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Medicina Aurea:

A plain and true

DESCRIPTION

OF THE

Treasure of Treasures,

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Golden Medicine

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Many and great are the Secrets of Nature, and concerning them and the way to attain them, the wise Philosophers have writ much, but in a very dark and Aenigmatical stile, so that very few are those that attain to any thing of their desires by them; but on the contrary, after much time, labour, and cost in vain expended in the search of them, are forced to give over at last, and surcease their further inquiry, and instead of the desired satisfaction, conclude from their lost labours, that the Books of the Philosophers are only fabulous, and writ to deceive the unwary, and those that thirst after so great a Treasure. But I vow unto thee by Almighty God, that what they have wrote is a real Truth, though delivered in so dark and dubious a way, that few are able to understand and receive benefit from them. I do therefore attest the truth of their Medicines, as well for the transmutation of the baser and imperfect Metals into Gold and Silver, as for the benefit of Humane Bodies, and healing all Bodily Diseases, till God calls the Soul; and this above all the Medicines of *Galen* and *Hippocrates*. But because many great lovers of Knowledge, and this Science, have so often failed of obtaining the end of their desires in these Mysteries of Nature, and not only failed as to the Accomplishment of their desires in full, but also come short of knowing the principal subject, and ground of Philosophical Secrets: I have therefore thought fit to help them by this small Script, as much as I may, and save them the troubles of that search; and by telling them in plain terms and words the true Matter, enlighten and encourage their dubious minds to the farther search after what they desire: for let them assure themselves, it is no small advantage to be assured of the true Matter and ground-work, or Basis of so great *Arcana's* and hereon great and innumerable blessings do depend. I do therefore most faithfully assure thee, that the true Subject of this Art is *Quick-silver*, in a double manner, viz. either *Quick-silver* Natural, or *Quick-silver* of Bodies, viz. the Bodies, of *Sol* or *Luna*, reduced to *Mercury vive*; for many and strange things may be performed by either, singly of themselves, or else conjoyned. The conjunction of the *Mercury* of Gold or Silver, with the common *Mercury*; or the Bodies, or the Oyl of Gold and Silver, dissolved in the *Aqua Mercurii*, doth much hasten the operation of Medicines for Metals: But we need not (as absolutely necessary) any more than the common *Mercury* or *Quick-silver*, dissolved lightly, either for *Elixirs* or precious Stones; only small Natural Stones must be dissolved in the Mercurial Water, so shall you have such Stones again as you dissolve, and

those of what bigness you please, far exceeding Natural ones.

The next great Secret of Philosophers, is the preparation of common *Quick-silver* or *Mercury*; for common *Mercury*, as Nature produceth it, is not fit for such operations, nor can they any way be performed by it: for our *Mercury* is not the common *Mercury* or *Quick-silver*, but is made of it, by a true Philosophical skill; it is not the white *Mercury* or *Quick-silver*, but its subtle, spiritual, airie and fiery parts, the earthy and watery being prudently separated. For the manifestation of our *Mercury*, the true *Mercury* of Philosophers, first prepare the common *Mercury* by a due Philosophical preparation, until thou hast separated and purged him from his two extremes or excrements, Earth and Water: dissolve it then, after its purification, into a Milkie, Crystalline, and Silver Liquor or Water, which in three or four months is to be done: being once dissolved, thou mayst ever after dissolve more and more *Mercury* in fully fourty days, for *Mercury* once dissolved, dissolveth it self ever after infinitely. And having dissolved it, distill it perfectly, until it have no Faeces in the *Cornuae*; after Distillation, bring it again to Putrefaction, and when it is blackish, distill it again: so shalt thou have two Oyls, a white Silver Oyl, and thickish, and at last a very red or Bloud-like Oyl, which is the Element of Fire. The white Oyl serveth for Multiplication, or multiplying the white *Elixir*, and for the making of all precious Stones, by dissolving of small precious Stones in it, for it will presently dissolve them: then in a gentle heat of Ashes congeal them again, and they far exceed any Natural ones, both in lustre, and virtue, and hardness. The red Oyl is for the multiplying the red *Elixir*, even to an infinite height in projection; which when it is by often multiplying or multiplication, brought to a fixed Oyl, then thou mayst do several Magical, yet Natural and strange Operations by it.

To make the *Elixirs* thou must proceed thus: When thou hast dissolved rightly the common *Mercury*, which cannot be done before it be duly prepared for such a Philosophical dissolution, when it is dissolved into a Milkie, Silver, Crystalline Liquor, it will in the distillation leave some Faeces, in which remains its more fixt part or Salt, which thou must warily and wisely, after a gentle and Philosophical Calcination, extract and purifie to the highest Purification, by which means it will be very white and clean: then take seven ounces of the white Mercurial Oyl, and dissolve in it as much of this Salt as it will dissolve, until it will dissolve no more: having so done, put thy Liquor into a Philosophical Egg, sealing it Hermetically, and by due degrees of Fire congeal and fix it: being fixed, it is the white Medicine, which fermented with Silver, may be cast upon purged *Venus*, which it will transmute into most fine Silver: multiply

it with the white Oyl, &c. If thou wouldst have it be a red *Elixir*, put to it some of the red Oyl, and by requisite degrees of heat congeal and fix it as before: ferment it with Gold; multiply it by the red Oyl, and the aforesaid white Salt dissolve in it: dissolve it, congeal and fix it often, until it will congeal no more, so will it remain an oyl, which in its projection is almost infinite, Endeavour not to multiply it any farther, for fear thou locest it; it is then so fiery, that it will vanish out through the Glass reddish, or Rubie-like. Make projection with it on what Metal thou wilt and thou shalt have most fine Gold, better than the Natural Gold. *Laus Deo, &c.*

Mercurius albus & rubeus ex Mercurio vulgi (per Se) Soluto fieri potest tanquam ex Mercurio Universali: Age Deo & mihi gratias.
E.B. &c.