

dom, and the Rest of his Goods to be divided equally between him and his Brother ; besides, he left me a Legacy of 6,000 Golden Ducatoons, as an Acknowledgement of my Fidelity. And accordingly first, enquiry was made for the Instruments and Books of Wisdom ; of those that were on and about the Table, I have spoke already ; on the right side of the Closet stood a Chest of Ebony, whose Inside was all covered with Plates of beaten Gold, and contained Twelve Characters engraven upon them. From thence we went to view a large Chest containing Twelve Looking-Glasses, not made of Glass, but of wonderful unknown Matter ; the Center of the said Looking-Glasses were filled with wonderful Characters ; the Brims of them were enclosed in pure Gold, and between the said Brims and Center, they were polished Looking-Glasses receiving all opposite images. After this we opened a very large Chest, or Case, in which we found a most capacious Looking-Glass, which Mr. Jesse told us was Solomon's Looking-Glass and the Miracle of the whole World, in which the Characterisms of the whole Universe were united. We saw also in a Box of Ebony, a Globe made of wonderful Matter ; Mr. Jesse told us, that in the said Globe was shut up the Fire and Soul of the World, and that therefore the said Globe of itself performed all its Motions, in an exact Harmony and Agreement with those of the Universe. Upon this afore-mentioned stood another, which contained an instrument resembling a Clock Dial, but instead of the Figures of the Twelve Hours, the Letters of the Alphabet were placed around this, with a Hand or Index turning and pointing at them. Mr. Jesse told us that this Instrument would move of itself, upon the Motion of a corresponding and sympathetic Instrument which he had at Home, and, that by means of this Instrument, my happy Master had signified to him his approaching Death, and that after this Signification, finding that his Instrument remained without Motion, he

concluded my Master was dead. Last of all we came to the Books of Wisdom which he opened not ; near the said Books was placed a Box of Gold, full of a most precious Powder of a deep Scarlet Colour, which Mr. Jesse smiling took and put up. Near to the Closet, where we were, was another Closet adjoining, which we entered into, and there found four large Chests full of small Ingots of most pure Gold, out of which they gave me my Legacy of 6,000 Golden Ducatoons in a double Proportion. But Mr. Jesse refused to take for himself any of the said Gold ; for he said that those Things which were afore bequeathed to him, did fully content him, for he was skilled in my Master's Art, and therefore ordered his Part of the Gold to be bestowed on several poor Virgins of Kin to them, to make up their Portions. I myself married one of these, and had with her a good Portion of the said Gold ; she embraced the Christian Religion, and is yet alive. Mr. Jesse packed up all the Things, and carried them Home with him into Switzerland, though since that he hath chose himself a quiet and well-tempered Place in the East Indies, from whence he writ to me last Year, offering me to adopt my eldest Son, whom I have accordingly sent to him. During the time we were in the Closet I saw strange Miracles effected by the Motions of the Instruments of Wisdom, which I neither can nor dare set down in Writing. Thus much, my intimate Friend, I was willing you should know ; more I cannot add. Farewell,"

The word Miracle seems here to be used in the sense of Mirror. It was probably a large Magic Mirror, such as were then, and are still, employed by occult students.

The Instrument is described in a Book called *Ars Notoria*, printed in Latin.—*Notes and Queries*.

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We extract the following from the address of M.E. Grand High Priest,