Sir George Ripley's RECAPITULATION.

I.

FOr to bring this Treatise to a final end;
And briefly here to conclude these secrets all:
Diligently look thou, and to thy Figure attend,
Which doth in it contain these secrets great and small:
And if thou it conceive, both Theorical and Practical,
By Figures and Colours, and by Scripture plain,
Which wittily conceived, thou mayest not work in vain.

II.

Consider first the Latitude of this precious Stone,
Beginning in the first side noted in the West,
Where the red Man, and white Woman be made one,

Spoused with the Spirit of life to live in love and rest:
Earth and water equally proportion'd, that is best;
And one of the Earth is good, and of the Spirit Three,
Which Twelve to Four also of the Earth may be.

III.

Three of the Wife, and one of the Man thou must take;
And the less of the Spirit there is in this Disposition,
The rather thy Calcination for certain shalt thou make:
Then forth into the North proceed by obscuration
Of the red man and his white Wife called Eclypsation;
Losing them, and altering them betwixt Winter and Vere,
Into Water turning Earth, dark, and nothing clear.

IV.

From thence by Colours many one into the East ascend,
Then shall the Moon be full, appearing by day-light:

Then

Then is she passed Purgatory, and her course at an end:
There is the up-rising of the Sun appearing white and bright;
There is Summer after Vere, and Day after Night:
Then Earth and Water which were black, be turned into Air,
And Clouds of darkness over-blown, and all appeareth fair.

V.

And as in the West was the beginning of thy practice,
And the North the perfect mean of profound alteration:
So in the East after them is the beginning of speculation.
But of this course up in the South the Sun maketh consummation.
There be the Elements turned into Fire by Circulation.
Then to win to thy desire, thou needst not be in doubt,
For the Wheel of our Philosophy thou hast turn'd about.

VI.

But yet about again 2 times turn thy wheel,
In which be comprehended all the secrets of
our Philosophy
In Chapters Twelve, made plain to thee, if
thou conceive them well;
And all the secrets by and by of our lower
Astronomy,
How thou shalt Calcine Bodies, perfect, dis-
solve, divide, and putrifie,
With perfect knowledg of all the Poles which
in our Heaven been
Shining with Colours inexplicable, never
were gayer seen.

VII.

And this one secret conclusion know with-
outen fail,
Our Red Man teyneth not, nor his Wife,
until they teyned be;
Therefore if thou list thy self by this craft to
avail,
The Altitude of the Bodies hide, and shew
out their profundity,
In every of thy Materials destroying the first
Quality,

And

And secondary Qualities more glorious in
them repair anon;
And in one Glass, with one Reg'ment Four
Natures turn to One.

VIII.

Pale and black with false Citrine, unperfect
White and Red,
The Peacock's Feathers in Colours gay, the
Rainbow, which shall over-go
The spotted Panther, the Lyon green, the
Crow's Bill *blew as Lead;*
These shall appear before the perfect White,
and many other moe
Colours; And after the perfect white, gray
and false Citrine also:
And after these, then shall appear the bloody
red invariable;
Then hast thou a Medicine of the third or-
der of his own kind multiplicable.

IX.

Thou must divide thy white Elixir *into parts*
Two,
Before thou Rubifie, and into Glasses Two
let them be done,
If thou wilt have the Elixirs *for* Sun *and*
Moon, *so do,*

With Mercury *then them multiply unto great quantity ſoon:*
And if thou hadſt not at the beginning enough to fill a Spoon,
Yet thou mayſt them ſo multiply, both the White and the Red,
That if thou liv'ſt a Thouſand Years, they will ſtand thee in ſtead.

X.

Have thou recourſe unto thy Wheel therefore, I counſel thee,
And ſtudy him well to know in each Chapter truly;
Meddle with no Fantaſtical Multiplyers; but let them be,
Which will thee flatter, and falſly ſay they are cunning in Philoſophy:
Do as I bid thee, then diſſolve thoſe foreſaid Maſes wittily,
And turn them into perfect Oyls with our true Water ardent
By Circulation, that muſt be done according to our intent.

XI.

Theſe Oyls will fix crude Mercury, *and convert Bodies all*

Into

Into perfect Sol *and* Lune *when thou ſhalt make Projection:*
That Oyly Subſtance pure & fixt, Reymond Lully *did call*
His Baſilisk, *of which he never made ſo plain detection:*
Pray for me to God, that I may be one of his Election;
And that he will for one of his at Dooms-day *me ken,*
And grant me in his Bliſs to Reign with him for ever, Amen.