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properties of different menstruum, and the manner of applying the fire or heat, may cause some alterations in the form wherein metals open themselves. PRECEPT. -1.

Observation should be made, what kind of dilatation happens in the opening of metals; as whether it be like that of leaf-gold, which is a spurious rarification, wherein the body is dilated rather in place than substance, after the manner of powders; or whether the body of the metal be actually dilated in substance. This may be determined by the following experiment. Take an exact weight and measure of quicksilver, and so of aqua-fortis, after the manner of our first table; then make a solution thereof, and weigh it in the two vessels, wherein the quicksilver and aqua fortis were separately weighed; and observe whether the weight and measure of the Compound exactly answer to the weight and measure...

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