TO MAKE THE LIKENESS OF A VEGETABLE

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Rx. May Dew, and set it to putrefy in a close glass; then distill it, and out of the feces extract a Salt according to Art.

Take of this Salt 1 ounce and of the distilled water 2 pints.

What herbs you would see, take a handful or two of their Seed and powder it; And pour on it the Water so much as the water may remain three fingers higher than the Seed that lies in it, and put that Salt and distilled water of Dew and the Seeds together, into a strong glass and lute it or seal it hermetically; (N.B. The glass must be high enough to take the representation of the plant). Then set the glass two feet in horse-dung for 14 days, and the matter shall become thick; And then set it in your Chamber where is clear light. And in the night when the moon clearly shines in, when it is bad weather. Secure your bottle and so keep it thus till it is dry.

And when you please to see the flowers and plant you must set the glass in a little warm sand and so in a moment; as it were comes the plant and flowers up. And when you take the heat away the Flower and plant goes.

Finis.