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Which is the Prima Materia of the Philosophers, of this 0 that has been well purified in rain-water or Dew, and christallised, take 16 ounces, grind it small and mix some of the Earth out of which it was lixiviated, and calcined, with it and put it in a Vessel of Glass, imbibe it with Dew or rain-water and set it in the Sun, when Dry, imbibe again and repeat the same several times, for 4 weeks that the universal Spirit of the Air may insinuate itself the better into the same, then make round pellets of the same and fill such a Vessel that is burnt of good Materials half full, put it in a furnace with a large receiver in which there has been first put 2 measures of distilled Dew or rain-water, lute it well and distill with the 4 degrees of fire, a Spirit and volatile salt or the Volatile Snake or Wlaugn continue the same with fresh ingredients till you have forced all the Volatile Spirit o of such Salt. Now you must also make the Spirit Volatile, or Put the same in a glass limbeck as this and put a head with a long beak to it and put the same in a Balneo Mariae: And carefully draw over all the phlegma. Then when cold take it from thence, and place it in niunz Capelle with

(i.e. a sand heat) and distil or draw over the Spirit, but as he still wants his wings, you must repeat the distillation 7 times per se. The seventh time give him his volatile Salt that

they may both come over together; at the last give strong fire when the Wings of the Snake will rise in white flowers, take them and sublime or let them rise once more till they are quite clean and transparent and take great care of them. Then take the Caput Mort. on what remained in the Vessel from which you distilled the Spirit, pound it small and pour distilled Dew or rain-water on it and extract a salt from it, the same purifie and filter so often till perfectly clean and transparent, as a Diamond. Then you have the Snake without Wings but take great care that you lose nothing in the Work that the ponderous or Weight of Nature may remain compleat; take that first Salt grind it small and put it in a glass Vessel and pour the Spirit and your Volatile Salt upon it, lute it very well that nothing may evaporate or fly from it, place it in a gentle warmth, then the fixed will be dissolved by the Volatile and opened and the Volatile snake will devour the fixt one and from both will proceed a fiery creeping Drake; here you have the Quintessence and the blessing which the Lord laid in the Earth which is the Dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the Earth (Gen. XXVII-28-29.) the life of all things that are created. This Liquor is sweeter than Suger. Now to know how to use this blessed Liquor.

Rx. take half an ounce of purified Gold (by Antimony) beat into leaf gold, put into such a glass (here is an illustration of an long necked round bottom flask-D.H.) and pour 2 ounces of

this Valuable Liquor upon it; put it into a gentle heat, and the Gold will dissolve gently into a high coloured yellow Liquor, and greyish earth will settle at the bottom. Then separate the clear Sololution in a glass Vessel that 3 parts of the same may remain empty; seal the glass hermetice, that is, melt the top part or mouth of the Vessel close together, and place it in (here he has an illustration of an Athanor-D. H.) this secret furnace, give it gentle degrees of fire for 40 days and nights till it is all gone into the putrifaction and become black, which the Ancients called the Crows Head. Then put it in ashes and give stronger fire, as hot as the Sun-shines in the highest Meridian: When the Wonders of Nature will appear with all her Colours like a Peacocks-tail. Then encrease your fire yet so that it be not red hot, then appears after 40 days the Whiteness, the Moon shine, and Diana comes forward in her Snow white Glittering Vest. Then give it the 4th Degree of heat for 40 days and nights longer ; here you must bury your Vessels in ashes, when it has stood for 40 or 50 days in this Degree, the red Lion will appear, will draw himself together like a and will separate itself like the yolk in an egg: This now is the true Quintessence, a little of which thrown on $\frac{h}{\text{Lead}}$ pervades it and turns it into \odot ; for it is a true tincture, to dissolve a little \odot with this heavenly Liquor is a powerful Medicine for all diseases of the body by taking but a very few drops only, it makes a man wise,

as it encreases the strength of the body and delivers him out of distress as well.

But it is necessary to know that this universal Liquor before it is mixed with the Gold must be made metallic and fit to operate, by two ways. First; with Mercury Vivum Purificato which by the Liquor is turned into a ∇ water, for it was nothing but as a Saltish Water, and this is the true Key, when he is opened, some feces do settle, then the Liquor must be separated, then we go on as the Author teachest, the other method far exceeds this here, take of the Minera Saturn $\overline{\text{h}}$ which is an entire Volatile seed of \bigcirc and D , beat it small after having been well cleansed of the mine, pour the Liquor upon it, then this blessed Minera will all dissolve itself in such; pour off the clear Solution and some fresh upon it, when the whole is dissolved pour the whole clear Solution in a glass, put it in a cool place, it will give most wonderful Christials, when that is done this wonderful Salt may by different or Several ways brought into a TR or Tincture.

There is another method to obtain this Secret, Viz: take the purified Salt \ominus before you draw or distill a ~ Spirit from it, dry the same very well and put it in a distilling glass, place the same with the \ominus Salt in (Balneo Vapor) or steem heat, or in horse dung, but it must be a continual steeming warmth keep it there so long till the Salt \ominus be converted into an oo : Oily Liquor and separate from all impurity, decant the clear from

all the feces, in a clear glass, put the same into Balneo Marie, and carefully distill over the Phlegma, but that will be very little till it is coagulated again: Then put the glass into fresh horse Dung to putrifie and dissolve, then coagulate it again and repeat the same till your (\ominus) Salt is fix and flows in the (\triangle) fire like wax without diminution, when it is in this State then Keep it very carefully: Take fine Gold (\odot) refined thru Antimony (dissolve it in Aqua fort, when all dissolved distill it all over out of a glass vessel, then pour ∇ water upon it and dissolve it again, and distill the water from it again, repeat the same several times, at the last give always strong fire, when your ∇ Aqua fort will mostly go over with it. Dissolve it once more and put some of the Mercury in the Solution, the same will attract the (\odot) Gold to itself, distill the ∇ water from it again to a powder, set the same in a sealed glass in the fire, when the Mercury will fly from it, and leave the (\odot) behind like a loose Earth quite open and porous, edulcorate or wash this earth in distilled rain-water several times, then dry it, and take thereof 1/4 ounce, of the above Liquor or Liquids Alkachest or Mercury Philosophrum 2 ounces, rub it well together in a glass Morter, put it into a glass Vial; called in Germany Phiole, secure it well that nothing may fall into it, place the vessel in a Sand heat and give it the fourth degree or strong fire, till it melts and flows together into a red Stone or powder; with this you may

do wonders, for it will transmute all common Metals into \odot .
 When you pour some of the above universal Mercury which you have prepared of the Volatile and the fixed Snake upon MAGNESIA alias Plumbum Nigrum, a heavy Mineral or Ore, it opens or unlocks the same into agrees, for it contains the life of all Metals and Minerals, and this ω Spiritus Mundi of all things may be used in CAALLATIONE VIRTUTIS ELIXIRIS AD PROLONGANDUM VITAM for it maintains and supports all things: His is the true green Vitriol with which one may do wonders.

But that you may be enabled to eat and maintain yourselves while this great work is in hand, I will teach you a small work that you may do at the same time and in all places. Take $\text{H} \times$ - rusty Iron (suppose Crocus Martis)

which is and a volatile gold ore or sand, grind and mix it together, put it in a strong stone or earthen vessel, sublime it, what is sublimed mix again with the rest, and add a little fresh $\text{H} \times$, to it, sublime it again and repeat it the 2nd time when you will receive a goldish sublimate which you must use thus. Melt 16 ounces of the clean (purified) metal ♀ in a strong earthen vessel (a crucible) let it be in fusion in a strong fire for an hour then mix 2 ounces of this s. Sublimate mixed with fat and put it into the melting ♀ let it flow or be in fusion for an hour and you will find (by pouring it out) that you will have to live, while you are at work about the grand Search.

I must teach you one useful thing more when you have a right fat Earth, and extract the same with Dew or ∇ Grandy, (i.e. distilled Rain-water) by evaporating the same it can shoot into a Salt by reason of its fatness and fat Viscous Salt, when you observe this, let it evaporate to a thick Syrop like, this Syrop or jelly is more valuable than the christals for therewith you may go to work, namely that you mix so much of its (here again is the phrase that I have left out before, because it appears to be in German and also that I cannot make it out. Besides the Author tells us what the phrase means. D. H.) lixivated and calcined Earth with it and distill over the Spirit, by which means you will receive as much again of this Volatile Ω (Spirit) the fixed Salt remains behind, which may be lixivated, and proceeded in the work the same as before instructed.