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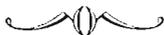
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SALUTUM PUNCTII TRIANGULII

TO YOU, WHO ARE LABORING so diligently over the flasks and retorts; To you, who are spending endless hours, meant for sleeping, absorbed by the books of those, that left us a record of their accomplishments; To you, who are so earnestly trying to shed some light on the seemingly complex intricacies of the Cabalistic Tree of Life; To you, who are practising the laws revealed by more advanced individuals, through channels, whose origin you are, in most cases, unaware of; To all of you, who are searching to receive more light, these words are directed.

We all recognize our inability to cope with the immensity of the Cosmic Laws, simply, because, we do not know enough about them. The very little we have come to know leaves us with a realization of the insignificance of our understanding. However, we DO know certain things beyond a shadow of doubt. It is this profound knowledge that urges us on and on in search for the greater Light. It is through Chesed that we may reach Binah to find us eventually in possession of Chockmah, which will let us obtain the Kether in our Minitum Mundum. Truly a high and worthy goal for anyone to aim at.

awaits you in the invisible circle of visible beings, on this terrestrial sphere of consciousness. A hearty welcome is extended to you, as you enter the Sanctum of the servants of the Great Ones, having endured through the night.

We do not fear. Neither are we concerned that these papers may fall into the hands of ones not initiated into our spagyric knowledge; for what would it profit them?

With Peace Profound shall they reach YOU, who are prepared and far enough advanced along the path to Cosmic realization. Higher forces, by far wiser than we, are directing the GREAT WORK among those, who by Cosmic Grace are ordained to perform what Karma, and destiny, has set for them to accomplish.

Accept then, in all sincerity, these Greetings, who so unselfishly dedicate your time and talents toward the unfoldment of the greater Light, so that we may help to bring about a more profound and abundant life for all the creation of the Divine Soul, of which we are but a segment.

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Since you are not primarily searching for the mundane things in this present life, you are under the guidance of those, who are willing to help you, if you show a sincere desire to be helped. Remember, all things in this life are relative, but that: Do as thou wilt, shall be the Whole of the law.

A welcome

HOW TO GET STARTED IN ALCHEMY

THIS IS INTENDED FOR those who have read or studied about alchemy and are now preparing themselves to commence their work in the laboratory. As this will prove to be a most interesting and enlightening task, it should not be undertaken carelessly. First of all, the place selected for the work about to begin, is of importance. The space required is not large. A corner in the basement or in an attic, perhaps even a garage, will do, as long as there is a constant source of heat available. Cold water should also be close by for the cooling of the condenser tube. A few bottles and flasks and a mortar and pestle are desirable, if not necessary, to have the ingredients handy and protected, also for the grinding of the dried herbs and other substances to be worked with.

A table and chair just about complete the furnishings. The table or workbench should be so located that the heat and water source are very close by and handy, as the gas flame or electric heat, whichever is available, is constantly needed. For the gas flame, a Bunsen burner, or better still, a Fisher burner are recommended. As for the flasks, the flat-bottom type, called Erlenmeyer flasks, are best for us. For stoppers, both types, cork and rubber, are needed. A small mixed assortment will last a long time. A support to bring the flask over the flame, to hold it in a rigid position when used for distillation, also is required. It can either be bought or be homemade, as long as it meets the requirements.

Since the most important implements will, no doubt, be known by now to the beginner, we shall begin by getting the substance prepared, that is to be alchemically to be worked with. Let us choose a herb that is easily available. Say, Melissa (*Melissa officinalis*-Lemonbalm). Since it is an important herb and any herbal supply house can furnish it, we shall use it as an example in our first experiment.

The dried herb usually works best. The first step is to ascertain that it is the correct herb. This may seem superfluous, but it is not. There is, for example, a difference between wild and garden sage in our work. The flowers of the wild sage again produce a different medication. Therefore, always make sure the herbal substance involved is the desired one.

Next in procedure is the grinding of the herb. This may be accomplished by rubbing between the hands or by grinding it with the pestle in the mortar. The more minute the particles the easier the extraction. Having accomplished this, the next step is to place it in a flask, bottle or container, preferably glass, that can be well closed, over which is poured the menstrum to extract it with. The easiest way is to pour some strong alcohol (NEVER use denatured alcohol or Methanol), preferably brandy, over the herb in the flask or bottle, then close it tightly and put it on top or near the furnace in the winter, or provide it with a gentle warmth not to exceed the temper-

ature required for the hatching of chicken eggs. Allow at least one-half to one-third of the container to be empty above the herb immersed in the menstrum, so it has room for expansion and to relieve some of the pressure that may build up within the container.

After several days the menstrum will be colored green. The shade of the color will depend on the type of Melissa used and the strength and pureness of the alcohol. When sufficiently macerated, (this process is called maceration) the liquid is to be poured off into a clean glass container and the remaining herbal substance should be placed in an earthenware dish, and then be burnt to ashes. This is accomplished by taking it outdoors and by igniting it. The alcohol, which has saturated it, will catch fire and will burn the leftover of the herb, now called feces, to black ashes. As this will cause smoke and smell, similar to the burning of weeds in the fall, care should be taken not to do this in a room.

After the burning of the feces, as we shall call them from now on, they can be incinerated over the open flame in an earthenware, or any fire-resistant dish, until they become a light gray. An occasional grinding in the mortar, with the pestle, and then reburning, which we shall now call "calcining," will let the lightening of the feces become noticeable. When this state has been arrived at they should be removed from the fire and, while still warm, be placed into a flask, which has been preheated, so as not to break it from the sudden temperature change, over which is the poured-off essence to be added. The flask must again be tightly stoppered so that no alcohol fumes can escape and again be subjected to moderate heat for digestion.

After several weeks, depending on the constantly retained degree of heat and the careful preparation before, the liquid must again be poured off. During this interval of digestion it is assumed that the feces have absorbed enough of the essence necessary for the formation of the required strength. With the feces left in the flask, it will need again to be stoppered and for another few weeks brought in contact with the moderate warmth, so essential for its concoction. After a few more weeks, the medication is then ready for use. It is absolutely harmless but of high potency and should be taken in minute amounts. A few grains in a glass of distilled water will produce exhilarating results. This is the most primitive and simplest form for the preparation of an herbal substance, according to the precepts of Alchemy.

As logically quite some time will have elapsed during the maceration period, the time interval has to be put to beneficial use. In the meantime we shall attempt to procure a pure menstrum from alcohol, or spirits of wine. Since there are various kinds of alcohol, we are chiefly concerned with but one, at the outset of our work. This is the spirit of wine. As wine generally contains less than 20% of alcohol by natural fermentation, this alcohol (spirits of wine) has to be extracted. Remember, apple wine, loganberry wine, etc., are not grape wines. Therefore, we stay with wine fermented

from the grape. The typro in our work has to go step by step to master eventually the essential fundamentals. At present we are concerned about learning all these steps ourselves gradually, as this is so important, especially later, in our more progressed work. We, therefore, take some pure unadulterated wine, or grape brandy, and pour a sufficient amount into a flask for distillation. The amount depends on the flask at hand. It should never be filled more than half full. Then, in a rubber or cork stopper, two holes are to be inserted, to fit tightly a thermometer and a bent glasstube. The thermometer shall not touch the wine and the bent glass tube reaches barely below the stopper. Now we need a condenser. This may be purchased from any chemical supply house. The bent glass tube from the flask is inserted into the stopper that closes the condenser opening.

We have formed now what is called a distillation train. The water to cool the condenser will have to be connected with a rubber tube from the tap, which needs an adapter for this purpose, to the condenser jacket, where it will flow out at the top opening back into the floor or sink drain. This will cool the vapor, or steam, that rises from the heated flask and drips out of the bottom end of the condenser into a receptacle. When all this is set up, the heat under the flask will have to be started and before long, the wine will begin to boil and the vapor begins to rise, goes up through the bent glass tube and will enter the condenser, where the cooling water around the inner tube will let it emerge at the end as a destilate, dripping into the receiver. The heat should be so regulated that the first distillation will not exceed 80 degrees centigrade. The thermometer will show what it takes on heat to maintain this temperature.

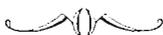
When about 15 or so drops have distilled over and the temperature has been regulated and the thermometer shows the same degree of heat, the receiver may be attached to the condenser end, to avoid evaporation of the alcohol and any possible ignition of the fumes. This, however, should be done only after the pressure in the distillation train has become equalized, and this will be after some of the liquid has come over. When the temperature begins to rise to above 85 degree celsius and all of the alcohol has come over but with it still some traces of water, the train may then be disconnected, after the flame has been extinguished and the vessels have cooled off enough to be safely handled.

The residue of the wine can now be discarded as it is of no further use to us at present. The distillate we save. Depending on the amount of wine used for the distillation we either have to distill some more or, if the alcohol in the receiver exceeds 100 milliliter, we can then begin with the rectification of the spirits of wine. As our distilled spirits of wine is not pure as yet, it has to undergo several more distillations to become absolute alcohol. This is accomplished by redistillation, exactly as the first time, only the newly distilled wine is poured back every time into the distillation flask. There will always remain a small amount of cloudy residue after each distillation, which we discard, as it contains still some water. During these subsequent

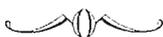
distillations the temperature has to be about 78 degrees centigrade. Only during the last, approximately seven times are sufficient, should the temperature be 76 degrees. The final menstrum is more potent when we macerate a herb in it. As it contains no more traces of water it reaches the spiritual essence of the herb in shorter time and more effectively.

There is another way to purify the spirits of wine with potassium carbonate anhydrous. This process we do not use in the beginning. Since with the purified spirits of wine we obtain better results in our work we shall always use it for the extraction in the herbal work.

(In the following installments we shall consider the extraction of herbs by distillation with yet another menstrum and continue until we end with the mineral and metallic essences.)



Start with the herbal extraction first, in order to familiarize yourself with the procedure. Too much time is being consumed when metallic extractions at first are undertaken. The process requires great knowledge and perseverance, that can only be obtained after a greater length of time. You can rejoice exceedingly by preparing the alchemical herbal medications to bring your body in the desired condition to make it possible to be physically more enduring in your tedious work ahead. It is almost unbelievable what potent remedies can be prepared out of the Vegetable Kingdom, to restore the soundness of the human body. Not to mention what the mineral (metallic) extractions make possible.



The "Vinegar" of Antimony is extracted out of living Antimony. Plain distilled water will extract it, which is a sour as the name indicates and the taste proofs. Do not use any acetous substances for its extraction, or you will not be able to tell which is the vinegar of Antimony and your menstrum, when it comes over. A Soxhlet Extractor worked very well. An Alundum, medium-sized Thimble was used.



Paracelsus has proven himself correct in all the experiments, so far accomplished. Once you have the key, his instructions are very precise. Allowing for the more and better adapted modern equipment, some results can even be obtained in shorter time intervals, as we can now in the laboratory thermostatically control, what formerly was tedious manual operation.

WORKS ON ALCHEMY RECOMMENDED TO BE STUDIED

THE FOLLOWING BOOKS and manuscripts are almost essential to be read and studied by the student of Alchemy. They represent a group that are, although hard to obtain and in some cases rather expensive, yet still to be had from special book dealers. Among the most important ones, to begin with, are the works of Paracelsus. Since several editions in many languages have been published, for the only English-reading student, Arthur Edward Waite's "The Works of Paracelsus" in two volumes are perhaps the most important ones. In those two volumes the reader will find more than can be digested for many years to come. This same author, translator, compiler and student of occult literature, has given us more important translations from the Latin, French and German languages, than any other writer. Here, then, is a partial list of alchemical literature by Arthur Edward Waite:

- "Lives of Alchemical Philosophers."
- "A New Light of Mysticism (Azoth)."
- "The New Pearl of Great Price."
- "The Works of Thomas Vaughan."
- "The Magical Writings of Thomas Vaughan."
- "The Occult Sciences."
- "The Real History of the Rosicrucians."
- "Studies in Mysticism."
- "The Turba Philosophorum."

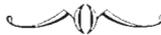
It will become inevitable that the works of the old masters and the contemporary writers on Alchemy, the latter being unfortunately only too few, need to be read and studied. A cursory examination of their works is not sufficient. Detailed information about some of these important books will be forthcoming from time to time in the ALCHEMICAL LABORATORY BULLETINS. For further information, where some of the above mentioned books may be obtained, contact the Paracelsus Research Society. However, it must not be, from the foregoing, be construed by the reader that we are selling any books. We will only forward names and sources and do *not* handle any transactions.

PRIMARY RELATIONSHIPS

THE FOLLOWING TABULATION will help beginners to find the various inter-relationships, when working with the alchemical manifestations on both, the transcendental and physical planes. Remember that each metallic substance has a spiritual counterpart manifesting at the same time, according to the law of duality. Alchemical remedies are therefore of either like or contrary nature, attracting or repulsing respectively at specific times either beneficial or inimical.

Planet	Metal	Day	Cardinal Sin	Cardinal Virtue	Part of Body
Sun	Gold	Sunday	Pride	Humility	Heart
Moon	Silver	Monday	Lust of flesh	Substantiality	Brain
Mars	Iron	Tuesday	Anger	Meekness	Gall
Mercury	Quicksilver	Wednesday	Envy	Benevolence	Liver
Jupiter	Tin	Thursday	Cunning	Wisdom	Lungs
Venus	Copper	Friday	Lewdness	Chastity	Regen. Orgs.
Saturn	Lead	Saturday	Avarice	Charity	Spleen

The above may be of little sense to the tyro at the outset. Yet, again, in the twinkling of an eye, all will become clear, what formerly was known, but not understood. Wisely says Gautama Buddha: "Believe nothing which is unreasonable, and reject nothing as unreasonable without proper examination." To this we may add: "In Religion we believe; in Mysticism we know; in Hermetic Philosophy we understand why wisdom is essential for Peace profound."



Take Acetum, distilled from wine and sal ammoniac fixed in it. It will extract the quintessence and is a secret. (Paracelsus)



Sulphur, Salt and Mercury are in all substances. Some contain more of the one, than the other, thus making possible the different manifestations of matter.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTIONS APPEARING IN a present issue will be answered always in the following one. Inquiries, that are not to be publicly aired, will be answered by mail. Your subscription includes answering your correspondence pertaining to the subject matters published in the BULLETINS. To expedite replies, please enclose a self-addressed envelope. Questions will be answered by number only, never by name. You will recognize your own.

The following excerpts represent questions asked in the course of time. They have been selected at random. In the future it shall be attempted to answer all inquiries, when so requested.

Question No. 1

Since it is hardly permissible to talk, or even write, in detail about the philosophical mercury and furthermore nearly all books, to my knowledge, evade at the crucial point the answer, how can you attempt to bring in your proposed publication of an ALCHEMYSTICAL BULLETIN the answer, *if* you have it?

Question No. 2

. . . and then when it came to separate the three essentia have I been able only to extract two. As the instructions tell us we must have all three, can you help me? I have been able to get the mercurial extract in form of an essence, by using highly rectified alcohol as solvent, and the remaining feces after incineration yielded a pungent salt, but as to the sulphur I am just simply not able to get to the bottom of the riddle. . . . With minerals I have had no success at all. It yielded nothing. Absolutely nothing.

Question No. 3

It would indeed be a very interesting, and most of all, a welcome contribution to the Hermetic literature, if you succeed in bringing out a monthly paper dealing exclusively with hermetic problems. Will you cul the most important items from existing alchemical works or are you proposing to bring original reading matter . . . as to the practical problems how do you intend to go about them?

Question No. 4

Have you noticed how hard it is to get books that deal with Alchemy. In most of them you find nothing. It's just history. I have not seen one that will tell me what to do. I firmly believe that a Philosophers Stone did exist and can be made again. I sure would like to know someone who works in alchemy. I am not very much educated, but have read a lot about it and it sure fascinates me all the time.

Question No. 5

When I was in your library you had a German book with hand-colored pictures in it. This book was about Alchemy. Is this book in English too? I have another question: Why do the people think I am crazy because I mentioned Alchemy to them? I was born in . . . (name withheld on purpose) and when I came to America was sure that I had found everything I wanted in my religion. Now I feel there is something much more important in life. In my church they are against me and say I will apostatize, as it is the work of the Devil to take men away from the church. I don't want anybody to know about it and would like to talk with you.

Question No. 6

I am interested in Alchemy. Can you help me to get started? Are there any courses that one can join to come in contact with people of like mind?

Question No. 7

If the French Alchemist-chemist-scientist J. Castelot succeeded during the 1920s in a gold transmutation, and gave to the public at large the formula for making artificial gold, why does no one now duplicate his so-called successful transmutation?



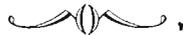
As you will be, most likely, if you belong to the advanced student in our work, familiar with "Triumphant Chariot of Antimony," have you not often wondered what Valentine meant, when he so diligently tried to explain the difference between the living and dead Antimony. Read it over and over again and you too will rejoice in the discovery.

A. M. O. R. C.

(Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis)

ANCIENT MYSTICAL Order Rosae Crucis deserves mentioning for its untiring efforts to bring spiritual enlightenment among the masses to further their development along esthetic lines for the betterment of Humanity. As an ancient fraternity in contemporary garb, it has contributed to the welfare of countless peoples throughout the world. Its officers have proven themselves, over a period of many years, as honorable and very capable to help in their unselfish work to bring about a more tolerant outlook in life and to widen the mental horizon for the many earnest seekers of the profound mysteries of Life.

Their aggressive, yet very dignified way of approach to reach many people, to be taught and enlightened for the Mastery of Life in this mundane sphere of existence, deserves acknowledgment and support. As a fraternity, under the guidance of higher forces, it remains as one of the several potent factors to bring into the Pronaos of the Temple of Wisdom and Peace those individuals desirous to travel the road of the Adepts and thereby to attain Illumination.



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ALCHEMICAL SYMPOSIUM 1961

A CONGRESS OF ALCHEMISTS, consisting of those actively engaged in the Hermetic work and including sincere students, will be held in the year 1961. This very small gathering will devote three days during the next year to expoundations and exchanges of alchemical and related subjects in theory and practice. The number of attendants will be very limited and the occasion will take place unnoticed, except for this announcement. Due to its esoteric nature every effort will be made to include some sincere beginners in the conclave. Those having the desire to attend such a symposium will have to prepare themselves accordingly, and not before the end of the present year 1960 and not later than the following Spring Equinox, will their names be considered.

Each participant will arrive and leave unobtrusively and anyone not being able financially to procure his own quarters will be given free hermitage. In keeping with the ancient tradition there will again be no charges or payments for those attending. Sincere aspirants may contact the PARACELSUS RESEARCH SOCIETY, as there will be no further notice.



OLEUM FERRUM

(The oil of Iron or the essence thereof)

MORE THAN FIFTEEN years ago a manuscript was handed to us about a different process for producing the oil, or essence, of Iron, which had been filed with other manuscripts. Lack of time prevented its testing. In the next BULLETIN we shall bring this report for those interested in procuring it.



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LEGE MULTUM SED NON MULTA

THIS LATIN SAYING: Do much, but not a multitude; is as appropriate today as it was anciently. Endeavor to do one thing at a time as good as the ability permits and then only commence the next undertaking in a like manner. Rarely bring scattered energies aimlessly pushing in constantly shifting directions in its wake profitable results.

This is equally true in Alchemy. Much as an individual may desire to be in possession of the Philosophers Stone, it will prove almost inevitably an impossible undertaking, when one turns repeatedly from one experiment to another. Going progressively step by step, and above all, being determined to follow the instructions on hand until repeated results or failures either substantiate or refute its predestined outcomes, is absolutely essential.

We cannot afford to guess, when ways and means are at our disposal to certify every step we undertake. Always have some notebooks handy and preferably make your notations with a permanent ink. Water and other solutions can easily make illegible valuable results and therefore become temporarily lost, re-

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sulting in grief about precious time that cannot be regained.

Do not rely too much on your memory in the beginning. Many a wonderful idea has been lost, because we entrusted it to memory instead of writing it down. Usually when we need it most, it is not available, because we failed to put it on paper.

Nowhere, perhaps, is this of greater importance, than in alchemical investigations. Strive to be accurate by recording seemingly unimportant details, such as changing colors or rising and diminishing odors. These meager hints should bring to the fore the importance of painstaking observations during our investigations. Do not become discouraged because the first half dozen or more attempts fail, even with simple demonstrations. In our work some elusive elements of an ethereal nature are to be dealt with, that can escape unnoticed to the uninitiated. He may find himself at the end to have worked with a mortified substance devoid of its vital essence, which lack of knowledge brought about.

In the first stage of structural molecular changes (Transmutation) much time and labor can be lost, if the process is not wisely directed. Be not discouraged when results in the beginning are slow to come. Patience is our keyword and accomplished manifestations our reward. Remember: Lege multum, sed non multa.

HOW TO GET STARTED IN ALCHEMY

Part 2

BEFORE GOING ANY deeper into the laboratory procedures and to avoid any possible mistakes, it should be remembered that results depend on the preparations preceding the actual manual work in the laboratory. In Alchemy any process that is being tried out to produce results must carefully follow the instructions given. It has been found to be of an immense help to be mentally and, if possible, above all, to be spiritually prepared. How can this be accomplished? By contemplation. Any scientist has to contemplate the way he wishes to choose for his intended work. Once this is accomplished it needs a concentrated effort, which is achieved by concentration on the work to be done.

If a mystically inclined person speaks of meditation, it is just as well, as the process in the end is the same and only the approach differs one from the other. The more one is prepared for the work to be accomplished in either an abstract scientific or mystical way, the better will be its manifestation. The sincere student will eventually be able to prove to him or her self that a Scientist can be a Mystic and visa versa. This established personal proof will remove many a barrier and open up far greater vistas that will help to procure what the aspirant desires.

It is not unreasonable to try to acquire the Philosophers Stone, neither to make efforts to reach planets in outer space, not as yet conquered by humans. One must have faith in its undertaking and be firm in the persuasion of ones objective. Great men were called great **AFTER** they accomplished their goal. Before that, many unkind names were given to them, and much ridicule was their daily fare.

Many, if not most, came from humble beginnings; had little schooling until they contemplated the work that was to be their lifes effort. If you desire to make the Philosophers Stone, **DO IT**. Only by working on our plans can they be turned into actualities. Should the law of Duality be not clear to your understanding and your belief center on the Philosophers Stone as a transcendental subject, by all means continue on this line of thought, as it is the beginning, that will help to open the Portal to the Alchemists Laboratory. You must produce the **STONE** within you first, before you can hold it tangibly in your praying hands. Anything that exists does so because of the law of Duality. **IF** the Philosophers Stone exists in the world of Ideas and Thoughts then its counterpart will be found in its material manifestation and must lawfully appear as material evidence. True, not the manifestation as material substance but the inherent power is the real thing. Nevertheless, it does exist, according to the law of Duality.

As all Alchemical Neophytes have come to know that our main object is to lay bare the mercurial Quintessence in either of the three kingdoms, and to separate from it the Sulphur, later to be added again to its Mercury

and purified Salt. so must every Zealator in the Hermetic Work learn how to separate his Inner Being from the Outer Man and be able to form a greater and better Human Being.

Ponder again over the inter-relationship of things in the last BULLETIN and see how far you have been able to transmute your baser tendencies (metals) into the more refined ones. Are your Cardinal virtues equalling your cardinal Sins? The greater and higher your aim the more thorough must your preparation be. It can be done.

Simple, honest and truthful individuals have, with their sincerity, accomplished many things that schooled intellectuals have not been able to produce. It is, in almost every case, the sincerity in an attempted undertaking that forecasts the eventual result. Should personal greed motivate ones aim, little can be expected. Altruistic endeavors to be of service to humanity and glorify by ones labor the Divine for the great blessing of just "Being," on the other hand, have helped many a sincere soul to reach realms far beyond their fondest dreams and aspirations. It may sound outmoded to some in our otherwise so-called rational approach, how to go about in deciphering alchemical secrets and making them public property. Just the same, only harmony in thought and action will produce harmonious results. And that is an Alchemists Aim.

First find Peace and Contentment within you. Then set out on your fascinating and rewarding journey to the land of the Alchemists. No matter how far you travel, no matter how little you think that you have accomplished at your journeys end, rest assured it was more than worth your while. Much more! Your healthier outlook in life embodied in a healthier physical appearance will let Body, Soul and Mind become a Cosmic Salt, Sulphur and Mercury. Then it takes only the Master within you to join them in proper proportions to let you become actually a living Philosophers Stone, who can give and never be depleted; who can heal and provide spiritually, mentally AND physically.

(To be continued)



"I had once given me the fourth part of a grain — I call a grain that which takes 600 to make an ounce. I made projection therewith, wrapped in paper, upon eight ounces of Quicksilver, heated in a crucible, and immediately all the Quicksilver, having made a little noise, stopped and congealed into a yellow mass. Having melted it in a strong fire, I found within eleven grains of eight ounces of most pure gold, so that a grain of this powder would have transmuted into very good gold 19,156 grains of Quicksilver," so says Van Helmont. Anyone making such a statement is either a liar or an Alchemist. Never both. An Alchemist does not lie. A liar is no Alchemist.

THE ALCHEMISTS HANDBOOK

YOU HAVE ASKED FOR IT!

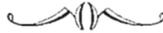
FOR NEARLY TWENTY YEARS the manuscript of the HANDBOOK FOR ALCHEMISTS has been withheld from the printer. Since a surprising number of requests for a practical outline pertaining to the laboratory Alchemy have reached us, it has been decided to publish 500 copies of this Handbook by the PARACELTUS RESEARCH SOCIETY for its subscribers. Please note that it deals with practical elementary aspects and NOT just its History and Romance. Read the following excerpt from the Appendix and see what you may expect:

"How well my memory brings back in such vivid pictures the scene, when, more than fifteen years ago, first the essence of copper, or its oil, as we Alchemists call it, was obtained. It was such a small quantity. But, how elated, how thankful one feels, when it proves before ones own eyes what previous studies indicated as possible. The test tube that contains it is still in my possession."

This book was written for the Neophytes and Zealators of Alchemy. Alchemical publications of value are printed in limited editions. For example, the Hermetic Museum in two large volumes consists of only 500 copies published originally at \$50.00, etc. This edition of the Alchemists Handbook is also limited. It will be known as the Rosicrucian-Masonic edition. It is a MUST for any student of Alchemy. The nominal price of \$2.00 per copy covers only partly the cost of printing and handling. This volume is the only exception where the P.R.S. is handling the purchase of a book, as it is published by it. If you would like your copy signed by the author:

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It seems that individuals who devoted their lives to the pursuit of truth and really tried to live an honest life, regardless how successful they were, are the ones that can enter into the Alchemists Sanctorum and are being helped, whereas those, that pride themselves with their knowledge and accomplishments, hardly even find the location where Adepts dwell; not to speak of recognizing them.



Only an honest person can ever be an Alchemist.



"Birds of a like feather, flock together." So do students of Alchemy.

HOW ABOUT DOING SOME RESEARCH?

OURS IS A DIFFICULT TASK. Many will be the critics about our alchemical research, considered by most an ancient science or art, long since superceded by modern chemistry. However these arguments may be interpreted the fact still remains, that the hidden teachings in the purposely concealed full-fledged science contain momentous formulas, especially in the medical field, that need to be decoded and made available to the medical profession.

It will do no one any good to remain sceptical toward alchemy. Only an unbiased and determined study and analytical research can help to set forth the claims made therein. If we find some formulas not workable by constant testing, then, at least, we know it by experience. Likewise, formulas that result in a partial success, leave hope for an eventual complete result, as outlined. These things we aim to know.

Truly, it is at times very trying to experiment over and over again under the impression to have followed an outline exactly, only to discover later, that the misinterpretation of a phrase or symbol has set us off in a wrong direction. Since this is part of any research work it must not give way to an ultimate discouragement.

In Alchemy this temptation is especially great. Read the statement about cancer on page 21 and you will at once realize that no effort can or must be spared to produce this medicament for the benefit of all. It takes more than just a few hands for this Herculean task. You, as subscriber to the BULLETINS, who may think yourself at times wholly lost in this work and absolutely unable to help in any kind of research are perhaps the most logical and wanted individual to do some work in this field, as your mind is not prejudiced against the seemingly contradictory statements to be encountered in this work. Not all of us can watch over the retorts and apparatus in the laboratory, but there are numerous tests and experiments that are of a comparatively simple nature, but highly important as to the results obtained, that YOU can perform.

Your help is urgently needed. The P.R.S. will supply you with the necessary data and items to be investigated, if you will contribute some spare moments of your time in daily intervals.

You can be a servant in this unselfish work, for the advancement of Humanity. The P.R.S. is presently not in a position to pay you for your help in these investigations, as it is a nonprofit institution and depends on the donations from groups and individuals to make the researches possible, because the P.R.S. is not going about publicly asking for funds. Altruistic individuals are helping to make this work possible, expecting no reward, but are rejoicing in the knowledge to have helped with either their time, money or equipment.

In a laboratory, equipment has to be replaced quite frequently and is expensive. But, please, remember above all: THE PARACELUSUS RESEARCH SOCIETY does not make any claims on having discovered, or is about to discover, any world-changing medical cures, etc. It does only under moderate circumstances and conditions quietly further the alchemical research and will turn over many of its available results that are permissible to be handed to others, such as university laboratories, for further evaluation. This statement for example is supported by over eighteen years of intensive alchemical study and research by just one individual on our research staff, who has produced very promising results, giving encouragement and further determination not to be daunted by uninformed critics.

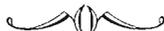
Therefore, if it is in your power to contribute some of your time, perhaps one-half to one hour every other day or so, contact the P.R.S. and state if you have a special field of interest, if any, where your latent talents can be most useful, or we shall offer you some, like the gathering of plants and minerals at specific times and under specific conditions, or the propagation of some plants, studying their behavior in various solutions, etc. etc. There remains an immense amount of varied and interesting research to be done, that you can do.

Help the P.R.S. in this work and further your own study and knowledge under individual guidance at no cost to you.

Become a researcher in the great and vast hermetic field. Help Humanity by erecting a bullwark of knowledge and understanding against ignorance and prejudice, by DOING something about it.



You can order The Alchemists Handbook only by pre-publication subscription. Human tendencies usually let us wait until someone else has taken the first step, so we can see for ourselves, only to let us experience the disappointment of having been too late. It is safe to predict that the HANDBOOK will be asking many times its pre-publication price in occult bookstores, as soon as it is available.



The alchemical way is the only known procedure by which all three essentials, Salt, Sulphur and Mercury can be separated and after separation be conjoint to produce a new and more potent remedy, than was formerly possible. Nature does NOT bring forth alchemical manifestations in this sense, as they can only be prepared in the Alchemists Laboratory.



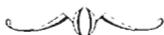
“To the Most High and Almighty God, the Creator of this Art, Whom it has pleased to reveal to me, wretched, sinful man (in answer to my prayer) this most precious knowledge, be eternal praise, glory, honour, and thanksgiving.” So speaks H. Madathanas. Would a truly pious person mock his Creator like this? That would be inconceivable. Could you do this? Willfully, in the name of Deity, thus lie?

CANCER?

FOUR SURGEONS believed the words of Basilius, how eager they would be to obtain this Balm of Antimony! And, indeed the author rather underrated the virtues of this remedy than otherwise, as I myself can testify. A woman of 40 years had for seven years suffered from a hard malignant swelling in her left breast. All the Doctors and Surgeons whom she consulted declared her case to be an aggravated case of cancer. A most celebrated physician said that the only means of cure was the amputation of the breast. To this doubtful and desperate course the woman would not consent, and, as a last resource, she came to me. I thought that, in an extreme instance like this, where one breast was twice as large as the other, and filled with cancerous matter, I might venture to employ the Balm of Antimony, even for a disease in which Basilius does not authorize its use. The upshot of the matter was that, in less than two months, the woman was restored to perfect health."

The above quotation is from the "*Triumphant Chariot of Antimony*" by Basilius Valentinus, in which Theodore Kerckring, M. D., of Holland, made the above annotation.

The question invariably arises: "If such a medication exists why is it being withheld? The answer to this YOU will have to find.



WHAT IS THE FIRE STONE?

Dr. T. Kerckring, quoted above also says: "As far as the heaven is from the earth, so far is the true Philosophers Stone from this Fire Stone. I confess that though I have found the Fire Stone, I have yet much to learn concerning the more potent tincture."

So much for one who claimed to have possessed it. Now, what does Basil Valentine say what it is? "But the Fire Stone is not an universal Tincture, like the Philosophers Stone, which is prepared from the essence of Gold. Our Fire Stone tinges silver into gold, and also perfects tin and lead, but does not transmute iron or copper, nor does it impart to them more than can be obtained by them from separation. One part of this tincture has no power to transmute more than five parts of any imperfect metal. The great Philosophers Stone, on the other hand, has infinite power of transmutation. Yet the precious metal produced by the Fire Stone is pure and solid gold."

The reader may begin to wonder, what difference there is if one substance can change baser metals into precious ones, as well as another. It shows how wonderful Nature provides the Alchemists with its various potentials, that begin to unfold as one delves into her secrets, but will to the uninitiated forever remain as "Mysteries."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTIONS APPEARING IN a present issue will be answered always in the following one. Inquiries, that are not to be publicly aired, will be answered by mail. Your subscription includes answering your correspondence pertaining to the subject matters published in the BULLETINS. To expedite replies, please enclose a self-addressed envelop. Questions will be answered by number only, never by name. You will recognize your own.

Answer to Question No. 1

Knowledge is gained only by experience. It is from this experience that we shall speak.

Answer to Question No. 2

The Sulphur is conjoint your extract. Distill in a waterbath your solvent and the sulphur will remain behind. Do not dry it completely of its moisture by distilling it to dryness. Your failure with the mineral is understandable, as you have not mastered the herbal process.

Answer to Question No. 3

We shall bring both, original and previously published material. The practical problems we shall help you to master by giving advice based on experience, as far as possible and permissible, depending on your state of advancement and accomplishments.

Answer to Question No. 4

You will be one of the many to welcome the Handbook for Alchemists.

Answer to Question No. 5

Yes, there is an English translation by Dr. Franz Hartman. A much better and more complete edition followed almost fifty years later and was published by the Aries Press in Chicago. No one can rightfully infringe upon another's belief. Our meeting is being arranged.

Answer to Question No. 6

Read answer No. 4. In due time you will make contacts. Be patient.

Answer to Question No. 7

In 1942 and 1943 a transmutation by the writer of these lines was attempted in a university laboratory. The result yielded a very small amount. If the formula is correct it will work. The partial failure was do to the one conducting the experiment. Thank you for the reminder.

Question No. 8

In BULLETIN No. 1, first quarter, that I borrowed from . . . concerning Alchemy, there is no reference to a water bath. Was there a reason for this? Also would you kindly send information on where to get the books you mention in the BULLETIN? Especially the works of Paracelsus.

Question No. 9

I had to look up so many words and some I couldn't find in the dictionary and I would not know how to begin to make two holes in a cork and get and make all the things needed. But I would be glad to work and share expenses with someone who would understand what to do and how to follow directions — that is if there is anyone here in Indianapolis who subscribed and if you could put us in touch with each other.

Question No. 10

. . . as I am definately a beginner in Alchemy I would like a book on elementary lines, if possible. Also would you please tell me where I can get the Melissa you mentioned in your BULLETIN, at this time of the year?

Question No. 11

Is it necessary to know about Astrology to do alchemical work?

Question No. 12

How does the Cabala fit into Alchemy? Are they not two distinct subjects?

Question No. 13

Why is there so little known about Alchemists and those studying it. It seems that a lot of people are interested in it, but seem to have a hard time getting acquainted with someone who really knows something about it.

Question No. 14

Do you know of anybody who has the Philosophers Stone?

MANLY P. HALL



THE NAME MANLY PALMER HALL indicates a life devoted to the researches in the great realm of Philosophy. Its various phases of manifestation, since time immemorable, under names such as Metaphysics, Occultism, and its countless sideline offsprings, have found in Manly P. Hall a champion to erase the prevailing scepticism toward the esoteric teachings of individuals claiming greater insight into the workings of the Cosmic All.

Manly P. Hall's works deserve mentioning and support, as his many-sided expoundations of the various esoteric and philosophic schools and theories have helped tremendously to widen the outlook in life for countless individuals.

Equally well has his personality found response from the rostrum as lecturer, and gave many a thirsting soul from the fountain of mental youth to drink.

Towering over the generous output of his publications, like a monument in a desert, is his monumental work "Encyclopaedic Outline." (The secret teachings of all ages.)

This work, should all his others perish, will remain a classic in the history of Philosophic Publications.

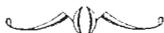
Divine providence will, no doubt, assure him his niche in the Cosmic Hall of Fame as a champion for the liberation of the human mind from ancient and still prevailing superstition.

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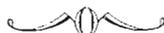
REPEATEDLY HAVE we been approached with the question: "How shall we send the two dollars American Money? We are in the Sterling Aerea." The only answer that can presently be given is to send it by International Money Order through your Government Agency. From England, Australia and New Zealand Money Orders have been received and redeemed here without difficulty. Should it cause a subscriber any hardships, due to loss of time and money to remit the amount, notify the Society and your subscription will be marked paid.



THIS SPECIAL BULLETIN

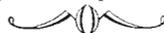
THIS SPECIAL BULLETIN containing the Alchemistical Manifesto is intended for all those interested in the Hermetic work. It may be circulated freely among the subscribers sincere friends and acquaintances who are sufficiently interested in the Alchemical work but do not have any other opportunity to get some information on the subject-matter. Contrary to the other Alchemical Laboratory Bulletins, that shall remain the private property of the subscriber and not be circulated, is this exception made public.

This present issue will not take the place of the regular quarterly Bulletin.



NOTE TO RESEARCHERS

THOSE OF YOU who have written in and asked what they can do to help with the research work, please take notice that a list is being prepared and will be mailed to those interested, containing an outline of the various fields under consideration. It will take a little while longer to get the topics detailed and ready for mailing. Your patience is appreciated.



THE ALCHEMIST'S HANDBOOK

THE HANDBOOK is PRESENTLY being mailed. Please note again that it is a special issue of 500 copies printed exclusively for the subscribers to the Alchemical Laboratory Bulletins. The size and paper are the same as the Bulletins to make it possible for those, who so desire, to have them bound, later on, together for easy references.

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ALCHEMISTICAL MANIFESTO 1960

WHEREAS THE TERM Alchemy is associated by most people solely with the Philosophers Stone and the making of Gold, it becomes necessary to correct this false notion. Alchemy, as such, covers an enormous territory and consists of the raising of the vibrations. This varied and manifold manifestation is the outcome of profound study and contemplation. Since only few, among the millions of people inhabiting our globe, are actively engaged in the alchemical work, it becomes obvious that a correct approach to this subject has to be considered.

The immense scope of alchemical investigations make it difficult to understand why so few are actively engaged in it, as its manifestations are of such tremendously importance that it transcends the common belief of the casual observer.

In former ages Alchemists concealed themselves in damp cellars and sweltering garrets. Their hideaways were hard to detect. Likewise, was their way of communication with their brother and sister Adepts of a symbolic and hidden nature. All this and similar occurrences became necessary because of the then prevailing circumstances.

In this new cycle of Alchemical awakening it likewise becomes essential to commence cautiously our work, while making contact with those of like mind and aspirations, that may have been laying dormant for many years and are, most likely, antedating this incarnation.

To forestall any misunderstandings the following will be of importance and answer many, if not most, questions, that are presently obscure. Among the most prevailing are the following:

Why do the Alchemists of the Paracelsus Research Society give no Street Address and only give a Post Office Box Number?

Why does it not give the names of those representing or governing the Society?

Why are there no memberships.

Why are Bulletins received by individuals who have hardly done anything of an alchemical nature, in the laboratory sense?

The answers to the above asked questions can be stated as follows:

The present quarters of the Paracelsus Research Society are moderate and, like in former times, are not desired to be known by the general public, for the identical reasons, as in ages gone by. As stated in the first Bulletin issued in this dispensation, no publicity is desired. It would do no good and only misrepresent in due time the work of the Society.

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