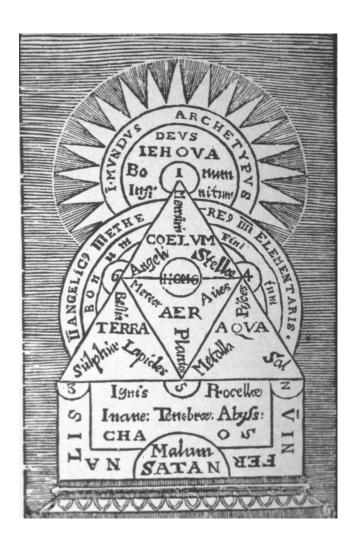


An Ordinall of Alchimy:

A Project from Mildred's Lane organized by Mark Dion and Robert Williams.

with

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This \$999 project from Cabinet magazine rests on the description and referencing of seven processes in practical alchemy (*Calcination, Fixation, Solution, Distillation, Sublimation, Separation, and Projection*) which looks to Elias Ashmole's *Theatrum Chemicum Britannicum* of 1652- itself a collection or miscellany, and which informs the Alchemy Shack Project at Mildred's Lane. Amongst the famous alchemical treatise in that work, is *Norton's Ordinall of Alchimy* – itself a list, or taxonomy in verse of these practical processes and principles. This acknowledges the great project of alchemy as a means to enlightenment, and is mirrored in the process of the \$999 project as the fellows investigated and interpreted the terminology of the seven doors of alchemy in their discourse and rationale for purchasing items *via* eBay.

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eBAY ITEMS BY PRICE & ALCHEMIC PROCESS

ITEM	PRICE	SHIPPING	TOTAL	ITEM	PRICE	SHIPPING	TOTAL
CALCINATION				DISTILLATION			
Dragon Skull	20	12.89	32.89	Red Magic Essence	9.99	6.2	16.19
Buffalo Jaw Bone	2.5	4.78	7.28	Vapo-Cresoline Vaporizer	19.99	6.9	26.89
Dragon Bones	3.85	2.75	6.6	Lilac Perfumiere	15	4.95	19.95
Coyote Skull	15	5	20	Lincoln Glass Decanter	1.25	4.95	6.2
Hoodoo-Coon Penis Bone	2	0.8	2.8	Press Glass Decanter	3.5	9.2	12.7
Volcanic Ash	2.95	1.75	4.7	Wine/Water Decanter	4.99	7.1	12.09
XXL Coon Penis Bone (Oosik)	6	5	11	Double Decanter	12	0	12
Fine Dead Sea Salt (20 lbs)	11.99	9.99	21.98	Six Mini-Perfume Bottles	5	3	8
Sun Jar	32.2	0	32.2	Subtotals	71.72	42.3	114.02
Subtotals	96.49	42.96	139.45	SUBLIMATION			
FIXATION				Venus Comb	14.99	9.99	24.98
Old Bottle Opener, Lava	5.5	3	8.5	Glacier Rock	1	2.73	3.73
Vintage Talking Toast Mold	3.95	0	3.95	Moon Meteorite	39.9	6	45.9
Black Obsidian Stones	4.45	3.3	7.75	Carved Bone Scrimshaw	29.95	0	29.95
Brass Locket	9.99	0	7.75	Pocket Telescope	29.99	0	29.99
French Matchbox Holder	7	0	11.7	Compass	1.49	2.5	3.99
Silver Teeth Mold	9.99	0	11.7	Subtotals	117.32	21.22	138.54
Lipstick Fixative	4.95	2.99	11.7	SEPARATION			
Check Writer	9.95	14.77	24.72	Hair Cutters	1	2.87	3.87
Pattern: Colonial Costume	3.5	0	3.5	Gas Mask	12.99	9.8	22.79
Bat Lock and Key	0.99	10	10.99	Vintage Condom Box	5.99	0	5.99
Subtotals	60.27	34.06	94.33	Lemon Juicer	5.95	5.95	11.9
SOLUTION				Tin Pan Strainer	7	7.75	14.75
St. Augustine Fountain of Youth	4.99	8.7	13.69	Doll House Curtains	2.25	1.5	3.75
Liquid Ozone	15	7.55	22.55	Metal Colander With Stand	9.99	9.85	19.84
Money Drawing Indian Oil	2.5	2.58	5.08	Lot of Handkerchiefs	9.99	0	9.99
Love Potion	5.69	3 . 5	9.19	Subtotals	55.16	37.72	92.88
Abacus	0.99	13.22	14.21	PROJECTION			
Cold Fusion Poster	2.5	1.5	4	Philosopher's Stone	20	0	20
Duck Soap Dish	9.99	8.7	18.69	Glass for Philosopher's Stone	3	2.75	5.75
Bad Karma Cure-all	4	0	4	Glass Paperweights	30	11	41
Magnetic Liquid	19.95	0	19.95	3 lbs. Fools Gold	22	0	22
50 Magnetic Discs	5.65	0	5.65	Overhead Projector	19.99	14	33.99
Magic 8 Ball	29.99	4.44	34.43	Subtotals	94.99	27.75	122.74
Subtotals	101.25	50.19	151.44	GRAND TOTALS	597.20	256.20	853.40