

Paracelsus,
Archidoxis magicae
Liber II.

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Note, the following formulae are given in apothacary symbols which have the following meaning:

℥ = 1 ounce = 28.35 grams

℥ = 1 dram = 3.54 grams = 1/8 oz

☉ = gold

♃ = tin

☾ = silver

♂ = copper

♂ = iron

♄ = lead

☿ = mercury

The Second Treatise of
Celestial Medicines,
Containing,
The Mysteries of the Signes
Of the
ZODIACK.

The Heaven is compassed about with a large Circle in a Circuit which we call the Zodiack, and is divided into Twelve equal parts: these are named with the Names, and Designated with the Characters which follow:

♈ Aries.	♌ Leo.	♐ Sagittary.
♉ Taurus.	♍ Virgo.	♑ Capricorn.
♊ Gemini.	♎ Libra.	♒ Aquary.
♋ Cancer.	♏ Scorpio.	♓ Pisces.

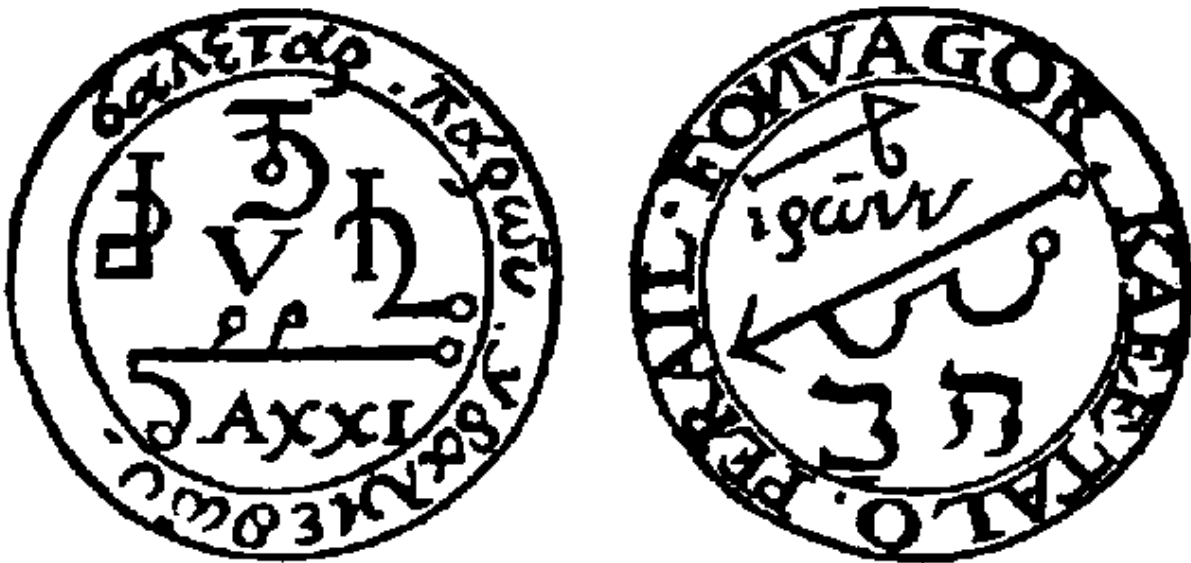
The Seal of ♈ is made of the following Metals.

♂^{ss.} ♂ⁱⁱ ♀ⁱ ♀^{ss.}

These Metals, in the day, hour, and very point wherein the *Sun* enters the first degree of *Aries*, (which for the most part happens the tenth day of *March*, or thereabouts) are all to be melted together with a very strong violent fire; but first the Iron is to be reduced into filings, or else it will not be melted.

They being all melted and prepared, on the day of ♂, ♀ being in the 9 or 10 degree of *Aries*, or thereabouts, which is once every month: in the same hour it ought to be finished; but is to be applied when *Mars* is in the Ninth House of Heaven, or the Eighth.

Aries



This Seal is a most certain Experiment to Cure all Fluxes and Catharres descending from the Head upon the Brain, &c. For it purgeth the Brain, and drieth up all Flegm of the Head, and all Diseases which appertain to the Head; it amendeth all Maladies thereof, being worn night and day, the Signe of *Aries* being turned next the Brain.

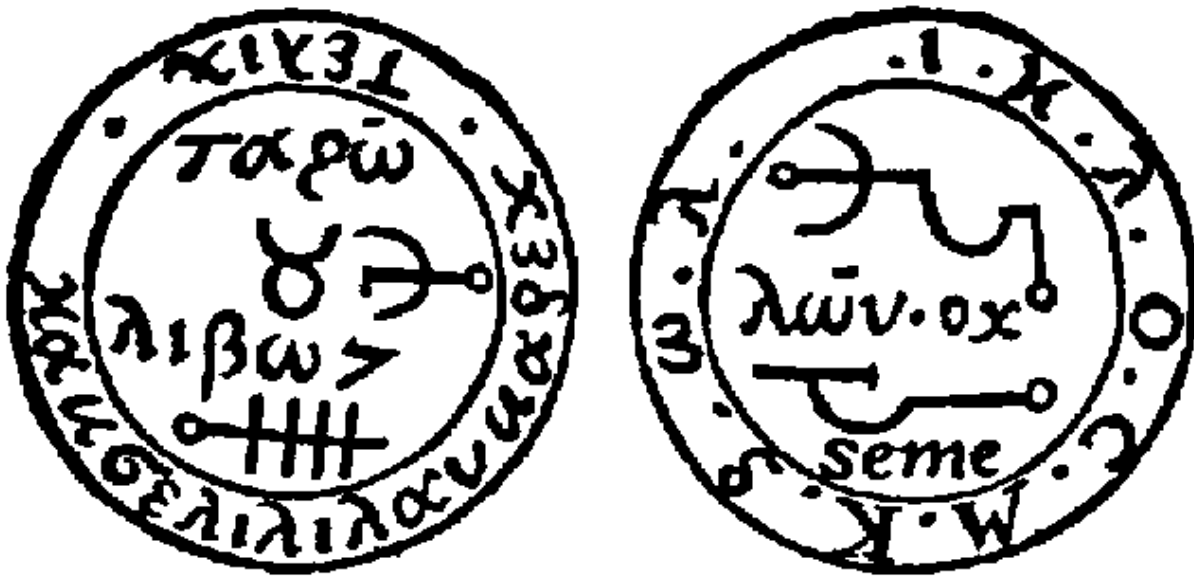
The Seal of Taurus is made of the Metals following.

Rx Of ♀ⁱ Of ♀⁴ ♀³ i Of ♂^{ss.} Of ♂ⁱⁱ.

They are all to be mixed together by melting them, the *Sun* being in *Taurus*, which every yeer happens about the eighth day of *April*. And in the very point of the *Suns* ingress into this signe, this Seal must be begun, and forthwith finished, or else the whole work will be frustrate. And when the *Moon* is in the 10 degree of *Taurus*, it is to be applied.

For the expedition of this work, there may be engraven some stamps of Iron first, wherewith the Seal may be coined after it is melted, whereby all the Signes and Words are quickly imprinted. So all the other Seals may be done: for oftentimes the hour slips away before they can be finished, and then happens the greatest detriment to this work, Wherefore the time is chiefly to be noted, as having the greatest power in these operations.

Taurus



The Nature and Property of this Sigil, giveth a most excellent Remedy to them who have lost their Generative Virtue: if it be so hanged that it may touch the Navel, the Sign *Taurus* being turned next the flesh and the body, it giveth the best help to men or women.

The Seal of Gemini.

Rx of *Gold* and *Silver*, of each 3 i.

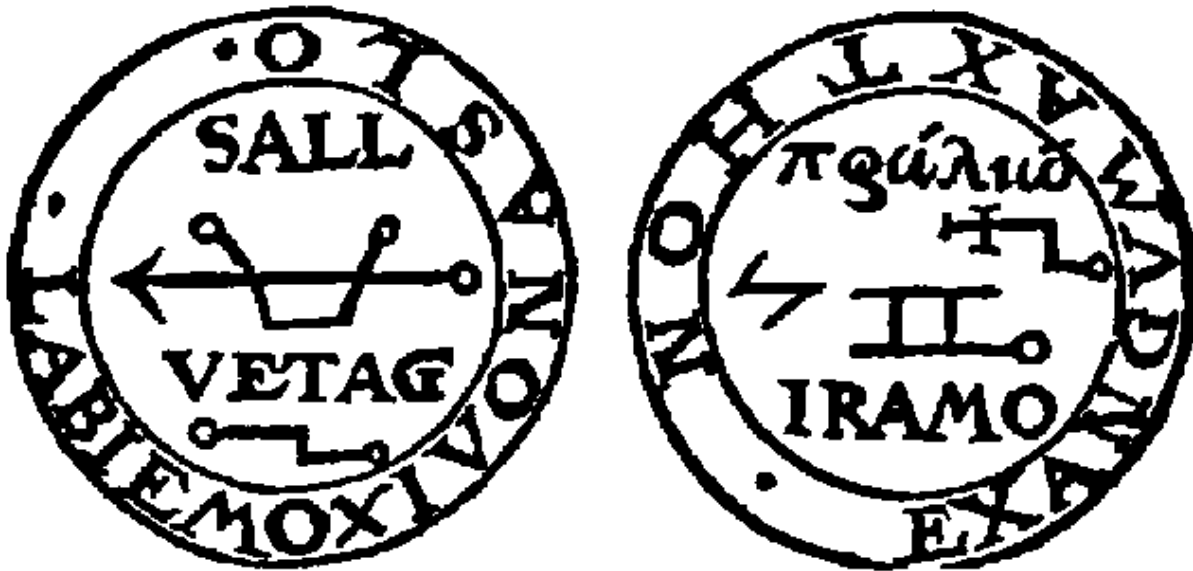
Let them br both melted together the *Sun* entring the Signe *Gemini*; which happens about the 10 or 11 day of *May*, according to the course of the year. Wherefore the yeer wherein the Sigil is to be made, you must first calculate: There are two *Lamens* to be made out of the mixture of the aforesaid Metals, whereupon the Signes are to be engraven as they are posited in the following Figures, when the *Moon*

is in the signe of *Leo* or *Pisces*: but the Seal being perfected, is to be applied at such time when ♀ is in the first House of Heaven; the air gentle, milde, and serene. The face of the Money that hath the signe Π, is to be turned towards, and worn upon the naked skin: both the said *Lamens* are to be connexed together with a Circle made of the same matter, almost a fingers breadth to be asunder in the middle, that they may not touch one another, with these faces, or sides, that are without signes: for there must be so great distanmce between them, that there may be a Pipe interposed, that may receive a Goose-quill full of Quicksilver, and afterwards to be stopped with Mastick: it must also contain a Pipe

of Metal, which must hold the Quill: when the work is completed, let the Quick-silver be poured into the Quill, the day and hour of *Mercury*, the *Moon* decreasing.

The rest was desired in a German example, even the strength and virtue of this kind of Sigil, for which it is made: but that we may not here traduce you, until perhaps hereafter by some examples it may be made known; we will not feign any thing of our selves, which might agree therewith. In the mean time, if any have so great a desire to know the power and virtue thereof, that they cannot stay in expectation of it, seek to the most approved Authors in Astronomy, what are the Virtues of *Gemini*, in producing Diseases and other things: And then at last, according to the process of the preceding and following Signes, maturely judge.

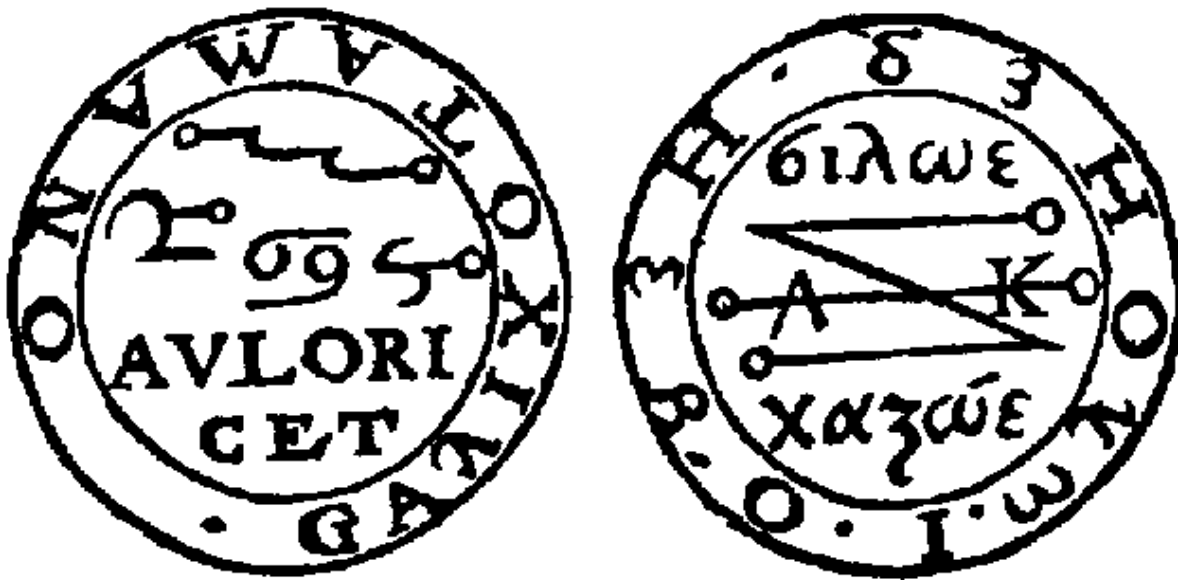
Gemini.



Cancer.

The Sigil of this Signe is made of most pure Silver, in that hour when *Sol* enters the signe *Cancer*, (which uses to be about the 10 or 11 day of *June*) but when the *Moon* is in a good Aspect, and not afflicted by any evil Planet, these Figures must be engraven in the hour of the *Moon* when she is increasing: in the same hour they must be begun, and finished; or else the whole labor is in vain.

Cancer.

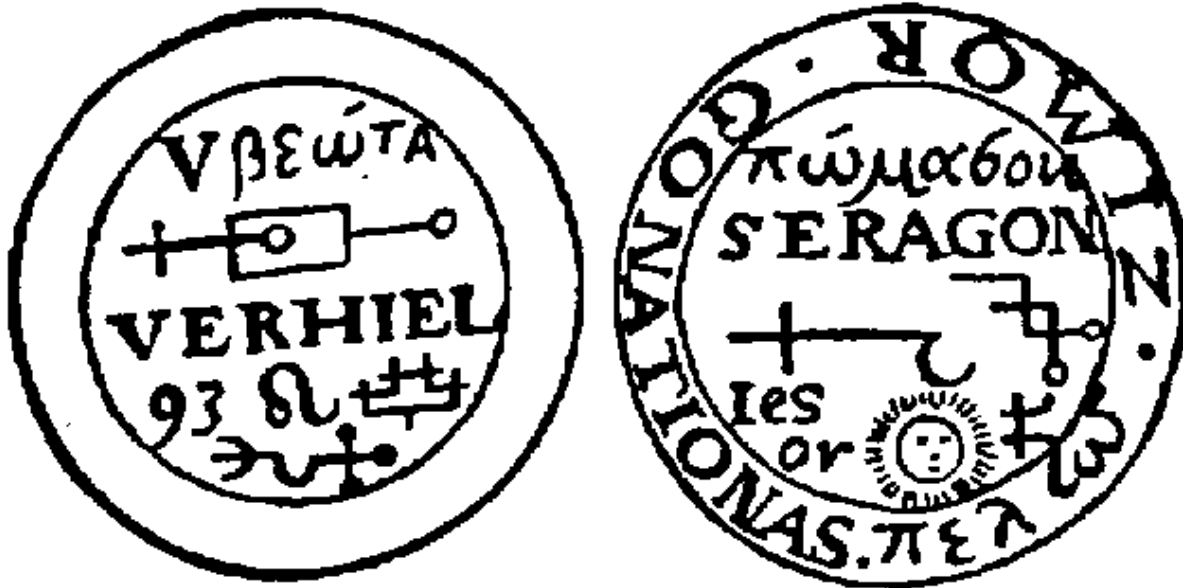


This Seal must be applied in the day and hour of the *Moon*, she decreasing; and ins to be kept and worn very Clean. The Virtue thereof causeth happy Journeys: It is very profitable to be worn against the Dropsie, and all Defects of the Body proceeding from moisture, or superfluous Flegm.

Leo.

This Sigil of *Leo* is to be made with great diligence in *July* only, when the *Sun* is in his own House, to wit, *Leo*, about the 13 or 14 day of the same Month. It is to be made of pure Gold, melted and wrought into a *Lamen*, when the *Sun* enters the first degree of the Signe, and perfected before the end of the hour. Afterwards when *Jupiter* is in *Pisces*, the Signes are to be ingraven on one side thereof, as they are in the first Figure: And the other side is to be engraven when the *Moon* is in the House of *Jupiter*, that is, in *Pisces*. And note, that after the melting of the Seal, it must not be put again into the fire, else all things are in vain.

Leo.



Let it be applied in the day and hour of the *Sun*. It hath a most excellent virtue: it causeth great Favours to men and women that wear it: It is a very good Remedy against Quartain Feavers. The Liquor is also good to be drunk, wherein it hath been infused all night. It is especially approved against Pestilence and all inward infection; and against all Diseases in the Eyes coming from heat, and from all other evil Heats and Rheums which we call flying Humors. It is good also against Burnings, the Seal being applied upon the place, certainly and surely draweth out the fire. This way we cured the wife of one Mr. *Nicholas Barber* our Country-man, dwelling at a place called *Villach* in which we Cured, and drew out the burning so, that the burned place was healed without any sore, or running Matter, only by applying such a Sigil; which she wore upon the place until the end of the Cure.

Virgo.

The Seal of *Virgo* is made of ♀ 3 i. Of ☉ 3 ss. Of ☽ 3 ii. ♀ 3 ss. These metals ought to be all melted together on Sunday about the 13 or 14 day of the *Sun*'s ingress into *Virgo*: And after they are melted, to be reduced into a thin *Lamen*: afterwards in the hour of *Mercury*, when *Mercury* is well Aspected of the other Planets; let the Names and Characters be engraven upon the *Lamen*, so, that they may be finished in the same hour.

Virgo.

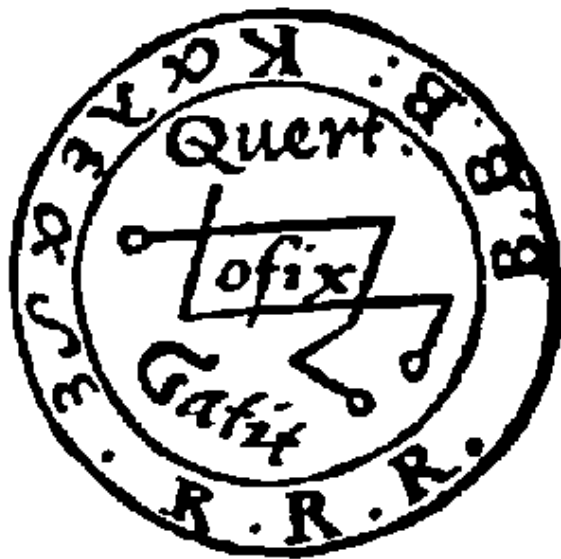


Let it be applied when *Mercury* is in the first House of Heaven, the air being clear and serene, (for then it is much better) and in the hour of *Mercury*, for then he ruleth the first House of Heaven; but if it cannot be, refer it to an hour of like nature, although the hour of *Mercury* is best.

Libra

This Sigil is to be made of pure ♀, and to be melted, poured out and made when the *Sun* enters *Libra*, which sometimes happens on *Sunday* the 13 or 14 of *September*, according to the progress of the year: And this is to be noted, That when *Venus* is the ruling Planet, or Reservator of the year, the Sigil will be of much more virtue, especially if those wear it, who were born under the same Planet; and if it be made and prepared for them. When ♀ is in the sign *Libra*, the Signes, Characters, and Words which you see in the following Figure, are to be engraven in the Seal; afterwards in the day and hour of *Venus*, in the first or eighth hour, which *Venus* governs, let it be applied.

Libra.

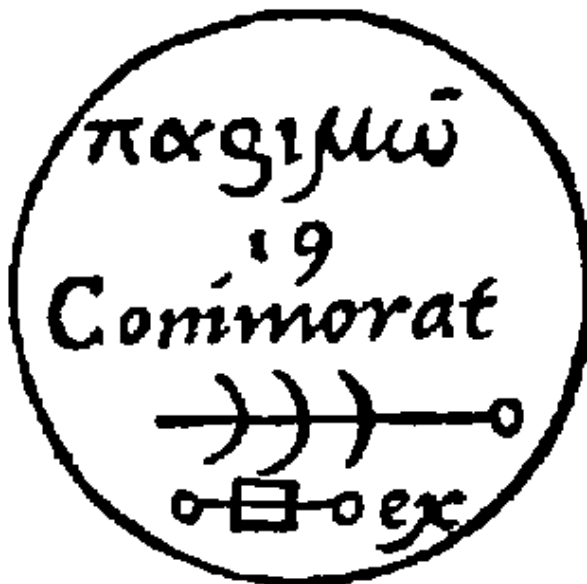
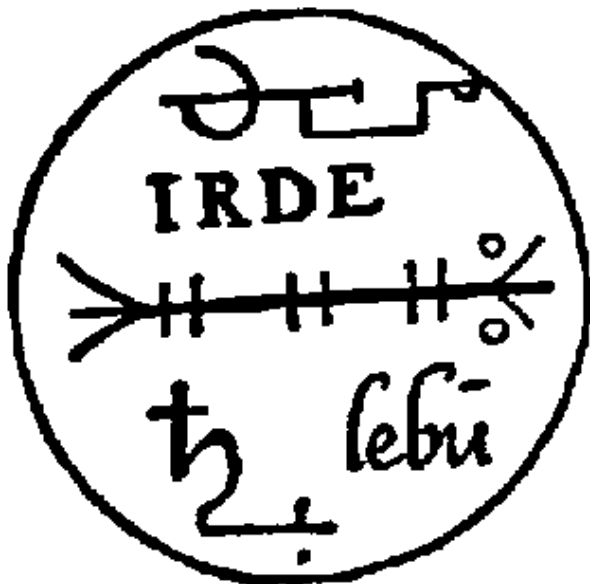


It is an admirable Remedy against all Bewitchings of Women, which hinder the act of generation, and especially in those whom they hate: In brief, this Sigil is most profitable and excellent against all Maladies whatsoever; especially all griefs of the Secret Members.

Scorpio

The seal of *Scorpio* must be made of pure Iron in the day and hour of *Mars*, when the *Sun* enters *Scorpio*, which happens about the 12, 13, or 14 day of *October*: And in the same hour let one side of the *Lamen* be engraven with his Characters. Afterwards, when the *Sun* is entered into *Aries*, let the other side be engraven. It may be applied at any time when you will.

Scorpio.



It is a most excellent Remedy against all Poyson and Diseases thereby infected. It is excellent and admirable for Souldiers, Captains, and such as are in daily Controversies: Also, if such an Animal as follows be made of pure Iron, when Mars is Lord of the yeer, and the *Sun* enters the first degree of *Scorpio*; afterwards when *Mars* is in his own House in *Aries*, let it be engraven as follows. Then let it be applied in the hour of *Mars*: the House wherein it is hanged, it defendeth safe from all Scorpions; and all Serpents that are alive will flie out of it: it is a most excellent Remedy against all venomous bitings: mightily helpeth Souldiers in Fights: and is very good against the Leprosie to be worn, and the Patient to drink potable Gold.

Let it be engraven as this Figure.

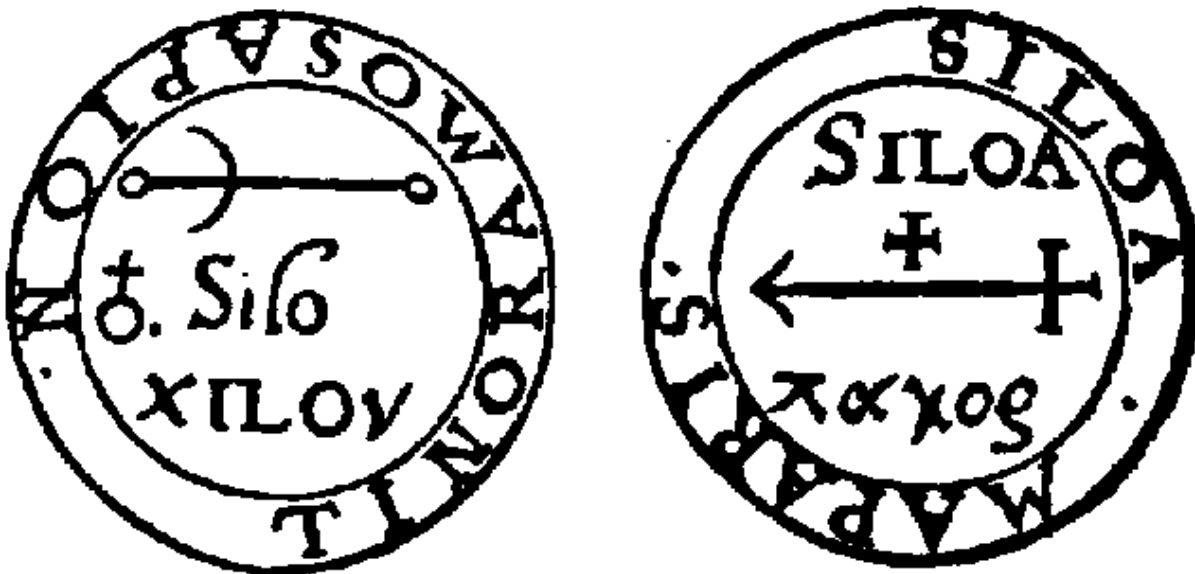
[Figure of scorpion with SAPFIOR written on it]

Let there be affixed a Ring of pure Gold to the Tayle thereof, that it may be worn hanging about the Neck with the Head downwards. It is a certain Remedy to drive away all Flies from the Bed where it is hanged.

Sagittary

This Sigil is to be made in the hour of the *Suns* ingress into *Sagittary* (which annually happens on the 12 or 13 day of *November*) on the first degree of the ingression: let it be signed in the hour of *Jupiter*, and applied in the same hour, the *Moon* encreasing. This is the second Seal, that I knew after long search and enquiry; and which, according to the Art that I profess, I have often used to the shame and scorn of my Adversaries, that they have stood amazed like Asses, and durst not open their mouths. There must be a silver Ring to hang it in, and it must be made of pure Tyrne [Tin], without addition of any other Metal; and to be worn and kept clean: But it must be left off in the time of Copulation, or else it loseth its virtue.

Sagittary.



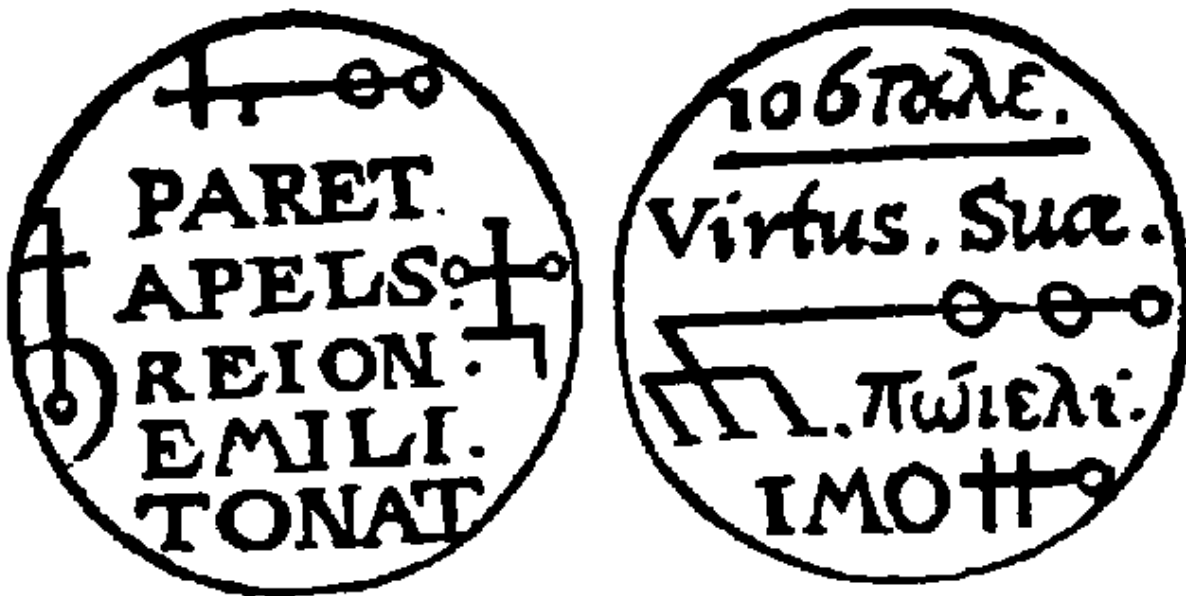
We are again forced to complain of envious and perfidious men, who envying that in others, which they have not themselves, leave nothing perfect; that it may the second time appear in this Book, that their strength and power is taken away, as above is done concerning the signe *Gemini*; By the

Protestation of the same Author, in this Chapter, when he saith, That this is the second Seal which he esteemed to be most powerful in the Medicinal Art. The envious therefore labor in vain; for whether they will or no, he will bring into light every thing that they have taken away out of the Books of *Theophrastus Paracelsus*. For that Author before his death did prudently inclose those Books in divers places in Walls; so that if after his death, they were lost in one place, they might be preserved in another, for good men; lest that if any should come to the envious hands of wicked men, should be perpetually lost, or torn in pieces. Hereby they were preserved for us whole, that in due time the lives of wicked men, loving nothing but themselves, may appear out of darkness.

Capricorn

Now we come to treat of *Saturn* and his progeny: this Seal is to be made of Gold; for Lead hath no operation with other Metals. There must be made a Ring of Copper; and together with the Seal, are both to be made in the hour when the *Sun* enters *Capricorn*, and is farthest distant from us; Let the Seal be engraven on the day and hour of *Saturn*, and when *Saturn* is in a good Aspect with some other Planet.

Capricorn.



It must be applied when the *Moon* is decreasing or diminished in light: but the hour of the Aspect, whether it be of the *Moon* or any other Planet, matters not. This Seal may vulgarly be called the Sigil of Favor. This Seal thoroughly heals the Itch or Scurff in the Thighes: Our Predecessors could not by Art finde out the Cure of this Disease, accounting it uncureable; when as this is the best way to Cure it, without any other means.

Aquary.

When the *Sun* enters *Aquary* in the Month of *January*, let the Seal be made in the same hour, of these Metals, being mixt and melted together: of *Gold* 3 ss. Lead 3 ii. Of *Iron* 3 i. And when the Planet *Saturn* is in the Ninth House of Heaven, let these Signes and Words be quickly engraven one after another.

Aquary.



You shall not apply it till the *Sun* is under the *Earth*, and in the hour of *Saturn*; and then it is good, being hanged about the Neck, against Contractures, cold Diseases, and Sinewes shrunk: it is very profitable to preserve the Memory, to get Favors amongst men, and very good against all Poyson, as may be proved by putting any venomous Spider upon the Sigil; it forthwith flieth away, and cannot possibly remain upon it.

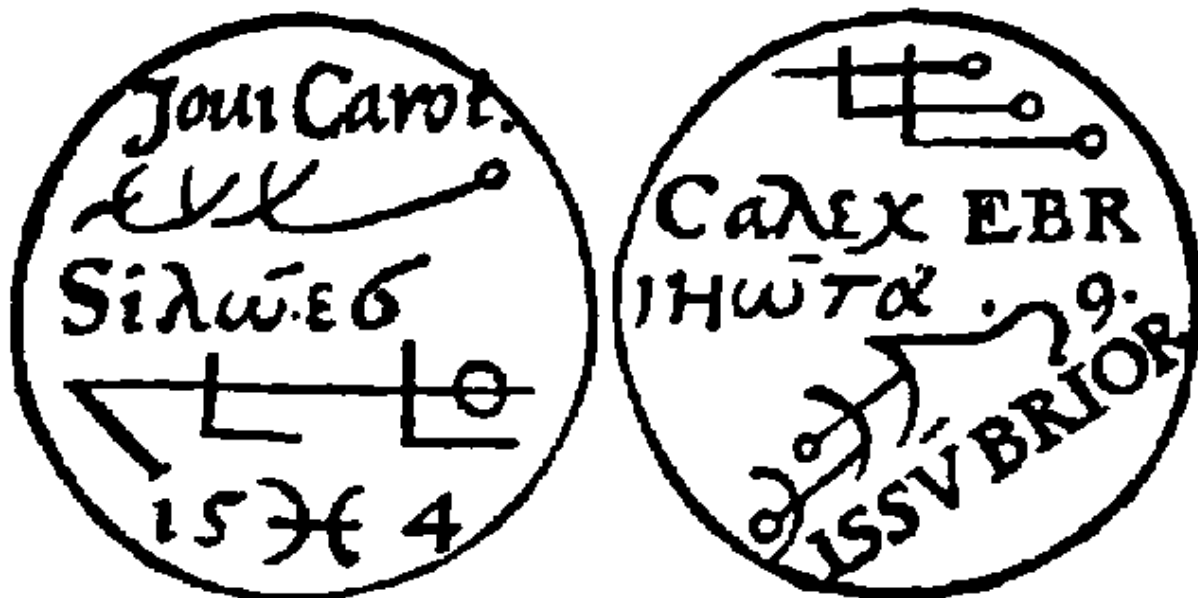
Pisces

The Seal of *Pisces* is to be made in *February*, when the *Sun* enters *Pisces*, of the following Metals.

Rx of *Gold*, *Iron*, *Copper*, *Silver*, of each 3 ii. Of *Tynne* 3 ss.

Let them be all melted together, and the Seal formed and engraven the same hour of the *Suns* ingress [increase]; afterwards let it be applied when *Jupiter* is well placed in the eighth house of heaven, and in the day and hour of *Jupiter*.

Pisces.



This is an admirable instrument to loose and expel Choler, of which do grow many grievous Diseases, as Contractures, the Palsie, shrinking of the Joynts, Burnings, &c. against which it giveth wonderful help to men or women: it mitigateth the pain of the Gout, takes away the Cramp, and all Grieffs proceeding from Fluxes.

This Seal ought to hang down low upon the Navel.
