

EXTRACT FROM "SOLIS É PUTEO EMERGENTIS" AUTHORE  
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COMPARE THIS WITH PREVIOUS EXTRACT FROM MYSICHT AT P. 483  
& ALSO WITH EXTRACT FROM FRENCH M.S. FOLLOWING AT P. 493.

THE TR. OF COPPER & IRON, COLLECTED INTO ONE PROCESS OUT OF  
THE WRITINGS OF BROTHER BASIL VALENTINE.

Let the Reader know that more stones are found, which particularly tinge. For all fixed POWDERS which tinge, I call stones, as is the TR. of vitriol, or COPPER, also the TR. MARTIS, which two also comprehend in themselves the TR. SOLIS, if they have first been brought to a perfect fixation. The fixed SALT has assigned & left to MARS indeed, a body, hard, strong & stout, that by this very means, he may make the fortitude of his mind the more manifest, & shew that this heavy soldier can with difficulty be conquered. For his body is hard that it may not be easily wounded or hurt, as also that the metal MARTIS, above the rest, from its dense SALT of the greatest quantity, should be provided in its degree, as well as that the substance of his body should be found the hardest, densest, strongest, & less ductile, which nature did not hesitate to assign & give to him.

His spirit is similar in the virtue of the rest. But if the true spirit of MARS can be discerned, it has an occult relationship with the spirit of VENUS, so that they may be conjoined into one, & one material can be made out of both, of the same operation, virtue, substance, & essence, which can cure & expel like diseases, as well as particularly transmute metals with utility & praise. For if the magnanimity of MARS with the beauty of VENUS & the perfection of the MOON should come together spiritually in mingling & concordance, truly the best music might be made, where no keys can be carried to the trace of honour, & wanting his daily bread can particularly obtain it, when

indeed he shall have come to the highest rung of this ladder. If indeed the moist & phlegmatic nature of the MOON can be dried up by the warm blood of VENUS & its too great blackness by means of the iron SALT.

But IRON & COPPER have, in like manner as GOLD & the other metals, one spirit & one TR. COPPER however is clothed with a certain celestial SULPHUR, which far exceeds the splendour of the Sun, because more of SULPHUR is found in her than in GOLD, & she is a volatile & very fiery spirit which can penetrate, mature, digest, & thoroughly refine all things, because imbued with no experience, he does not believe, yea, she is able to perfect imperfect metals. But that TR., which is in COPPER, is also equally contained in MARS, yea, more powerful, higher, & better. IRON indeed is the male, & COPPER the female, wherefore the colouring consists only in the Spirit of COPPER, & the greatest of her spouse, & is no other than a foetid & ill-smelling vapour in the beginning, which necessarily takes its first beginning from IRON. Wherefore, if IRON is deprived of life & spirit he consecrates all his good qualities to his spouse the queen, the illustrious COPPER; for COPPER possesses a red spirit which lies hidden in her, from her husband, the Warlike MARS. But it is necessary, that the clouds of this TR. should be resolved into a liquid form, from which that foetid & incombustible OIL may then be made, which with the mercurial spirit & SALT of IRON, ought to be joined by a kind of spiritual union, that the three may be able to be changed into one condition, & be exalted to equal faculties. For if you should be able to seize upon the spirit & clouds of this TR. & to sharpen it with that spirit which is found in the SALT of IRON, & at length conjoin it with the spirit of MERCURY, you keep the weight, & wash them & purify them from all uncleanness, so that free from all corrosion they may become sweet & odoniferous, you will have a medicine to which nothing in the world can be likened. If so be, the spirit of MERCURY is such a material, which can join itself with the SULPHUR of COPPER, & be coagulated with the SALT of IRON, & thence one body be made & a perfect medicine in order to transmute all metallic bodies by means of this vaporous body, with augmentation in the lesser world. Ferment this medicine with the most splendid GOLD, & you have made an ingress, so that it may operate with the greatest penetration & convert all metals.

Wherefore, it is necessary that the conjunction of IRON & COPPER should be accomplished in the true constellation, for then they have a fortunate victory & supereminence in prosperity & adversity.

### P R A X I S .

Now let us proceed to the practice itself. Wherefore from the love of COPPER, who is no other than Verdignease prepare a stone, on the Vitriol of a higher grade, which extends itself much in its own colour. Which is thus done:

Take COPPER, & of it make Verdignease which you shall dissolve & filter in a good quantity of distilled VINEGAR, that the solution may become clean & transparent, draw off the VINEGAR until some crust forms over the solution; which solution put in a cold place, & you will receive a most excelling vitriol. Out of this vitriol force a red thick & turbulent spirit like blood or the true red OIL of vitriol without any phlegm.

Take one part of this, of common spring WATER, two parts, mix & with them dissolve filings of IRON, filter the solution & let it evaporate to one third, place it upon glass in a cold place, & it will form into most beautiful stones, or separate that Vitriol the WATER, that it may evaporate more, & you will find more crystals, all which you will resolve together into an OIL, or the spirit in the following method:

Put this Vitriol under a reverberating furnace, & calcine it by giving a moderate FIRE, so that it be all the time stinned with an iron rod, & you will get a POWDER of a purple colour. Upon this POWDER pour distilled wine VINEGAR, & draw from it a red & transparent TR., until the VINEGAR is no longer coloured, then draw off all the VINEGAR. For, from this IRON, by these means, a SULPHUR is drawn out of wonderful efficacy & quality; because IRON & COPPER have been conjoined in blood & nativity, as male & female. If one part of this SULPHUR with three parts of SAL AMMONIAC purified be rubbed & sublimed, there ascends in the SUBLIMATION a burning SULPHUR with its MERCURY, which nevertheless is small in quantity, (for in vitriolic SULPHUR it does not much abound.) Again free & dissolve this SULPHUR & pour on it S.V. & let them be digested together again for a short time, afterwards draw it off so long, until nothing remains in the bottom, but

all passes over by the RETORT, & you have made a medicine of the sweetest savour & best odour, which sweet OIL is that essence, the wonderful medicine, & third column of all medicine. Conjoin this OIL with the SULPHUR of GOLD, & draw off the S.V., with a gentle heat, conjoin the remaining & dry material with the spirit of MERCURY in due proportion, circulate & coagulate until it is fixed & perfected without ascension, & you will get a medicine for tinging human & metallic bodies, only let it be fermented with prepared GOLD.

To the Thrice Highest & Greatest God be praise & glory for ever.

EXTRACT FROM "PRACTICE OF THE WORKS OF THE BROTHERS  
OF THE ROSY CROSS, & THEIR KEY, TO EXTRACT QUICK GOLD,  
NOT RIPE, & SPIRITUAL, FROM ALL THE MINERALS, & ITS  
FIXATION BY COMMON GOLD."

(BEGIN AT P. 9.) BY AN ANONYMOUS AUTHOR OF DATE 1763.

COMPARE THIS WITH EXTRACT FROM MYSICHT P. 483 & RHENAN P. 487)

PREPARATION OF THE ALCAHEST WITH WHICH ONE CAN DO WONDERS  
IN METALS & MEDICINE, WHICH IS THE UNIVERSAL SOLVENT.

DISSOLVE VITRIOL OF HUNGARY in rain water distilled, filter it afterwards, evaporate gently one part of the WATER, & set it to crystallise in a cellar, make as many of these crystals as you have need of, which you must calcine, according to the quantity you wish to employ, into a yellow POWDER; pound it very fine, & take of it six lbs., which you will mix well with three lbs, of sea SALT, which has been dissolved, filtered, decrepitated gently, being previously well made into fine POWDER.

Take six lbs. of the above said mixture, & two lbs. of purified running MERCURY, as it is previously taught in its place; pound the whole together till the MERCURY be wholly divided.

Put this mixture into a large cucurbit with its head & recipient, & SUBLIMATE it, as it is before taught. When all the MERCURY is SUBLIMATED give a stronger FIRE & let it cool.