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Second edition.
Ferguson I, 173.

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From the library of Sir Isaac Newton, with both the "Philosophemur" bookplate, that of Charles Huggins of Chinnor and the shelf mark of the library at Barnsley written in ink on one of the bookplates. This book was published in Venice, in 1661 in 4to; this first edition is described above; it was re-issued in Frankfurt in 1664; a complete copy of this edition is also catalogued above. In the present copy, however, which lacks the printed ride-page, but is obviously the same book, there is a colophon at end with the Venice imprint, not present in the other copy.

Discours Philosophiques sur les deux merveilles de l'Art et de la Nature. Ou Traité de la liqueur de l'Alchaest, & de la Médecine universelle. De la matière de l'une & de l'autre. Du moyen d'opérer. Et de la voye qu'il faut tenir pour faire le Sel de Tartre volatil. Composez en Latin, par Monsieur Des Comtes, Philosophe & Médecin. Et mis en François, par Robert Preud' homme, Ancien Maistre Ecrivain juré à Paris. Seconde Edition, reveuë & corrigée. A Paris, Chez Jean d'Houry, au bout du Pont-neuf, sur le Quay des Augustins, à l'Image saint Jean. 1678. Avec Privilège du Roy.

12mo. Pp. 195, (9).

Ferguson I, 173 (no copy in the Young Collection). Caillet 3042.

The first edition of the French translation appeared in 1669. It is preceded by a preface of the translator relating to orthographical questions and followed by a catalogue of 8 treatises the author intended to publish; none of these tracts however seems to have appeared.

COMPAGNONI.

Cartas Fisico-Quimicas escritas en Italiano por el Señor Compagnoni y traducidas al Castellano por Don Josef Antonio Sabater y Anglada. Barcelona, en la Oficina de Pablo Nadal. 1802.

8vo. 2 vols. I : 24 + 383 pp. II : 7 + 370 pp. errata leaf,
Not in Palau.

CONCEPT.

Concept einer Supplication An die Rom. Keys. May. vnserm Allernädigsten Herm, Von Allen Eheweibern in gemein, Im gantzen Röm. Reich Teutscher Nation, Vmb Abschaffung, Zweyer schädlichen Gesellschaften, deren die ein in gemein Gelt auffnimpt, sich für einander Verbürgt, die ander der Alchymisten, oder Goldtmacher genendt wird, Vnd weil die Supplication noch zur Zeit nicht vberreicht, doch so fürderlich als müglich, vberschickt werden soll, So steht einer Ehrliebenden Matronen noch frey, Dieselb zu mehren, mindern, oder in andere Weg zuerbessern. Gedruckt im Jahr, 1621. (Colophon) : Gedruckt zu Pressburg, Im Jahr, nach Christi vnser Erlösers vnnd allein Seligmachers Geburt, 1621.

4to. Pp. 13, (1, 2 blank). With woodcut-vignette on title and printer's device at the end.

Rosenthal, *Bibl. Magica et Pneumatica*, Nos. 234 and 6211.
A most curious pamphlet in the form of a supplication by the German house-wives to the German Emperor, asking him to abolish the societies of gamblers and of alchemists.

CONRING (Hermann).

De Hermetica Aegyptiorum veteri et Paracelsicorum nova Medicina Liber Unus. Quo simul in Hermetis Trismegisti omnia, ac universam cum Aegyptiorum turc Chemicorum doctrinam animadvertitur. Helmeštadii Typis Henningi Mvlleri acad. typ. Sumptibus Martini Richteri. 1648.

4to. Pp. (8), 404, (16).

First Edition.
"Conringius l'un des plus sçavans hommes de l'Allemagne, n'étoit point favorable à la Philosophie Hermétique. Ainsi on ne doit le lire que pour examiner ses objections." (Lenglet-Dufresnoy III, 39).
Ferguson I, 175 (no copy in Young Collection).
Schmieder, p. 379.
Kopp II, 240.
Caillet 2555 only quotes the 1669 edition.

CONSANGUINITATE (De).

De Consanguinitate Auri, Sacchari et Spiritus Vini. Tractatus Brevis, Perspicuus Tamen. In quo ostenditur, nihil ferè ad conservationem Naturae humanae majus & efficius his tribus inveniri posse, adeò quidem, ut ex iis debito modo junctis, singulariq; & arcano artificio combinatis, Auroq; per ea ad tincturam instar Solis aut Rubini splendentis resoluta, Aurora quaedam Philosophorum consurgat, imo Carbunculus, quàmplurimis humani corporis infirmitatibus salutaris. Conscriptus Autore Hoc Viro sancta cos nidet. Gissae, Typis Casparis Vulpii. 1659.

8vo. Pp. 56.

Besides a very short notice in Rosenthal's Catalogue 31 (No. 235) I have not been able to trace this book in any of the usual bibliographies. I have also been unable to solve the problem of the author's name which is given in an anagram.
A copy of the work figured in the sale-catalogue of Dr. Falconet (Lot 8004) Paris 1763.

CONTARENI (Gasparo).

Gasparis Contareni Cardinalis Ampliss. philosophi sua aetate praestantissimi de Elementis & eorum mixtionibus libri quinque. Diligentiss. denuo recogniti et emendati. Scipionis Capitii de principiis rerum poema. Parisiis, Apud Andream Wechelum, 1564.

8vo. 134 leaves.

Ferguson (I, 176-7), mentions only an edition of 1548 ; mine is probably the second edition. The copy in the British Museum is imperfect. The work treats mainly of the principles of Chemistry and Physics on an Aristotelian basis.

COOPER (Ambrose).

The Complete Distiller : Containing, I. The Method of performing the various Processes of Distillation, with Descriptions of the several Instruments : The whole Doctrine of Fermentation : The manner of drawing Spirits from Malt, Raisins, Molasses, Sugar, &c., and of rectifying them : With Instructions for imitating, to the greatest Perfection, both the Colour and Flavour of French Brandies. II. The manner of distilling ail Kinds of Simple Waters from Plants, Flowers, &c. III. The Method of making ail die compound Waters and rich Cordials so largely imported from France and Italy ; as likewise ail those now made in Great Britain. To which are added, Accurate Descriptions of the several Drugs, Plants, Flowers, Fruits, &c., used by Distillers, and Instructions for chusing the best of each Kind. The whole delivered in the plainest manner, for the Use both of Distillers and Private Families. By Ambrose Cooper, Distiller. The Second Edition, With many Additions. London, Printed for P. Vaillant, and R. Griffiths, in the Strand. 1760.

8vo. Pp. (16), 283, (14). With folding plate.

Sotheran Catalogue 857, item 335.

The author says in the preface that a part of his book was translated from a work entitled " *Traité Raisonné de la Distillation ou la Distillation réduite en Principes* " par M. Déjean, Distillateur. Paris 1753 ; I possess an edition of this, Paris 1777, q.v. According to Quérard the real name of Déjean was Antoine Hornot.

COOPER (William).

The Philosophical Epitaph of W. C. Esquire. For a Memento Mori on his Tombstone. With Three Hieroglyphical Scutcheons, and their Philosophical Mottes, and Explanation ; with the Philosophical Mercury, Nature of Seed, and Life, and Growth of Metals ; And a Discovery of the Immortal Liquor Alchahest. The Salt of Tartar volatized, and other Elixirs, with their Differences. Also, A Brief of the Golden Calf (the Worlds Idol.) Discovering the rarest Miracle in Nature, how by the smallest proportion of the Philosophers-Stone a great piece of common Lead was totally transmuted into the purest transplendent Gold at the Hague 1666. by Jo. Fr. Helvetius And, The Golden Ass Well managed, and Midas restor'd to Reason ; Or, A new Chymical Light, Demonstrating to the blind world that good Gold may be found as well in Cold as Hot Regions, and be profitably extracted out of Sand, Stones, Gravel, and Flints, &c. to be wrought by all sorts of People. Written by Jo. Rod. Glauber. With Jehior. (*Aurora Sapientiae*.) Or, the Daydawning or Light of Wisdom, containing the Three Principles or Original of all things ; whereby are discovered the Great and many Mysteries in God, Nature, and the Elements, hitherto hid, now revealed. All Published by W. C. Esquire. With a Catalogue of Chymical Books. London, Printed by T. R. and N.T. for William Cooper, at the Pellican in Little Britain, Anno Dom. 1673.

12mo. Pp. (17), 16, (6), (10), 41, (11), 36, 56, (18), 78, (5), (87). With fine engraved title with 10 symbolic figures, frontispiece, 4 copperplates and 2 pages of woodcuts. Each of the four works composing the book has a separate pagination, and the last three have also separate title-pages. The title-page to the Chemical Catalogue (the last item in the book, 87 pp.) is dated 1675.

Bolton I, 970 ; • the present copy agrees with Bolton's collation. Ferguson I, 135. Fulton, p. 144.

At the beginning there are two dedicatory letters, the first addressed to Robert Boyle, and the second to Elias Ashmole. In his dedication to Robert Boyle, the Editor complains that his " Translation of Helvetius his Golden Calf here annext, being Licenced and entered in order to the Printing thereof, in Sept. 1668. Another since took advantage to Print and Publish die same, a little different." This refers to John Starkey's translation published in 1670 of which I also have a copy ; in view of this Cooper did not publish a literal translation but only an abridgment of the narrative.

This work is especially important for containing the " Catalogue of Chymicall Books " of which the full title runs on " In the First and Second Parts are contained such Chymical Books as have been written Originally, or Translated into English : With a large Account of their Titles, several Editions and Volumes. Likewise In the Third Part is contained a Collection of such things published in the Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society (for Ten Years together) as pertain to Chymistry, or the Study of Nature by Art in the Animal, Vegetal, and Mineral Kingdoms." This was the very first English catalogue of chemical books and of great interest for containing many works or editions now lost. Making due allowances for the period the catalogue is very well done and represents an advance in detail and precise information over Borel's " *Bibliotheca Chymica*."

No biographical details concerning Cooper seem to be available ; he was evidently devoted to Alchemy and wrote on it, translated treatises dealing with it, edited collections of tracts upon it, made the publication and sale of books about it a speciality of his business and was probably a keen collector himself. Ferguson (loc. cit.) enumerates some of the works edited and published by him but appears only to have known of the first part of the Chymical Catalogue which shows how rare the complete work must be.

Bound with : PHILALETHA (Eirenaeus). " *Secrets Reveald* . . . 1669, q.v.

COPPONAY DE GRIMALDI.

Établissement du Laboratoire de S.A.R. et de son Académie Chymique avec le combat de la Médecine Galénique, contre elle fait dans la Sale de l'Auguste Sénat de Savoye. Ou la Chymique mal traitée par la Galénique, & et sans miséricorde, est contrainte, malgré elle, de se défendre. Avec proteste néanmoins de ne point choquer les Docteurs. Imprimé aux dépens de l'Auteur, demeurant à Chambéry, dans la maison du Seigneur de Villeneuve. 1684.

12mo. 429 pp.

Bolton, 1 st Supplement, p. 27.

In this extremely rare and interesting work, which was privately printed for the author at Chambéry. are contained the documents of a struggle between the medical profession and an unrecognised practitioner. Copponay proposed to erect a kind of public laboratory for the manufacture of pharmaceutical products and a dispensary. The physicians and pharmacists of Savoy protested against this, mainly on the grounds that Copponay was not a Galenist and that in any case all the services he could render were already being rendered by every pharmacist in his own shop. In this book Copponay replies in detail to their memorandum. He defends the Hermetic Medicine above all other medical systems and gives a very large number of testimonials and case histories in which his own preparations were successful in the cure of diseases.

In the British Museum Catalogue, the author's name is given as Denis Moene Coppanay de Grimaldi, but there is no record of the author in the biographical dictionaries.

CORTES (Geronymo).

Fisonomia, Y Varios Secretos De Naturaleza, Compuesto Por Geronymo Cortes, natura de la Ciudad de Valencia. Estan Expurgados, Segun lo manda el Decreto de la Santa.

Inquisition de 13. de Junio del afio de 1741. Barcelona : Por Pablo Campins Impresor, Calle de Amargos. Afio de 1769.

8vo. 2 leaves, 258 pp., 9 leaves.

See Ferguson (Books of Secrets, 3rd suppl., p. 395), where a similar, but undated edition is described.

CORTESE (Isabella).

I Secreti de la Signora Isabella Cortese. Ne' quali si contengono cose minerali, medicinali, arteficiose & Alchimiche, & molite de Parte profumatoria, appartenenti a ogni gran Signora. Venetia, appresso Giovanni Bariletto. 1561.

8vo. 96 leaves. A few woodcuts of apparatus. Device on title.

First Edition.

See Ferguson, Books of Secrets, 1 st Supplement, p. 390.

Secreti Varii della Signora Isabella Cortese né' quali si contengono cose Minerali, Medicinali, Profumi, Belletti, Artifitii, & Alchimia. Con altre belle curiosita aggiunte. Venetia, appresso Benedetto Miloco. 1677.

8vo. 12 leaves, 204 pp., 2 blank leaves.

Ferguson I, 179 (but no copy of this edition in the Young collection). See also Index to Ferguson's Bibliographical Notes on Books of Secrets (item 115, page 14).

Bookplates of Papus and Albert Poison.

COULLON (J. J.).

Clef du Grand Oeuvre, ou Lettres du Sancelrien Tourangeau, A Madame L.D.L.B. * * * T.D.F.A.T. Dans la premiere, sera enseigné où trouver la matiere des Sages. Dans la seconde, les vertus & merveilles de l'Exelix blanc & rouge, sur les trois Regnes de la Nature. Dans la troisieme, addressée à mon Frere, sera prouvé la réalité du grand Oeuvre par tout ce qu'il y a de plus positif dans l'Histoire sacrée & profane, qu'il a été & sera toujours le fondement, ainsi que le premier mobile de toutes les Religions du monde. Et dans les suivantes, jusqu' au nombre de dix, tout ce' qu'il est permis d' écrire sur cette Science, sans passer les bornes prescrites pour conduire les Elus au but désiré. In sale omnia, sine sale nihil. A Corinte, Et se trouve A Paris, Chez Cailleau, Imprimeur-Libraire, rue Saint-Severin. 1777.

8vo. 94 pp.

A fine copy, on strong paper, of this very rare work. There was a copy in the de Guaita collection (No. 127), see also Bibl. Esoterica (589 and 5623). The author of this book is J. J. Coullon, mayor and advocate at the town of Amboise 1766-68. He was born about 1712 and died in 1789. He says that at the age of 64 he had achieved the secret of the Philosopher's Stone. These letters are addressed to a lady whose initials only are given on the title page, but her name appears on page 21 as Madame Lefébure de La Borde. This name is usually mutilated but in this copy has been restored by washing the page.

COUNCELL (R. W.).

Apologia Alchymiae by R. W. Councill. A Re-statement of Alchemy. London, John M. Watkins, 21 Cecil Court, Charing Cross Road. 1925.

8vo. Pp. xi, (1 blank), 88.

Edition limited to 500 copies.

Preface by Sax Rohmer, the mystery novel writer.

COUTAN.

Le Grand Oeuvre Dévoilé, en faveur des enfans de la lumière. Traduit du Chaldaïque, par M. Coutan. Prix 1 liv. 4 fols. broché. A Amsterdam, & se trouve à Paris, Chez Delalin, Libraire, rue de la Comédie Française. Et chez l'Auteur, rue de la Croix, au coin de celle de Phelipeaux, maison du Chandelier. 1775.

Sm. 8vo. Pp. 72, including two title pages the second of which contains a symbolic engraving.

Caillet 2672, refers to the author as a " Maître-boutonnier." The work is an original satire against alchemy and appears to be very rare.

Bound up with BERNARDUS Trevisanus, " Traicté de la Nature de l'Oeuf," 1624, q.v.

CRAMER (Johann Andreas).

Élémens de Docimastique ou de l'art des essais divisés en deux parties la première théorique et la seconde pratique, traduit du Latin. Paris, Chez Briasson, Libraire, rue Saint Jacques à la Science. 1755.

12mo. 4 vols. I : 53 pp., 1 leaf, 432 pp. II : 8 pp., 439 pp. 5 folding plates. III : 24 pp., 454 pp. IV : 12 pp. (these are duplicated in this copy), 347 pp. 1 plate.

An important work on the art of assaying. It was first published in Latin in 1730, this French edition was not known to Bolton (I, 381) who quotes only Latin ones.

[CRASSELLAME (Marc-Antonio)].

La Lumière sortant par soi-mesme des Ténèbres, ou véritable Théorie de la Pierre des Philosophes, écrite en Vers Italiens, avec un Commentaire, le tout traduit en François par B.D.L. Seconde édition, revue & augmentée de CLIII. Aphorismes Chymiques. A Paris, chez Laurent d'Houry. 1693.

12mo. Pp. (22), 336, 33. With a small woodcut on page 334.

Ferguson I, 181 says that he has not seen this edition. The author of the CLIII Aphorismes is Franciscus Mercurius van Helmont (Ferguson I, 379). They are also ascribed to Alexandre Toussaint de Limojon de Saint Disdier. These *aphorisms appeared for the first time in 1692. They are not contained in the first French edition of this book which appeared in 1687. In this second edition they have a separate title, dated 1692, as described by Ferguson.*

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12mo. Pp. (2), 336, 31. With a small woodcut on page 334.

Ferguson I, 181 has not seen this edition.

This copy Jacks the 10 leaves containing Lettre du Traducteur, Préface et Privilège. At the place of the CLIII Aphorismes announced on the title-page it has at the end : " Le Chemin du Ciel Chymique par Jacques Tol, nouvellement traduit en François," which is a part of the edition of the " Lettre d'un Philosophe, sur le Secret du Grand Oeuvre " by Limojon de Saint Disdier, published by d'Houry in 1688 (cf. Ferguson I, 39).

Das aus der Finsterniss von sich selbst Hervorbrechende Licht, in drey Italienischen Gesängen nebst seiner Auslegung, worinnen das Geheimniss des Stemm der Weisen, nach physicalischen und vemünfftigen Gründen deutlich vor Augen geleyet wird. Aus dem Französischen übersetzt von C. F. K. M.D. et P.P. Langensalza, 1772. in Johann Christian Martini Verlag.

8vo. Pp. (14), 250.

First German Edition, made by Christian Friedrich Keller from the French translation.

Ferguson, I, 180.
Caillet 6874.

CREILING (Johann Konrad)}.

Die Edelgeborne Jungfer Alchymia, Oder : Eine durch Rationes, viele Exempla und Experimenta abgehandelte Untersuchung, Was von der Alchymia zu halten und vor Nutzen daraus zu schöpfen seye, Nebst einem Zusatz Von der Medicina Universalis, Universal-Process und Einigen Kunst-Stücken. Aus der Alchymie. Tübingen bey denen Gebrüdem Cotta. 1730.

8vo. 5, (7), leaves, 424 pp.

First Edition.

Ferguson I, 182.
Bolton, I, 107.

An important work divided into five chapters which deal with (1) Whether the transmutation of metals be possible ? (2) Whether and where this has actually occurred ? (3) Experimental evidence of these transmutations. (4) Of the universal medicine, potable gold, etc. (5) Whether Alchemy is to be recommended to any persons, especially noble Lords. The second chapter contains much material for a history of alchemy of an anecdotal character and the work is frequently quoted by Schmieder.

Thomas South's bookplate, and autograph of A. J. & M. Atwood, 1859, on fly-leaf.

Bound up with Henricus a Deventer, " Neues Hebammenlicht " (Jena 1717) which has numerous folding plates of gynaecological interest.

Abhandlung vom Goldenen Vliess oder niglichkeit der Verwandlung der Metalle. Aus dem Lateinischen des Herrn Joh. C. Creiling, ordentlichen Lehrers der Mathematik und Physik &c. übersetzt. Tübingen bei Jacob Friedrich Heerbrandt. 1787.

8vo. Pp. (16), 176. With woodcut-vignette on title.

First Edition in German.

Ferguson I, 183.
Bolton, I, 971.

This work first appeared in Latin (1737-39).

According to Ferguson it contains matter bearing on the history of transmutation. The copy of Ad. Clément, with his bookplate, autograph and annotations.

CRELL (Cari Justus Ludwig von).

Commentatio de Optima Extracta Parandi Methodo. In Certamine Literario Civium Acaademiae Georgiae Augustae Die IV Junii 1793. Praemio A Rege M. Britanniae

Aug. Constituto Judicio Ordinis Medici Ornata. Gottingae, Typis Ioann. Christian. Dieterich. (1793).

4m. 31 pp. 1 plate.

The author was the son of L. F. Friedrich von Crell, who issued the " Chemisches Archiv " and numerous other well-known chemical journals.

CRELL (Lorenz Florenz Friedrich von).

Chemische Annalen für die Freunde der Naturlehre, Arzneygelahrtheit, Haushaltungskunst und Manufacturen. Helmstädt und Leipzig, in der Buchhandlung der Gelehrten und J. G. Müllerschen Buchhandlung (Vol. 6-14 : Helmstädt und Leipzig, in der J. G. Müllerschen Buchhandlung ; Vol. 15-17 : Helmstädt, in der Universitätsbuchhandlung ; Vol. 18-40 : Helmstädt bey C. G. Fleckeisen). 1784-1804.

Sm. 8vo. 40 vols. (2 vols. per year, not numbered). With 12 plates and 15 tables.

Accompanied by :

Beyträge zu den chemischen Annalen. Helmstädt und Leipzig, in der Buchhandlung der Gelehrten und J. G. Müllerschen Buchhandlung (Vol. 3-4 : Helmstädt und Leipzig, in der J. G. Müllerschen Buchhandlung ; Vol. 5-6 : Helmstädt bey C. G. Fleckeisen). 1786-1799.

Sm. 8vo. 6 vols. With 1 plate.

Ferguson I, 184 (not in Young Collection).

Bolton I, 1095, 117.

Kopp, Chemie, III, 163.

A complete set uniformly bound, of this standard work of reference for the history of Chemistry during the last quarter of the 18th century, and the first journal exclusively devoted to chemistry. Amongst other important original papers this periodical contains Blagden's letter concerning the priority of the discovery of the composition of water (I, 58 [1786]).

Chemisches Archiv. Leipzig, in der Weygandschen Buchhandlung. 1783.

Sm. 8vo. 2 vols. With engraved vignette on title and 2 folding plates.

Continued under the title

Neues Chemisches Archiv. Leipzig, in der J. G. Müllerschen Buchhandlung. 1784-1791.

With 3 plates and 1 folding table.

Ferguson I, 184 (no copies in Young Collection).

Bolton I, 1095, 120 and 120a.

Kopp, Gesch. d. Chemie, III, 163.

Continued under the title : Neuestes chemisches Archiv. Weimar 1798, 1 vol., which is not with this copy.

With Dr. Gärtner's stamp in each volume.

These journals edited by Crell are ail of great interest in throwing light on the gradual acceptance of Lavoisier's new theories and the abandonment of the Phlogiston Theory in Germany. The Annalen is particularly important in this respect and provides a very rich source of material for the history of the last phases of the Phlogiston Theory (see Partington and McKie, Annals of Science IV, 1940).