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## PREFACE.

THE pseudo-science of Alchemy, with its attracfive goals, its mystical associations, unprincipled charlatanism, and its honest self-deception, forms a fascinating chapter in the history of intellectual aberrations. Regarded as a phase of chemical science, to which it made prodigious contributions, students of chemical history find it an attractive field of research, and not a few chemical bibliophiles treasure the extraordinary literature born of a search for the Philosopher's Stone and the Elixir of Life. This literature, once so voluminous (a trade catalogue of 1868 contains 2500 numbers), is rapidly becoming scarcer, especially in the more desirable works.

The volumes exhibited have been selected by their owner from his private collection, numbering about two hundred and fifty volumes on Alchemy and seven hundred volumes on Chemistry (not comprising periodicals). To Grolierites they will look rather unattractive in the original and inferior bindings, but many are curiously illustrated, and some are interesting for their very poverty. The Catalogue has been very carefully prepared with technical accuracy, but economic reasons compelled short titles. Bibliographical and explanatory notes have been appended to the titles, in hopes of making the list more serviceable to non-professional readers. The editor alone is responsible for the data and the comments.



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> I $A$ C VOM STEIN DER WEISEN. A 4 Th. in 1 vol. [xi]-7-318-[i]; 348, 100; 299; 325-64-[iii] pp. P1. ${ }^{12}{ }^{\circ}$. Berlin, 1782

Dedication signed by C. U. Ringmacher. Contains seventy-three alchemical treatises, some in brief abstracts or extracts.

2 AGRICOLA, GEORGE. De re metalA lica libri xii. . . eiusdem de animantibus subterraneis liber. [x]-502[lxxiv] pp. Il. Sm. fo. Basileæ, ${ }^{5} 556$

The first edition was published at Basel in 1546; others followed in 1556, 1558, 156I, 1571, etc. Noted for its numerous interesting engravings of mining operations.

## 3 LBERTUS MAGNUS. Philosophie A naturalis Isagoge. . . lxxvi ff. Pl. Sm. $4^{\text {o }}$ [Colophon:] Vienne, 1514

Albert de Bollstadt, Bishop of Ratisbon, was the first German author on alchemy. His "Opera omnia," edited by Petrus Jammy, Leyden, 1651, occupy no less than 21 folio volumes, chiefly theological.

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4 [ $A \underset{\text { Chymische }}{\text { NDREÄ }}$ JOHANN VALENTIN.] A Chymische Hochzeit Christiani Rosencreütz, anno 1459 . . 143 pp. 180. Strassburg, 1616
For bibliographical notes and an English translation see A. E. Waite's "Real History of the Rosicrucians," London, 1887. The whole Rosicrucian controversy is said to center in this work.
$5 \mathrm{~A}^{\text {RTIS AURIFER } A \text { QUMM }}$ CHEMI525 pp. ${ }^{60}$. Basileæ, 1593

Contains 35 treatises. The first edition was published 1572. A German translation by Phillip Morgenstern was published at Basel in $\mathbf{x} 6 \mathrm{I}_{3}$, under the title: "Turba Philosophorum, das ist das Buch von der guildinen Kunst."

${ }^{6}$ ASHMOLE, ELIAS. The Way to Bliss, in Three Books. [vi]-220 pp. Sm. $4^{\circ}$. and doth beget and purchase it of nothing," theoretically anticipating modern doctrines. Book III, Chap. II, treats of the Philosopher's Stone.

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SHMOLE, ELIAS. Theatrum Chemicum Britannicum; containing poeticall pieces of our famous English philosophers who have written the Hermetique mysteries in their owne ancient language; with annotations. The first part. [xvi]-486-[viii] pp. Pl. Sm. $4^{\circ}$. London, 1652
Contains inserted portrait of Ashmole. Part II was never issued. Lenglet Du Fresnoy says of Ashmole: "Il avoit cette folie en tête sans peut-etre la pratiquer, ou du moins sans y reussir." Ashmole was the well-known English antiquary who founded the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

8 RARCHUSEN, JOHANN CONRAD. PyROSOPHIA, SUCCINCTE IATROCHEMIAM, rem metallicam et chrysopgiam pervestigans . . . [xvi]-470 pp. Pl. Sm. $4^{\circ}$. . Lugduni Batavorum, 1698

Barchusen, b. 1666, d. 1732, was professor of medicine and chemistry at Utrecht.
"Pyrosophia" has been supposed to be the first work in which the word afinity occurs, but Kopp shows it was used by Albertus Magnus. Lenglet Du Fresnoy says of this work: "La seconde et la troisième partie de cet ouvrage . .. sont très curieuses et méritent d'étre lues. L'auteur qui étoit habile ne disconvient pas de la transmutation des métaux."

9 [BARRETT, FRANCIS.] The. Lives of Alchemystical Philosophers, with a Catalogue of Books in Occult Chemistry and a Selection of . . . Celebrated Treatises . . . of the Hermetic Art. $384-$ [ii] pp. $8^{\circ}$. London, 18 x 5
Rare and much sought. The first part, revised and extended, was reprinted in 1888, by A. E. Waite, London. The bibliography is unsatisfactory, giving only one-line titles.
ıo Rasilius valentinus. Chymische Schriften . . . in drey Theile; samt . . . dem Leben des Basilii von B. N. Petraeo. 6. ed. [clviii] - 1133 - [clv] pp. Portrait. 160. Leipzig, ${ }^{1769}$
Notwithstanding the many works ascribed to this famous German alchemist, doubts are expressed as to his existence. The first edition of this collection by Petraeus was published at Hamburg in 1717. The earliest Latin collected works bear date 1700 , also at Hamburg. For numerous German editions, see Schmieder.
in Basilius valentinus. Triumphant Chariot of Antimony, with annotations of Theodore Kirkringius. With the true book of Synesius, concerning the Philosopher's Stone. [xvi]- 176 pp. $12^{\circ}$. London, 1678

The Latin version was published at Amsterdam in 167x, in 12 ?

12 BECHER, JOHANN JOACHIM. Chymischer Glücks-Hafen ; oder, Grosse chymische Concordantz und Collection von 1500 chymischen Processen. [viii]-810[xxxv] pp. Sm. $4^{\circ}$. Franckfurt, 1682
A large collection of chemical recipes by a noted German physician and alchemist. Becher and Stahl introduced the theory of phlogiston into chemical science.
$13 \mathrm{~B}_{\text {mische }}^{\text {ERNARDUS TRFTEN von dem Gebenedey- }}$ ten Stein der Weisen ; aus dem Lateinischen ins Teutsche übersetzet mit des Herrn Joachim Tanckens Anmerckungen, ans Liecht gestellet durch Caspar Horn.

Contains also: Dicta Alani ; and Metallurgia, von einem Philosopho hermetico, beschrieben und publiciret durch J. Tanckium. [lxxxxviii]-390-[iv] pp. Pl. I2 $^{\circ}$.

Nürnberg, 1747
Bernardo, Count of Treviso, b. 1406, d. 1490, is also called Trevirensis, but erroneously. The first edition of his "Opera" appeared at Antwerp in 1565, in French. The first in German was issued at Strassburg, I574.

14 Berthelot, m., and RUELLE, C. E. Collection des anciens Alchimistes grecs. [Greek and French.] 2 vols. xxviii -268, 1-429; 1-459 pp. II. $4^{\circ}$.

Paris, 1887-88
The very earliest chemical treatises in the original (and in French) are here reproduced for the first time, by the distinguished editors. An invaluable contribution to the history and bibliography of chemistry. Only 150 copies printed, of which this is No. ${ }^{3}$.

15 BEUTHER, DAVID. Universal und Particularia, worin die Verwandelung geringer Metalle in Gold und Silber klahr gelehret wird . . . nebst einer Vorrede J. C. Sprögels. [xxx]-140-[iv] pp. Pl. $12{ }^{\circ}$.

Hamburg, 1718
Beuther was alchemist to Elector Augustus of Saxony, I575 to I582. His adventures, imprisonment, and suicide are graphically told by Kunkel and by Wiegleb.

16 BOERHAAVE, HERMANN. A New Method of Chemistry . . . translated by P. Shaw and E. Chambers. xvi-383-335[xliii] pp. Pl. $4^{\circ}$.

London, 1727
Translated from the Latin edition of I724, issued surreptitiously, and repudiated by Boerhaave, who published an authentic work in 1732, in two volumes.

16a $\mathrm{B}_{\text {ORTHAAVE, }}^{\text {OERMANN. A New }}$ from the original Latin of Dr. Boerhaave's Elementa Chemie as published by himself. By Peter Shaw. 2 vols., xxx-593; [i]-$410-[x x x v i i]$ pp. Pl. $4^{\circ}$. Third edition. London, 1753
A translation of the authentic edition.

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17 BOLTON, HENRY CARRINGTON. matics. 44 pp. Pl. $4^{\circ}$. New-York, 1890

Read before the N. Y. Numismatic and Archæological Society, Dec. 5, 1889. 175 copies printed.

## 18 ROLTON, HENRY CARRINGTON. Priestley Memorial Scrapbook.

 New-York, 1875This contains historical records of the Centennial celebration of Priestley's discovery of oxygen, held at Northumberland, Pa., Aug. x, 1874 . It comprises newspaper cuttings, autograph letters of chemists, broadsides, autographs of chemists attending the meeting, printed proceedings from the American Chemist, photographs of scenes in Northumberland, of the assembled chemists, of Priestley's house, apparatus, portrait, etc.

19 [BONUS, PETRUS.] Pretiosa Margarita novella de Thesauro, ac pretiosissimo Philosophorum Lapide . . . Collectanea ex Arnaldo, Rhaymundo . . . per Ianum Lacinium nunc primum edita. [xx]-202-[xv] ff. Il. $12^{\circ}$.
[Apud Aldi filios, Venetiis,] 546
The "Pretiosa Margarita novella," was written about 1330 by Petrus Bonus of Ferrara. Cf. Lacinius, Janus.

20 BOREL, PIERRE. Bibliotheca chimica; seu, Catalogus librorum philosophicorum hermeticorum . . . [xii]-276 pp. $3^{2}$. Parisis, 1654
The first extensive catalogue of chemical books, containing, as Borel claims, the names of 4000 authors, but very incomplete and unsatisfactory.

21 BOULTON, SAMUEL. Medicina magica Physick . . [viii]-195 pp. ${ }^{120}$.

London, 1656
The preface is signed Samuel Bolton. The work treats of cures by sympathy, rather than of alchemy.

22 [B OYle, RObert.] The Sceptical Chymist; or, Chymico-physical Doubts and Paradoxes . . . Subjoyn'd Experiments and Notes about the Producibleness of Chymical Principles. [xxi]-440-[xxvii]-268 pp. 160.

Oxford, 1680
First edition was published in 166r. This is the first clear statement of the molecular or atomic idea in chemical philosophy, and is by the distinguished Irish experimental philosopher.

23 BOyle, robert. The Works of Robert Boyle, epitomized by Richard Boulton. 4 vols., $\mathrm{I}^{\mathrm{O}}: \mathrm{I}$, [xxviii]-482-[xii] pp. Portrait and 8 Pl . ; II, $[\mathrm{x}]-523-[\mathrm{ix}]$ pp. 7 Pl. ; III, [xiv]- 552 -[viii] pp. 5 Pl.; IV, [xii] -365 - [vii]- 122 pp . London, $1699-1700$
The importance of Boyle's discoveries and the diffuseness of his style led to the issue of two abridged editions of his collected works, the above, and a subsequent one by Peter Shaw, in 3 vols. 4to., London, 1725. Boyle's complete works, edited by Birch, were published in 5 vols. folio, London, 1744.
${ }^{24}$ B RUNSCHWICK, IHERONIMUS. LIber de arte distillandi de composiris ... [i]-344-[vi] ff. Plates. Folio. [Colophon:]

Strassburg, 1512
The first edition was published in 1500 ; an English translation by Laurence Andrew was published at London in 1527, in folio.

25 Clavier DU Plessis. Mytho-Hermetisches Archiv. Ein periodisches Werk. Aus dem Französischen. Erster Band. 160-32 pp. 180.

Gotha, 1780
This periodical devoted to alchemy died with the first number.

CAMBRIEL, L. P. F. Cours de philoSOPHIE HERMÉTIQUE OU D'ALCHIMIE . . . 215 pp . Pl. $12{ }^{\circ}$.

Paris, 1843
The author claims to teach the secrets of transmutation in nineteen lessons, and offers a premium of 25,000 francs for each iooo francs loaned him toward completing his discovery. His address in Paris is Judas street !

27 ... CHYMICA VANNUS . . . inventa .... PER MYSTERIARCHAM MERCURIUM vELUT VIOCURIUM, SEU MEDICURIUM . . 292 -[ii] $-76-[\mathrm{i}]$ Pp. Sm. $4^{\circ}$. Amstelodami, 1666
The 76 pages at the end contain, by the same author, Commentatio de Pharmaco catholico . . . a sermonismo in Latinismum trajecta. C Lumen novum Phosphoris accensum; sive, Exercitatio physico-chymica de causa lucis in Phosphoris. . . [xxvi]-306-[xviii] pp. Pl. $24^{\circ}$. Engraved title-page.

Amstelodami, 1717
An early work on phosphorescence, with several interesting plates, by a physician of Münster, b. 1665, d. 1750. tion of ten Treatises in Chymistry, concerning the Liquor Alkahest, the Mercury of Philosophers. . . . 193-32-16 pp. $12^{\circ}$. London, 1684
Contains essays by Eir. Philaletha, Anonymus, J. B. Van Helmont, Fr. Antonie, Bern-
hard, Earl of Trevisan, Sir Geo. Ripley, Rog. Bacon, Geo. Starkey, and Sir Hugh Platt; also the Tomb of Semiramis.

> Appended is George Starkey's " Pill Vindicated." See WILSON, GEORGE. cal Epitaph of William Cooper. Also, A Brief of the Golden Calf (The World's Idol), by J. F. Helvetius. And the Golden Ass well managed, and Midas restor'd to Reason, by J. R. Glauber. With Jehior, or the Day-Dawning, or Light of Wisdом. With a Catalogue of Chymical Books. [xvii]-16-[vi]-[x]-4r-[xi]-36-56-[xviii] $-78-[v]$-[lxxxvii] pp. Pl. $18 \circ$.

London, 1673
Engraved title. The date of the catalogue is $\mathbf{r} 645$.

Helvetius's "Vitulus Aureus" was published at Amsterdam in 1667. The story of the conversion of this Dutch physician to a belief in transmutation is very entertaining. Cooper's bibliography is not without value.

3 I CROLL, osWald. Hermetischer Probier Stein. . . . von Johann Hartmann. Neben angehengten Crollischen Tractätlein von den innerlichen Signaturen oder Zeichen aller Dinge und dem Hermetischen Wunderbaum ins Teutsche versetzet. [viii]-392[ xvi$]-6 \mathrm{r}-[\mathrm{x}]-83 \mathrm{pp}$. Il. Pl. Sm. 4 O . Frankfurt am Mayn, 1647
The engraved title-page reads: Basilica chymica, oder Alchÿmistisch königlich Kleynod . . . The half-title: Chymisch Kleynod... First edition was published in 1608.

${ }^{3} \mathrm{C}$ROLL, OSWALD. Bazilica Chymica et Praxis Chymiatrice; or Royal and Practical Chemistry. In three Treatises. . . . being a translation of Oswald Crollius his Royal Chymistry . . . by John Hartman. . . . Signatures of Internal Things. . . . The Practice of Chymistry by John Hartman. [vi] -180-[xvi]-37-[xi]- $186-[x i x]$ pp. Sm. folio. London, 1670

Croll was a follower of Paracelsus, and introduced several medicirres useful to the physician.

DaLton, jOHN. A New System of Chemical Philosophy. 2 parts: vi, [i]220 ; viii, from $22 \mathrm{I}-560 \mathrm{pp}$. Pl. 80. Manchester [and] London, 1808-ro
An epoch-making work in which the immortal author established the atomic theory of chemistry.

One dialogue gives the opinions of Geber, and the other gives those of Raymondus Lullius.

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DONATO D'EREMITA (Fra). Dell' Elixir Vite. Libri quattro. [xii]- 182 pp. 19 pl. Sm. folio. Napoli, 1624

Two copies; with one is bound:

DONATO D'EREMITA (Fra). Antidotario. Diviso in libri tre. [vi]-142 pp. Il. Sm. folio. Napoli, 1639
Very little seems to be known of this author. He is not mentioned by Schmieder, Borel, Kopp's Geschichte, Kopp's Alchemie, Hoefer, Gmelin, Roth-Scholtz, or Fuchs. Lenglet Du Fresnoy catalogues only the Elixir Vitæ, and adds: "On voit que jusques à ces derniers temps, les Religieux ne sont pas difficulté de se mêler de la science

Hermétique. Et il vaut mieux qu'ils s'y appliquent que de faire d'autres choses, qui ne leur conviennent pas.' Vol. III, p. I47. Of the Antidotario only one Book was published.

${ }^{36} \mathrm{D}$REBBEL, CORNELIUS. Grondige oplossinge van de natuur en eygenschappen der elementen . . .; als mede een klare beschryving van de quinta essentia ... 24-108 pp. Pl. $24^{\circ}$. Amsteldam, $173^{2}$

The engraved title-page is dated 1709. Contains a woodcut and description of an experiment that has caused the author to be erroneously credited with the invention of the thermometer. The first edition in Latin was published in 1621 .

${ }^{31} \mathrm{D}$UVAL, ROBERT [ROBERTUS VALLENSIS]. De veritate et antiqviTATE ARTIS CHEMICA ET PULVERIS. . . . 46 pp. r60. Lugduni-Batavorum, 1593

The FIRST history of chemistry. The first edition was published at Paris in 156r. Professor John Ferguson, of Glasgow, published in 1886 a critical bibliography of Duval, noted for accurate and profound scholarship.

This copy of Duval's work has bound with it :

DE TRANSFIGURATIONE METALLORVM . . . Libellus, Morieno RoMANO . . . Accessit . . . XPYZOPPHMRN, sive de arte chymica dialogus. 79 pp .160. Hanoviæ ad Mœnum, 1593
This edition of Morienus is unknown to Professor Ferguson. CHYMIA . . . [xxiv]-424 pp. $12{ }^{\circ}$. Two copies. Tübingen, $173^{\circ}$
An anecdotal history of transmutations. The author conceals his name in the motto : Victrix Fortunæ SaPientia. IB*

ELEAZAR, ABRAHAM. Uraltes chymisches Werk . . . nebst zugehörigen Kupffern, Figuren, Gefässen, Oefen . . . wie auch beygefügten Schlüssel. In II Theilen. [xxx]-122-[xvi]-87-[xxvii] pp. 12 ${ }^{\circ}$. Pl. Erfurt, 1735
Hermann Kopp, the eminent historian of alchemy, states he has never seen this (first) edition. Part II. has the title: Donum Dei Samuelis Baruch.

FICTULD, HERMANN. DER LÄNGSt GEWÜNSCHTE UND VERSPROCHENE CHY-misch-philosophische Probier-Stein, auf welchem sowohl der wahrhafften hermetischen Adeptorum als der verführischen und betrügerischen Sophisten Schrifften sind probirt . . . und beschrieben in zweyen Classen. . . . 2 pts . in 1 vol. $170,17 \mathrm{xpp} .122^{\circ}$.

Franckfort und Leipzig, 1753
The author divides all chemical writers into adepts (who know the secrets of transmutation) and sophisters (who only pretend to this art) ; alphabetizing under each head.

41 Flamel, nicolas. Histoire critique de Flamel, et de Pernelle sa femme; par M. L. V. . . . [Villain.] [xii]-403-[iv] pp. Pl. $122^{\circ}$.

Paris, 1761
Portrait inserted. The author makes a critical examination of original documents, and shows the baselessness of the claims made by alchemists regarding Flamel.

${ }^{42}$ [FUCHS, G. F. C.] Repertorium der chemischen Litteratur von 494 vor Christi Geburt bis r806 in chronologischer Ordnung. 2 Bd .: viii-648 pp.; vi-694 pp. $12^{\circ}$. Jena und Leipzig, r806-rı.
Was completed only to $\mathbf{x} 799$ inclusive. Vol. II. contains no Index.

GEBER. Works, faithfully Englished by R[ichard] R[ussell]. [xvi]-302 pp. $12{ }^{\circ}$. London, 1678
Geber, properly Abu-Mussa-Djafar al Sofi, was an Arabian physician of the eighth century. His Arabic manuscripts are preserved in Leyden, Paris, and Rome. The first Latin versions were published at Strassburg, r529, in folio; Bern, 1545, 4to, etc. His small treatises are found in many modern languages and numerous editions.
LAUBER, JOHANN RUDOLPH.
WORKS, CONTAINING GREAT vARIETY OF choice secrets in Medicine and Alchymy. - . . translated into English by C. Packe. [xii]-440-[iv]-220-92-[xi] pp. Plates. Folio. London, 1689
The distinguished discoverer of Glauber's salts left more than forty treatises, some of which were collected and published in German in 1656 and 166r. Tripartita; das ist, Sechs herrliche teutsche philosophische Tractätlein, durch H. C. D. [D. Hermannus Condeesyanus.] 87 -150 pp . Pl. $12^{\circ}$. Franckfurt am Mayn, 1625

The 6 tracts are: ${ }^{1}$ An anonymous work, "Vom philosophischen Steine"; ${ }^{2}$ Henr. Madathanus "Aureum Seculum redivivum"; ${ }^{3}$ Vier Tractätlein, Bas. Valentini; 4 Lampert Spring's "Lambspring" ; ${ }^{5}$ An anonymous tract of 1423 ; 6 The anonymous "Liber Alze."

The publisher, L. Jennis, issues with this: " HermeticoSpagyrisches Lustgärtlein," containing 6 pp . of text, and 14 folded plates, on 10 of which are about 160 chemical emblems, first published in J. D. Mylius's "Opus Medicochymicum." Two copies of the latter. nova (ut vocantur) Magdeburgica de vacuo spatio . . . nunc perfectiùs edita [xiv]-244-[v] pp. Portrait and Plates. Folio. Amstelodami, 1672
This well-known work contains cuts of the air-pump and of the friction electrical machine invented by the author, a burgomaster of Magdeburg.

GUYTON DE MORVEAU, LOUIS BERchimique, proposée par MM. de Morveau, Lavoisier, Berthollet, et de Fourcroy; on y a joint un nouveau système de caractères chimiques, par MM. Hassenfratz et Adet. [iii] -314 pp . Pl. 80. Paris, 1787

The corner-stone of modern chemical terminology.
48 Hales, (Rev.) stephen. Vegetable Staticks; or, an Account of Statical Experiments on the Sap in Vegetables . . . Also, a Specimen of an Attempt to Analyze the Air. . . . [vii]-[ix]-376 pp. Pl. $122^{\circ}$.

London, 1727
A remarkable contribution to the chemistry of the atmosphere before the days of Black, Priestley, and their contemporaries, by a divine and botanist.

49 HELVETIUS, J. F. [Ger. Schweitzer.] Theatridium Herculis triumphantis; ofte kleyn Schouwtoonel van den triumpherenden Hercules. . . . [xvi]- 199 pp. Portrait. $12{ }^{\circ}$. 's Graven-Hage, $\mathbf{1 6 6 3}$
A work by the Dutch physician who afterwards became a zealous alchemist and author of "Vitulus aureus." Cf. Cooper, William.

50 HOFFMANN, JOHANN MORITZ. Acta H Laboratorii chemici Altdorfini. . . . [iv]-288-54-[xiv] pp. Portrait. Sm. $4^{\circ}$. Norimbergæ et Altdorfii, 1719
The two appendices are entitled: Auctuarium and Laboratorium novum chemicum.

Probably the first work issued from a chemical laboratory and dealing with experiments conducted therein.
${ }^{51} \mathrm{H}_{\text {OLAND, }}^{\text {OLLANAN ISAAK. SAMm- }}$ Auflage. . . [ $[\mathrm{xvi}]-762 \mathrm{pp}$. Plates. $12{ }^{\circ}$. Wien, 1773
Schmieder says Johann and Isaac were father and son. They lived in the fifteenth century, and are accounted successful adepts in transmutation. CUM; cum obscuriorum verborum et rerum hermeticarum . . . planam explicationem continens. [xvi]-250 pp. 160 . London, 1652

The first edition. Reprinted in Manget's " Bibliotheca chemica curiosa," 1702. Not so full as Martin Ruland's lexicon, q.v.

${ }^{53} \mathrm{~K}$RIEGSMANN, WILHELM CHRISTOPH. Taaut, oder Ausslegung der chymischen Zeichen . . . [iv]-75-[iv] pp. Plates. 180.

Franckfurt, 1665
Bound with Andreä's " Chymische Hochzeit."

LaCINIUS, JANUS [of Calabria]. Pretiosa Margarita, oder neu-erfundene röstliche Perle, von dem . . . Stein der Weisen. . . . in das Teutsche übersetzet von Wollfgang Georg Stollen. [xxiv]-468[xxxvi] pp. Sm. $4^{\circ}$. Il. Leipzig, 1714 A German version of No. 19.

55 L AVOISIER, ANTOINE LAURENT. 2 pts. in I vol. [i]-xxx -[i] $-43^{6} \mathrm{pp}$. Plates. 80.

Paris, 1774
Published in the year that Priestley discovered oxygen, and gives a historical summary of the chemical knowledge of gases to that date by a master-hand.

$5^{6}$ LAVOISIER, ANTOINE LAURENT. Tratte elementaire de chimie. 2 vols. xliv-322; viii-from 323 to 653 -[ii] pp. Folding plates. 80 . Paris, 1789
[Le même.] $2^{\circ}$ édition. 2 vols.: xliv- 322 ; viii -33 r pp. Folding plates. 80.

Paris, 1793
The first text-book presenting the French systematic nomenclature, and abandoning the phlogistic theory. from 557 to $1216-[\mathrm{xxi}] \mathrm{pp} . \quad 24^{\circ}$.

Leyde, 1669
Also with engraved title-pages. The first edition was issued in 1660. Lefebvre was demonstrator of chemistry at the Jardin des Plantes. His work is logical, systematic, and free from affectation of mystery.
$5^{8}$ L EMERY, NICOLAS. A Course of lated by Walter Harris. [xxxiv]-323-[xv]-[xv]-140-[xii] pp. $\mathrm{I}_{2}{ }^{\circ}$. London, 1680.

The title-page to "A Course of Chymistry" is dated 1677 .

A translation of the first edition of Lemery's " Cours de Chymie," 1675 . This work went through fourteen editions in French, and was] translated into German, Italian, and Spanish.

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[] ENGLET DU FRESNOY, NICOLE.]
Histoire de la philosophie hermetique, accompagnée d'un catalogue raisonné des écrivains de cette science . . . 3 vols. xxiii-506; xxxii-120-360; xxii-432 pp. $12{ }^{\circ}$.

Paris, 1742
Portrait inserted.
This credulous author includes among the alchemists, the sons of Noah, Moses, Cleopatra, and Caligula. The
bibliography is nevertheless useful, comprising one thousand authors; his notes are often amusing. For his life and writings, see Michault, J. B.
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LERMINA, JULES [Editor]. CollecTION D'OUVRAGES RELATIFS AUX SCIENCES hermetioues: L'or et la transmutation des métaux, par G. T. Tiffereau. Mémoires et conférences précédés de Paracelse et l'alchimie au $16^{6}$ siècle, par M. Franck. ix- 182 [i] pp. ${ }^{12}{ }^{\circ}$. Paris, I 889

Tiffereau's extraordinary claim to transmutation first appeared at Paris in 1855.

${ }^{61}$ LL Aichymia, recogibitu, ANDREAS. AUCTA ...[xx]- 196 -[xii]-[x]-402-192[x] pp. Il. Folio. Francofurti, 1606

The first edition was dated 1595. This has been called the First Text-book of Chemistry. It contains, however, a chapter on the philosopher's stone.

62 IBER MUTUS. [i]-43 pp. 17 Plates. Sm. $4^{0}$. N. p. n. d. Manuscript.
The fifteen engraved plates of the "Liber Mutus," in this French manuscript colored by hand, were first published by Denis Tolle, of Rochelle, 1677 , and were the work of Jacob Saulat Démarets, who anagrammatized his name as Altus. The fifteen plates pretend to portray the secrets of transmutation, but are intelligible only to adepts.

Pages 7-43 contain: "Description du fourneau ou Athanor philosophique," with two plates.
This neatly written manuscript dates probably about the close of last century.
${ }^{6} \mathrm{~L}$ ULLIUS, RAYMONDUS. Arbor Scientie. [iv]-68i-[xix] pp. Pl. Sm. $4^{\circ}$. [Lugdunum,] 1515
Lully is credited with five hundred writings, of which only a small number treat of alchemy. Schmieder catalogues twenty-five regarded by him as genuine.

64 ULLIUS, RAYMONDUS. Codicillus L seu Vade mecum quo fontes alchimica artis ac philosophix reconditioris traduntur. $2 \mathrm{~d} \mathrm{ed} .248 \mathrm{pp} .{ }^{12}{ }^{\circ}$. Coloniæ, $\mathbf{r 5 7 2}^{2}$

Lully's Last Testament was greatly valued by the alchemists for centuries. It passed through many editions.

65 U ULLiUS, RAIMONDUS. La ClaviL cule, ou La Science de Lulli; avec toutes les figures de rhétorique, par le Sieur Jacob; et la vie [de] Lulli par M. Colletet. [xxix]-252-[iv] pp. ${ }_{2}{ }^{\circ}$. Paris, [r646]

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67 MaIER, MICHAEL. Atalanta fugiens; hoc est, Emblemata nova de secretis naturæ chymica . . . figuris cupro incisis, adjectisque sententiis . . . plus minus 50 fugis musicalibus trium vocum . . . 2 II - [iii] pp. Sm. $4^{\circ}$. Oppenheimii, 1618

Republished in 1687 , but without the music, under the title "Scrutinium chymicum."

${ }^{68}$ MAIER, MICHAEL. Scrutinium chymICUM . . . iterata vice . . . depromtum. [vi]- 150 pp. Il. Sm. $4^{\circ}$.

Francofurti, 1687
A reissue of " Atalanta fugiens," but omitting the music.

69 MAIER, MICHAEL. Chymisches Cabinet derer grossen Geheimnussen der Natur durch Kupfferstiche und Emblemata . . . in das Hochteutsche übersetzet von G. A. K. . . . [iv]- 153 pp. Il. Sm. $4^{\circ}$. Franckfurt, 1708 A German version of "Scrutinium Chymicum " (No.68).
70 MaiEr, MICHAEL. Arcana arcanissima; hoc est, Hieroglyphica ÆgyptioGreca . . . ad demonstrandam falsorum apud antiquos deorum . . . originem ... [xii] $-285-[\mathrm{xiv}]$ pp. Sm. $4^{\circ}$. S. 1. [r614 ?] Lenglet Du Fresnoy says of this: "Très rare, très curieux, et recherché des amateurs."

${ }^{71} \mathrm{M}$AIER, MICHAEL. Symbola aureex mense duodecim nationum; hoc est, Hermæa, seu Mercurii festa ab heroibus duodenis selectis artis chymicæ usu, sapientia et authoritate paribus celebrata $\ldots$. xx$]-621-$ [xlii]pp. Il. Portrait. Sm. $4^{\circ}$. Francofurti, 1617
72 Maier, miChaEl. Tripus aureus; hoc est, Tres tractatus chymici, nempe, I. Basilii Valentini Practica . . . ex Germanico; II. Thomæ Nortoni Crede mihi seu Ordinale in Latinum translatum; III. Cremeri Testamentum . . . 196 pp. Portrait. II. Sm. $4^{\circ}$. Francofurti, 1618 Norton's "Ordinall" in English is found in Ashmole's "Theatrum," q. v.
73 Maier, michael. Viatorium; hoc est, De montibus planetarum septem seu metallorum . . . 136 pp . Il. Sm. $4^{\circ}$. Oppenheimii, 1618 Two copies, one bound with "Tripus aureus."

74 MANGET, J. J. Bibliotheca chemica curiosa; seu, Rerum ad alchemiam pertinentium thesaurus ... 2 vols. $93^{8 ;}$ 904 pp. Portrait and plates. Folio. Genevæ, 1702
A collection of 133 treatises on alchemy. The bibliographical notes are not without value.

75 MANUSCRIPT. Transcription of Work by Joannes de Padua, composed in 1212. $148 \mathrm{pp} . \quad$ N. d. n. p. Neatly written in German script.
76 MARAT, JEAN PAUL. Recherches phySIQUES SUR LE FEU. [iii] -202 - [ii] pp. Plates. 80.

Paris, 1780
One of the several treatises by this physician published before he entered on his career as a bloodthirsty demagogue of the Reign of Terror.
77 MATHEW, RICHARD. The Unlearned Alchymist his Antidote; or, A more full . . . Explanation of the Use, Virtue and Benefit of my Pill. . . . [xv]-204 pp. $122^{\circ}$. London, 1662
See note to Wilson, George.
78 MEDICINISCH-CHYMISCH UND ALM1 CHEMISTISCHES ORACULUM . . . [vi]-7I pp. Pl. 80. Ulm, $177^{2}$
A collection of over 2000 signs, symbols, and secret characters used by alchemists to designate substances, apparatus and processes. Cf. Sommerhoff.

'MICHAULT, JEAN BERNARD.] MEMOIRES POUR SERVIR À L'HISTOIRE de la vie et des ouvrages de M. l'Abbe Lenglet Du Fresnoy. Pp. 225. 180. Londres, 1761 Contains a full bibliography, with annotations.

80 MUSÆUM HERMETICUM reformatum et amplificatum . . . continens Tractatus chimicos XXI . . . [viii]-863 pp. Pl. Sm. $4^{\circ}$.

Francofurti, apud Herm. à Sande, 1678
Also with engraved title-page.
The first edition, dated 1625, Frankfurt, contained only nine treatises. The present one contains twenty-one; a serviceable collection.

81 STEN, HANS von. Eine grosse Herzstärkung für die Chymisten . . . im Kloster zu Oderberg seit 1426 aufbehalten durch Von Osten. . . [xv]- 108 pp . Pl. $12^{\circ}$. Berlin, 1771

82 Paracelsus. [AUREOLUS PHILLIHOHENHEIM.] Opera omnia medico-Chemico-chirurgica. 3 vols.: 34-828-39; 22-718-32; 12-2x2-37 pp. Portrait. Folio. Genevæ, 1658
The editions of Paracelsus are numbered by scores, and would form a library by themselves. They have been catalogued by Dr. Friedrich Mook (Würzburg, 1876), who is, however, justly criticized by Prof. John Ferguson, of Glasgow (1877 and 1885). The collection of Paracelsus's works formed by Dr. Constantine Hering of Philadelphia is preserved in the library of the Homœopathic Medical College in that city.

83 Paracelsus. [AUREOLUS PHILLIPUS THEOPHRASTUS BOMBAST von hohenheim.] Of the Nature of Things, nine books. (In Sendivogius, M. New Light of Alchymie. 1650.)

[^0]84 Pascal, BLaise. Traitez de l'equilibre des liqueurs, et de la pesanteur DE LA MASSE DE L'AIR . . . [xxvi]- $23^{8} \mathrm{pp}$. Pl. 160.

Paris, 1698
The author first applied the barometer to measurement of heights on the Tour St. Jacques (still one of the beautiful towers of Paris), and on the Puy de Dóme in 1648. His name is indelibly associated with the Port Royalists.

85 Pernety, A. J. Dictionnaire mythohermetique . . . xxiv-546 pp. 120 .

Paris, 1787
86 Pernety, a. J. Les Fables egyptiennes et grecques, dévoilées et réduites au même principe; avec une explication des hiéroglyphes, et de la guerre de Troye. 2 vols. xvi-580-[iv]; [iii]-627-[v] pp. ${ }^{120}$. Paris, $175^{8}$ In both these works the author amplifies ideas advanced by Michael Maier, a century earlier.

87 Pettus, (Sir) JOhn. Fleta Minor. The Laws of Art and Nature in Knowing, Judging, Assaying . . . and Inlarging the Bodies of Confin'd Metals; in two parts . . . [xlii]-345; [viii]-x 30 pp . Portrait. 44 pl. Folio. London, 1686

Part I contains "Assays of Lazarus Erckern, in five books, originally written in the Teutonick language, and now translated into English."

Part 2 contains "Essays on Metallick Words . . 1683 ."
88 PRIESTLEY, (Rev.) JOSEPH. DIREC1 tions for impregnating Water with fixed Air, to communicate to it the pecu-
liar Spirit and Virtues of Pyrmont Water. [i]-iii- 22 pp . Pl. $122^{\circ}$. London, $177^{2}$
Portrait inserted. The origin of modern soda-water, so-called. Priestley's first chemical publication, antedating by two years his discovery of oxygen.

89 PRIESTLEY, (Rev.) JOSEPH. Experi1 ments and Observations on different kinds of AIr. 3 vols.: I. xxiii-[iv] 324 [iv] -84; II. xliv-399-[xv]; III. xxxiv-[vi]-4II - [xii] pp. Pl. 80.

London, 1781-84, 1777
Vol. $I$ is $3 d$ edition ; Vol. II is ad edition. The first edition of Vol. I is 1774 ; Vol. II, 1775 ; Vol. III, 1777 .

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The most important works by the divine and philosopher who discovered nine gases and laid the foundations of pneumatic chemistry. THÈQUE DES PHILOSOPHES CHIMIQUES Nouvelle édition. Par Mons. J. M. D. R. 4 vols. : cxliv-384-[40]; 564; $522-$ [4]; viii- 590 pp . ${ }^{12^{\circ} \text {. }}$ Paris, 1740-54
Title of Vol. IV is: "Bibliothèque des Philosophes alchimiques ou hermétiques . . ."

The four volumes are rarely found together, fourteen years having elapsed between Vols. III and IV. The work contains thirty-three treatises.

91 R ipley, GEORGE. Ripley Reviv'd; or, An Exposition upon Sir George Ripley's Hermetico-poetical Works . . ., written by Eirenæus Philalethes. [xvi]-47-[i]-389-[iv]-10-[i]-28-[iv]-25-[iii] pp. 180. London, 1678

The engraved title reads : "Domus nature."
Ripley's " Compound of Alchymie," dated 1471, is found in Ashmole's "Theatrum," q. v.
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IPLEY, GEORGE. Chymische SchriffTEN . . . ins Teutsche übersetzet durch B. Roth-Scholtzen. [i]-233-[iii] pp. Pl. $12{ }^{\circ}$. Wienn, 1756
Bound with Sendivogius's " Chymische Schrifften," 1749. - Contains also: "Artephii Geheimer Haupt-Schlüssel zu d. verborgenen Stein der Weisen "; "Das eröffnete philosophische Vatter-Hertz an seinen Sohn . . ."

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R iOTS (The), at Birmingham, July if9i. xvi-[33] pp. Long $8^{\circ}$.

Birmingham, 1863
Text in English and French. Contains eight lithographic views of the principal houses destroyed during the riots, including that of Priestley. A reprint of the edition of 179 I .

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$\mathrm{R}^{\text {OTH-SCHOLTZ, FRIEDRICH. Bib- }}$ auctorum fere omnium qui de naturæ arcanis, re metallica et minerali, item de melioratione corporum artificiali, etc., hermetice scripserunt $\ldots 5$ parts in 1 vol. $80,49-[328] \mathrm{pp} .80$. Norimbergæ et Altdorfii, 1735, '27-29 [33]

Fascic. I is Ed. $2^{\mathrm{a}}$ [Ed. $\mathrm{I}^{\mathrm{a}}{ }^{1727}$ ]. Titles of Stück. II. V. in Latin and German. Contains Portrait of Roth-Scholtz, N. Flamelle, J. F.

Helvetius, and O. Borrich.- Continuous paging.
Wretchedly edited and printed, this bibliographical curiosity is of no practical value. It extends only through G.

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Frankfurt, 1612
An early chemical dictionary by one of the court physicians of Rudolph II. of Germany. Of value in explaining early terminology.

SCHEELE, CARL WILHELM. Mémoires de Chymie, traduits du suédois et de l'allemand. 2 parts: [iii]-vi-269; [iii]-vi246 pp. Pl. 160 . Dijon et Paris, 1785

Translated by $\mathrm{M}^{\text {de. }} \mathrm{P}^{* * *}$ and two others; and revised and annotated by M. de Morveau.

Scheele, a poor Swedish apothecary, with limited resources made many and valuable chemical discoveries.
97 SCHMIEDER, KARL CHRISTOPH. Geschichte der Alchemie. x-6i3 pp. 80. Halle, 1832
Written by a professor of Cassel to establish by historic proofs the verity of the transmutation of metals. Abounds in bibliographical notes of value.

ENDIVOGIUS, MICHAEL. A New Light of Alchymie; added, A treatise of Sulphur. Also, nine books Of the Nature of Things, by Paracelsus. Also, A Chymicall Dictionary. . . . All translated out of Latin into English by J. F., M. D. [xvi]-147-[iii]-[viii]-145-[2] pp. Sm. $4^{0}$.

London, $165^{\circ}$ Schrifften . . . ans Liecht gestellet durch F. Roth-Scholtzen. 404 pp . P1. $12^{\circ}$.

Wienn, 1749
Contains also Sendivogius's " Epistolæ lv"; Synesius' "Chymische Schrifften"; Basil Valentine's "Via Veritatis"; Ripley's "Schrifften"; Artephius' "Haupt-Schlüssel"; and "Philosophische Vatter-Herz." Cf. Ripley, George.

100 SOMMERHOFF, J. C. Lexicon pharma-ceutico-chymicum, Latino-Germanicum et Germanico-Latinum . . . 411 pp. Portrait. Folio.

Norimbergæ, 1701
An extensive synonymicon of much utility.
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SPIELMANN, JAC. REINBOLD. Institutiones chemie. xiv-309-[lix] pp. 80. Argentorati, 1763
A second edition was published in 1766. Contains a Syllabus Auctorum.

102 Starkey, george [or STIRK]. Pyrotechny Asserted and Illustrated to be the Surest . . . Means for Art's Triumph over Nature's Infirmities . . . [xviii]-172 pp. $12{ }^{\circ}$. London, 1658
George Stirk was born in the Bermudas; was graduated at Harvard College in 1646. He went to England, and became noted for his chemical medicines.
For a list of ten treatises by him, see J. L. Sibley's "Biographical Sketches of Graduates of Harvard," Vol. I, Cambridge, 1873. One of these treatises is found in "Collectanea Chymica," q.v. Cf. Wilson, George.

103 STOLZ von STOLZENBERG, DANIEL. Viridarium chymicum, figuris cupro incisis adornatum . . . [cxi] ff. 107 pl. Oblong $16^{\circ}$. Francofurti, 1624
One hundred and seven plates, each with a verse, from Michael Maier's works and other sources.

$104 T$HEATRUM CHEMICUM PRECIPUOS SELECTORUM AUCTORUM TRACTATUS DE CHEMIE ET LAPIDIS PHILOSOPHICI antiquitate, veritate . . . et operationibus, continens. . . . 6 vols. : I. [vi]-794-[xxx]; II. 549 - [vii]; III. 859-[xiii]; IV. [viii]- ro14 -[xxxiii]; V. [viii]-912-[xxix]; VI. [xviii]772 - [xxv] pp. II. 80.

Sumptibus Zetzneri, Argentorati, 1659-6x
Vol. VI is edited by J. J. Heilmann and differs somewhat in title. An earlier edition was issued in five volumes by the same Zetzner, $1613-22$, but is less highly valued. This collection of 209 treatises on alchemy is catalogued in full by Lenglet Du Fresnoy in his " Histoire de la Philosophie hermétique."

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TROIS TRAICTEZ de la PHILOSOPHIE NATURELLE . . . Le Secret Livre [d'] Artephius; - Les Figures Hiérogliphiques de N. Flamel; - Le Vray Livre [de] Synesius . . . Le tout traduict par P. Arnauld. $98 \mathrm{pp} . \mathrm{Pl} . \mathrm{Sm} .4^{\circ}$.

Paris, 1659
Artephius flourished about 1150; and Synesius about 380 to 440 . Editions are numerous.

106 WEBSTER, JOHN. Metallographia; or, An History of Metals Wherein . . . also the Handling and Shewing of their Vegetability, and the Discussion of Questions belonging to Mystical Chymistry . . . [xvi] - $388 \mathrm{pp} . \quad 12{ }^{\circ}$.

London, 1671
A credulous author who discourses of the vegetability of metals; a follower of Paracelsus and a believer in the doctrines of the hermetic philosophers.

107 WENZEL, CARL FRIEDRICH. Lehre von der Verwandschaft der KörPER. [vii]-492 pp. Pl. $16{ }^{\circ}$.

Dressden, 1777
An important contribution to the theory of chemical affinity. For its contents and great rarity see Dr. R. Angus Smith's Memoir of John Dalton, London, 1856, pp. 160166.

108 WIEGLEB, JOHANN CHRISTIAN. Historisch - kritische • Untersuchung der Alchemie, oder der eingebildeten Goldmacherkunst . . . [xxii]-437-[ii] pp. 160. Weimar, 1777
109 WILSON,GEORGE. ACompleat Course of Chymistry, containing . . . the best Chymical Medicines. Fourth edition. [xxxi]-[xxiv]-383-[xii] pp. Il. $12^{\circ}$.

London, 1721
Contains recipes for Mathew's pill, also for Starkey's pill; and describes a series of alchemical operations which were interrupted by a mob, who took the author for a "conjurer, or something worse, and broke my glasses and Athanor, saying, I was preparing the Devil's Fire-works to burn the city." See Starkey, George ; also Mathew, RICHARD.
¥10 UCHOLD, ERNST AMANDUS. Bibliotheca chemica. Verzeichniss . . . in den Jahren 1840 bis Mitte $1858 \ldots$ erschienenen Schriften. [vii]-342 pp. 80.

Göttingen, 1859 Bound with this is a continuation by Ruprecht, Rud. Bibliotheca chemica et pharmaceutica. 1858 bis Ende 1870.126 pp. 80.

Göttingen, $\mathbf{1 8 7 2}$
Invaluable bibliographies for the periods covered. Unfortunately discontinued.


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