



### **B.M. 15549 (additional M.S.)**

Take one and a half ounces of lamel of steel and calcine that in a pot of earth 7 days and longer if it be need till it be very red. Then take it out from the fire and keep it clean from dust and from all manner of filth till that your corrosive waters be truly made under that form.

Take tincture of Roman Vitriol (1 part) and tincture of Salt Petre  $\frac{1}{2}$  part, and  $\frac{2}{3}$  ounces of good Vermillion and grind all together upon a marble Stone. Then put all the foresaid matters in a stillatorie of glass well covered with a blind alembick well luted (luto Sapienae), then when the lute is dry, put your vessel in balneo hot, seven days-Hoc Facto- Quench the fire and when it is all cold set that said glass in a dry furnace with ashes, and do away the blind coverature, and lute a head with alembic upon the said glass, luto Sapienae. And make first a lent fire under the furnace, till that thou think that all the faint waters be drawn by the said Alembic into a receiver, and look that the joints be well luted-Hoc Facto- Reserve that water in a Vessel of glass, and lute another receiver, or the same, to thy pipe, luto Sapienae, and set the same vessel in the furnace and increase the fire more and more till all the good water be drawn.

And also that all the said vermillion that is in the said glass be sublimed up into the head of the said glass.

Then take the said glass from the furnace and take the water that is last drawn and dissolve in that same water one ounce of Sal Ammoniack and all that is sublimed up into the head of the said glass; take it and grind it up on a Marble Stone with the said lamel of steel that is calcined before, all together very small.

Then dissolve the matters with your water that the said Sal Ammoniac is dissolved in, a little and a little, with 2 or 3 glasses under this form.

This is the way of smoothness  
No other way hath Hermes  
He that taketh more or less  
All his work is like to Bes.

Finis.

