

AN ANONYMOUS LETTER  
to  
*MR. FORD*  
on  
THE  
LAPIS PHILOSOPHORUM

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Copy of an Anonymous Letter to Mr. Ford on  
the Lapis Philosophorum.

Sir;

Being informed that you are a deserving brother in the study of Alchemy, and as such only I address you; and having reason to suppose that you have not attained to perfection, in order to make your studies easy to yourself, and trusting it will be for the benefit of others also deserving, I send you this information. Alchemy appears to me as a study in so single a point of view that it strikes with astonishment that any person acquainted with Mathematical philosophy should not instantly discover it, for in the study of Mathematics, before you can give a solution or answer to any question proposed you must bring your numbers to the same denomination.

In Alchemy 'tis the same, you must first make a butter of  from the  $\gamma$  regulus in the usual way; then make a luna cornea, or butter of , and digest them both with an equal weight of mercury sublimate.





This will give you a tinging power as to silver and inable you to prosicute your studies further, with comfort to your self and assistance to your friends.







Being unknown the only request I have to make is secrecy in the business, and perhaps at some future period I may not only



give you a further friendly hint but inform you of a study as  
much superior to Alchemy as 'tis possible for the human mind  
to conceive.






Till then and for ever wishing you health, peace and happiness  
I remain

Philadelphia.

Memorandum respecting the preparation of the Saphic  from   and  .

Mr. Ford takes equal parts of the   and  and distils over a butter in the usual manner. A part of the  remains behind with the revived  ; to this he adds a fresh portion of  and distils again.

Having thus obtained what butter the subject will yeild, he pours back the butter upon its own  and distils again; and this he repeats till nothing is left but a little white .

He remarked that on one occasion, being anxious to obtain all the revived  he could, after he had separated what he could from the  he put the butter into a  and distilled. To his surprize little or no  came over; but a portion of it seemed to have been fixed and he obtained a yellowish white metal which was not acted upon by .