

manded me to bring him a Glass of Malaga, which now and then he sparingly made use of. As soon as he had drank off his Wine, he bid me come to him, and leaning his Head upon my Shoulders, he fell into a quiet Sleep, and after half an hour's Time fetched a very deep sigh, and so yielded his Soul to God, to my great Astonishment. Upon this I, according to my promise, writ into Switzerland, to give Notice of Death to his Nephews; and to my great Wonder, the very Day after my blessed Master died I received a Letter from Mr. Jesse, wherein he enquired whether my Master were dead or alive, as if he had known Everything that had passed; as indeed he did, by means of a certain Instrument, of which hereafter I shall make mention. A little later his Nephews came, to whom I gave an Account of what had passed; all which Mr. Jesse heard with a Smile, not without Astonishment and Wonder. I gave him the Keys, together with the Glass in which was the aforesaid Golden Solution; but they refused then to meddle with Anything that day, being tired with their Journey; but, on the Morrow, after I had carefully shut all the Doors of the House, and none but they and I being present, Mr. Jesse took the Glass Vial and broke it over a China Dish, which might receive the enclosed Liquor, and took some of the said Liquor, and put it upon the transparent Matter, with which the Cabinet was sealed, and immediately the Matter, which before was hard as Chrystal, was resolved into a thickish Water; so he opened the Cabinet, and took thence the Keys of the Closet. Then we came to the Door of the Closet, where Mr. Jesse, having seen the seal, he wetted it as formerly with the forementioned Liquor, which immediately gave way; and so he opened the said Doubled-door, but shut it again, and falling down upon his Knees, prayed, as we also did; then we entered and shut the Doors upon us. Here I saw great Miracles. In the Midst of the Closet stood a Table, whose Frame

was of Ebony; the Table itself was round, and of the same Wood, but covered with Plates of Beaten Gold; before the Table was placed a low Footstool, for to kneel upon: in the Midst of the Table stood an instrument of a strange and wonderful Contrivance, the lower Part of it, or Pedestal, was of Pure Gold, the middle Part was of most Transparent Chrystal, in which was enclosed an incombustible and perpetually shining Fire; the upper Part of it was likewise of Pure Gold, made in the Form of a Cup or Vial. Just above this Instrument hung down a Chain of Gold to which was fastened an Artificial Chrystal, of an oval Form, filled with the aforesaid perpetual Fire. On the right side of the Table we took notice of a Golden Box, and upon the same a little Golden Spoon; this box contained a Balsam of a Scarlet Colour. On the left Side we saw a little Desk of Massive Gold, upon which was laid a Book containing twelve Leaves of pure beaten Gold, being tractable and flexible as Paper; in the Midst of the Leaves were several Characters engraved, as likewise in the Corners of the said Leaves, but in the Space between the Center and Corners of the Leaves, were filled with holy Prayers. Under the Desk we found the last Will of my deceased Master; whilst we were in the Closet, Mr. Jesse kneeled down, leaning upon the Desk, and with most humble Devotion, repeated some of the forementioned Prayers, and then with the little Spoon took up a small Quantity of the aforesaid Balsam, and put it into the Top of the Instrument which was in the Middle of the Table, and instantly a most grateful Fume ascending, which with its most pleasing Odour, did most sensibly refresh us; but that which to me seemed miraculous was, that the said Fume ascending, caused the perpetual Fire enclosed in the hanging Chrystal, to flash and blaze terribly; like some great Star or Lightning. After this Mr. Jesse read the Will, wherein he bequeathed to Mr. Jesse, all his Instruments and Books of Wis-