## SIR KENELM DIGBY'S

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# Philosophy concerning SAL ENIXUM: On the use of SAL ENIXUM in Alchemy. From some Manuscripts of Sir Kenelm Digby. 

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Translated from the German
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The following Salia Enxia are the Source of genuine Chemistry. Curious operations in Animal, Vegetable and Mineral Substances are performed with them relative to Medicine and the Transmutation of Metals.
$\Theta$ Enixum of Strange Virtues.

1. Dissolve a great quantity of sea $\theta$ or common $\theta$ in clean Rain $\nabla$, filter the Solution and let it evaporate gently, until a Skin appears, collect this Skin with a Wooden Spoon and put it by.

Continue the Evaporation until a New Skin appears on the Surface, collect this also and put it to the former.

Continue to evaporate your Liquor, until it yields no more Salt on the Surface.

These Skins of $\theta$, on the Surface of the Liquor contain the purest ـ of $\theta$ and the most Subtil and most $\triangle$ y Atomes of $\theta$, which possesses strange and unknown Virtues!

You must collect a great quantity of this $\cap$ from the Surface, by evaporation, as a good provision of it is very useful.

Take now all your $\theta$, as much as you have collected from the
surface by Evaporation, expose it to a cool $\triangle$ and let it flow per deliquium, until it is become a fat Saline $\nabla$, weigh this $\nabla$ and add an equal quantity of $O O$ of $\triangle$ to it, and let it stand 24 hours.

Then distil it, but in a very gentle heat until it remains thick like honey.
(I would take a Volital $\Omega$ of $\frac{\Delta}{\dagger}$, such as the $\Omega$ of $\frac{\Delta}{\phi}$ of ABBE' ROUSSEAU; if you take the ponderious OO of $\underset{f}{\circ}$, rectify it first per se, so as to make it clear like rock $\nabla$; If you distil the above mixture in a gentle heat, a yellow of sea $\Theta$ does come over, whilst the heavy 0 O of remains behind with the gross part of your $\theta$ )

The which you have distilled over, pour back on the Residuum, and let it stand quiet as before during 24 hours, to attract the Celestial Influences.

Then distill the from it again, in a gentle heat, until it becomes thick like honey. By this attraction and second distillation the $\theta$ will become more powerful, fusible and of greater Virtue, on account of the union with the purest heavenly Influences.

If you repeat these operations 3 or 4 times, your $\theta$ will increase in power and Virtue, and will melt in a $\mathbb{Z}$, with a small heat, and will be extreemly fusible like a $\Theta$ alcali.

With this $\bigcirc$ Enixum you may dissolve a $\odot \Psi$ in a phial, placed in hot $\therefore \therefore$, and with such a dissolved $\Psi$ of $\odot$ curious operations may be performed on Animals, Vegetables and Metals.

If this Solution is digested in a most gentle animal heat, a great Conflict will happen, whereby the subject is finally very much exalted.

NOTA. by the OO of $\triangle \underset{\boldsymbol{f}}{ } \mathrm{mentioned}$ in this process is also meant the $\Omega$ of $\underset{\neq}{ }$.
(This process is somewhat dark, it seems that the remaining honey like Residuum is to be evaporated and melted into a fusible ANDROGYNAL $\bigcirc$, called SAL ENIXUM, partaking of both Sexes ff and alcali.

I would rather distil up and down per , until no more would come over, and then take it out for use! /:cohobating the $\Omega: /$

The author hints that a Tincture can be made with this fusible $\Theta$, impregnated with the universal , capable to cause $\odot$ to die and to be regenerated!

The process is truly natural, if we consider that the first corporification of the universal $\triangle$ is in the universal $f$, in $(D$ and sea $Q$, taking a body of CONCENTRATED RADICAL HUMIDITY, i.e. ALCALI; and by means of $\mathcal{F}$ and alcali, NATURE, i.e. Mundi, generates, putrifies, destroys and regenerates all things. See SIR KENELM DIGBY'S CHYMICAL EXPER. page 131. According as one or the other principle predominates, it causes preservation or Destruction, or when in perfect Harmony, which is then A SAL ENIXUM, Generation; See Digby p. 131.)

> It is proper here to give you the curious universal $\Omega$ of $\dagger$ from ABBE' ROUSSEAU.

Secrets et Reme'des eprouv'es .p. par defunt Mons. L'ABBE' ROUSSEAU, cy devant Capucin et medecin de Sa Majeste. Paris 1697. -8 (of LouisXIV)

## $\Omega \circ f$.

I'll give the following Example as a new proof of the means, which are sometimes necessary, to excite THE MAGNETICAL VIRTUE, (Radical Humidity) when it is become too fixed and asleep.

Take 3 or $4 \frac{\pi}{2}$ of good Flowers of $\frac{\Delta}{4}$, put them into a glass body, pour upon it 5 or 6 times as much in weight of good of $(\mathbb{D}$, and distil all the from it by an easy heat, the body being placed in $\therefore \therefore$;

Cohobate the same $\Omega$, which is come over, by pouring it back upon the $\underset{\mp}{ }$, and distil it from it again, and repeat this operation 9 or 10 times.

You may likewise do this operation by a tabulated
The remaining $\underset{\nmid}{ }$ being exposed to a fine clear cool $\Delta$, attracts the of the $\frac{\Delta}{}$ and determines that $\Omega$ to the nature of 0 O of $\frac{\Delta}{\gamma}$.
(Observe how this confirms my System, that the first Corporification of the $\Omega$ Mundi or universal $\Delta$ by means of humidity is in the Acid or becomes ACID!)

This attraction is so powerful, that $4 \underset{2}{ }$ of $\underset{\text {, }}{4}$, treated in the above manner, will yield after distillation 2 of equally strong and of the same quality as the $\Omega$ of $\underset{\sim}{\triangle}$ made by the glass Bell.

Thus $4 \%$ of $\frac{\square}{f}$ fixed and rendered magnetical by on of $(1)$ attract and yield at every distillation $2 \frac{7}{2}$ of of $\frac{\Delta}{f}$; and the remaining fixed $\underset{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}{ }$ is a perpetual Magnet to attract the same for ever; and what is remarkable, the of $(\mathbb{D}$ which has served to fix the $\underset{\sim}{\Delta}$ and make it magnetical, looses none of its qualities by this operation, but remains the same.

Is this not a sufficient and well established proof, to persuade the most unexperienced as well as the unbelieving, and to convince them of the perpetual Action of the Universal Spirit? Which I call for good reasons the Universal Mercury of the Philosophers! Because he dissolves all things and unites himself to all Things by an inexhaustible indefatigable and permanent Action!
(See my Philosoph: Msc. Emblem of the Androgynal Figure)
Exalting Beings to a more noble and more perfect State by the Communication of the from above, which is the Sole and only Cause of perfection in all Nature. Thus far ABBE' ROUSSEAU. /: see also Le Febvres "Chymistry" and Sal Lumen et Spiritus Mundi Philosophi :/

Another fusible SAL ENIXUM.

Take good $\nabla^{F}$ g.v. add $\sim$ of $Q_{\text {g }}$ gradually until a $\Theta$ is praecipitated, which is easily separated and coagulated. Distil the $\Omega$ from this - per cohobate the back and distil the from it again, and repeat this operation, until the remaining $\theta$ is become perfectly fusible.

Impregnated Spiritual Salts i.e. Salia Enixa for Tinctures.

These Salts are made by two Ways:
They arë distilled from such Ingredients as abound in Tincture.
Take $\Omega$ of Sea $\theta$, or of (1) well rectified, pour it on poudered Calamine Stone (the red Calamine or Calaminaris from AIX LA CHAPELLE
is the richest in Europe) digest and extract the TR. (there is red, yellow, grey and brown Calamine and some is spotted)

Pour the TR. from the sediment; then distil the $\Omega$ over per with a Strong heat in. $\therefore \therefore$; The TR. will come over with the $\Omega$. You must cohobate the several times upon the Residuum until the TR. does come aver.

Precipitate this corrosive acid TR. with of of until the Effervessence ceases.

When it is now impregnated with the of of , dilute it with $\nabla$ and filter it.

This filtered Lye is full of $\triangle$, which must be evaporated until it is a Sal Enixum.

Or

Take $\theta$ of $\hbar$ and $(1$, or red $\theta, 1$ part reduce it to $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ pour upon it $\oslash$ dissolved in fair $\nabla$, distil the $\nabla$, from it per Alembicum and a red transparent of of will come over, impregnated with $\Delta$.

The second method to prepare these Spiritual Salts Enix or Sulphureous Salts, is as follows;

Take any $\underset{\neq}{ }$ you like, praecipitate it out of the Lye, dissolve in that Lye a of $\theta$, which has been animated by its own falt Enixe, and this of $\theta$ will become red on the spot, and much sooner if the $\triangle$ of $\odot$ has been added.

This in a gradating tinging $\Omega$, after it has been rectified.
(the above process is very dark, I could never comprehend it.)
Precipitate the of of first, as has been told above, and by these means you will obtain a tinged and tinging $\theta$.

Evaporate the humidity over a gentle heat, boil the remainder, and you will obtain Universal Tinctures which can be exalted by new Solutions, this way is good.

SAL ENIXUM impregnated with $\underset{\uparrow}{ }$; with this
Salt $D$ is tinged into $\odot$, and $\not \subset$ into $D$ and $\odot$.

The Sulphurious $\Theta$ Enixum.
 ăă 4 3, reduce the Ingredients to $\sigma^{* *}$, and mix them, add $1 / 4$ C of poudered Charcoal, then fulminate your $\mathscr{V}^{*}$ in a very large $Z$, or project your gradually into a red hot roomy $\nabla$, and after the whole is fulminated, let it remain 3 hours in the $\Delta$.

If you add now some common $\Theta$, the Operation will succeed much better.
The Whole Secret consists in this: that you consume the Salts entirely, which Salts corrode the $\mathbb{M}$ and transform the $\mathbb{M}$ into $\frac{\Delta}{f}$ and a TR.
(This is a valuable Hint at the Short way of the Adept, who spoke to HELVETIUS, see GOLDEN CALF. I have attempted it in Mary le bone, but could not succeed.)

Now take the remaining Substance out of the hot $Z$, and throw it
into boiling hot $\nabla$ in a bason, placed in hot $\therefore \therefore$, and let it boil for several hours.

If you should have some left, which has not entirely been corroded by the fulmen, you must reduce it to $\neq$ and add it to the Rest in the bason, to be boiled alltogether for 7 or 8 hours; and you will obtain a deep red Lixivium.

Praecipitate your Lixivium with $\sim$ of (D) in order to obtain the Mercurial Sal Enixum.

This requires an Illustration. The Lixivium looks like Blood, and as it cools the gross dark red $\underset{\mp}{ }$ falls to the bottom of it self.

I have poured the red Lye, which becomes clear, from the Sulphurious Sediment; I diluted it with 20 or more parts of clear $\nabla$, and then dropped my $\sim$ of $(1)$ out of a small phial into the diluted Sulphurious Lye, and a beautiful Mercurial $\underset{\nmid}{ }$ proceeding from $\circlearrowleft$ 〇 \& $?$ is praecipitated to the bottom of the basons of a most beautiful Scarlet Colour.

Before extension with $\nabla$ and before the praecipitation with $\Omega \mathbb{D}^{i}$, the Sulphurious Lye gilts basons and glass funnels, but when the $\underset{\mp}{ }$ is alone, separated from the alcali it gilts nothing. As soon as the of (1) , $F$ or strong Vinegar comes in contact with the Alcaline Lye, a most intollerable smell of rotton Eggs is perceived that same Instant. (I have remarked or noticed these phenomena, where I commented on DE LA BRIES PROCESS)

In the above mentioned manner the Sulphurious $\Theta$ Enixum is made.
Now, project your ${\underset{f}{ }}$ upon crude $(\mathbb{}$, flowing in a $\varnothing$, and let these two melt an hour together. Pour it out into a glazed $\nabla$ en Vessel and you will have a red $\theta$.

In this red $\theta$ are the Sulphurs of $\bigcirc \bigcirc^{7}$ and $\uparrow$. (I have attempted this, and the $(\mathbb{D}$ by fulminating with the Sulphurs, flow out of the $\nabla$ all at once.)

Weigh your red $\theta$ and dissolve in hot $\nabla$, filter the solution, add as many ounces $0^{\circ}$ O of $\mathcal{Q}$ as your $\Theta$ did weigh.
(in the room of $O$ o of $Q$, I would always make use of the of $\underset{\uparrow}{\triangle}$ according to ABBE' ROUSSEAU)

Evaporate the Liquor until you have a dry $\theta$. This $\theta$ will be much more powerful, if you distil the from it, and pour it back, and repeat this Cohobation until the $\Theta$ Enixum remains dry. Thus you have prepared a Sulphureous and mercurial tinging $\Theta$ Enixum.

Its use.

Dissolve fine $\sqrt{ }$ in $\boldsymbol{\nabla}$, praecipitate it with a great quantity of
$\Theta \nabla$ (i.e. a Solution of purified $\Theta c o m$. in $\nabla$ ) in order that the volatile $\Theta$ may be more easily Separated from the fixt. Pour the $\nabla$ off, wash the $\mathcal{Y}$ and dry it: This is $\mathcal{D}$ cornea.

Dissolve your dried D cornea, which is half volatilised by this simple process, in your $\Theta$ Enixum in a glass body placed in hot $\therefore \therefore$, increasing your heat, until the $\Theta$ Enixum melts and dissolves the $\mathcal{P}$

When the Solution is finished, let the $\Delta_{\text {go out, and before it is }}$ quite cold, pour hot clean $\nabla$ upon it, filter the Solution, and preserve it for further use.

In the same manner dissolve on in New $\theta$ Enixum, or Nativeofo,

When it is dissolved by the $\theta$, pour hot $\nabla$ upon it, and filter the solution. It may also be done in $\nabla$ s. Pour both Solutions together and evaporate the humidity until Dryness. This dry Substance is semivolatile.

Put it in $a$, covered with its Lid, and melt it gradually, whereby it will be fixed again.

The use of this fixed Substance.

Pour hot $\nabla$ upon it and dissolve it, filter the Solution, which put into a digesting glass. Drop into this Solution a few very thin Lamels of $\bigcirc$, not thicker than paper, and let the solution boil $P$ and $\sigma$, and the $\bigcirc$ Lamella will be fixed and exalted into $\mathcal{O}$ which contains $1 / 4$ part of fine $\odot$.

Melt these transmuted $?$ Lamella in a $\nabla$, and you will obtain a pure

## $D$ and $\odot \mathrm{n}$ M

But the $\boldsymbol{m}$ must be $\bar{F}$ ted with $\square$ or with $\Theta$ of $\hbar$, or with black Flux, or with Calcined filings of $\boldsymbol{\delta}^{+}$.

Observe that these $\theta$ can always be used again, after they have served your purpose as they do not loose their virtue.

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\text { Operation to prepare } \theta \text { ENIXUM in a glass } \\
\text { phial. }
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Dissolve a very subtil and well prepared $\Psi$ of $\odot$ in $\theta$ Enixum, then
praecipitate the $\odot$ n $\underset{\boldsymbol{T}}{ }$ out of the Solution as you know, and keep it for use here after.
(The Solution of the $\Psi$ of $\odot$ in $\Theta$ Enixum must either be done in Coated glass bodies placed in a $\therefore \therefore$ heat, or in good $\nabla$ s which do not let the Enixum run through, as it is so extreemly fusible and penetrateing.)

Take the $\underset{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}{ }$ of Calamine from process N.B.; grind it with $\Theta$ minable and dissolve it therein in a $\therefore \therefore$ heat, make a Solution and $\bar{\sim}$ te the $\triangle$, and reserve it likewise for use.

Unite and mix this $\underset{\dagger}{ }$ of Calamine with the above © n $\underset{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}{ }$ or crocus, mix it with Charcoal Dust and fix it during 24 hours in a $\mathbb{Z}$.

Take the Substance out and dissolve it again in $\Theta$ Enixum, make a Solution and $₹$ te the fixed $\underset{\sim}{\varnothing}$, put this $\underset{\sim}{ }$ into a digesting glass, add $\Theta$ Enixum, which is very fusible.

The $\Theta$ Enixum will melt and dissolve the two Sulphurs and unite centrally and inseparably therewith.

Shut the phial Close and let it stand to digest, until it is become a genuine $T R$. in the form of $A R E D ~ \ominus$.

Its use.

Dissolve this red fixed $\theta$ and filter the Solution, put it into a digesting glass, with some $\not \subset$ or thin laminated $O$, let it boil $P$ and $\sigma$ for 2 or 30 , and the $\gamma$ or the $O$ will be transmuted into fine $\odot$. In this manner you can operate with every $\underset{\not \subset}{ }$, after it has been
fixed with poudered Charcoal.

> To fix

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 in $\Theta$ mirabile, in a coated glass body, placed in a $\therefore \therefore$ heat. Then make a Solution, and $₹$ te the $\underset{\phi}{\Delta}$ s out of it.

This precipitated double fixed $\underset{\mp}{ }$ must be dissolved again in your fusible Enixum in a digesting globe, and must be digested in hot $\therefore \therefore$ until they are united and fixed into a RED $\theta$.

## Its use.

This fixed red tinging $\Theta$ must be dissolved and filtered, and the Solution must be poured into a digesting glass.

If you boil $\gamma$ of $\delta$ in this for 3 or 4 and 9 the $\forall$ of $\delta$ will infallibly be fixed into good and permanent $P$ !
(MR. GARDEN told me many years ago, that he has seen a Stranger, who showed him A RED $\Theta$ which he told him did change $\mathcal{D}$ into $\odot$, if it was boiled 24 hours in a Solution made of his red $\theta$; might this not have been such A RED SAL ENIXUM as here taught? The Stranger said it maintained him very well) (most of these processes are dark and no proportions are set down, at least mostly not.)

SAL ENIXUM impregnated with $\underset{\nmid}{ }$.

Take any metallic $\underset{f}{\Phi}$, but best a $\underset{f}{ }$ of $\odot$, add a fusible $\Theta$ Enixum and let them be well united by melting together in a $\nabla$; and you will obtain A RED $\Theta$, which is a red $\odot$ n TR. wherewith your $\Theta$ Enixum is impregnated.

Dissolve it in fair $\nabla$, after having weighed it, add as much OO of Q or of $Q$ as the red $\Theta$ weighed, evaporate and you will again have A $\ominus$ ENIXUM HIGHLY TINGED.

In this Enixum dissolve again new $\frac{\Delta}{\gamma} \circ \rho$, and proceed as above, and your red $\theta$ will have a greater tinging power, which performs wondens upon $\underset{\sim}{\gamma}$ of $\delta$.

This operation is most admirable for other wonderful operations.

## Observe

The $\underset{\boldsymbol{\phi}}{ }$ of $\delta$ has almost as great an Effect as the $\underset{\gamma}{ }$ of $\odot$, when fixed, to exalt the $\underset{\sim}{\gamma}$ of $\delta$ into $\odot$, and is obtained at an easyer Rate.

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\text { Of the Red Tinctures of } \odot \text { and } \circlearrowleft \text {, which } \\
\text { tinge }(\geqslant \text { into } \odot
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(This process illustrates some of the others, relitive to proportions and method of working)

Dissolve fine $\odot$ in $\Theta$ Enixum (I suppose the Author means a $\Psi$ of
(-), as he mentions in the process No. 1 at the end of it.) add to it a fixed $\triangle$ of $\circlearrowleft$; or take 1 part of fine $\odot$ and 3 parts of留 $\mathrm{O}^{T}$ 'Stell. melt it together into a brittle massa, which reduce to a black subtil $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{*}$. Dissolve this in your fusible $\Theta$ Enixum in 3 hours time by melting it in a $\nabla$.

Then pour warm $\nabla$ upon it, dissolve and filter the Solution, out of this Solution praecipitate the red $\frac{\Delta}{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}$. Now you have the $\odot$ and $ठ$ united.

Dry your $\underset{\neq}{ }$ and project it in purified common $\theta$, which is melting in a $\nabla$, and let it flow therein 2 hours.

Then pour the $\theta$ out, and you will have A RED TR. OF $\odot$ AND $ठ$. (not immediately) (I think in the room of common purified $\theta$, the Salt process No. 1. Should here be taken, because the Author mentions at the end of process No. 1. "if you dissolve a $\psi$ of $\odot$ in this $\theta$ etc." This process is performed without adding Charcoal Dust.)

Your RED TR. must be pulverised, and dissolved in warm $\nabla$, and the Solution filtered: then add as much $O^{\circ} 0$ of $\mathcal{A}$, as the red TR. weighed, and distil the over per by several cohobations, until the $\Theta$ remains dry behind--- This is now a Sal Enixum impregnated with the tinging powers of $\odot$ and $\circlearrowleft$ 。
(This last operation is necessary, if we take only PURIFIED COMMON $\theta$, but if we take THE $\Theta$ ENIXUM NO. 1 , this operation would be needless and superfluous.)

Its Virtue and use.

Melt the above tinged $\Theta$ Enixum in a $\nabla$, add a $\psi$ of $\odot$.
Further you must have ready some good alcalised $(1)$, made by detonnation with Charcoal in coarse ${ }^{*}$.

Add this to the following massa in the $\nabla$, add it in a melting State, let it flux together 2 hours or $21 / 2$, then project into this alcalised $\Theta$ Enixum, some pieces of fine $\mathcal{D}$ Coin or Lamella of fine $(\sqrt{2}$ and let it stand 4 or 5 hours longer in fusion, covering your $\nabla$, that no Coals may fall in, and all your $(\sqrt{ }$ will be graduated into most pure $\odot$, but the massa must be Copelled.

## A Red TR. of common ${ }_{+}$is prepared as follows.

Take (1) $\square_{\mp}$ and common $\underset{\mp}{ } \bar{a} \bar{a}$, polder the Ingredients and mix them. Then project the mixture gradually, by a Spoonful at a time, into a $\nabla$, standing heated in the Wind-furnace, and the mixture will fulminate and detonate, when the whole quantity is projected, let the alcalised Remaining matter flow a while.

Then dissolve the mass in hot $\nabla$, filter the Solution and praecipitate it, and you will obtain a golden $\frac{\Delta}{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}$ from common $\underset{+}{ }$, this way.

Project this dried $\underset{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}{ }$ into purified and melted $\Theta$, which stands flowing in a $\nabla$; and you will obtain A RED $\Theta$.

Dissolve this red $\Theta$ in common $\nabla$, filter the Solution, and as much as the red $\Theta$ weighed add $\circ \circ$ of $\widehat{\dagger}$ or $\circ^{\circ} \circ$ of $Q_{1}$, distil the from
it by several Cohobations, as I have taught before, until your impregnate $\Theta$ Enixum remains dry.

> Another wonderful and very fusible Salt called

SAL MIRABILE.

Take 1 part $O^{\circ} 0$ of $\mathcal{A}$ and 2 parts $\mathcal{O}$. Dissolve the $\Theta \not$ first in common clean $\nabla$, and filter the Solution. Then drop gradually your $O^{\circ}$ of $A$ into the solution of $O$; distil it per and a valuable ــ of $\theta$ will come over into the Receiver, which of $\theta$, when rectified per se, is very good, and dissolves a $\underset{\sim}{\psi}$ of $\odot$ very soon.
(Glauber is the Inventer of $\Theta$ Mirabile; the present $\Theta$ Mirabile or so called Glaubers Salt answers no purpose in Alchemy. As it is made by a different process now; and is no longer Glaubers $\Theta$ Enixum.)

In the bottom of the or glass body, if you have used a Body and Alembic, remains THE SAL MIRABILE dry in Crystals.

This our $\Theta$ mirabile is very fusible and dissolves $\odot$ very soon, either in a $\nabla$, or in a coated glass body placed in hot $\therefore \therefore$.

But in order to facilitate the Operation, proceed in the following manner.

The same process with a $\Psi$ of $\odot$.
After you have united the solution of $\Theta \forall$ with your $O$ of $Q$, add
a $($ of , then distil the (in what proportion?) $\Omega$ from it per Alembicum, and the (1) of $\odot$ will be dissolved, and remains with the $\bigoplus$ mirabile. The $\Omega$ which comes over must be poured back and cohobated upon the Residuum 5 or 6 times.

Take your impregnated $\theta$ mirabile out, and add a little fixed $\frac{\Delta}{f}$ of †, digest and they will be united and fixed together.

This Operation is performed in a Phial, which must be strong, on account of the force of the Spirits, which break a weak glass.

End of Sir Kenelm Digby's Process concerning the Doctrine of Sal Enixum, Translated

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\text { from the German. } 1797 .
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For the sake of useful knowledge, I shall, join here something from Abbe: Rousseau.

Continuation of Experiments.

I have understood since some years, that the universal $\Theta$, by PARACELSUS and VAN HELMONT called the PRIMUM ENS OF $\theta$, is nothing else than the universal_ and universal Dissolvent, corporified in the most simple of all sublunary Salts, being as it were an embryonated Seminal $\theta$ 。

This $\theta$ is not found separately in Nature, but it can be separated from the Body of other $\Theta \mathrm{s}$, as their HEART, LIFE AND CENTRE.
l: The Life and Centre of every $\theta$ is $\triangle$ dilated in Humidity, and in
that State is called $\Omega$, when perfectly free from Humidity, it appears then in the Character of a Volatil dry $\theta$, as we see it in volatil or sublimed $\Theta K$, which is a dry $\Omega$ of without phlegma. :/

This Separation can not conveniently be done without the Action of that very same universal_ dispersed in the $\mathbb{A}$ and in all things! Which universal (in $\Delta$ ) corporifying itself with this universal $\Theta$, decorporifies it again and renders it incoagulable, and this universal $\vartheta$ proceeds from Sea $\nabla$, nay it is the very Life and Soul thereof. (sea $\cap$.)
(This is an indisputable Truth! The first DETERMINATION OF THE UNIVERSAL COLD $\triangle$ OF NATURE, when it descends into the ocean, (elect. $\Delta$, Light, Heat and burning $\triangle$ ) is into that principle, which makes the whole Ocean SALT, and frequently appears LUMINOUS at night, when agitated; In the same manner as that Universal $\triangle$ incloses itself in the same universal $f$ and descends into the $\nabla$, and whereever it finds a proper Magnet or Alcaline body; it copulates there with and assumes a CRYSTALINE BODY, called (1), as it assumes a Crystalline body in the Sea $\nabla$, when concentrated either by the Sun (its great Agent) or by common $\triangle$ ) (We need not wonder then, that JEAN SAUNIER according to the Testimony of FATHER GABRIEL DE CASTAIGNE and others made the Stone out of the Primum Ens of Sea $\theta$, which he fermented with a $\Psi$ of $\odot$, the process is in print in the WORKS OF JEAN SAUNIER published at Paris during the last Century, I have never seen the Book) (We find a process upon Sea $\Theta$ in the Second vol. of Boerhaave's Chymistry, well worthy of Notice.)

I have shown to some friends what this (1) is, but I do not think they will ever take the Trouble to carry it to that perfection, it is capable of being brought to, by Art and patience!

Process upon Sea $\nabla$, in order to obtain the first Ens of $\theta$, or the very Leven of $\theta$ and its Life and $\sim$.

Note that the process upon the Mother Lye of $\varnothing$ and $Q$ is the very same as this upon the Mother Liquor of Sea $\theta$.

It is very curious to observe in the first preparation of this $\theta$, (Mother Liquor is Primum Ens Salis) the different Figures of Crystals and the different smell and taste of them, proceeding from the Sea $\nabla$, before it is reduced to a State, (by continual evaporations and Crystallations) so as to crystallise no more, but remains an oily Mother Liquor, wherein is Primum Ens Salis.

It becomes then a Liquor which is incoagulable and will not crystallise; a thick and fat $\nabla$ of a Fiery Taste, attracting continually the Universal $\Omega$, in the Shape of humidity out of the $\mathbb{A}$. (does this not fully confirm my Doctrine of the Universal_?

This fat matter resolves itself into a very ponderous Oil, which is distillable in a $\therefore \therefore$ heat, if you have but patience sufficiently.

It rises in the in the same manner as Honey does and requires a great deal of time, attention and patience.

After the distillation of this $O 0$, there remains a Residuum, which
is FUSIBLE LIKE WAX, and which by Labour, Art and patience all comes over as a an and volatile $\theta$, without mixing any intermediate Substance therewith such as bole or clay, which would absolutely destroy it.

The whole Substance of this $\Theta$ passes over into the receiver as a Liquor and this is not of triffling Consideration, as it is a proof that it is now become of a Universal Nature.

After this I think it would be superfluous to ask from whence the Salt proceeds in the Ocean. As we see clearly that is is nothing else but a sensible and Visible Corporfication of the Universal Sal Mundi, which is invisibly dispersed throughout all Nature and resides in the vast Extent of the $\mathbb{A}$, where it is generated and multiplied by means of the Sun's and Moon's Light and the Stars.

All the great Philosophers, since Hermes Trismegistus, have taught this Doctrine, but as they have not proved it by Experiment, as I have done, our modern little Philosopher's have looked upon that Doctrine as a Meta-physical Chymaera and have ridiculed it : although it is an essential Truth, founded on the invariable principles of Nature!

Observe that you ought to have at least 400 lb . weight of Sea $\nabla$, in order to obtain a reasonable or moderate quantity of the PRIMUM ENS SALIS.

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\text { My Experiment on } Q_{\imath}
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I have conceived that this process might be brought to a greater perfection, in order to obtain a Dissolution of the Vitriolic Body,
which might be more simple and more animated with the universal $\Omega$. For that reason I have made use of a Certain ( ric $\nabla$, which is fat, thick and blackish and remains behind in the Coppers, after the last Crystallations or Coagulations of $\theta_{1}$.

This $\mathcal{Q}$ ric $\nabla$ resembles that which is called MOTHER OF (D.
At Silvena, where they make roman or blue $Q_{\text {, }}$, this Mother Liquor is thrown away, But at the Mines in Dauphine, it is kept and made use of to humect or imbibe the $Q_{\text {g }}$ ric $\nabla$ with, in the same manner as the (1) makers pour their remaining MOTHER OR (1) LYE upon the vitreous $\nabla$, and this is a Magnet and Leven to hasten the Dissolution and Corruption of their $\nabla$. They have no need of this at Silvena, where the © Ore is resolved into a Liquor by being exposed to the $\mathbb{A}$. (The same is practised at BLACKWALL at the $Q$ Manufactory; several 100 Weight of PYRITES, which is a $\underset{\neq}{ }$ Ore and is found plentifully in HAMPSHIRE, lays exposed to the $\Delta$ the whole year round, attracts the universal $\triangle$ of Nature enclosed in Aerial humidity, determins itself here towards $A_{\text {, }}$, and thereby runs per deliquium into large Cisterns underneath and becomes A $Q_{\Omega}$ RIC CORROSIVE LIQUOR, wherein they dissolve afterwards old iron; filter the Solution and evaporate, when they obtain the English green Vitriol or so called COPERAS.)

I have considered that this mother Liquor of $\theta$ is a Leven on $\mathcal{Q}$ ric $\nabla$ in the same manner as the mother Liquor of $(1$ is a Magnet and Ferment on Nitrious $\nabla$; that this mineral Ferment proceeds from the Corporification of the UNIVERSAL FERMENT, determined towards the Nature of the Ore, to act agreeable to the Subject; Consequently I thought
that one might corporify still more of the universal_ into this mineral Ferment, and cause it to be more active-by a greater abundance and Concentration of the same universal Dissolvent, so that the $\Omega$ which we might obtain therefrom by distillation, might be a Natural Dissolvent for metals to reduce them into a $Q_{\text {r }}$ ric , without Corruption, as we see that the $\Omega$ of the $(1$ Liquor is a Leven or Ferment and RADICAL DISSOLVENT of stones and Marble, which it reduces into their FIRST distillable MATTER, which is (1).

Although Stones and Marble possess no apparent quality of Salt, yet by means of the Leven, they become pure and perfect $(\mathbb{D}$, from which you may distil a corrosiven of $\boldsymbol{F}^{\prime}$, as from any other (1.

It is remarkable that a common- of $(\mathbb{1}$ does by no means effect this Resolution of Stones and Marble into distillable $(\mathbb{D}$, as the does which is distilled from the MOTHER LIQUOR or Ferment of $(1$. Is this not a proof of the Universality of such a $a$ ?

This has caused me to think, that THE MOTHER LIQUOR of $\mathcal{O}^{\prime}$, being prepared in the same manner, might be made AN EXALTED FERMENT to dissolve metals Via humida into a © ric Salt, which would approach nearer to the first matter of metals, than if they were dissolved by the common usual Corrosives! In the same manner as $(\mathbb{D}$ is the Result of a Solution of Stones and Marble. It seems that it is the same Operation of Nature, only differing in the Specification or determination, as we see $\mathcal{C}_{\text {h }}$ and (1) produced by Nature in the same manner. (I am perfectly of the Abbot's opinion.)

Process with the Mother Liquor of $(\mathbb{A}$.
(That of BLACKWALL or NEW CASTLE is the very Liquor here intended.) I took about a 100 pints of this mother Liquor of $\mathbb{A}$, I have filtered it through strong Linnen and evaporated it gradually over a gentle Heat, until a Skin appeared on the surface. Afterwards I placed it in a cold place during 408 , to crystallise all the $\mathcal{O}$ which it might contain.
(I have done this in Mary le bone, and obtained from the BLACKWALL Liquor a beautiful green $(\mathbb{A}$, which smelled like a honey Suckle.)

I have repeated this Operation, until I could obtain no more $\mathbb{A}$ or Crystals from my Liquor.

Then I evaporated the Liquor further, on a gentle $\triangle$, and took out a few drops, which I put on a piece of Slate to cool, and found them of a Consistence of cold thick honey, which did not run; Thus far I evaporated my Liquor, until $I$ observed that sign, and then ceased evaporating.

I poured my hot Liquor on several flat glazed dishes, that it might congeal in the Cold. After being cold, I set the Dishes in a Cellar inclining downwards over some China cups, to receive the Liquor which did flow from this Substance by attracting the $A$.

In the same manner as fixed $\theta$ of $\square_{\mp}$ flows per deliquium. I left my dishes standing and attracting, until the whole Substance dissolved into a Liquor.

At the end there remained a few small Crystals in the dishes, which
would not dissolve; I separated them, as useless to my purpose.
I filtered through blotting paper the Liquor which ran dayly from the thick substance, in order to obtain it perfectly pure and more impregnated with the Universal $\Omega$.

I have repeated these Coagulations, Resolutions by the $A$ and filtrations 6 or 7 times, until there remained no more Crystal nor any $\nabla$ in the filtre; at the 7 th Operation my last attracted Liquor was perfectly pure.

This Labour did cost me at least 6 months time, and procured me a thick $\nabla$ of a dark brown colour and so fat, that it would not pass through the blotting paper, except I wetted the paper first, and then it passed very slowley.

## Distillation.

I put this fat Liquor into a tabulated glass which I placed in hot $\therefore \therefore$, and maniged my distillation with great Care and, patience, because the matter puffs up and rises in the like honey.

This puffing up and rising of the matter happens so frequently, that it is almost impossible to prevent it, if you have had an uncommon share of patience, as I had, having employed no less than $8 \delta$ and $\rho$ following to regulate the heat gently and equally under the $\therefore \therefore$, out of fear that the whole substance might come over all at once and destroy my Labour. Yet by patience I succeeded. (I would distill this $\Omega$ per. Alembic and place the body over a Balneo Vap., if the $\Omega$ will come over that way.)

After I had finished my distillation, the bottom of the Residuum was OF A RUBY COLOUR, which threw out sparks like melted $(\bigcirc$, whereof it seemed filled!

The upper part of the Residuum, was white resembling mother of pearl, brilliant and foliated like Russia Talck, and looked as if it was full of Oriental pearls.

This Residuum or $\because$, whether it was distilled in a $\therefore \therefore$ heat or in a naked $\triangle$, had no more taste than common $\nabla$.

I have distilled it in a naked $\triangle$, to obtain all the heavy s from this Residuum. Afterwards I exposed the $\because$ to the $\mathbb{A}$, and it soon acquired the samer Taste, it had before distillation.

I have poured back the distilled $\Omega$ upon the $\because$, and having distilled again in a naked $\triangle$, I obtained in about 10 hours time a new , , which was neither acid nor corrosive, but saline.

This second $\because$, exposed to the $\mathbb{A}$, soon became reanimated with a New $\Omega$; This Reanimation succeeded 4 times successively. I tried it no further, but it seemed that this Attraction had not ceased, and I believe it would continue as long, as there remains $\because$, which diminishes gradually; whilst there is any left, it never ceased to attract the Universal ـ.

## The Authors Experiment

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I have made the same Experiment on the Mother Liquor of $(\mathbb{D}$.

After having by Evaporation, Separated all the $(\mathbb{D}$ eous Crystals from it, filtered and concentrated the Liquor, I let it run per deliquium exposing it to the $\mathbb{A}$, then filtered my Liquor, Coagulated and liquified it again by attraction, and proceeded as I did with the Mother Liquor of $\left(Q_{1}\right.$ and of sea $\theta$, until there remained no more foeces in the filtre.

There is this Difference between this matter proceeding from the Mother Liquor of $(1)$, and that of $(Q$, that THE RESIDUUM of the mother of (1) when distilled without any mixture of Bole, Brickdust or Clay, there remains, after the $\boldsymbol{\text { is }}$ distilled from it, a metallic mass, white like milk.

From this, if you make a Lixivium of it with $\nabla$, you obtain a very White $\Theta$, which is fusible like wax, and being exposed to the $A$ flows into a Liquor, much sooner than $\theta$ of $\square_{\mp}$.

After having distilled the $\Omega$, I took this fusible white $\theta$, dissolved it by the $\mathbb{A}$, filtered coagulated and dissolved it so often, until no more foeces remained in the Filtre.

Now I cohobated my distilled $\Omega$ upon this distilled Liquor, and distilled a from it again by a graduated heat.

There remained a snow white $\theta$, which I exposed to the $\triangle$, and it became a Liquor which I filtered, upon the Liquor I again cohobated my $\Omega$, and distilled it from it as before. Thus I proceeded with the remaining $\Theta$, which diminished at every distillation, exposing it each time to the $\mathbb{\Delta}$, to be reimpregnated with the Mundi and thereby liquified, cohobating my- upon it, until all my fixed fusible $\ominus$ had passed over with the $\_$into the Receiver.

This Operation I performed in a glass

## Its Virtue and use.

This animated_ , as well as that made of the Mother Liquor of sea $\vartheta$, dissolves $\odot$ radically without the least noise or Ebullition, and carries it over the Alembic in a very moderate Heat.

It is remarkable although a Common $\Omega$ of $\left(1\right.$ dissolves $\bigvee_{\text {}}$ quickly and easily and not $\odot$; yet this our m of (1) does not dissolve $\mathcal{O}$ at all.

I poured some on $\not \subset$, and the $\not \subset$ became as black as Ink in an instant, and puffed up in the bottom of the glass, exactly like unslaked $\Psi$, when you expose it to the $\mathbb{A}$. Afterwards the $\not \subset$ tumbled asunder into a
 of itself, without mixing with the Solvent.

Let our Modern Philosophers reflect in these phenomena, as well as on this quiet peaceable dissolution of $\odot$, not effected by a corrosive $\nabla$, which cannot carry the dissolved $\odot$ over the Alembic; Whilst our Dissolvent dissolves it radically, and volatilises it, instantaneously, leaving a small portion of the $\odot$ in form of a white $\nabla$, which $\bar{\nabla}$ our Menstruum does not dissolve.

I shall not say any more of that Operation I made on the sea $\nabla$, concentrated to a Mother Liquor and primum Ens of $\theta$, which I prepared in exactly the same manner.

The Curious Lovers of our Science will find still more than $I$ have written, if they have patience.

I must not omit telling you that an aume of Sea $\nabla$ (un muid d' Eau de mer.) (about 44 gall) yeilds no more than one pint of Mother Liquor after the Separation of all the $\Theta$ crystals and Concentration of the remaining Liquor.

There are few people that would imagine that in sea $\nabla$ crystals are to be found of all Shapes and so many different qualities!
(We may then safely take it for granted, that in the Ocean, primum ENS SALIUM as the FIRST CORPORFICATION OF THE INVISIBLE COLD $\triangle$ of Nature, is to be found, this is confirmed by Baron de Welling who Says in many places of his Works that Sea $\theta$ (meaning this Mother Liquor) is the Mother of all Salts, and that the Universal $\}$ of the Philosophers is concealed therein, which Abbe' Rousseau has demonstrated by Experiment, consequently he has rendered us an eminent piece of Service!)

This is not a triffling prove (says our profound Author) to confirm what the true Philosophers have written, that sea $\Theta$ or rather sea $\nabla$ is not only THE ROOT OF ALL THE SALTS, but also of all Minerals and Metals. (so is (1) ; They both come from one and the same Fountain, they are Trees which have their Roots in the $A$ and their Branches, Leaves, Blossom and Fruit in $\nabla$ and $\nabla$,

Therefore, says the Abbot, that fat and $\Delta y$ Liquor which remains behind after so many crystallations deserves to be called THE FIRST ESSENCE OF SALTS and the very Central Life of the Element $\nabla$ ! (undoubtedly!)

Principally, when after several Resolutions and Liquifactions in the $\mathbb{A}$, that mother Liquor becomes still more impregnated with the

Universal $\Omega$ of the World, whereby it is carried, through fermentation, occasioned by that same universal $\Omega$, to its last Return to its first universal matter.

Let that matter be distilled, as I have done, but do not Sophisticate it by mixing it with bole, Brickdust or Clay, but distil it entirely per se, take pains, and cause its own fixt $\Theta$ to come over with its own $\sim$, as I have taught you the process very faithfully where I spoke of the Mother Liquor of ( $D$; and you will rejoice to see, what this glorious Solvent can do upon $\Theta$.

With rectified S.V. a good artist will easily obtain from $\odot$ so radically dissolved, A RUBY RED OO OF © , dissolable in every Liquid.

I do not doubt but many who want to perform their Philosophical Experiments in an hours time, will condemn my long and tedious processes! But they show that they are no Philosophers but Sophisters and do not deserve to read WHAT I HAVE HERE REVEALED!

I conclude and desire the true and faithful Philosophers to fix into their minds, that no radical Resolution nor natural putrefaction or Dissolution can be made but by the UNIVERSAL, © ; VOLAVIT SUPER PENNA VENTORUM (TAB. SMARAG'D HERMETIS.) And that that operation which is called Fermentation and putrefaction, the only Key to Regeneration, is nothing but an operation of that same Universal几 , whereof I treat so often in this my Book.

