

## VERSUCHE.

Chymische Versuche, welche grösten theils aus alten Manuscripten hergenommen, und mit welchen theils Gold und Silber, theils Gesundhert und em langes Leben, theils ethige, nützliche und curitise Dinge gesucht, und öfters gefunden worden : mit Anmerkungen, welche auf die beste und nächste Wege nach Colchos führen, und die Ehre der Kunst befördern. Zum Nutzen, zur Belustigung und zu einer getreuen Warnung vor Schaden an das Licht gestellet von I. H. einem vernünftigen Zweifler. Frankfurt und Leipzig, 1756.

8vo. 2 parts in one volume. Title, 260 pp., 2 leaves. 12 leaves, 224 pp., 4 leaves.

Bolton (I, 967) describes what appears to be a later edition of the same work. Rosenthal, *Bibl. Mag.*, No. 878.

## VÈZE (Marcus de).

La Transmutation des métaux. L'or alchimique l'argentaurum. Divers procédés de fabrication avec lettres et documents à l'appui. Paris, Dorbon ainé. 1902.

8vo. Half title, title, 48 pp.

## VIBERT (Lionel).

The Rare Books of Freemasonry. London, The Bookman's Journal Office. . . 1923.

8vo, 41 pp., 1 leaf advertisements.

## VICAT (L. J.),

Nouvelles Études sur les Pouzzolanes Artificielles comparées à la Pouzzolane d'Italie dans leur emploi en Eau Douce et en Eau de Mer. Paris. 1846.

8 133 pp. + errata leaf. Engraved tables in text and 2 plates at end.

Recherches Expérimentales sur les Chaux de Construction, les Betons et les Mortiers Ordinaires. Paris. 1818.

12 197 pp. 13 leaves + 25 tables + 2 plates.

Recherches sur les Propriétés Diverses que peuvent acquérir les pierres à Ciments et à Chaux Hydrauliques par l'effet d'une incomplète cuisson, précédées d'Observations sur les Chaux Anomales que forment le Passage des Chaux éminemment hydrauliques aux Ciments. Paris. 1840.

2 leaves 34 pp.

Sur la Fabrication et l'Emploi du Mortier à Chaux Hydraulique. Paris. 1823.

4to. 16 pp. Four works in one vol.

Inserted is also a circular announcing the publication of item 2, Paris, 1818, 4 pp.

## VIER CHYMICHE TRACTÄTLEIN.

Licht in Finstemis. II. De Vitriolo & ejus oleo secretissimo Das ist Von dem Vitriol, und seinem geheimsten Oehle. III. De Animal Rationali Vom Vernünftigen Thiere, und seiner herrlichen Artzney. IV. Aurum Vitae oder Gold des Lebens. Von alten und wahren Philosophis beschrieben und auss alten Manuscriptis den filiis doctrinae zum besten publiciret. Verlegts Barthol. Kretzschmar Buchhändler in Budissin. Druckts Andreas Richter im Jahr 1677.

8vo. 66 pp.

Ferguson II, 509.

The second tract, "De Vitriolis," is a translation of Roger Bacon's famous treatise. Printed at Bautzen, a town in Eastern Saxony.

## VIERO (Francesco).

Descrizione d'un Apparecchio di Macchine per cavare e maneggiare le arie generalmente dette fisse. Bologna, nell' Instituto delle Scienze. 1788.

8vo. 48 pp. With two engraved plates.

Contains a description of a complicated apparatus for experiments with air, gases, etc. Viero was a scientific instrument maker and states that he furnished Galvani with one of his instruments.

## VIGANI (John Francis).

Medulla Chymiae, Authore Joharme Francisco Vigani Veronensi. Notis experientia nixis illustrata observationibusque Practicis aucta a Davide Stam, Medic. Doctor. Leidens. Lugduni Batavorum, Apud Felicem Lopez, Bibliopolam, & Collegii Gallo-Belgici Typographum. 1693.

8vo. Pp. (24), 96, (7, 1 blank). With 3 folding copper-plates.

Ferguson II, 510 (but this edition not in the Young Collection).

The First Edition containing the notes by the Dutch physician David Stam.

A good description of this book is given by Hoefer (II, 235-36). The engravings represent chemical furnaces and apparatus.

"Among other things, Vigani devised a method for purifying sulphate of iron from copper, for making ammonium sulphate, and for proving that to form a given salt a metallic base takes always the same amount of acid. He also invented a furnace of such construction that it could be easily built up or taken to pieces as required." (D.N.B.).

## VIGENÈRE (Blaise de).

Traité du Feu et du Sel. Excellent et rare Opuscule du Sieur Blaise Vigenere Bourbonnois, trouué parmy ses papiers apres son decés. A Paris, En la boutique de l'Angelier. Chez Claude Cramoisy au premier pilier de la grand' Salle du Palais. 1622. Avec Privilege du Roy.

4to. Pp. (4), 267, (1 blank). Title red and black. Engr vignette on title.

Ferguson (II, 510-11) does not quote this edition.

Caillet 11161 (who only quotes an edition of 1618) : "Traité recherché, mélange curieux d'alchimie, de Kabbale, de mysticisme, et où l'on trouve la manière de fabriquer l'or."

A very good description of this book is given by Hoefer (II, 115-118), and according to him Blaise de Vigenère was the first to describe the preparation of benzoic acid. The first edition appeared at Paris in 1608 (or 1618). Lenglet-Dufresnoy also quotes 2 later editions in French (Rouen 1642 and 1651). An English translation appeared in 1649 ; see following item.

A Discourse Of Fire and Salt, Discovering Many secret Mysteries, Aswell Philosophicall, As Theologicall. London, Printed by Richard Cotes, and are to be sold by Andrew Crooke at the Green-dragon in Pauls Church-yard. 1649.

4to. Pp. (4), 162.

First English Edition, translated by Edward Stephens.  
Ferguson II, 510.

Rare.

There were apparently two issues of this work in the same year : Patterson (*Annals of Science*, Vol. 4, No. 1, Jan. 1939, page 61) reproduces the title-pages of the two issues and deals with the work quite fully : he shows that 1618 was probably the first edition's real date and not 1608 as claimed by Lenglet-Dufresnoy (III, 322).

#### VILLAIN (Abbé Etienne-François).

Histoire Critique de Nicolas Flamel et de Pernelle Sa Femme ; Recueillie d'Actes anciens qui justifient l'origine & la médiocrité de leur fortune contre les imputations des Alchimistes. On y a joint le Testament de Pernelle & plusieurs autres Pièces intéressantes. Par M. L. V. . . A Paris, Chez G. Desprez, Imprimeur & Libraire Ordinaire du Roi et du Clergé de France.... 1761.

12mo. 12 + 403 pp., 2 leaves.

Portrait of Flamel, plate of his house and one vignette.  
Ferguson II, 491.  
Caillet 11176.

#### VILLANO (Giovanni).

[Chroniche de la inclyta cita di Napoli, e trattato utilissimo de li bagni napolitani e de Puz] zole e Ischia : Nouamente Ristampate : Con la Tauola, Cum Priuilegio. In Napoli, per M. Evangelista di Presenzeni da Pavia. 1526.

4to. 91 leaves. Roman characters. The upper part of the title-page is repaired and most of the printed title is missing. The large title woodcut is intact.

Brunet V, 1227.

One of the earliest printed monographs on mineral waters.

#### VINCENT-PIOBB (Pierre).

L'Année Occultiste et Psychique ou exposé annuel des observations scientifiques et des travaux publiés en France et à l'étranger dans les Sciences Mystérieuses, Astrologie, Alchimie, Symbolique, Esotérisme, Arts Divinatoires, Prophétique, Psychisme, Spiri-tisme, Magnétisme. Première Année (1907). Henri Daragon, Editeur, 30 Rue Duperré, Paris (IXe).

8vo. 302 pp.

#### VINCENTI (Domenico).

Raccolta di Opuscoli Inediti Riguardanti Acque Minerali dell Stato della Serenissima Repubblica di Venezia, dedicata al Supremo Magistrato di Sanita di Venezia. Venezia, appresso Pietro Savioni. 1760.

Sm. 4to. 8 leaves + 84 pp.

#### VIOTTUS (Bartholomaeus, à Clivolo).

De Balneorum Naturalium Viribus Libri Quatuor, Quorum argumentum proximè sequentes pagellae indicabunt, Barptolomaeo à Clivolo Medico Taurinensi & professori publico auctore. Lugduni, Apud Mathiam Bonhomme. 1552.

4to. (6) ll., 168 pp., (2) 11. With printer's device and numerous fine initials and printer's ornaments in woodcut.

First Edition.

Ferguson II, 513.

This famous treatise on bath waters, written by a distinguished doctor and philosopher at Turin, contains a description of the baths at Aix-les-Bains, the use of the waters and of the mud in baths generally, the salts, etc., which are met with in waters ; a description of the baths in Italy, Germany, etc. ; the curative virtues of baths. It was reprinted in the balneological collection "De Balneis," Venice 1553, q.v.

Bound with : POLYBUS. Opuscula, Basel, 1544, q.v.

#### VITALIS DE FURNO.

D. Vitalis de Furno Olim Cardinalis, Archiatri ut insignis, ita et peritiss. pro conservanda sanitate, tuendaque prospera valetudine, ad totius humani corporis morbos et aegritudines, salutarium remediorum, curationumque liber utilis. jam primum in studiosorum utilitatem e tenebris erutus, et a situ quantum licuit, vindicatus. Rerum et verborum in eundem Index. Moguntiae, Ivo Schoeffer. 1531.

Folio. 146 leaves. Roman letter.

The only edition and of great importance as containing descriptions of distillation and properties of alcohol (pp. 12 and 253), also the process for preparing nitric acid (p. 13). The authorship and date of this book have aroused much discussion, as apparently no manuscript of the text has survived. E. O. von Lippmann has published a long article on it in the "Chemiker-Zeitung" (XLVI, 1922). He comes to the conclusion that the book belongs to a period not much later than 1150 A.D. and that the attribution to this Franciscan Cardinal, who died in 1327, is wrong. As Lippmann says, this means that the earliest knowledge of mineral acids and of saltpetre in Western Europe is moved back from about 1300 to about 1150.

#### VOGEL (Heinrich).

Offenbarung der Geheymussen der Alchimy. Wider die Verächter vnd Lästierer, auch wider die betrieglichen Verführer, vnd allen Missbrauch diser edlen Philosophy. Neben Warhafftiger Beschreibung der hochgelobten heylsamen Chimy, vnd jhren vnzehlichen Nutzbarkeiten. Die Weissheit ist aller Kunst Meister, vnd erkennen die Krafft der Elementen, Sapient. 7 . . . Gedruckt zu Strassburg, durch Antonium Bertram, 1605.

4to. (4 11.), 192 pp.

First Edition.

Ferguson II, 515-6.

Gmelin I, 564.

No copy in the British Museum.

A very rare book, entirely chemical and alchemical, with many references to Paracelsus (not recorded by Sudhoff), Roger Bacon, N. Flamel, Basilius Valentinus, etc. It contains a Latin-German glossary of alchemical terms.

Bound up with : SCHAUBERT, J. Consummata Sapientia. 1602, q.v.

## VOGEL (Rudolf August).

Institutiones Chemiae ad Lectiones Academicas Accomodatae. Editio Altera Polita Et Locupletata. Lugduni Batav. & Lipsiae, Apud Eliam Luzac. 1757.

8vo. 6 leaves, 396 pp., 4 leaves.

Hoefer II, 365.

Kopp, Chemie, III,

96. Bolton I, 892.

## VOGTER (Bartholomaeus).

Wie mann alle gepresten und kranckheiten des menschlichen leibs ausswendig und inwendig, von dem haupt an biss auff die füß, artzneyen und vertreiben soll, mit aussgebranten Wassern, Durch den weytberümpften Maister Bartholomeum Vogter, Augen Artzet zu Dillingen, bei dem Hochwirdigen etc. Herren, Herrn Christoffen Bischoff zu Augspurg, Dem gemainen menschen zu gut, Newlich zusammen gesetzt und gezogen. 1541. (At end :) Getruckt zu Augsburg durch Haynrich Stayner.

4to. 82 leaves (the last blank). With one large woodcut (once repeated) of a laboratory.

A very rare book on distilling. The author describes himself as an oculist at Dillingen (a small town in Bavaria), and there was apparently another edition published at Ursel in 1605. There seems no bibliographical record of this book, but a copy is to be found in Rosenthal, *Bibl. Magica*, No. 3269.

## VOLTA (Alessandro).

Lettere . . . sull' Aria Infiammabile Nativa delle Paludi. Milano, nella Stamperia di Giuseppe Marelli. 1777.

8vo. 147 pp. Engraved vignette on title and 13 vignettes in text, some illustrating experiments.

First Edition.

Contains the author's investigations on marsh-gas, which previously had not been distinguished from inflammable air. He showed that inflammable air, when burnt, required only one-fourth of the volume of oxygen which was needed for the complete combustion of marsh-gas, and that in this latter case alone was carbonic acid formed.

## VREESWYK (Goossen van).

De Goude Leeuw, of den Asijn der Wysen. Waer in ontallyke heerlyke Konsten en nutte Verborgentheden ontdekt worden : als de Anima uit alle Metalen en Mineralen te trekken ; vele ongemeene Medicynen, Schilder-gout, Brandewynen uit Koorn sonder viese smaek, uitstekend Blancketsel, kostelyke Gesteenten, &c. te maken. Alles met eigen handen gewrocht, en met vele kopere Platen aen den dach gegeven. t'Amsterdam, By Pieter Arentsz. Boekverkoper, in de Beurstraet, in de drie Rapen. 1671.

Sm. 8vo. Pp. (16, including engraved frontispiece), 246, (12). 16 engravings in text.

First Edition.

Ferguson (11, 520), Schmieder (p. 430) and Kopp (*Alchemie*, II, 379) only knew the 1675 edition, of which there was a copy in the Young collection.

A very rare work, illustrated by most charming engravings of a quite unusual symbolical character. This book is also important as a source of the narratives of the transmutations made by Helvetius and by Monte-Snyder, related on pp. 5 to 12.