A THOUGHT OF S.B. CONCERNING PLATINA

I conceive the Platina to be not a Metal, but a metallic ABORTUS, which was intended to become ☉, but by some accidental cause, the stubborn nature of ♂ has been centrally intermixed during its formation, instead of fixing the pure ☉ar ☿ into ☉. The want of pure ☿, & the inflexible terrestrial, highly fixed martial ♃ renders platina so stubborn & intractable in the △.

☿ causes malleability & fusibility. The more a metal possesses ☿, the softer & more malleable it is. Vice versa, the less ☿ the more stubborn as we see in ♂, the first in ♄. ☿ also gives weight to all metallic productions. From thence the great weight of the Platina. Therefore, I say that Platina is a fixed ☉ar ☿ corrupted & rendered still more compact by the central mixture of a fixed ♃ of ♂, during its coagulation, which makes it a metallic ABORTUS, because it is neither ♂ nor ☉, much less could it be ☽.

Now, we know that ♁ is the devourer or destroyer of all the metals, except the radical humidity of ☉ & ☽, which does resist it & is amended thereby. (Sendivogius).

It is therefore extremely probable that Platina can be converted into ☉; & its ♍, without the L.P., perhaps by continuing the same operations into an over-tinctured ☉, which would transmute ☿ into ☉.

Process with the Platina.

Take finely powdered & sifted Platina-ore, ℥ J.. Mix it with ℥ iv,

of finely powdered & sifted crude ♄ . Project this gradually into a red hot ▽ , having warmed the powders.

Then cover the ▽ & let it melt in a bright heat for ½ an hour, but mind that it flows thinly, like a metallic ▽ , & boils in the ▽ , which must be covered with 2 or 3 large charcoals.

Then fulminate it gradually with perfectly dry & warmed purified ☽ , about ʒ ß at a time, waiting until the fulmen is over. Then project a 2nd. dose & so proceed until the ☽ has consumed the external adustible ♃ of the ♄ & of the Platina partly. This will take about 3 or 4 ʒ of ☽ .

In the mean time, this external ♃ of ♄ does forcibly attack the ♂ in the Platina, for which reason I have taken 6 parts of ♄ & request an intense heat before fulmination.

That ♃ will separate those ♂ particles, with which it will unite & ascend to the superficies of the flowing matter, being the lightest, where the fulmen (the electric △ in the ☽) must consume it, whilst the ☉ ar ☿ in the platina resists the ♄ , & must be gradually amended thereby.

When the ☽ ceases to act on the matter finding no more to devour, cease projecting of ☽ , shut your ▽ , & raise a great heat, to make the matter flow thinly for ½ an hour, & when it flows like ▽ , pour it quickly into a much heated, oiled, cast-iron Cone. Let it cool gradually. You will find the Platina combined with the ♏ of ♄ in the bottom, which separate by a blow of the hammer from the blue black or greenish black upper scoriae.

2. Powder this ♏ grossly, weigh it & add again 6 parts of crude ♄ , melt in a strong heat for ½ an hour, fulminate as long as the ☽ will act

upon the matter. When it has ceased consuming, as the matter approaches purity, & the ☉ ar nature, cease projecting, let it flow thinly again, & whilst it flows like ▽ , that moment, pour it out into your heated, oiled cone, & when cold beat the ♍ from the scoriae, which will again be black & greenish. Repeat this operation a third time, of melting your coarsely powdered ♍ with 6 parts powdered ♄ . Let it flow thinly for ½ an hour, then fulminate as before, & pour it very thin flowing into the heated oiled Cone.

Beat the ♍ off from the green scoriae; pound the ♍ in, your clean ♂ mortar, & melt it PER SE without ♄ , & fulminate it as before, until the fulmen ceases for want of ♃ , & less & less ☽ will now be required.

Repeat this melting of the ♍ per se, & fulminating it with ☽ a second & third time, until the ☽ will fulminate no longer, but converts part of the now pure Platina & ♄ial ♍ into gold coloured scoriae. Separate these ☉ coloured scoriae, when cold.

I expect this Platina cake at the bottom, if you evaporate the ♍ from it in a red hot ▽ , to remain very pure, perfectly soft, ductile, & malleable.

Further proceedings .

Beat your ♍ line Massa into a coarse ♂ which is brittle. If the Platina cake is soft, put that to the ♍ , if brittle. Yet, on account of the ♍ line ♄ial particles intermixed with it, not having yet been melted PER SE, the same as happens when ☉ is refined by ♄ . Then powder

it with the red. Weigh the whole & call it one part. If it will ♂ finely, do so, as it is better. Mix this one part with 6 parts of Minte Snyders fulmen, & project this powder gradually a teaspoonful each time into a red hot ▽, until the whole quantity has been fulminated, waiting each time. Then let it melt thinly for 20 minutes. I do not think that there will be any flash of lightning here. Then, let it cool & powder it, & you will have a scarlet ♂. If this happens so, as I hope it will, it will certainly become ☉ in due time.

Wash the generated alkali from the red ♂ with hot ▽. Dry the red ♂ (if any of the Platina is found to be metallic & ductile, it must yield during the succeeding operations). Take of this red ♂, one part, which mix at present not with crude ♃, but with 3 parts of ♍♃♂, (the ☿ of ♂ & ♃, which are both Solar, & melt these together for 20 minutes, so that they flow, not pappy, but thinly. Let it cool & powder the black MASSA.

Of this ♂, one part, mix again with 6 parts of fulmen, & project it as before, a teaspoonful each time, into a red hot ▽. Then make it flow thinly for 20 minutes, & let it cool. ♂ the Massa, & wash the alkali from it, & take notice whether the ♂ improves in colour from scarlet into ♓♓ & crimson?

This scarlet ♂ mix again with 3 parts of ♍♃♂, & unite them again in the △. When cooled, notice whether the black ♂ improves in the colour from blackness into brown & yellow - or redness by degrees? This is a good sign. The obtained ♂, one part mix again with 6 parts, of fulmen, & proceed as before. Wash the alkali from it, & repeat these operations carefully, until the red ♂ improves in redness, & the black

powder in yellowness, which operations must probably be repeated 11 or 12 times, until when you melt the red ♂* with 3 parts of fresh ♍♄♂, into a Massa, a Solar ♍ will settle at the bottom, whilst it cools, which I expect will take place when the black ♂* has lost its blackness, & is become yellow or orange. More & more ♍ will settle until the whole quantity of Platina first employed falls & settles as a ductile metallic ☉♍, which upon melting with borax 3 parts to one of ☉ can be nothing else but pure ☉, or I am very much mistaken, because, were the spiritual & corporeal ♂ separated from the Platina, & its ☿ augmented & tinged by another Solar ☿ (which is here the case) the ☿ of ♂ & ♄), no other metal but pure ☉ can be generated.

Recollect what has happened to me, evaporating ½ a ♌ of ♍♄♂, when there remained a small globule of pure ☉, weighing 7 ½ gr., yet in my possession.

In the room of melting your ☉ar ♍ into malleable ☉ with borax, powder it whilst it is yet somewhat brittle. Melt it with 3 parts of fresh ♍♄♂ into a black massa. Follow Hella's process in this M.S., & I believe the same dry ♅ must be produced at last. I may be wrong, but it seems rational, to me, because, if Platina can be purified, maturated & converted into ☉, that ☉ can also be converted into a plusquam perfect, over tinged red ☉, which again will become common ☉ in ☿, ☽, ♃, & ♅ with some 100 percent increase.

The greatest expence would be the ♍♄♂. It can certainly be done in 2 or 3 weeks. Experience would teach abbreviations. S.B.