

byon your nape or paper, as you byd befoze. Then put it in a lyttle bickin, and laye two styckes a crosse, wyth foure cordes, whereunto you shall tie a litle leade, to the intent they maye stretche well, and without touchynge the bottome, by foure syngers, and that to the ende the Hozar may stycke and cleaue to it, and than burpe it as befoze. This muste not be put in the bagge, but anoynte the same that you fynd styckynge byon the cordes wyth a feather, and the other that remayneth still in the vessel, you shall spzinkle as it were a salade. The clere that you shall take out of it, muste be of the byggensse of a hassell nut or beane: and the other wyll be lesse, you shall put into the water that remaineth, whyche water you shall set on the fire, makynge it seeth, and doyng as befoze, and so contynue untill all the water be conuerted and tourned into Hozar, so that nothyng be losse.

And remember (at the begynnynge whan you dissolue in luke warme water, as we haue sayed befoze) to put to it the bygnesse of a cyche pease of the ruen of a Hare, so that wyll make all the other partes of the Hozar to cleaue and take together.

♦ A good and easye vwaye to make Aqua fortis, better then any other.

Take Roche Alome and Nitriole, or salte Peter, or elles all thre together, of eche of theym lyke quantytie, that is well calcined and burned, and well bzayd. And yf you wyll haue it stronger, put as muche salte Peter a parte, as of Alome and Nitriole together: put all thys in some pot or biolle, well luted and clayed ouer, and in the recipient or receptoize two vnres of well water, so euerye pounce of the sayed substances. Let the receptoize be in freshe water, and alwayes wette aboue with som wette linnen cloth, so that it be neuer drye. And by thys meanes the cryllations or fumes will better mingre them selues with their water, and wil not sticke or cleaue to the recipient. This doen, take the potte or biolle luted, and trymme it so that the

mouth hange downewarde, loyngynge it wyth the recipient, without a Limbecke, luyng and clayng wel the ioyntes & sides with flowze, and the whites of Egges: and dispoze & order it in suche maner, that the fyre come not to the recipiente. And at the begynnynge put a fewe hote coales vnder the bottome of the biolle or pot, vntill the matter loofe and dissolue it selfe, and passe his fyre furye. This doen, couer it with coales, and the fire must be verye hyghe: and so to do beste, there muste be lytle walls of vyzcke to holde by the greate coales, in greate quantitie vpon the sayed pot. Whan you haue made this great fyre, the space of thre or foure, or fyre houres, all wyll be made. Than let it coole, and take out the water, whyche is verye good and perfyte, and kepe it in a vessel of glasse well stopped with ware.

♦ The true and perfyte practyse to caste medalles, and all other vworkemanshypp, as vvell in brasle, as in Golde, Syluer, Copper, Leade, Tynne, as of Crytall, Glasse, and Marble.

Firste of all, you muste haue alwayes the earth or sands ready, wherein you wyll fasthyon and fourme youre woze: but because there be dyuers sortes, and euerye man dzeseth it as he can get it, and as he hath skyll in makynge it, we wyll put here some of the surests and moite partyteit, and of dyuers kyndes, to thende that if a manne can not get or make the one, he may euermoze haue recourse to the other. And vnderstande, that all these that we wyll put here, maye be set a woze eche of them by them selues, or myxed one wyth another, or all together, so they are good euerye waye. The bounty and perfectyon of eche of these earthes so to caste any mettall in, consisteth in these thynges, that is to wyte: that first and chieflie it be fine and imall, and in no wise roughe, or full of grommels, to the intent that all thynges maye safely take pppn. Secondly, that they receyue