CHAP. 32.

The Imbition of the Stone.

I now increased a fourth part by the first Imbition; but in reference to thy first ſ as thou tookest it at first, which being dried, add another fourth part, and let it be congealed with a convenient fire, then put to it two parts of the water in reference to the three parts of the ſ which thou tookest at first, before the first Imbition, and in this proportion imbibe and congeal three other times; at last add five parts of water in the seventh Imbition, still remembering to reckon the water in reference to the ſ as it was taken at first; seal thy Vessel, and in a fire like to the former make thy Compound pass through all the foresaid Regimens, which will be done in one moneth, and then thou hast the true Stone of the third order, of which one part will fall on a thousand, and ten perfectly.

Know that many Authors do take Fermentation in this Work for the internal invisible Agent, which they call Ferment, by whole virtue the fugitive and subtile Spirit, without laying on of hands, are of their own accord thicken ed, and our forementioned way of Fermentation they call Cication with Bread and Milk, so Repley; but I (not using to cite other Authors, nor yet to swear to their words in a thing which I myself know as well as they) have followed my own judgement in my Writings. There is then another Operation, by which our Stone is increased in weight more than virtue: Take of thy ſ white or red, and to three parts of the ſ add a fourth part of the water, and after a little blackness, in six or seven dayes decoction, thy water newly added shall be increased, or thickened, like unto thy ſ; then add another fourth part, not in respect of the whole Compound, which is...