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P R E F A C E

In assembling the R.A.M.S. materials, I have come across a good many pieces of information that are not large enough to be a "unit" or "book" in of itself. Nonetheless, the data is of enough value to warrant its saving and publication. These data are often pieces of information vouchsafed to me over the last twenty years, or are bits collected here and there. Or are short tracts from various documents deemed of value. These have been collected and are being presented under the heading "POTPOURRI ALCHEMIA".

In these volumes will be found these minutæ & reproductions of two of the scarce "Golden Manuscripts" produced by my teacher, Frater Albertus. This collection then, represents personal instruction, data no longer obtainable and those treatises that hold some promise for alchemical experimenters. We hope this melange will be of value to alchemical students and that, perhaps, some insight will be obtained from them.

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