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The eighth Treatise.

How by Art Nature works in Seed.

ALl Seed is nothing worth of it self, if it be not either by Art, or Nature put into its proper Matrix. And although Seed be of it self more noble then every creature, yet the Matrix is the life of it, and makes the Sperm, or Coim to putrefie, and causeth a congelation of the pure point, and also by the heat of its body nourisheth it, and makes it grow: and this is done in all the foresaid Kingdoms of Nature; and is done naturally by moneths, years, and ages. But that is a witty Art, that can shorten any thing in the Mineral, and Vegetable Kingdom, but not in the Animal: in the Mineral Kingdom it perfects that, which Nature could not, by reason of the crude Air, which with its vehemency filled the Pores of every Body; not onely in the Bowels, but also in the superficies of the Earth. As I have already said in the foregoing Chapters. But that this may be the more easily understood, I will add hereunto, that the Elements striving amongst themselves send forth their Seed into the Center of the Earth, as into their Reins, but the Center by help of motion sends it into its Matrix. Now the Matrixes are innumerable, as many Matrixes, as places, one purer then other, and so almost *in infinitum*. Know therefore, that a pure Matrix will afford a pure conception in its own likeness: As for example,

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ple, in Animals there are Matrixes of Women, Cows, Mares, Bitches, and the like. So in the Mineral, and Vegeable Kingdoms, there are Metals, Stones, Salts; for the Salts in these two Kingdoms are to be considered of, as also their places, according to more or less.

The ninth Treatise.

Of the Commixtion of Metals, or the drawing forth their Seed.

WE have spoken of Nature, of Art, of the Body, of Sperm, and of Seed, now let us descend unto Praxis, *viz.* how Metals ought to be mixed together, and what their correspondency or agreement is one with another. Know therefore that a Woman doth not vary from a Man; both are bred of the same Seed, and in one Matrix, there was nothing besides digestion, and that the Matrix had in it purer blood, and Salt: so Silver is made of the same Seed as Gold is, and in the same Matrix; but the Matrix had more Water in it then digested blood, according to the season of the Moon in the Heavens; But that thou maist the more easily imagine with thy self how Metals couple together, that their Seed may be sent forth, and received; behold and see the Heavens, and the Spheres of the Planets: thou seest that *Saturn* is placed the uppermost or highest, next to that *Jupiter*, then *Mars*, then *Sol*, or the Sun, then *Venus*, then *Mercury*, and last of all *Luna*, or the Moon;

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