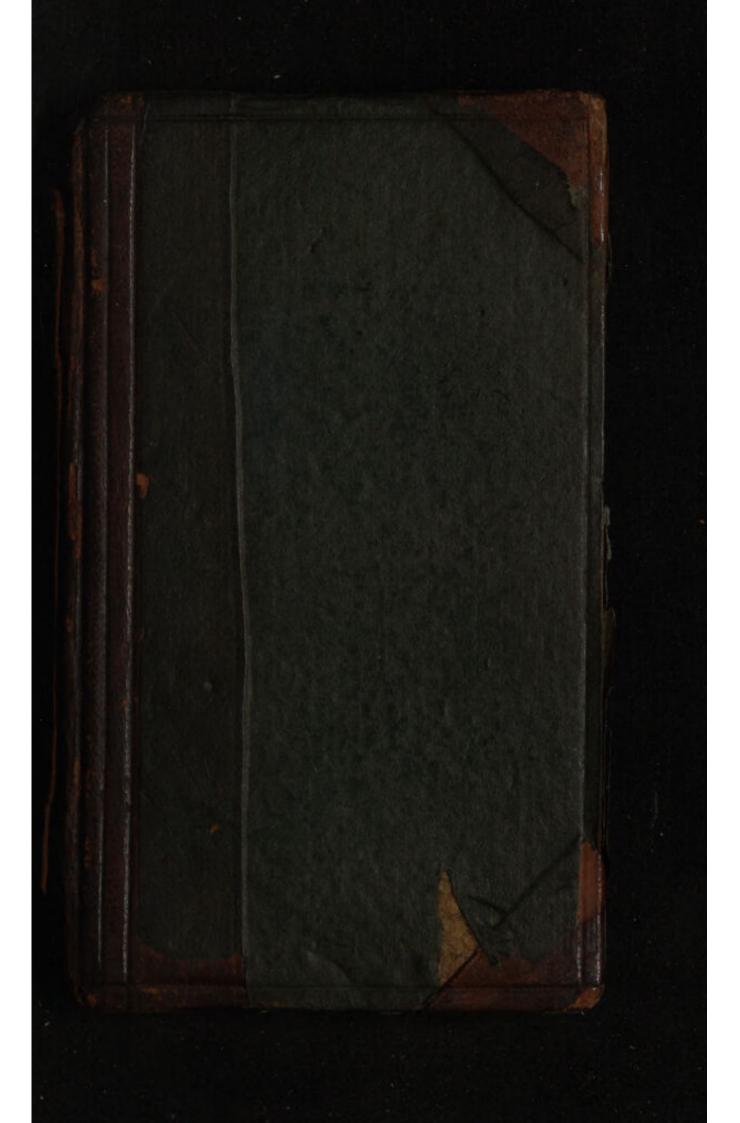
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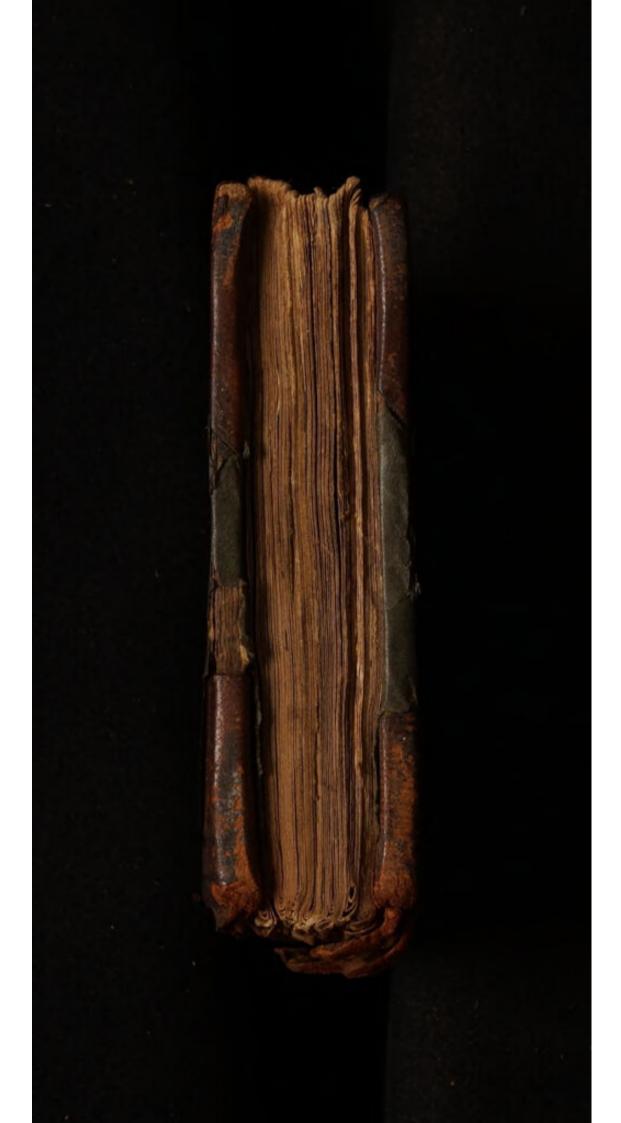
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A Preface relating to the life of St. Dunstan, the Author.

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bath had of this holy man
wil appear, in that so many famous Authors have
written concerning him,
to wit the Author of the
Brittish Antiquities; History of Great Brittain;
Malmsbury, and Mat.
West-

Westminster. He lived about the year of our Lord 946. having been at first a Monk, after that Abbot of Glastonbury, then Bishop of Worcester, next of London, and finally Archbishop of Canterbury: As to the Religious part of his life, it was so exemplary, that after ages even to this time bave estcemed it miraculous: He flourished in the Reigns of Edred or Eldred, Edwin and Edgar three Kings of England.

land. In Edwins Reign he was Banished, during which time the King by the Rebellion of his Subjects was deprived both of his life and Kingdom, whom Edgar succeeding, highly favoured and promoted. He Crown'd Edw. King at King ston, this Edward was surnamed the Martyr, being murthered by the procurement of Queen Elfrida. After whose death Etheldred was Crowned King by Dunstan, with whom alfo

also he was so much in favour that he preferred him before all his Nobles and laid up all his richest royal Honsboldstuff, Charters and Records with all bis Wealth and Treasure in his Monastery, so that all things were in his power, the King without his advice doing nothing either in the publick affairs of the Kingdom or in his own private negotiations: And as be stood thus in his Royal Masters favour, with

with all fidelity to that great esteem he employed his endeavours to enrich religious places either by the Danes wasted; or by bimself founded: in this manner did our Author by the favour of his Prince attain the highest bonors, and surely not without great merit, his extraordinary acquired parts and learning, deserving greater Eulogyes then this narrow scaniling of Paper can allow room for. At last full of honour and dayes

dayes and replete with the grace and affection of his Prince, be received bis Quietus est from the cares of this world to enjoy the happiness of a better, leaving behind him the pattern of his Religion, vertue and learning for the world to imitate, a tast whereof you have in the ensuing discourses. Et sic Vive & Vale Lector.

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To the understanding Reader.

Hou art here presented with an ingenious peice of curious Art which may well be entituled An exact Piece of Philosophy, for its subject is of such a nature as none but such as are pixesopos Lovers of Wisdom, are able to comprehend, and that hath made some even pretenders to Learning cry out, That the Philosophers Stone is indeed an invaluable Gemme, but such as deserves only to pass among nominal, not real Jewels, but it would be a toylforn work, and to as little purpose as certare de lana caprina, to give an answer to such Anomalus Caprichio's.

The following tract (there is no doubt) will yeild great satisfaction to all such as knowingly

To the Reader.

pursue this kind of Philosophy, especially when they shall consider the eminency of its Author, for it bears in front the Reverend Character of Learned Dunstan, of whom the present world, at least those therein that have conversed in this Science, cannot but know, that he was as exact as diligent, and so diligent, that none before, nor hardly any since did ever arrive herein to equal persections with him.

But why should we waste time in making Eulogyes of him, of whom not only antiquity, but even the wickedness of the present age speak both great and homourable things, (to give them no greater a Title) Let the Work it self advance (as no doubt it will) its own praise, for its Author needed not the stilts of a vain-glorious sustentation, Fare-well.



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Exact Piece of Phylosophy.

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Touching the Stone of Phylosophers.

T is chiefly to be understood, That the Ancient Phylosophers did often endeavour to compose in a most short time above the Earth, those B things,

things, which by Nature, in many years, were perfected under the Earth; viz. To make most perfect and most pretious Sol and Lune; wherein they imitated the foresteps of Nature, choofing to themselves most pure Earths, white and Red, which they named their Sol and Lune; joyning them together as Nature doth, without repugnance, untill at length they were brought to a fixation and subtilty: This thing also is needfull for you to perform, if you desire to obtain the desired end in this Science.

thing else, but Red and white Earth, to which Na-

Argent vive, pure, subtile, white, and Red, and so of them hath produced Sol and Lune.

It is therefore needfull for thee, seeking this Science, That first thou get these Earths, White and Red, fubrile, pure and fixed, and in these two Earths to fix two Mercuries, white in the white, and red in the red, without division, and by their least parts, so as they may endure the greatest examen of the fire, and may have such fusion, that as we see a great quantity of Water coloured with a little Saffron, so they may in the least quantity abundantly tinge

tinge every mettall, and all metalline spirits whatsoever, fo as they be of the same Kind and Nature, and may altogether and fully bring them to their own quality.

And moreover, that in themselves they may be infinitely multiplied, and able to free the body of Man from the worst and most deadly Diseases; which Properties truly are not found in common sol and Lune, without great Labour, (and yet but onely in part) because that the Vegetative power, the Mother of all increase, for the most part, is long since extinct in them.

If thou know how to perform this, and to imitate the condition of the inferiour nature in making Mettals, thou mayst worthily rejoyce in the name of a Phylosopher, as being not meanly

expert in natural things.

It is to be noted, That the more Antient Phylosophers used not common sol and Lune in this Work, and therefore they said, That their work needed not great Cost and Charges, but that it might be as well performed by the Poor, as the Rich: Which were altogether different from the truth, if it could not be performed without Common Sol and Lune: For they are very B 3 prcpretious and rare, and hardly to be gotten of poor men
without great labour. Indeed, many have brought
great quantities of Sol and
Lune to nothing by this Art,
and have unprofitably spent
and wasted their Time and
Labour, to the destruction
both of their Bodies and
Souls, which is much to be
lamented.

Moreover, in these our Times, we know no man who doth diligently and truly find out the Philosophers Tinctures, but most of them labour absurdly and vainly in vulgar Mercury, and in common Sol and Lune; therefore sew of them obtain this grace.

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Let us take heed; for although Sol and Lune may be subtilated and mixed with tinctures, and so reduced into lesser tinctures and Elixers with mean profit; yet the true way according to the Doctrine of Philofophers, is not in them: for ver Sol and Lune are two tinctures Principal, red and white, buried in one and the t same body, which by nature were never brought to perfect compliment, yet they are separable from their dirty and earthy accidentall dross, and afterward according to their proper qualities, are made most fit ferments for pure earth, white and red, so as in no fort B. 4.

they are faid to need any

other thing.

For the whole Work is one, and the thing it self is one, and all the whole is derived from an Image. For our Ancestors knew, that the parts of this our Stone are celestiall and concrete; which were altogether absurd, if common Sol and Lune were needfull to the

-composition thereof.

dy wherein is Argent vive, pure, clean, unsported, and incompleat of Nature: such a body after its compleat and perfect cleansing, is much better then the Bodies of Mineral Sol and Lune.

Of this self-same body, which

Stone, three things are chiefly said; namely, that it is a green Lyon, a stinking Gumme, and a white Fume.

But this is spoken of Phylosophers, purposely to deceive Folks, and to bring them into doubts, by the many and different names.

But understand thou shalt, one thing alwaies is really signified, though accidentally and by names it is said to be three: for the green Lyon, stinking Liquor, and white Fume, are spoken of one and the same subject, wherein they altogether lie hid, untill by Art they are made manifest.

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water White and Red, giveth unto us two tinctures,
white and red, proceeding
from one body and fubstance: These are alwaies
named our Mercuries; and
after due conjunction, decoction, and digestion, we
call our White and Red
Stones.

By the stinking gumme, we mean a certain stinking smell, proceeding from the unclean Body in the first distillation, which is altogether like unto stinking Assarbether like unto stinking Assarbether six whereof it is said before its preparation, its smell is grievous; which is most certain; but after that,

in a due manner it shall be prepared and circulated into any quintessence.

This dignified matter of Philosophers abounds with unspeakable sweetness, having power to cure the Leprofic, and other grievous Discases; and without this our living Sol, it is impossible to make aurum potabile, to cure with; which of Philosophers is called the exerce Life, and of Met-

ta s. Yet I deny not, but that Philosophers may very well and with good success, dissolve Mineral Lune and Sol with radical things of their own kind, and as yet not perfeeted by Nature, and so may

attain

of this Art.

But certainly it is not for every mean Wit; it is for Princes who do most abound with Sol and Lune: but this way is universally open and lawfull unto all men, yet chiefly for poor men, as being more brief, and of lesse Cost.

It is called a white sume, because that in the first distillation, before the red or tincture doth ascend, there riseth a sume truly white, whereby the receiver is clouded with a frequent miskish shadow and moysture, for which cause it is called the Virgins Misk.
Wherefore, wheresoever thou

thou shalt find a substance endued with these three qualities, know that it is the true matter of the Philoso-

_phers Stone. /: t:/

There ariseth a Question very difficult, which much troubleth fantastick Heads, viz. our Stone sheweth it felf in a foul shape, because. it is in every thing, and in every place; whence many men reading this, make choice of several and stinking things, which with great labour they distil, calcine, & joyn together. But let such hear what the Phisosophers fay, who so seeks the Philosophers Secrets in Turds loofethhis Labour, and in the end finds nothing but deceit. Yet

Yet there is also another thing which troubleth these mens Brains, viz. our Stone is bred between two Mountains, it is cast out into the Dunghill, and troden under mens feet, it is counted a most vile and contemptible thing, it is generated between Male and Female, and lieth hide in Thee, in Me, and in such like things. And contrarily it is said, Our Stone cannot be in things differingfrom its kind, namely, from the Nature of Sol and Lunes for nothing can give that which it hath not. A Nettle cannot produce a Rose, nor a Woman a Dog; How then shall we resolve so

many doubts rising from

Contrarieties?

Truly, it is easily done; for it is plain, That nothing in this World, whether it be Animal, Vegetable, or Mineral, can be generated without a natural and a special appetite.

Therefore according to the Doctrine of Phylosophers, which informs us only by obscure Examples; We must understand that the Stone may be by Similitude in every thing, and in all places, chiefly, because it is nothing else but a specifical vertue and quality joyned with natural heat, whereby every compounded thing is; brought to his perfectest de-Things termined end.

are alwaies generally to be understood, for what earthly thing can be in every thing, and in all places, but only a specifical Appetite, and a natural Heat; for these are the immediate and near causes without which the Stone cannot be.

Whosoever therefore desireth to understand the Stone, let him not depart from his specifical quality

and Original.

Of a Man cometh a Man, of a Rose a Rose; so like-wise from a matter which is to potentially Gold, having things necessary, and Excrements purged, ariseth sol by an inward Appetite; therefore

fore from a Mettal ariseth a multitude of metalline tincture and perfection: The Stone is made of a mettal. living, hot and moist, when natural heat is joyned with it, whereby it is made apt to generate its like. For our Stone is most pure matter, viz. the nature of Sol, containing in it self a vege-. table heat, whereby it hath power and vertue alwaies to multiply in its own specifical and natural form; therefore it is called the secret Fire of nature, stirring up the compound, and perfecting it in our Glasse into a Stone, in like manner as feed, by reason of its own proper _naturall heat, and radicall moisture,

of Phylosophy.

moisture, in its mother Earth doth putrifie to admirable Generation and Mul-

tiplication.

keeps not this our heat, our fire, our balnium, our invifible and most temperate shame, and of one regiment, and continually burning in one quality and measure within our Glasse; I say, whosoever understands not this Dunghill, horsebelly, and moist fire, shall labour but, in vain, and shall never attain this Science.

Thou seest therefore that the radical humidity, which is that first vegetable Vertue, is the cause of multiplication of every thing in its kind.

An Exact Piecefor kind. Therefore of the Composition of Sol and Lune but take our burning water, that Aqua vite, which the ignorant do think, but falfly, to be extracted from Wine, Oyl, and fueh like Liquors. 1: 120 from 4 & + 0= 1 my I say, such green Sol and Lune, in which the vegetable vertue is not extinguished, but is living, hot and moist, and hath power to reduce all Bodies to their vegetability; for by this, with Gods permission, bodies extinct, and not multipliable, may more rafily get the habit and vertue to germinate, which of Phylosophers is ca'led the beginning and tearm from whence the Stone is generated. Marie

Marie the Prophetesse in an Epistle to Aroz, writeth, That the Body taken from Midd little Mountains, is a Pody white and clear, not Suffering putrefaction nor motion, and it is that which is generated between Male and Female; By those little Mountains is understood sol and Lune, which are naturally separated from but. us by a great distance, by whose influence Gold and Silver are generated, both which are in our Mercu-1/443 ry. /: /solenlially:/

By Male and Female, we understand Agent and Patient, Active and Passive, both which are also in our active Mercury, and in our Passive

Earth.

Whereby

turally joyned with its own M. proper Earth, or with the -Earth, taken from the little-Mountains, and may easily be obtained by mortal men. -But the Elixer is the same vegetable Mercury, which but: yet by reason of its fixation, is faid not to be common, but confifting of many ta things, for it is absolutely fix'd in the Earth of common Sol and Lune: And therefore it alwayes conlisteth of many things, viz. of Mercury vegetable, and book of a different Earth, which 4 is neither Common nor fit for poor men. But of this Earth, it is not much to be respected of what substance it is, so it be fix'd. Alphidius:

Opinion, saying, The Faces, from whence this Earth is taken, seeing it is of no value, is altogether to be rejected, and the Mercury to be planted in another subtil Earth: For its own Earth is seldom ha-

tural in the composition of the Elixer.

Yet, my Friend, I will name it to thee by its own Name, whereby the common People name it; and it is the end of the Egg, whereby we understand the nature of Mettals, viz. Mercury rightly mix'd by Nature, with its own sulphur, of its own according inclined by patrefaction and growing.

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From this Egg, three things must be considered; namely, The Yolk, the White, and the Shell; and this last is only and altogether necessary for Phy'osophers, which is called the end of the Egg; that is, the last part, rejoycing in perfection, having the likeness of a little Mountain, and also generated between Male and Female; which -∀ when it is perfectly calcined it exceeds all Earths whatfoever in whiteness and fubtilty, enduring the greatest fire, embracing Tincture, and desiring a metal in Nature, which is hardly believed of Workers in the Art, unless they being over-

overcome by experience the Miltress of things, that they be compelled to confess and admire it. But another Earth, wherein there is any Mercurial humidity, will not drink up our Mercury with so much greediness, and therefore it is not so commodious; the reason is, because it aboundeth with its proper and natural humidity, but this hath fuch, for its humidity was naturally transferred to the generation and union of the White and the Yolk.

Yet we deny not, that this vertue is necessary, yet profitable for the preservation of man's Body, which is derived from the outward

parts

Nota of Philosophy.

parts to the inward, yet so as it be mixed with the Elixer of life; this Earth is grant wholly contemned, when the matter included is corrupted, and is cast out on the Dunghill, and every where troden under soot, and accounted unprofitable.

Sometimes I desiring to
try whether it would joyn
with our unctious humidity: bad: or
I put it thereto, which it the drunk up with so great appetite as that it seemed
spongious, & a most sat congealation, rather then an Earth naturally naked;
from which when I had
gently evoparated Mercury,
it remained very Citron.

Here I will end and shew what matter, and what way of practice is necessary for this Work and Art.

Of the Practick, and Operative Part.

In the Name of God take Drop of the Green Lyon, which I have mentioned before, and dissolve him in di-Rill'd Vinegar, very well for Soten dayes, stirring the Compound strongly three times every day, that it may be well mixed: then separate the Fœces three times by filter; afterward evaporate +O: the Vineger with a gentle fire, untill it be thick as Pitch

of Philosophy.

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Pitch, then pour it out, and

keep it lafe.

Having 12 pounds of the Green Lyon thus brought lieve, that thou halt seen of Earth of Earth, and the Brother of Earth, whereof Phylosophers have so often spoken; put thereof three pound into a Glass, whose third part may contain at least four Sextaries of Wine: put it into a Furnace with Sand, so as the Sand may be two fingers thick under the Glass, and about and above the Matter 3 then the matter being a little dryed with a gentle heat, put a Receiver not yet luted thereto: after a few hours, having received a

cer-

30 An Exact Piece certain light Water, when thou seest a certain white Fume begin to ascend, put thereto another most long & most large Receiver, which lay close, least the Spirits break forth, which are most Note also, that from the first appearing of the White & Fume, the fire must be difcreetly increased by little and little: This same tingeth the Receiver with a cer-5 tain thick and milky humidity which is our Lune, and therewith shal also ascend a most red byl, called the Phi-33 lolophers acreal Gold, a stinking Menstruum, the Philo-38 Topkers Sol, our Tincture, Burning water, the Blood of the Green

33 or 4 of Philosophy. Green Lyon, our unctious humidity, which is the last ut comfort of Man's Body in this Life; the Philosophers ch Mercury, the Solutive Wa-75ter, which dissolveth sol un-A der conservation of its Species; it hath also many other Names. Continue this Distillation from the first appearance of the white Fume 12 hours following: then remove the Receiver, and stop it close, lest the Spirits be lost, which are very volatile and penetrative: And thus thou hast de the Bloud of the Green Lyon, called The Secret Water, but t and most sharp Vinegar, bywhich all Bodies may be reduced to their first Matter, and:

and purgeth Man's Body from all Infirmities.

the Red This is our Fire alwayes on equally burning in one you measure within the Glass,

and not without: This is our Dung-hill, our Aquavitæ, our Balmy, our Horsebelly, working and produ-cing many Wonders in the -most secret Work of Narure: It is also the Exami-

ner of all Bodies dissolved, and not dissolved; a Fire

hot and moist, most sharp, a Water-carrying Fire in its Belly; otherwise it could

not have power to dissolve Bodies into their first Mat-

ter: This is, our Mercury,

our Sol, our Lune, which we ule in our Secret Work.

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Having this white Earth, thou may'st putrifie and alof ter it, or the Calxes of other Oord Metals prepared, as I will teach you in that which followeth, at thy pleasure, into a new Whiteness or Redness, by meanes of our Lune or Mercury, which putrisieth with them by Generation, and Vegetation; which Properties they wanted before: for the Phylosophers fay, first calcine, then putrifie and dissolve; distill, fublime, descent, and fix often with our Aquavita; wash and dry, and make a Marriage between the Body and the Spirit; and if the Water be congealed, by a natural commixture with the Body, then

of Philosophie.

then the Body shall dye of the Flux, shedding its bloud, and putting on many Colours; after the third Day, he shall ascend and descend, first to the Moon, then to the Sun, through the round Ocean Sea, and without end, fitting in a very little Ship; and when his Journey is ended, he shall immediately obtain the Victory, for doing whereof, there shall not need any great expence: And thus thou may'st wait again patiently the Harvest, ? and thou should be fill'd with Joy and Riches. And now we will speak of Putrefaction.

Take an ounce of this.

Calx hidden before in the

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Philosophers eg, and thereon put of the red tincture to cover it two fingers; then seal it, and set it to putrifie 8 de eight daies in a most cold place; which being ended, _it will drink up the humidi-_ty; again pour on as much of the tincture, and let it - stand as before for other 8 de eight daies, continuing again -the faid imbibitions and times : let it stand till it cease to drink any more tincture; _ remove it not from its place, juntill it be blacker then any pitch; which being seen, fet it into a natural balmy, _that the moisture with the -black Earth may be digest--ed, and fixed into a white Mineral: then divide it into two



But here learn a general Rule; If thou ordain the Elixer only for the white, then keep one part of the red work, distill the other part with a gentle fire, tabut king the white water, which we call our white tincture, our Eagle, our white Merbut cury, and Virgins milk, and having the etwo Mercuries, thou mayst practise with them, either upon their own Earths, or upon the calxes of Mettals prepared. 13:0-5 For it is said, The Earth is not much to be respected, so that it be fix'd. There-

is not much to be respected,
fo that it be fix'd. Therefore take which thou wilt,
being first altered into
whiteness; and for the white
work, you may ferment thus;

and Earth aftered, equall parts, grind them together, and temper them with white so Mercury, named Virgins buty milk, which keep fafe; lublime the rest not fixed, and that which arise h to the sides of the glass, like Mercury fublimed, reiterate upon his proper calxes, grinding and tempering with our Virgins milk, distilling and fubliming as before, untill no fire will raise it.

This our Mercury sublimed and fixed, made of the whit. Earth of bodi-saltered, arising at first admirably by the vertue and help of

water.

This is that Mercury, instead of which the unlearned take the compounded of common Mercury, Vitriol, and Sol sublimed; wherein they are deceived: when this is thus fixed into white earth, it is afterward calcined, whereof is made an Elixer or stone as followeth; Put it into a circulatorie, and pour thereon Virgins milk to cover it, then circulate it to the thickness of oyl, by drying and calcining it, as often as thou wilt, for by this means it may be augmented infinitely.

jection, congeal it into an oily powder, one part thereof converts thousand, may

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ten thousand parts of Argent vive, and the other Mettals into pure Lune, enduring all trialls.

In like manner thou shalt work with the Red Water of upon the calx of Metals, by of fermenting and subliming upon the calx of Sol altered.

And note, That thou canst have no perfect ferment, untill it be altered with Mercarie from their first qualities, into a new whitenesse and rednesse by means of Putrifaction and alteration, which before it wanted.

But when after putrifaction, it shall be reduced into VV hiteness, then it becomes spiritual, and is more Apt to joyn better with our Mercurie sublimed naturally, and by the least parts, and also to be fixed together inseparably; which would not be so naturall, if one part were fixed, and the other part to be separated.

Moreover, when spirits have not vertue to penetrate bodies, nor bodies appetite to imbrace spirits, it is impossible that they should be joyned by their least parts.

But contrarily, when ferments are made spirituall, then spirits will joyn with spirits, and the body which was most perfectly fix'd, is naturally disposed, and inclined to return to his for-

mer fixation; which without doubt cannot possibly be - in bodies which were never perfectly fix'd, but the body before fixation, desiring a folid habit and fixation, -draweth with him, and into his disposition, all spirits whatfoever, which are joyned with him, and not degenerating as Sulphur vive, Arsnick sublimed, Bole-Armonick, and fuch like.

Common Mercury sublimed, may very well be joyned with spiritual ferments, which with calx of ferment not altered, wil never be-

perfectly oyned.

Therefore this part of natural Phylosophie excludeth all citrinations and dealbaration before the tincture, were joyned to their bodies

and spirits.

For nothing can be made an Elixer, untill it hath pass'd the Philosophical Wheel; which being unknown, all labour comes to nothing.

Of

Of the abbreviation of the Work.

wherein almost all Elixers are contained, and the wayes to make them.

Le used Bro, Jee p: 48.

The First Abbreviation.

Given or black: 3 or 4.

The Vitriol, calcine it into ashes, then beat them into most subtile powder; put them in an Urinal, and pour thereto Virgins bul. Milk to cover them, stop 4 the Urinal with a Linnen the Urinal with a Linnen cloth, and let it stand eight dayes

dayes, then adde thereto as but much of the aforesaid Milk, reiterating this from eight dayes to eight dayes, and when it will drink no more, let it stand in a cold place, close stopt, untill a ertain Cristalline earth like Fishes eyes, appear in the upper part thereof, which separate from the gross part remaining in the bottom, which put into the Philosophers Egg to digest discreetly untill it be perfectly fixed.

Then increase the fire, till it be perfect yellow, and then again increase the fire, until it be red as Dragons blood: Then add to this a part of red Mcrcury, to coplyer it, and congeal it by circulation

ward into Powder, and do

thus three times.

Project one part of this Powder upon forty of most pure Lune, melted with one part of most fine Sol, and it shall be converted into most pure Sol: or if you project it upon Amalgum of Mercury and Sol, or of Mercury and Lune, it shall be more certain, and more plentifull.

But if thou wilt have Gold most perfect, and most high, take the Elixer out of the Egg, put it in an Urinal, and poure upon of the fore-said red Mercury, equally compounded, and mixed with a strong Corrasive made.

made of Vitriol and Sulpaur, which evaporate from the Elixer with a most gentle fire, and by this means? - the tincture of the one water and of the other, shall be fixed with the Elixer, by augmenting its quantity and _colour; which being often repeated, the Elixer shall be converted into the form of Oyl, in which if you quench Lamins of Lune nealed, they shall be throughout ting'd into most perfect Sol, which being melted with a part of most pure Gold, it shall be purer then any common Gold.

But if you take as much of the white Earth of Mars altered as before, of Vicalcened triol,

of Solaltered, and afterward rubified, and then convert it into Oyl as before, with the said compounded water; thou shalt have a great E-lixer, converting every Metall into most pure Gold.

This work may be done in twelve weeks: but it is not good for the health of Mans body. A is no medicine

In the same manner with
the ferment of Lune altered,
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fo hast thou the best Elixer to convert all Bodies into most pure Lune.

The Second Abbreviation.

The thou canst artificially prepare the aforesaid prepare the aforesaid prepare the aforesaid prepare the aforesaid water, thou mayst farr sooner attain the end of the work. First therefore fix Mercary sublimed, and calcine it, and then dissolve it in the other Mercary white or red, untill they be made one water: putific this water three weeks, and it will alter the calxes of any Metall; for in this work is joyned

joyned a twosold Water, namely, natural and against nature. Ibulit and Fa

The way to fix Mercury fublimed, is thus: First sublime Mercury; if there be half a pound of it, oyn hereto half a pound of Saltpeter, and as much of Vitriol, grinding and tempering the mixture with distilled Acetum, till all become like white Paste; when they are thus incorporated, fublime seven times, that of his own accord he may be clear, then fix it in this manner: put two or three pound in a long receiver, stop the mouth, place it in ashes, so as the Globe may be wholy covered; the first week, give it a gentle

fire; the second week stronger, and the third most strong: this done, it shall be very well fixed. Again, distributed for the strong well fixed. Again, distributed for the strong well fixed.

rer the foresaid way and order; if thou wantest money, thou mayst obtain a branch or particular, in farr

Thorter time;

Thus, take the foresaid white compounded Mercury, and fix it upon the calx of Lune, not altered by circulating it thereon, and when one part is fixed, add more, repeating it often, untill the calx it self melt like Butter on a fiery Cole.

One part thereof projected upon ten of Mercury purged, maketh good Lune

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way thou mayst handle our/

red Mercuries composition, being made as before with-

the said water extracted /
from Mercury sublimed, fix-

ed, calcined, and diffolved

20 in the said red Water, so as reals of it be then calcined upon the fit calx of Sol not altered, and

thou hast the best tincture to convert Lune into Sol,

whereof Rings and other

things may be made.

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The Third Abbreviation.

Put into a Circulatory, an ounce of the calx of the Egg-shells very well reverberated, and pour there verberated, and pour there to cover it; then nip the glass, or stop it close with lute made of powder of Iron, Vitriol, and Honey, well boyled together, circulating in balueo, till it be dryed up into powder.

This done, pour in more, observing the same order, untill it be made oyl; This converts Mercury, and the other

way: of Philosophy. M 55 other Metalls into most perfect Sol and Lune, according to the nature and disposition of the Elixer. After the same manner thou mayst circulate our bul. t Mercury upon the Calxes of O, D, Metals. There can be no = way shorter than this; for it = thou put an ounce of calx of Sol with Mercury, before likewise fixed, and pour 29 depercto as much red Mereury as may cover the calk two fingers breadth, then stop it close with Paste compounded with Hony, Bolearmenick, and Iron dust, mix'd and strongly tempered and boyled, till it be stiff and black. a good Lutum made of honey , bole, o

Then fet the circulatory in a Furnace, and with gentle hear digest the red Mercury into a red and fixed calx, then adde thereto as much more of that Mercury's _circulate and dry it as before, till the Calx have drunk as much Mercury as it can, and be converted into a thick blackish oyl, and so thou hast an Elixer which converts ten parts of Mercury, purged and heated, into a most red powder dry and fixed, which if thou also put into a Circulatorie with increase, and digest by imbibition and congealation, as before, it shall be so much increased in quantity: And thus thou mayst multiply this Elixer One infinitly.

One ounce thereof will congeale a hundred of crude Mercury into powder; of which powder, one ounce will convert ten of any metal 18.

into most pure Sol. -

And this way thou mayit work with the Calx of Lune and Mercurie joyned together, so as evaporation be made by Circulation, and adding our naturall white but: Mercurie, untill it be reduced into oyl, proceeding in all points as in the former, 29 with the red Mercurie upon but the calx of sol, and so thou shalt have a white Elixer converting all bodies into most pure and perfect Lune.

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gest it in dung equally for 15 dayes; then take it out, and shut it up in a Philosophers Egge, and digest it in a gentle heat, till it be black, and so unto perfect whiteness. This we call a white Elixer: within this time, the sire being increated, will be red, of which one ounce cements hundreds of Mercury into Sol.

To multiply it, take a part thereof, and joyn it in the foresaid manner with Virgins milk, digest as before, unto whiteness, and then un-

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In this second repetition, the Projection will be upon four 60 An Exact Piece

four hundred. By this Projection thou mayst multiply it at thy pleasure.

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The Fifth Abbreviation.

Dissolve the red Calx of Sol and Mercurie in the first most strong Corrolive composed of Salt-Peter and Vitriol the common way; put the solution in a pellican in balneo, drawing off the one half, then stop it most close, dry it up with a gentle heat; then add more of the Corrosive, observing the foresaid order, in dissolving

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ving, evaporating and congealing ten times, untill the Corrolive cease to arise; which is then done, when by no fire it can be fixed into powder, but remaineth like

oyl and thick.

This Elixer converts Mercury, and every metall into most perfect sol; This work ought to be done in a Circulatory placed in an Earthen Pot, wherein it must stand covered with dung to the middle; This Pot must be full of holes in the bottome, and must be placed upon the mouth of a Copper Velsell half fill'd with hot water, as a Copper Vessell is placed of a Furnace, wherein fire must be made to be

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continued discreetly for ne--cessity of digestion.

This Experiment is called

Rustum.

If the Minerall

D is wonderfull in his Works, who is Vertue, teaching the Truth.

Take in this name the Mercury white or red, simple or compounded, and diffolve therein five stones of the Sea; Doing in all things as you did in Vitriol, and thou shalt Thalt have the great Elixer,

By the fame way of utrifaction, all Mineralls may be altered, and so of every fixed thing (a due matter being added) may be made an Elixer, for our Mercury white but: and red must be joyned with 5 fixed things which want-Mercury; and this way the Metalline Bodies may be brought into a metalline form, namely a Vitrified 1. Powder, as also Egg-shells, 54 which when they are perfectly calcined, will endure fire more than sol; and thereof being well and arrificially ting'd, Philosaphers have made sel in the space of one day, which Nature cannot do under-ground in a MOM shou-

thousand years: A thing hard and incredible to the unlearned; yet true and most certain, and confirmed by the Testimony of many men.

Be thou therefore not folicitous or curious in choosing thine Earth, so that it be of a Metalline Nature, and

induring the Fire.

Hereby Glass is made malleable, and by meanes of this Tincture, is converted into transparent and fixed Mettal, whereby it appeareth, that this Science is posfible.

For there is no Earth which doth more easily embrace the Spirituality of our Mercury, than that which is

and moilture; which Privation thou shalt not find in-Bodies of another Nature, although yet they be very much calcined.

Wherefore it appeareth manifestly, that seeing Sol and Lune, are nothing elsebut Earth, Red and White, 7:2 wherein a most pure Mercury is fixed and joyned by the least parts, that Philosophers (having the same Elements) may artificially imitate Nature in her Compolition under the Earth, to produce the same effect : for it is certain, that Earth may be fermented to Water, so asirbe fixed; and Water fermented to Earth, if it be perfect

perfect and cleanfed; and this without the help of any common Solor Lune: And therefore Philosophers in their Writings have taught, that the Stone is equally common both to the Poor and Rich.

These things considered, thou shalt understand, that our Stone lyeth hidden, and secretly lurketh, often in places least suspected, and nothing esteemed, whose matter and nearness, if it should be known, would produce most great danger.

It is to be noted, that the Philosophers have found out divers wayes of handling this one thing: But I answer for them all, and briefly

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of Philosophie. conclude, That our Earth doth drink up and fix our Mercury; and that this Mer- but cury doth wash and ting our-Earth, and so doth perfect it into the Stone, without any For the white Mercury giveth a most perfect Tin-Eture of Lune, and the Red 15. Mercury of Sol: Therefore, when they are fixed in convenient Earths, they make Sol and Lune, without the help of common Gold and Silver. Behold thou understandest this Tincenre, which we draw out from a t vile thing of no price: yet note, that he that hath Salt in his Breast, may ferment this Tinct re with common -Gold

Gold, whereby he may obtain incomparable Riches, yet with Wisdom, with most great Cost, and not without danger.

means of this Tincture, means of this Tincture, but twhich is our burning Wine, is made a most pretious and a most perfect Elixer, white and red; for it rejoyceth in fulness of white and red Sulpher, whereby may be made

most perfect Silver.

Of this Work, I have written more fully in my Seventh Book; wherein I Treat of the manifold plenty of Gold, and of the greatest Elixer of Life: But here also I will briefly touch it. Understand therfore, that it

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behoveth thee to alter the Calx of Gold (with the foresaid Stone, equally mix'd with the Water of Mercu-30 ry, sublimed and perfectly fixed) into most white and fixed Sulpher.

Then calcine it well, that the strength and poyson of the Fire against Nature put to it, do hatten to Putrifaction and alteration, may be ut-

terly destroyed.

Then imbibe it with the foresaid simple Milk, untill the Calx it self have drunk the up a reasonable quantity thereof, and that it be fixed.

Dissolve it again with the same Milk, and make it volatile; afterwards fix and calcine

cine, and then bring it into Oyl, with a little part of that Virgins Milk by circulation, and so it shall be a perfect Elixer, converting Mercury, and each imperfect Mettal, into most pertect Lune: and by the same way, thou mayst rubifie the other part with our Red Mercury, by fixing and calcining, and afterward dissolving it with the fame Red Menstruum; and at last by circulating it into a thick Oyl, which we call potable Gold, a curing and preserving Exixer of Life, and of Metals.

Know also, That if our Red Mercury equally with Mercury sublimed and fixed, be circulated with Lutrie,

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Vitriol, or Iron, before and after Rubification, be digested into Oyl, it will convert thine Lamins, of Lune nealed and injected into pure Sol, which if thou afterward takethout, it will serve for all need to live withall.

It is a general Rule, That if thou wilt be a Master of this Art, it is needful to make all Medicines gumous and susple, melting like wax of their own accord, without Fume, upon a Plate nealed.

For by this means, each part will follow the other in Projection and will joyntly dilate themselves through the Porcs of the Metal, without any disjunction: but if

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any part be ponderous, it will separate the parts of the Metal, & make it brittle.

Therefore the Medicine must be often subtilated, after that it is perfectly fixed, that at least it may be an incombustible Oyl, and rather may be called a Species, then a Genus, because it is nothing else but a fixed Tincture of Colour.

If (this thing observed) thou canst prepare thy Medicine thus, thou shalt make fair Metals, and malleable,

or else not.

Bodies to be dissolved with the Natural Menstruum, is always the second Calx, not the first; and therefore it be-

behoveth thee to dissolve Calx of Mettals with a compound Mercury, as before is taught, that they may sooner putrifie, and be altered into the second Calx (which we call Sulpher of Nature, and Foliated Earth) which we then dissolve and circulate into Oyl, with a Simple Menstruum; namely, Natural.

The Calcination of Met-4-5 tals.

Now learn how Met-tals are to be calcined: Know therefore, that Saturn and Jupiter we calcine onely one way, which is this: Put cither of them into a great Iron Vessel, and in the Fire, fo that the Flame may beat upon the Mettal; and draw off the Scum with an Iron Rake, to the fides of the Vessel, stirring it often, until it grow white; then fearfe it, & gather the subtilePowder; one Ounce is sufficient for thee.

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with the best Viniger well distilled, that they may gather Rust: burn this with most strong Fire in an Iron Dish; when it is red-hot, cool it in the best Acetum, evaporate that Acetum, and gather a most red Earth; which dry, and keep safely.

Amalgame Sol and Lune, and grind it on a Marble with Powder of Salt, prepared without any moisture, and untill no Mercury appear: then sublime and evaporate the Mercury with strong sire; grind that in the bottome into most subtile Powder, and sublime, untill no Mercury remain with it; wash the

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Calx

Calx with hot Water, to take away the Salt; dry it, and thou shalt have a Calx more subtile then Meal.

Another way is thus: Take thin Lamins of Sol, neal and cast them into Mercury, heated on hot Ashes; so the Mercury will drink up the Sol.

Note, That every Ounce of Sol requireth four and twenty Ounces of Mercury; put this a malgame in a larg Glass; bury it in Sand in a great Furnace, give it Fire by degrees; after the fixth hour make it vehement: continue this heat five dayes and nights, at each hour puting down the Mercury which ascendeth, with a linnen Cloth, bound with a litnen Cloth, bound with a lit-

the Iron Rod, and stopping the Glass with Lute, till at last all become a Powder red fer then Bood, which then we call the first Calx, good and perfect; with which, if you mix Fire of Nature, to use his Vertues, as it requireth, thou canst nor free in this Science.

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The Recapitulation.

I Have told out of what, and how thou shalt make our Mercury white and red, and how this Mercury is to be actuated and sharpned; how thou shalt prepare E 3 Calx,

Calx, how to purifie and alter them into a new Whitenefs, which we call our Mercury sublimed; how to abbreviate the time of Putrisaction and Alteration; how
to six and dissolve again, and
then how to circulate into a
white and red Elixer; how
by Imbibitions, with proper
Waters white and red, they
may be infinitely multiplyed
to an incredible profit.

Learn therefore Patience, fear God and love him, keep these Secrets, and then the Lord will bless thine En-

deavours.

Saint Dunstan lived, and was Archbishop of Canterbury, in the Reign of King Edgar, and Etheldred his Son,

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as appeareth by an Antient Monument yet extant, in St.

Paul's Church in London, containing a Propherie in these VVords:

now in Westminster abby.

The Tyeth Etheldred King of England, Son of King Edgar; to whom (on the Day of his Confectation, after his Coronation) it is reported, that St. Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Prophecied openly this Curse;

Because thou hast aspired to
the Kingdom, by the Death of
thy Brother; in whose Blood,
the English, with thy infamous
Mother, have conspired, the
Sword shall not depart from thy
House, but shall be against Thee

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All the Dayes of thy Life, deftroying thy Seed, untill thy
Kingdom be transferred to another Kingdom, whose King and
Language the Nation, over
whom thou Re grest knowest
not: Neither Shall thy Sin,
and the Sin of thy Mother, and
the Sin of those men, who were
accessary to that wisked Councel be expiated, but by a long
Revenge.

Which Things came to pass, as were fore-told by that Holy Man: For Etheldred having been in divers Battles miserably vexed, and put to slight by King Swans-Dansh and his Son, and at last straitly Besieged, and shut

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shut up in London; He there miserably dyed, in the Year of our Lord, 1017. after he had Reigned 36. Years in great Tribulation.

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Rumelius of New-Market.

Tansparent oar of gold, as much as you can have, drive its Spirit from it through a Retort; this is the Azoth and the Acetum of Philosophers, from its proper minera, which openeth radi-

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radically Sol that is prepared.

Take the Minera of Venus

Take the Minera of Venus or Saturn, drive their spirits in a Retort, each of these dissolveth Gold radically, after its purification.

III.

Take Pulverised oar of Saturn, or vulgar Saturn calcined, extract its salt with Acetum, or its Antina, purifie it in the best manner, that it be transparent as Crystall, and sweet as honey, and be fluid in heat like Wax, and brittle when cold,

This.

This is the Tree, which is cut off, of unwholesome. Fruits, on which must be inoculated the twiggs of Sol.

IV.

Take of that Earth which lyeth waste in the Field, found every where in Moorish grounds, into which the Astrals ejaculate their operations, being adorned with all manner of Colours, appearing like a Rainbow; extract from it its purest and subtillest. This is the Universal Menstruum for all; and is all in all.

Basilius valentinus

Take of the Oar of Sol and Mercurie a like quantity, grinde each very well, pour on it the Spirit of Mercurie, that it stand over 3. fingers deep; dissolve and digest it in a gentle warmth.

VI.

Take of the best Vitriol, or of the Vitriol of Venus, drive their Spirits in a Retort, white and red; with this red Spirit being rectified and sweetned, you may ferment and inhibe the subtile Gold Calx, and with the white Spirit you may diffolve

solve it after it hath been purified.

VII.

rific and dissolve it so long in alcolisated spirit of Wine, till its impurity be separated from it, and become into its extream transparent easie sluid essence; like untable to the white gluten of the Eagle, and capable to receive the blood of the Red Lyon.

VIII.

Extract the salt of the crude and white calcined Tartar, Purific and Clarific



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Take of the ayre or heavenly dew, being well purified, ten parts, and of subtile Gold Calx one part, set it in digestion, dissolve and coagulate it.

XI.

Take the Urine of a wholefome Man, that drank meerly Wine, make of it, according to Art, the Salt of Microcosme, purifie it very
well, which doth so much
accuate the Spirit of Wine,
that it dissolve h Sol in a
moment.

XII.

Take of the best Oar of Gold, pulverise it very well, seal it with Hermes his Scal, set it so long into the vaporous fire, till you see it spring up and grow a white and red Rose.

XIII.

This last Experiment he calleth the Light. Take in the Name of the Lord, of Hangarish Gold, which hath been cast thrice thorow Antimony, and be laminated most thinly, as much of it as you will, and make with quick Mercury an a Malgame, then ca'cine

calcine it most subtilly, with flowers of Sulpher, and spirit of Wine burnt, as often, till there remaineth a fair subtile Gold Calx, of a purple colour. Take one part of it, and two parts of the above mentioned red matter, grind it very well together for an hour on a warnither for an hour on a warnied Marble, then cement and calcine well by degrees for three hours in a circle fire. This work must be Iterated three times, then pour on it of the best rectified spirit, that it stand over it three fingers deep; set it in a gentle and warm digestion, for fix dayes to be extracted, then the Spirit of Wine will be ting'd as deep as blood; cant



Cureth all Discases, without causing any pains at all.

Potabile is Antimolity prepared, so that it purgeth only downwards, and carrieth forth all ill humours without molestation, and is called the purging Gold; hence are his Pills of Gold.

It is prepared also by the help of Antimony into a diaphoretick gold, to expell by sweating all malignant humours; and Mercurius vita is made also with this potable gold (if it be kept in a long digestion), their dose is according to the Quality of the person.

Some Principall Preparations

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ANGELO SALA.

Take of Sugar one ounce, of Rosewater one spoonful, boyl these in a Skillet, till it afford a small thred at the pouring forth; take it off the sire, being cold pour to it one scruple of Annis oyl, pour it on a a Trencher; this serveth against phlegme.

A Purge of his.

Take of the best Rhubarb, Mechoacan ana one dram, of Andromachus his Treacle one scruple; insuse these over-night in Wine, cant it off, and let the party drink it, and fast three hours upon it; it purgeth downward gently.

Take of the odoriferous crude Honey one part, of Fountain water fix parts, boyl these, do not scum it, stirring it continually with a woodden Spatule, let it not settle to the bottom, boyl it

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to the third part, then take it away from the fire, let it grow cold, strain it through a cloth, barrell it, hang into two drams of Ginger, and one grain of Musk, then slop it very well, set it in the Sun or warm place for 6. weeks, thus the pure separateth from the impure; draw it off into a clean vessel, stop it well, it will keep long, the staler it is, the better it

... The use of it; This Liquor tasteth & smelleth like Malmefy, & is good for fuch as have a short breath, and are troubled with a Ptissick; it is of an abstergent and lenifying quality, it purgeth the Breast and Reins, cutteth phlegme

phlegme very much, preferveth the vigour of the radical moisture.

A Water for the Tooth-

Take of the Greek Pyrctrum, of the root of Masterwort, and Angelico, ana one ounce; of Dragons blood, of calcined Lead, of each two ounces; of simply distill'd Vinegar two pound; infuse and extract its substance, in a warm place for a sennight; then adde to it one ounce of Niter, dip into it Cotton Wooll; apply and hold it to the place affected, it allayeth the Flux, and healeth all Infirmities, and

and stayeth the Rheum; it mundifieth the gums, it carnificth, sicatrizeth, and confolidateth, and instantly allayeth the pains of the teeth.

Balfom of Tobaccs.

Take spirit of Turpentine, spirit of Juniper, of each one pound; of Indie Tobacco leaves six ounces; insuse and circulate it for a sennight, and press it out in the press, it cureth all wounds in 24. hours.

A Stomachical Ajua-vita.

ounces, of Ambergreece four grains, of rectified Ana-

wite 20 ounces, infuse these for a sennight, caut it off, dissolve as much Sugar in it, as you may; it is good for a weak Stomach, for the Cholick and griping in the Guts.

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Aqua-Theriacalis, Against

Take of Andromachus his
Treacle two ounces, of the
root of Angelica, and Masterwort, of each one ounce,
of calcined red Corals
(which are calcined between two Crutibles, for six
or eight hours in a strong
sire) four ounces; of Flowers of Sulphur one ounce, of
rectified Aqua-vita three
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pound: infuse these for sour days, and extract, then add to it of rectified spirit of Vitriol one drachm; one drachm of this used, serveth against all cold Defluxious, Megrums, Giddiness.

Pills for the Head, comforting and strengthening the Brains, which defend the same against Corruptions.

Take wild Thyme four ounces; of white Agarick, of the best Rhubarb, of each 3. ounces; of Spick, Ginger, Galanga, of each one dram; of rectified Aqua-vita 15 ounces: infuse these for a sennight, caut it off, and press it out as much as you

can; then take of wash'd Alloes Succorina six ounces: boyl it in a glazed Pot or Pan, to the thickness of Pitch, mingle one scruple of Saffron, and 5. grains of Musk, keep it in a Leaden Box. It is to be used after Supper from one scruple to one dram; take it in a new laid Egg, or in Wine made up into Pills, purgeth gently, expels Wind.

For the Gowt.

Roast a sweet Apple in hot embers, and the flowers of cassia, of a like quantity, inbibe it with a Womans milk, make a cataplasme; it is a certain lenitive against the

of Philosophie. 101 the tormenting pains of the Gout.

A laxative Conserve of Roses.

Take of old Conserve of Roses two ounces, of Diagridium one drachm and a half; of Cinamom, of Cloves, of each one scruples of spirit of Wine, one dram; of spirit of Vitriol, ten drops; of the best Musk 3. grains: make an Electuary according to Art, without fire, in a glass Morter; and when it worketh too dry, or groweth too dry, then put to it some Julip of Roses, and keepit in a Venice glas : its Vertue is to purge without

any detriment, it consumeth all superfluous humiditie of the body; its dose is even to half an ounce, to be taken fasting.

A Compound extract of Diagridium.

dium two ounces, of the root of Mechoacan four ounces, of Galanga, of Cinamom, of each one drachm, of white Ginger half an ounce, of oriental Saffron half a dram, of Musk five grains: Beat these and insuse them in Aqua-vita; extract and express according to Artithen reduce it to a viscous matter, then adde of Salgema half

half a scruple to each dram, and keep it in a Glass. Its dose is from five to eight grains, in wine or broth; it purgeth the Body without danger .. should .s mort at

A confection of Diagridium.

Take of the Compound extract of Diagridium fix drams, of the powder of Diagorels two drachms, of white Sugar three ounces; of Baulm water a sufficient quantity; Make Lozenges, and keep them in a Glass well stopt. It purgeth the Body without hurr, and is very good against abounding humors; it purgeth the Brains and Back, and purgeth geth the whites, and running of the Reins, let the caute be what it will; it is good against the Dropsie, and such like symptoms. Its dose is from 2. scruples to 3, and is to be taken fasting.

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Mirrh, of each fix ounces, of Coloquint, of Agarick, of Scamonie, of each one ounce and a half; of Sallet oyl 24 ounces; of Goats fuet fix ounces; of old wine four pound; All these beaten grosly: Then boyl them gently in Wine in a glazed Pot, keep close the Oyl and Suer, till the Wine be confumed,

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But if you will prepare it better, first boyl them, then fet it in partification, in warm lorse dung, for a whole month, then separate it, as above: If the Belly be annointed warm with it, and then a warm cloth upon it, it pargeth the body from abounding humours; it kills the Worms, and operateth in other wayes.

Our Drazons Bleod.

Take of rectified Moreury
12 ounces, of lamins of steel
3. ounces; put these into a
Urinal well luted, and precipitate according to Art,
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iterating it a second time; then take it out of the Vessel, put it into an Earthen Pan or Glass, kindle five or fix times Aqua-vita on it; then being dryed, keep it for use: This is our Dragons Blood, which purgeth upward without any danger. Its dose is seven grains even. unto ten, in Conserve of Roses, or Conserve of Baulm. It must be taken mornings fasting, and drink some wine after it.

A sweet Confestion of Diadragon.

Take of our Dragons Blood fix drachms, of the falt of Red Corals, and Pearls, Pearls, of each two scruples; of Saffron, Galanga, Cinamom, of each one scruple; of the best Musk and Ambergreece, of each 6. grains, of white Sugar fix ounces, of a sufficient quantity of

Rolewater.

Let the Sugar be boyled to the thickness of Manus christi, in an Iron Pan, then: adde the other Ingredients, and make rolls, which are kept close in a glass; This Confection may be used in all Diseases where there is need of purging; it attracteth from the Remoter parts, cuts Phlegme and Humours, where it is needful. Its. dose is from one drachm to two, fasting : There is no .. better

hetter Purge for Quarton; and Tertian Agues; and is; Medicinal against the Pox.

The bitter. Confection of Diadaragon.

Take of our Dragons. Blood fix drachms; of the Salt of red Corals, of Mother of Pearls, of each two scruples; of Cloves half a drachm, of Saffron half a scruple 3 of Aloes Succarrina two scruples; of Sugar six ounces; a sufficient quantity of Mar oram water; make a Couf ction, as above: It may be used against such Diseases, where Amber and Musk cannot be used, and where no fweet things are admired. Head:

Head Pills.

Take of fresh Tyme (Epithimus) four ounces; of the best Rhubarb, of Mechoacan, of white Agarick, of each two ounces; of Galanga, of Cloves, of each 2. drams; of. Marjoram one handful; of Musk, of Ambergreece, of each 5. grains: Beat these, except the Musk and Ambergreece, then according to Art make an Extract, with Aqua-vita, to a solid form; then adde Ambergreece and Musk, then add the powder of Mastix, and the powder of Amber, of each one dram and a half; make a masse, keep it in a glass or leaden Box. Its dose is one scruple, to be used after Supper, Or.

or mornings, fasting; they purge without any danger, and may be used severall times, against several Infirmities of the Head.

Conserve of dry Roses.

Take the subtile powder of red Roses one ounce, of. Rosewater 3.ounces, of the spirit of white Vitriol one drachm, of the best Musk. and Ambergreece, of each one grain, of white Sugar 12 ounces; infuse the Rofes in Rosewater and the spirit of Vitriol, keep them in maceration for 4. hours, in a glass, then boyl the Sugar with the Rosewater, to the confistence of Manus Christia,

christi, then incorporate with them the Musk and Ambergreece in a glass Morter: Thus is your Conserve prepared, which is sufficiently red and odoriferous: This sort of Conserve is more estectual than those which are prepared in the vulgar way, especially where strengthening is needfull, by reason of the spirit of Vitriol; and the older this Conserve is, the better it is.

Electuary of Discorals.

Take of our Conserve of Roscs 12 ounces, of the salt of red Corals 2, rams, of pu verifed Orras, and of pulverised red Santals, of each.

each one dram; of Rose Julep two ounces; make an Electuary without fire in a glass Morter, keep it well closed; it is good against the Chollick, and illiac passion, provoketh Urine, and corroborates the whole body; it mundifieth the reins and panicles of the brains, and subtillateth the blood by its mundifying quality; and it is a very good aftringent after purging, and consequently it is admirable good for the superfluous courses of women, as well of the white as of the red; yet so, that the party be first purged. Its dose is from one dram to two at once, to be used fasting.

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An Eleduary for the Stomach.

Take of our Conserve of Roses, of Conserve of Baulm, of each 3. ounces; of the pulp of Quinces two pound; of skim'd noney four ounces; of spirit of Vitriol 20 drops; of Galanga, of cinamom, of each half an ounce; It is beit to incorporate it in a Glass; It serveth to comfort the stomach, being weakned by superfluous humours; it strengtheneth and exhilerateth the heart, if continually used. Its dose is half an ounce, at a time, to be taken mornings fasting.

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Take of the whitest pulverised Sugar fix ounces, of most subtilly pulverifed Onras, and powder of Mastix, of each one dram; of lyrup of Cinamom three ounces; Let all these be incorporated in a glass Mortar; then add of the spirit of Turpentine one drachm, of oyl of Nutmegs 5. drops; keep it in a glass. This is an excellent Electuary to cut tough and viscous phlegme in the stomach and breast; therefore it is good for those that are Rhumatick, and short breathed, it purgeth the Reins, and provoketh urine; being

being obstructed by gross viscous humors; it may serve also against many infirmities and corruptions conceived in the womb: It is of a digestive evacuating and mundifying quality, and consolidateth also; its dose is from one dram to two, at evening to be taken going to bed.

A confection against the Hart-

Take of the siderial Powder, one ounce; of white Sugai tix ounces, a sufficient quantity of Marjoram water. Make Lozenges of it, they are admirable good for the aking of the heart: its dose is,



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dose is six grains, in water of
Mugmort. It provoketh the
Courses of Women strongly, therefore make use of it
circumspectly.

An Antidote against the suffocation of the womb.

Take of the Extract of Casterium 2. ounces, of the Extract of the Root of Peony 1 ounce; of the Magistery of the Mother of Pearls, and Corals, of each one dram; of subtilly pulverised Craine, Humany two drams; of Sastron orientall, half a dram; of Restissed Oyl of Amber two scruples, incorporate these in a Glass Morter, and stopt close, keep it. It is of an admiration ble esticacy, for the suffocation

tion of the womb; its use is fasting, and may be continued for eight dayes, or as long as there is occasion for it: Its dose is half a scruple, and are to be made into Pills: it may be ministred also in water of Marjoram and Pyony.

A Powder of Diacorels.

Take of Red Roses two ounces and a half; of the Salt of Coralls, half an ounce; of the Spirit of Vitriol, two drams; of Sugar-Candy, one dram; of Ambergrease and Musk, of each four grains.

Make a Powder according to Art, and keep it well stopt in a Glasse. This Pow-

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der is good against Convulsions, and pains of the heart;
it strengtheneth the brains,
and subtillateth the blood,
and maketh the heart glad,
and causeth a good digestion in the stomach. Its dose
is half a dram, in Wine, or
other proper Vehicle.

A Confection of Diacoralls.

Take of the Powder of Diacoralls two drams; of the Spirit of white Vitriol, two scruples; of white Sugar two ounces, and a sufficient quantity of Rose-mater. Let the Sugar be boyled to the consistence of Manus Christi, put in a Glasse in warm Sand, then add the Powder

ro it, afterward the spirit of Vitriol, then cast it forth into Tablets, and keep them in a Box of Wood, this confection is a true Conservative of mans body: It is of an admirable vertue. Its dose is half a dram, which is to be taken fasting.

A pretious Antidote.

Take of our pretious Magisterium of Extrasum le
Zourdicum, of each two
drams: of our pretious golden Bezourd, of our golden
Cordiel Elestrum, of the Extract of Opium Thebaicum,
prepared with the juyce of
Lemons, of each one dram;
of Ambergrease two scruples,
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and fifteen grains of pure Musk, gr. b. of the wintest Sugar an ounce: the dry Ingrediences must be well grounded on a Marble; for two or three hours, to an impulpable Powder.

A Balfum of Treacle:

Take of the Treacle of Andromachus four ounces, of the Root of Masterwort, Angelico, Pimpinella, Tormentilla, of each an ounce, of Galanga, of Ginger, of each six drams, of the Salt of Rede Coralis, and orientall Pearls, of the Lemnian Earth, of each half an ounce; of Orientall Saffron, one dram; of Camphire one scruple; of the best

best Musk, and of Anbergreafe, of each half a fcrup!e; of the spirit of Turpentine, and of the spirit of Juniperberries, of each ten ounces, of the best Ajua-vitæ two pound, infuse all according to Art, put it in a Glasse, lute it, let it circulate in a Balny, for a month, then feparate the two Liquors, one from another. This Balfom looks very red, and then this Ajua vita, is deservedly called the Mother of the Balfum, both are very good against all Infirmities, and are admirable good against the Plague; the Balsum is for inward use, half a scruple, and of the water one dram. Both cause sweat & Urine.

A Magisterie of Coralls and Pearls.

We have an Universall way to make the Manisterium, not onely of Pearls and Coralls, but of all other Gems. And this operation is performed only by the help of our Phylosophick Aqua-vita: we will tell you the manner how you ought to proceed about the Magisterie of Coralls, which shall be the Patern to proceed also with the rest.

Take of the Powder of red coralls, six ounces, of our Aqua-vita twelve ounces. Let the Coralls be insused in the Aqua-vita, and let them

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be dissolved thereinto a clear water. Then separate the pure from the impure, by inclination, taking heed that you do not stir the feces; then take this dissolution, set it in ashes in an Urinall well luted, distill the Spirits and flegme from it, so that a dry matter be left in the bottom of the Vessel; take out that, and set it into a moyst place, which in a short time, will wholly be dissolved, leaving some carthliness of no value; take this Liquor, set it in Sand, so that the humidity being dissolved into fumes, may have a dry matter behind. Take it out of the Vessel, add a triple quantity of Spirit of Wine to it,

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It, or Aqua-vitæ, which is thrice rectifyed; Set it on circulating in a gentle heat, for a moneth, either into a balny, or at the Sun, and it will yield some Sediment; separate the clear by inclination, and in a balny, separate the Spirit and Phlegme, and in the bottom of the Veisel remaineth the Magisterie, in the form of a mucilaginious Oyl, and this is the true Prima Materia; and thus you have the Magisterie of coralls, which looketh very white, but the Magisterie of Pearls, cometh near to the colour of Gold, Thus you may proceed with all precious Stones which our Menstruum dissolveth into a clear. clear water. The Vertues of these Magisteriums, cannot so easily be described. Their Dose is from three grains to five, and the use of it may be continued as long as there is need of, and that without danger. It is ministred in Wine, Broth, or distilled water. Electuary, or Confections, even as the Physician shall see it convenient.

The great Magistery of Vitriol.

This Magistery is made by meanes of the four Principall Operations, which are distillation, dissolution, Sublimation, and Circulation. The first operation produceth this Liquor.

Take of Roman Vitriol, or any other, which is good, as much as you please, distill it in a retort, extracting onely the spirit and water, and increase your fire as much as you can, so that at last, nothing appear more in the neck of the Retort, then let the Receiver grow could, take out the Liquor and keep it: take out the feces also, or the Colchotar, for the following separation.

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The second operation produceth the Salt.

Take the foresaid Colchotar, pulverise it very
subtilly, dissolve it in common water, and extract according to Art all its Salt,
so that all the sharpness be
gotten out of the Colchotar
Calcine this Salt: dissolve,
and coagulate it five times,
so that it be very well rectisied, still adding the Colchotar left, to the other, but
keep the Salt.

The third operation produceth Sulpher.

Take the foresaid Colchotar, of Philosophie. 129

chotar, burn it in a great Crucible, then pulverise it very subtilly, and add a third part of that quantity of Salt Armonick; incorporate these two very well, then sublime it very well luted in an Urinall, observing the degrees of fire, and there will appear in the Alembick, a yellowish matter; continue the fire, when no more fumes come forth out of the Urinall, then let it cool, take out the fublimed marter, put it. into common water warmed, that the Salt Armonick be extracted, separate the clear water from the Sediment; iterate this as often, till all the Salt Armonick be extracted, and in the bottom will will remain the Sulphur of: Vitriol; of a green colour, which being dryed, keep it.

The fourth Operation affordeth the Mazisterium.

Take all the former Liquor, the Salt and Snlphur, joyn these three in a Circulatory very well luted, circulate it in a Balny for a Sennice, then separate the cleare, and distill it in an Alembick, in a Balny, so that all the water come over in the bottom, there will remain a green Liquor, which containeth Salt, Sulpher and Mercury of Vitrioll, which keep, for it is the true Magisterie of Virriol.

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The Compound water of Vitriol.

Take the separated water in the Balny, from the faid Magisterie, and to each pound of it, add the following Ingredients, viz. take of rect fied Aqua-vita, two ounces, of the Root of Peonie half an ounce, of red Rofes of Balm, Marjoram, of each one Pugill, put all into a Balny, into a Circulatory, for 24. Loures, then strain the Liquor, which will be very red, then add to each pound of these, the following things of cranium bumanum one ounce; of Spodiam half an ounce, of camphore half 132 An Exast Piece

half a dram; of Saffron half a scruple; of Ambergrease two grains; put all these into a Glasse, and circulate it for six weeks continually, then separate by inclination the subtile from the thick, which keep in a Glasse well luted. And this is the most pretious Liquor, which worketh marvellously, in all the Spices of Convulsions, and is administred in the following way.

The use of the Magistery of Vitriol, and its Compound Water.

If you intend to adminifer such noble Medicaments, which are of such an adadmirable efficacy in the Falling-fickness, then this Order ought to be observed; Before you begin, you must expect the new Moon, because this Disease is then in its vigour, and then you must proceed in the following manner: First, the lick. party must be kept from all fuch meats and Sents, which occasion and cause such a Disease; However, Wine must not altogether be prohibited. Secondly, you must make an Aromatick, and vitriolized water to be his Diet-drink, when ever he is thirsty between meales; in the mornings failing, you are to give three or five drops, according to the conflia 134 An Exact Piece

stitution of the party; if our green Magisterie, with half a dram of the compound water in Marjoram Wine, then the strife will begin against the Disease, and will cause a Vomit to the party of clear water, refresh him after four houres are past. Thirdly, the fit must be obferved, and alwayes when the fit is past, you must minister unto him one scruple of the Compound virriolifed water, with Marjoram Wine, and if the fit cometh often, then you ought to minister but half a dose, continuing it till the Disease be diminished, which will be about the new Moon .. At lest, when you see it needfull,

full, minister the Magisterie once more: in brief, he that will undertake to cure fuch a Disease, must be a Physitian, and not a Woman.

The Compound Liquor of the vitriolised Tartar.

This Lemmon Liquor, by reason of its temperature, may very well be used to severall infirmities, and to all fuch persons, where there is nced of opening, subtiliating, mundifying, and consolidating, and it worketh by sweat and Urine,

Take of white crude Tartar, of Viscous Vitriol, of each two drams; beat these two together, distill them

in a Retort, as much as posfible you can, then let the stilling-Vessels grow cold, and take the Liquor out of the Receiver, which is muddy and stinking, poure it onagain to the Caput mort, in a new Retort well luted, apply a Receiver, and distill again; iterate this work a third time, so that the Liquor be as clear as water : weigh the Liquor, add half its quantity of rectified Aqua-vitæ to it, then take of albified Vitriol, and calcined Tartar, of each 20. ounces, put all these into a Retort, adding to it all the Liquor, distill as long as any water and Spirits run over, then let the Vessels grow cold,

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cold, and keep that Liquor in a well stopt gass, to which add the following

matters:

Therefore take the faid Liquor, and add to each pound three drachms of Saffaires; of white Ginger two drachms; of Galanga, of Treacle, of Andromachus, one dram and half; of Orientall Suffraca, fix grains, of Ambergreece and Musk, of each 3. grains. Put all these into a glass, circulate for six weeks in a warm place, or in the Sun, then feparate the fubtile from the thick, by inclination or decauting, and keep it as a Jewel.

The Vegitable Salt.

Take the Caput mort of the faid Tartar and Vitriol, extract its Salt with distill'd common water, coagulate away one moity, and let it grow cold, to the bottom-ward you see the transparent salt like Cristal, then coagulate the water more, and let it grow cold, continue it so long till all the salt be gotten out; which keep for a Medicinal use.

The use of the Compound Liquor of Tartar.

This Liquor may be used safely against all manner of obstructi-

of Philosophy. 139 obstructions of the body, and it is a Specificum against the Pox. But its particular operations are against the Sciatica, Gout in the hands, Chollick, Illiac Passion, and against the torments and gripings in

the Belly.

The manner of the using of it is this; You must take mornings an hour beforeday in the best Wine, then the party must abide in the bed for half an hour, then let him take warm broth, and the party will begin to sweat all the body over, which cometh very easily; After two or three hours swearing, let him shift himself, and rise out of the bed, and cat some restorative: And this may

may be used twenty or thirty times more or less, as you shall secoccasion, using every fifth day a moderate purgative; in this manner many Chronical Infirmities are cured Its dose is from two dramt to 3. drams in Wine, and the oftner the party maketh use of, the better it will be for him, for it remowesh all peccant matter, and reneweth the blood of the whole body.

The use of the Vegitable Salt.

This Salt may be mini-Ared with such things which work and operate against the gravel in the Reins, and the Stone in the bladder, be-

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cause it is very proper for such diseases. Its dose is half a dram at once.

A Specificum against the Cholick.

Take of the spirit of Juniper, and spirit of Turpentine, pour it on St. Johns-wort, press it out, add more of the fresh Flowers to it, till it be very red; one scruple of it taken in broth, is an approved Medicament against the Cholick; If St. Johns-wort be digested in spirit of Wine for a moneth, then its pretious oyl will swim at the top.

Take of Vitriol 2. pound, put it in an Urinal in a balny for a month, let it be dissolved into a transparant green Liquor, its combustible Sulphur remaineth in the bottom, decaut the Liquor from the phlegme, rectific it in a balny, then you have the purging green oyl wherewith you may cure the Falling-sickness.

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