THE PICTURE OF THE TAOIST GENII PRINTED ON THE COVER of this book is part of a painted temple scroll, recent but traditional, given to Mr Brian Harland in Szechuan province (1946). Concerning these four divinities, of respectable rank in the Taoist bureaucracy, the following particulars have been handed down. The title of the first of the four signifies 'Heavenly Prince', that of the other three 'Mysterious Commander'.

At the top, on the left, is Liu Thien Chün, Comptroller-General of Crops and Weather. Before his deification (so it was said) he was a rain-making magician and weather forecaster named Liu Chün, born in the Chin dynasty about + 340. Among his attributes may be seen the sun and moon, and a measuring-rod or carpenter's square. The two great luminaries imply the making of the calendar, so important for a primarily agricultural society, the efforts, ever renewed, to reconcile celestial periodicities. The carpenter's square is no ordinary tool, but the gnomon for measuring the lengths of the sun's solstitial shadows. The Comptroller-General also carries a bell because in ancient and medieval times there was thought to be a close connection between calendrical calculations and the arithmetical acoustics of bells and pitch-pipes.

At the top, on the right, is Wên Yuan Shuai, Intendant of the Spiritual Officials of the Sacred Mountain, Thai Shan. He was taken to be an incarnation of one of the Hour-Presidents (Chia Shen), i.e. tutelary deities of the twelve cyclical characters (see Vol. 4, pt. 2, p. 440). During his earthly pilgrimage his name was Huan Tzu-Yü and he was a scholar and astronomer in the Later Han (b. +142). He is seen holding an armillary ring.

Below, on the left, is Kou Yuan Shuai, Assistant Secretary of State in the Ministry of Thunder. He is therefore a late emanation of a very ancient god, Lei Kung. Before he became deified he was Hsin Hsing, a poor woodcutter, but no doubt an incarnation of the spirit of the constellation Kou-Chhen (the Angular Arranger), part of the group of stars which we know as Ursa Minor. He is equipped with hammer and chisel.

Below, on the right, is Pi Yuan Shuai, Commander of the Lightning, with his flashing sword, a deity with distinct alchemical and cosmological interests. According to tradition, in his early life he was a countryman whose name was Thien Hua. Together with the colleague on his right, he controlled the Spirits of the Five Directions.

Such is the legendary folklore of common men canonised by popular acclamation. An interesting scroll, of no great artistic merit, destined to decorate a temple wall, to be looked upon by humble people, it symbolises something which this book has to say. Chinese art and literature have been so profuse, Chinese mythological imagery so fertile, that the West has often missed other aspects, perhaps more important, of Chinese civilisation. Here the graduated scale of Liu Chün, at first sight unexpected in this setting, reminds us of the ever-present theme of quantitative measurement in Chinese culture; there were rain-gauges already in the Sung (+12th century) and sliding calipers in the Han (+1st). The armillary ring of Huan Tzu-Yü bears witness that Naburiannu and Hipparchus, al-Naqqāsh and Tycho, had worthy counterparts in China. The tools of Hsin Hsing symbolise that great empirical tradition which informed the work of Chinese artisans and technicians all through the ages.

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When they strive only to 'understand the high' without 'studying the low', how can their understanding of the high be right?

CHHÊNG MING-TAO (+1032 to +1085) Honan Chhêng Shih I Shu, ch. 13, p. 1b.

If you do not understand what is earthly, how then will you understand what is heavenly?

Aurea Catena Homeri (+1723) attrib. Joseph Kirchweger.

If one disdains the low and the near, and restlessly seeks the high and the far, skips over the steps and crosses the limits, one will be drifting on emptiness and vacuity, without anything to rely on. Can that be called 'reflecting on things at hand'?

> From LÜ TSU-CHHIEN's preface to the Chin Ssu Lu, +1176

The student must first of all know how to doubt.

CHU HSI (+1130 to +1200)

Chin Ssu Lu, ch. 3, para. 15.

Heaven has its generative power, Earth its numinous efficacy,

If a man can achieve the mastery of these, he will be able to attain to life immortal.

Tho Yo Tzu
(The Bellows-and-Tuyère Master;
Sung or Yuan, between the +1oth
and the +14th century)
In Tao Tsang Chi Yao,

hsia mao chi, 5.

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unaffected
unpretentious
in learning, in factual exposition, in kindness, untiring
convivial, unforgettable,

this volume is dedicated

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- B Bretschneider, E. (1), Botanicon Sinicum.
- CC Chia Tsu-Chang & Chia Tsu-Shan (1), Chung-Kuo Chih Wu Thu Chien (Illustrated Dictionary of Chinese Flora), 1958.
- CCIF Sun Ssu-Mo, Chhien Chin I Fang (Supplement to the Thousand Golden Remedies), c. +66o.
- CHS Pan Ku (and Pan Chao), Chhien Han Shu (History of the Former Han Dynasty), c. +100.
- CJC Juan Yuan, Chhou Jen Chuan (Biographies of Mathematicians and Astronomers), +1799. With continuations by Lo Shih-Lin, Chu Kho-Pao and Huang Chung-Chün. In HCCC, chs. 159 ff.
- CLPT Thang Shen-Wei et al. (ed.), Chêng Lei Pên Tshao (Reorganised Pharmacopoeia), ed. of +1249.
- CSHK Yen Kho-Chün (ed.), Chhüan Shang-ku San-Tai Chhin Han San-Kuo Liu Chhao Wên (Complete Collection of prose literature (including fragments) from remote antiquity through the Chhin and Han Dynasties, the Three Kingdoms, and the Six Dynasties), 1836.
- CTPS Fu Chin-Chhüan (ed.), Chêng Tao Pi Shu Shih Chung (Ten Types of Secret Books on the Verification of the Tao), early 19th cent.
- HFT Han Fei, Han Fei Tzu (Book of Master Han Fei), early -3rd cent.
- HHS Fan Yeh & Ssuma Piao, Hou Han Shu (History of the Later Han Dynasty), +450.
- HNT Liu An et al., Huai Nan Tzu (Book of the Prince of Huai-Nan),
- ICK Taki Mototane, I Chi Khao (Iseki-kō) (Comprehensive Annotated Bibliography of Chinese Medical Literature [Lost or Still Existing]), finished c. 1825, pr. 1831; repr. Tokyo 1933, Shanghai 1936.
- K Karlgren, Grammata Serica (dictionary giving the ancient forms and phonetic values of Chinese characters).
- KHTT Chang Yü-Shu (ed.), Khang-Hsi Tzu Tien (Imperial Dictionary of the Khang-Hsi reign-period), +1716.
- Kr Kraus, P. Le Corpus des Écrits Jābiriens (Mémoires de l'Institut d'Égypte, 1943, vol. 44, pp. 1-214).
- LPC Lung Po-Chien (1), Hsien Tshun Pên Tshao Shu Lu (Bibliographical Study of Extant Pharmacopoeias and Treatises on Natural History from all Periods).
- MCPT Shen Kua, Mêng Chhi Pi Than (Dream Pool Essays), +1089.

Nanjio, B., A Catalogue of the Chinese Translations of the Buddhist Tripiţaka, with index by Ross (3).

NCCS Hsü Kuang-Chhi, Nung Chêng Chhüan Shu (Complete Treatise on Agriculture), +1639.

PPT/NP Ko Hung, Pao Phu Tzu (Nei Phien) (Book of the Preservation-of-Solidarity Master; Inner Chapters), c. +320.

PPT/WP Idem (Wai Phien), the Outer Chapters.

PTKM Li Shih-Chen, Pên Tshao Kang Mu (The Great Pharmacopoeia), +1596.

PWYF Chang Yü-Shu (ed.), Phei Wên Yün Fu (encyclopaedia), +1711.

R Read, Bernard E. et al., Indexes, translations and précis of certain chapters of the Pên Tshao Kang Mu of Li Shih-Chen. If the reference is to a plant see Read (1); if to a mammal see Read (2); if to a bird see Read (3); if to a reptile see Read (4 or 5); if to a mollusc see Read (5); if to a fish see Read (6); if to an insect see Read (7).

RP Read & Pak (1), Index, translation and précis of the mineralogical chapters in the Pên Tshao Kang Mu.

SC Ssuma Chhien, Shih Chi (Historical Records), c. -90.

SF Thao Tsung-I (ed.), Shuo Fu (Florilegium of (Unofficial) Literature), c. +1368.

SHC Shan Hai Ching (Classic of the Mountains and Rivers), Chou and C/Han.

SIC Okanishi Tameto, Sung I-Chhien I Chi Khao (Comprehensive Annotated Bibliography of Chinese Medical Literature in and before the Sung Period). Jen-min Wei-shêng, Peking, 1958.

SKCS Ssu Khu Chhüan Shu (Complete Library of the Four Categories), +1782; here the reference is to the tshung-shu collection printed as a selection from one of the seven imperially commissioned MSS.

SKCS/TMTY Chi Yün (ed.), Ssu Khu Chhüan Shu Tsung Mu Thi Yao (Analytical Catalogue of the Complete Library of the Four Categories), +1782; the great bibliography of the imperial MS. collection ordered by the Chhien-Lung emperor in +1772.

SNPTC Shen Nung Pên Tshao Ching (Classical Pharmacopoeia of the Heavenly Husbandman), C/Han.

SSIW Toktaga (Tho-Tho) et al.; Huang Yü-Chi et al. & Hsü Sung et al. Sung Shih I Wên Chih, Pu, Fu Phien (A Conflation of the Bibliography and Appended Supplementary Bibliographies of the History of the Sung Dynasty). Com. Press, Shanghai, 1957.

SYEY Mei Piao, Shih Yao Erh Ya (The Literary Expositor of Chemical Physic; or, Synonymic Dictionary of Minerals and Drugs), +806.

TKKW Sung Ying-Hsing, Thien Kung Khai Wu (The Exploitation of the Works of Nature), +1637.

TPHMF Thai-Phing Hui Min Ho Chi Chii Fang (Standard Formularies of the (Government) Great Peace People's Welfare Pharmacies), +1151.

TPYL Li Fang (ed.), Thai-Phing Yü Lan (the Thai-Phing reign-period (Sung) Imperial Encyclopaedia), +983.

TSCC Chhen Mêng-Lei et al. (ed.), Thu Shu Chi Chhéng (the Imperial Encyclopaedia of +1726). Index by Giles, L. (2).

TSCCIW Liu Hsü et al. & Ouyang Hsiu et al.; Thang Shu Ching Chi I Wên Ho Chih. A conflation of the Bibliographies of the Chiu Thang Shu by Liu Hsü (H/Chin, +945) and the Hsin Thang Shu by Ouyang Hsiu & Sung Chhi (Sung, +1061). Com. Press, Shanghai, 1956.

TT Wieger, L. (6), Taoïsme, vol. 1, Bibliographie Générale (catalogue of the works contained in the Taoist Patrology, Tao Tsang).

TTC Tao Tê Ching (Canon of the Tao and its Virtue).

TTCY Ho Lung-Hsiang & Phêng Han-Jan (ed.). Tao Tsang Chi Yao (Essentials of the Taoist Patrology), pr. 1906.

TW Takakusu, J. & Watanabe, K., Tables du Taishō Issaikyō (nouvelle édition (Japonaise) du Canon bouddhique chinoise), Index-catalogue of the Tripiţaka.

V Verhaeren, H. (2) (ed.), Catalogue de la Bibliothèque du Pé-T'ang (the Pei Thang Jesuit Library in Peking).

WCTY/CC Tseng Kung-Liang (ed.), Wu Ching Tsung Yao (Chhien Chi), military encyclopaedia, first section, +1044.

YCCC Chang Chün-Fang (ed.), Yün Chi Chhi Chhien (Seven Bamboo Tablets of the Cloudy Satchel), Taoist collection, +1022.

YHL Thao Hung-Ching (attrib.), Yao Hsing Lun (Discourse on the Natures and Properties of Drugs).

YHSF Ma Kuo-Han (ed.), Yü Han Shan Fang Chi I Shu (Jade-Box Mountain Studio collection of (reconstituted and sometimes fragmentary) Lost Books), 1853.

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# AUTHOR'S NOTE

It is now nearly a dozen years since the preface for Vol. 4 of this series (Physics and Physical Technology) was written; since then much has been done towards the later volumes. We are now happy to be able to present a substantial part of Vol. 5 (Spagyrical Discovery and Invention), i.e. alchemy and early chemistry, which go together with the arts of peace and war, including military and textile technology, mining, metallurgy and ceramics. The point of this arrangement was explained in the preface of Vol. 4 (e.g. pt. 3, p. l). Exigences not of logic but of collaboration are making it obligatory that these other topics should follow rather than precede the central theme of chemistry, which here is printed as Vol. 5, parts 2, 3, 4 and 5, leaving parts 1 and 6 to appear at a later date.

The number of physical volumes (parts) which we are now producing may give the impression that our work is enlarging according to some form of geometrical progression or along some exponential curve, but this would be largely an illusion, because in response to the reactions of many friends we are now making a real effort to publish in books of less thickness, more convenient for reading. At the same time it is true that over the years the space required for handling the history of the diverse sciences in Chinese culture has proved singularly unpredictable. One could (and did) at the outset arrange the sciences in a logical spectrum (mathematics-astronomy-geology and mineralogy-physics-chemistry-biology) leaving estimated room also for all the technologies associated with them; but to foresee exactly how much space each one would claim, that, in the words of the Jacobite blessing, was 'quite another thing'. We ourselves are aware that the disproportionate size of some of our Sections may give a mis-shapen impression to minds enamoured of classical uniformity, but our material is not easy to 'shape', perhaps not capable of it, and appropriately enough we are constrained to follow the Taoist natural irregularity and surprise of a romantic garden rather than to attempt any compression of our lush growths within the geometrical confines of a Cartesian parterre. The Taoists would have agreed with Richard Baxter that "tis better to go to heaven disorderly than to be damned in due order". By some strange chance our spectrum meant (though I thought at the time that the mathematics was particularly difficult) that the 'easier' sciences were going to come first, those where both the basic ideas and the available source-materials were relatively clear and precise. As we proceeded, two phenomena manifested themselves: first, the technological achievements and amplifications proved far more formidable than expected (as was the case in Vol. 4, pts. 2 and 3); and secondly, we found ourselves getting into ever deeper water, as the saying is, intellectually (as will fully appear in the Sections on medicine in Vol. 6).

Alchemy and early chemistry, the central subjects of the present volume, exemplified the second of these difficulties well enough, but they have had others of their own. At one time I almost despaired of ever finding our way successfully through the

inchoate mass of ideas, and the facts so hard to establish, relating to alchemy, chemistry, metallurgy and chemical industry in ancient, medieval and traditional China. The facts indeed were much more difficult to ascertain, and also more perplexing to interpret, than anything encountered in subjects such as astronomy or civil engineering. And in the end, one must say, we did not get through without cutting great swathes of briars and bracken, as it were, through the muddled thinking and confused terminology of the traditional history of alchemy and early chemistry in the West. Here it was indispensable to distinguish alchemy from proto-chemistry and to introduce words of art such as aurifiction, aurifaction and macrobiotics. It is also fair to say that the present subject has been far less well studied and understood either by Westerners or Chinese scholars themselves than fields like astronomy and mathematics, where already in the eighteenth century a Gaubil could do outstanding work, and nearer our own time a Chhen Tsun-Kuei, a de Saussure, and a Mikami Yoshio could set them largely in order. If the study of alchemy and early chemistry had advanced anything like so far, it would be much easier today than it actually is to differentiate with clarity between the many divergent schools of alchemists at the many periods, from the -3rd century to the +17th, with which we have to deal. More adequate understanding would also have been achieved with regard to that crucial Chinese distinction between inorganic laboratory alchemy and physiological alchemy, the former concerned with elixir preparations of mineral origin, the latter rather with operations within the adept's own body; a distinction hardly realised to the full in the West before the just passed decade. As we shall show in these volumes, there was a synthesis of these two age-old trends when in iatro-chemistry from the Sung onwards laboratory methods were applied to physiological substances, producing what we can only call a proto-biochemistry. But this will be read in its place.

Now a few words on our group of collaborators, Dr Ho Ping-Yü,1 since 1972 Professor of Chinese and Dean of the Faculty of Asian Studies at Griffith University, Brisbane, in Queensland, was introduced to readers in Vol. 4, pt. 3, p. lv; here he has been responsible for drafting the major part of the sub-section on the history of alchemy in China. Dr Lu Gwei-Djen,2 my oldest collaborator, dating (in historian's terms) from 1937, has been involved at all stages of the present volumes, especially in that seemingly endless mental toil of ours which resulted in the introductory subsections on concepts, definitions and terminology, with all that that implies for theories of alchemy, ideas of immortality, and the physiological pathology of the elixir complex. But her particular domain has been that of physiological alchemy, and it was her discoveries, just at the right moment, of what was meant by the three primary vitalities, mutationist inversion, counter-current flow, and such abstruse matters, which alone permitted the unravelling, at least in the provisional form here presented (in the relevant sub-section i), of that strange and unfamiliar system, quasi-Yogistic perhaps, but full of interest for the pre-history of biochemical thought.ª A third collaborator is now to be welcomed for the first time, Dr Nathan Sivin, Professor

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Some of her findings have appeared separately (Lu Gwei-Djen, 2).

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at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who has contributed the sub-section on the general theory of elixir alchemy.

Although Prof. Sivin has helped the whole group much by reading over and suggesting emendations for all the rest, it is needful to make at this point a proviso which has not been required in previous volumes. This is that my collaborators cannot take a collective responsibility for statements, translations or even general nuances, occurring in parts of the book other than that or those in which they each themselves directly collaborated. All incoherences and contradictions which remain after our long discussions must be laid at my door, in answer to which I can only say that the state of the art is as yet very imperfect, that it will certainly be improved by later scholars, and that in the meantime we have done the best we can. If fate had granted to the four of us the possibility of all working together in one place for halfa-dozen years, things could have been rather different, but in fact Prof. Ho and Prof. Sivin were never even in Cambridge at one and the same time. Thus these volumes have come into existence the hard way, drafted by different hands at fairly long intervals of time, and still no doubt containing traces of various levels of sophistication and understanding. Indeed it would have been reasonable to mark the elixir theory sub-section 'by Nathan Sivin', rather than 'with Nathan Sivin', if it had not been for the fact that some minor embroideries were offered by me, and that a certain part of it, not perhaps the least interesting, is a revised version of a memoir by Ho Ping-Yü and myself first published in 1959. Lacking the unities of time and place, complete credal unity, as it were, has been unattainable, but that does not mean that we are not broadly at one over the main facts and problems of the field as a whole; so that rightly we may be called co-workers.

Besides this I am eager to make certain further acknowledgements. During the second world war I was instrumental in securing for Cambridge copies of the Tao Tsang and the Tao Tsang Chi Yao. At a somewhat later time (1951-5) Dr Tshao Thien-Chhin, then a Fellow of Caius, made a most valuable pioneer study of the alchemical books in the Taoist Patrology, using a microfilm set in our working collection (now the East Asian History of Science Library, an educational Trust). After his return to the Biochemical Institute of Academia Sinica, Shanghai, of which he has been in recent years Vice-Director, these notes were of great help to Dr Ho and myself, forming the ultimate basis for another sub-section, that on aqueous reactions. Secondly, when we were faced with the fascinating but difficult study of the evolution of chemical apparatus, especially for distillation, in East and West, Dr Dorothy Needham put in a considerable amount of work, including some drafting, in what happened to be a convenient interval in work on her own book on the history of muscle biochemistry, Machina Carnis. She has also read all our pages—perhaps the only person in the world who ever does so!

While readers of sub-sections in typescript and proof have not been as numerous, perhaps, as for previous volumes, a special debt of gratitude is due to Mr J. A. Charles of St John's College, chemist, metallurgist and archaeologist, whose advice to Prof. Ho

and myself from the earliest days has been extremely precious. Valuable consultations also took place with Mr H. J. Sheppard of Warwick, especially during his time in Cambridge as a Schoolmaster-Fellow of Churchill College. And a special debt is owing to the late Prof. Ladislao Reti of Milan, who advised us with a lifetime's experience of chemical industry on many subjects connected with distillation and other processes; no correspondence was ever too tedious for him. Few chemists in Cambridge, by some chance, happen to be interested at the present time in the history of their subject, but if Dr A. J. Berry and Prof. J. R. Partington had lived we could have profited greatly from their help. With the latter, indeed, we did have fruitful and most friendly contact, but it was in connection mainly with the gunpowder epic, Prof. Wang Ling1 and I endeavouring, not unsuccessfully, to convince him of the real and major contribution of China in that field; those were days however before any word of the present volume had been written. In 1968, well after it had been started, there was convened the First International Conference of Taoist Studies at the Villa Serbelloni at Bellagio on Lake Como; Ho Ping-Yü, Nathan Sivin and myself were all of the party, and here much stimulus was obtained from that remarkable Tao shih Kristofer Schipperhence the unexpected sub-section on liturgiology and alchemical origins in our introductory material. Four years later we met again for the Second Conference, at Tateshina near Chino in Japan, and some of the material in the present part was there contributed to a stimulating discussion of the social aspects of Taoist alchemy. In addition to the invaluable advice of many other colleagues in particular areas, we record especially the kindness of Professor Cyril Stanley Smith in commenting upon the whole sub-sections on metallurgy and on the theory of elixir alchemy. Dr N. Sivin also expresses his gratitude to Prof. A. F. P. Hulsewé and his staff for the openhearted hospitality which they gave him during the gestation of the latter study, carried out almost entirely at the Sinologisch Instituut, Leiden.

It is right to record that certain parts of these volumes have been given as lectures to bodies honouring us by such invitations. Thus various excerpts from the introductory sub-sections on concepts, terminology and definitions were given for the Rapkine Lecture at the Pasteur Institute in Paris (1970) and the Bernal Lecture at Birkbeck College in London in the following year. Portions of the historical sub-sections, especially that on the coming of modern chemistry, were used for the Ballard Matthews Lectures of the University of Wales at Bangor. A considerable part of the physiological alchemy material formed the basis of the Fremantle Lectures at Balliol College, Oxford,<sup>a</sup> and had been given more briefly as the Harvey Lecture to the Harveian Society of London the year before. Lastly, four lectures covering the four present parts of this volume were given at the Collège de France in Paris at Easter, 1973, in fulfilment of my duties as Professeur Étranger of that noble institution.

If there is one question more than any other raised by this present Section 33 on alchemy and early chemistry, now offered to the republic of learning in these volumes,

A The relevant volume is therefore offered to the Trustees of the late Sir Francis Fremantle's benefaction in discharge of the duty of publication of his Lectures.

it is that of human unity and continuity. In the light of what is here set forth, can we allow ourselves to visualise that some day before long we shall be able to write the history of man's enquiry into chemical phenomena as one single development throughout the Old World cultures? Granted that there were several different foci of ancient metallurgy and primitive chemical industry, how far was the gradual flowering of alchemy and chemistry a single endeavour, running contagiously from one civilisation to another?

It is a commonplace of thought that some forms of human experience seem to have progressed in a more obvious and palpable way than others. It might be difficult to say how Michael Angelo could be considered an improvement on Pheidias, or Dante on Homer, but it can hardly be questioned that Newton and Pasteur and Einstein did really know a great deal more about the natural universe than Aristotle or Chang Hêng. This must tell us something about the differences between art and religion on one side and science on the other, though no one seems able to explain quite what, but in any case within the field of natural knowledge we cannot but recognise an evolutionary development, a real progress, over the ages. The cultures might be many, the languages diverse, but they all partook of the same quest.

Throughout this series of volumes it has been assumed all along that there is only one unitary science of Nature, approached more or less closely, built up more or less successfully and continuously, by various groups of mankind from time to time. This means that one can expect to trace an absolute continuity between the first beginnings of astronomy and medicine in Ancient Babylonia, through the advancing natural knowledge of medieval China, India, Islam and the classical Western world, to the break-through of late Renaissance Europe when, as has been said, the most effective method of discovery was itself discovered. Many people probably share this point of view, but there is another one which I may associate with the name of Oswald Spengler, the German world-historian of the thirties whose works, especially The Decline of the West, achieved much popularity for a time. According to him, the sciences produced by different civilisations were like separate and irreconcilable works of art, valid only within their own frames of reference, and not subsumable into a single history and a single ever-growing structure.

Anyone who has felt the influence of Spengler retains, I think, some respect for the picture he drew of the rise and fall of particular civilisations and cultures, resembling the birth, flourishing and decay of individual biological organisms, in human or animal life-cycles. Certainly I could not refuse all sympathy for a point of view so like that of the Taoist philosophers, who always emphasised the cycles of life and death in Nature, a point of view that Chuang Chou himself might well have shared. Yet while one can easily see that artistic styles and expressions, religious ceremonies and doctrines, or different kinds of music, have tended to be incommensurable, for mathematics, science and technology the case is altered—man has always lived in an environment essentially constant in its properties, and his knowledge of it, if true, must therefore tend towards a constant structure.

This point would not perhaps need emphasis if certain scholars, in their anxiety

to do justice to the differences between the ancient Egyptian or the medieval Chinese, Arabic or Indian world-views and our own, were not sometimes tempted to follow lines of thought which might lead to Spenglerian pessimism.<sup>a</sup> Pessimism I say, because of course he did prophesy the decline and fall of modern scientific civilisation. For example, our own collaborator, Nathan Sivin, has often pointed out, quite rightly, that for medieval and traditional China 'biology' was not a separated and defined science. One gets its ideas and facts from philosophical writings, books on pharmaceutical natural history, treatises on agriculture and horticulture, monographs on groups of natural objects, miscellaneous memoranda and so on. He urged that to speak without reservations of 'Chinese biology' would be to imply a structure which historically did not exist, disregarding mental patterns which did exist. Taking such artificial rubrics too seriously would also imply the natural but perhaps erroneous assumption that medieval Chinese scientists were asking the same questions about the living world as their modern counterparts in the West, and merely chanced, through some quirk of national character, language, economics, scientific method or social structure, to find different answers. On this approach it would not occur to one to investigate what questions the ancient and medieval Chinese scientists themselves were under the impression that they were asking. A fruitful comparative history of science would have to be founded not on the counting up of isolated discoveries, insights or skills meaningful for us now, but upon 'the confrontation of integral complexes of ideas with their interrelations and articulations intact'. These complexes could be kept in one piece only if the problems which they were meant to solve were understood, Chinese science must, in other words, be seen as developing out of one state of theoretical understanding into another, rather than as any kind of abortive development towards modern science.

All this was well put; of course one must not see in traditional Chinese science simply a 'failed prototype' of modern science, but the formulation here has surely to be extremely careful. There is a danger to be guarded against, the danger of falling into the other extreme, and of denying the fundamental continuity and universality of all science. This could be to resurrect the Spenglerian conception of the natural sciences of the various dead (or even worse, the living) non-European civilisations as totally separate, immiscible thought-patterns, more like distinct works of art than anything else, a series of different views of the natural world irreconcilable and un-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Just recently a relevant polemical discussion has been going on among geologists. Harrington (1, 2), who had traced interesting geological insights in Herodotus and Isaiah, was taken to task by Gould (1), maintaining that 'science is no march to truth, but a series of conceptual schemes each adapted to a prevailing culture', and that progress consists in the mutation of these schemes, new concepts of creative thinkers resolving anomalies of old theories into new systems of belief. This was evidently a Kuhnian approach, but no such formulation will adequately account for the gradual percolation of true knowledge through the successive civilisations, and its general accumulation. Harrington himself, in his reply (3), maintained that 'there is a singular state of Nature towards which all estimates of reality converge', and therefore that we can and should judge the insights of the ancients on the basis of our own knowledge of Nature, while at the same time making every effort to understand their intellectual framework. In illustration he took the medieval Chinese appreciation of the meaning of fossil remains (cf. Vol. 3, pp. 611ff.). We are indebted to Prof. Claude Albritton of Texas for bringing this discussion to our notice.

connected. Such a view might be used as the cloak of some historical racialist doctrine, the sciences of pre-modern times and the non-European cultures being thought of as wholly conditioned ethnically, and rigidly confined to their own spheres, not part of humanity's broad onward march. Moreover it would leave little room for those actions and reactions that we are constantly encountering, deep-seated influences which one civilisation had upon another.

In another place Nathan Sivin has written: 'The question of why China never spontaneously experienced the equivalent of our scientific revolution lies of course very close to the core of a comparative history of science. My point is that it is an utter waste of time, and distracting as well, to expect any answer until the Chinese tradition has been adequately comprehended from the inside.' The matter could not be better put; we must of course learn to see instinctively through the eyes of those who thought in terms of the Yin and Yang, the Five Elements, the symbolic correlations, and the trigrams and hexagrams of the Book of Changes. But here again this formulation might suggest a purely internalist or ideological explanation for the failure of modern natural science to arise in Chinese culture. I don't think that in the last resort we shall be able to appeal primarily to inhibiting factors inherent in the Chinese thoughtworld considered as an isolated Spenglerian cell. One must always expect that some of these intellectual limiting factors will be identifiable, but for my part I remain sceptical that there are many factors of this kind which could not have been overcome if the social and economic conditions had been favourable for the development of modern science in China. It may indeed be true that the modern forms of science which would then have developed would have been rather different from those which actually did develop in the West, or in a different order, that one cannot know. There was, for example, the lack of Euclidean geometry and Ptolemaic planetary astronomy in China, but China had done all the ground-work in the study of magnetic phenomena, an essential precursor of later electrical science; and Chinese culture was permeated by conceptions much more organic, less mechanistic, than that of the West.b Moreover Chinese culture alone, as we shall see, perhaps, provided that materialist conception of the elixir of life which, passing to Europe through the Arabs, led to the macrobiotic optimism of Roger Bacon and the iatro-chemical revolution of Paracelsus, hardly less important in the origins of modern science than the work of Galileo and Newton. Whatever the ideological inhibiting factors in the Chinese thought-world may turn out to have been, the certainty always remains that the specific social and economic features of traditional China were connected with them, They were clearly part of that particular pattern, and in these matters one always has to think in terms of a 'package-deal'. In just the same way, of course, it is impossible to separate the scientific achievements of the ancient Greeks from the fact that they developed in mercantile, maritime, city-state democracies.

To sum it up, the failure of China to give rise to distinctively modern science while having been in many ways ahead of Europe for some fourteen previous centuries is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See our discussions in Vols. 3 and 4, pt. 1. b This was emphasised in Vol. 2, passim.

going to take some explaining.<sup>a</sup> Internalist historiography is likely to encounter grave difficulties here, in my opinion, because the intellectual, philosophical, theological and cultural systems of ideas of the Asian civilisations are not going to be able to take the causal stress and strain required. Some of these idea-systems, in fact, such as Taoism and Neo-Confucianism, would seem to have been much more congruent with modern science than any of the European ones were, including Christian theology. Very likely the ultimate explanations will turn out to be highly paradoxical—aristocratic military feudalism seeming to be much stronger than bureaucratic feudalism but actually weaker because less rational—the monotheism of a personal creator God being able to generate modern scientific thought (as the San Chiao could never do) but not to give it an inspiration enduring into modern times—and so on. We do not yet know.

A similar problem has of late been worrying Said Husain Nasr, the Persian scholar who is making valuable contributions to the history of science in Islam. He, for his part, faces the failure of Arabic civilisation to produce modern science. But far from regretting this he makes a positive virtue of it, rejecting belief in any integral, social-evolutionary development of science. Opening one of his recent books we read as follows:

The history of science is often regarded today as the progressive accumulation of techniques and the refinement of quantitative methods in the study of Nature. Such a point of view considers the present conception of science to be the only valid one; it therefore judges the sciences of other civilisations in the light of modern science, and evaluates them primarily with respect to their 'development' with the passage of time. Our aim in this work, however, is not to examine the Islamic sciences from the point of view of modern science and of this 'evolutionist' conception of history; it is on the contrary to present certain aspects of the Islamic sciences as seen from the Islamic point of view.

Now Nasr considers that the Sufis and the universal philosophers of medieval Islam sought and found a kind of mystical gnosis, or cosmic sapientia, in which all the sciences 'knew their place', as it were (like servitors in some great house of old), and ministered to mystical theology as the highest form of human experience. In Islam, then, the philosophy of divinity was indeed the regina scientiarum. Anyone with some appreciation of theology as well as science cannot help sympathising to some extent with this point of view, but it does have two fatal drawbacks: it denies the equality of the forms of human experience, and it divorces Islamic natural science from the grand onward-going movement of the natural science of all humanity. Nasr objects to judging medieval science by its outward 'usefulness' alone. He writes: 'However important its uses may have been in calendrical computation, in irrigation or in architecture, its ultimate aim always was to relate the corporeal world to its basic spiritual principle through the knowledge of those symbols which unite the various orders of reality. It can only be understood, and should only be judged, in

We set forth in a preliminary way what is at issue here in Vol. 3, pp. 150ff. Some 'thinking aloud' done at various times has also been assembled in Needham (65).
 (1), pp. 21.
 (1), pp. 39-40.

terms of its own aims and its own perspectives.' I would demur. It was part, I should want to maintain, of all human scientific enterprise, in which there is neither Greek nor Jew, neither Hindu nor Han. 'Parthians, Medes and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea and Cappadocia, in Pontus and Asia . . . and the parts of Libya about Cyrene. . . we do hear them speak in our tongues the marvellous works of God.'a

The denial of the equality of the forms of human experience comes out clearly in another work of Said Husain Nasr (2). Perhaps rather under-estimating the traditional high valuation placed within Christendom upon Nature—'that universal and publick manuscript', as Sir Thomas Browne said, b' which lies expans'd unto the eyes of all'—he sees in the scientific revolution at the Renaissance a fundamental desacralisation of Nature, and urges that only by re-consecrating it, as it were, in the interests of an essentially religious world-view, will mankind be enabled to save itself from otherwise inevitable doom. If the rise of modern science within the bosom of Christendom alone had any causal connections with Christian thought that would give it a bad mark in his view. 'The main reason why modern science never arose in China or Islam', he says,c

is precisely because of the presence of a metaphysical doctrine and a traditional religious structure which refused to make a profane thing of Nature....Neither in Islam, nor India nor the Far East, was the substance and the stuff of Nature so depleted of a sacramental and spiritual character, nor was the intellectual dimension of these traditions so enfeebled, as to enable a purely secular science of Nature and a secular philosophy to develop outside the matrix of the traditional intellectual orthodoxy....The fact that modern science did not develop in Islam is not a sign of decadence [or incapacity] as some have claimed, but of the refusal of Islam to consider any form of knowledge as purely secular, and divorced from what it conceived to be the ultimate goal of human existence.

These are striking words,<sup>d</sup> but are they not tantamount to saying that only in Europe did the clear differentiation of the forms of experience arise? In other terms, Nasr looks for the synthesis of the forms of experience in the re-creation of a medieval world-view, dominated by religion,<sup>e</sup> not in the existential activity of individual human beings dominated by ethics. That would be going back, and there is no going back. The scientist must work as if Nature was 'profane'. As Giorgio di Santillana has said:<sup>f</sup>

Copernicus and Kepler believed in cosmic vision as much as any Muslim ever did, but when they had to face the 'moment of truth' they chose a road which was apparently not that of sapientia; they felt they had to state what appeared to be the case, and that on the whole it would be more respectful of divine wisdom to act thus.

a Acts, 2. 1.

b Religio Medici, 1, xvi. 'Thus there are two Books from whence I collect my Divinity; besides that written one of God, another of his servant Nature . . . .'

d Views such as this are by no means restricted to Muslim scholars. From within the bosom of Christendom a very similar attitude is to be found in the book on alchemy by Titus Burckhardt (1), cf. esp. pp. 66, 203.

<sup>\*</sup> It seems very strange to us that he should regard Chinese culture as having been dominated by religion at any time.

f In his preface to Said Husain Nasr (1), p. xii.

And perhaps it is a sign of the weakness of what can only be called so conservative a conception that Nasr is driven to reject the whole of evolutionary fact and theory, both cosmic, biological and sociological.

In meditating on the view of modern physical science as a 'desacralisation of Nature' many ideas and possibilities come to mind, but one very obvious cause for surprise is that it occurred in Christendom, the home of a religion in which an incarnation had sanctified the material world, while it did not occur in Islam, a culture which had never developed a soteriological doctrine. This circumstance might offer an argument in favour of the primacy of social and economic factors in the break-through of the scientific revolution. It may be that while ideological, philosophical and theological differences are never to be undervalued, what mattered most of all were the facilitating pressures of the transition from feudalism to mercantile and then industrial capitalism, pressures which did not effectively operate in any culture other than that of Western, Frankish, Europe.

In another place Nasr wonders what Ibn al-Haitham or al-Bīrūnī or al-Khāzinī would have thought about modern science. He concludes that they would be amazed at the position which exact quantitative knowledge has come to occupy today. They would not understand it because for them all scientia was subordinated to sapientia. Their quantitative science was only one interpretation of a segment of Nature, not the means of understanding all of it. "Progressive" science', he says,b 'which in the Islamic world always remained secondary, has now in the West become nearly everything, while the immutable and "non-progressive" science or wisdom which was then primary, has now been reduced to almost nothing.' It happened that I read these words at a terrible moment in history. If there were any weight in the criticism of the modern scientific world-view from the standpoint of Nasr's perennial Muslim sapientia it would surely be that modern science and the technology which it has generated have far outstripped morality in the Western and modern world, and we shudder to think that man may not be able to control it. Probably none of the human societies of the past ever were able to control technology, but they were not faced by the devastating possibilities of today, and the moment I read Nasr's words was just after the Jordanian civil war of September, 1970, that dreadful fratricidal catastrophe within the bosom of Islam itself. Since then we have had the further shocking example of Bengali Muslims being massacred by their brothers in religion from the Indus Valley. Sapientia did not prevent these things, nor would it seem, from the historical point of view, that wars and cruelties of all kinds have been much less within the realms of Islam or of East Asia than that of Christendom. Modern science, at all events, is not guilty as such of worsening men's lot, on the contrary it has immensely ameliorated it, and everything depends on what use humanity will

a This point was made by the Rev. D. Cupitt in discussion following a lecture for the Cambridge Divinity Faculty (1970) in which some of these paragraphs were used. It was afterwards published in part (Needham, 68). The contrast may be to some extent a matter of degree, since Islamic philosophy tended to recognise the material world as an emanation of the divine,

b (1), p. 145.

make of these unimaginable powers for good or evil. Something new is needed to make the world safe for mankind; and I believe it can and will be found.

In later discussions Nathan Sivin has made it clear that he is just as committed to a universal comparative history of science as any of the rest of us. That would be the ultimate justification of all our work. His point is not that the Chinese (or Indian, or Arabic) tradition should be evaluated only in the light of its own world-view, then being left as a kind of museum set-piece, but that it must be understood as fully as possible in the light of this as a prelude to the making of wide-ranging comparisons. The really informative contrasts, he suggests, are not those between isolated discoveries, but between those whole systems of thought which have served as the matrices of discovery.a One might therefore agree that not only particular individual anticipations of modern scientific discoveries are of interest as showing the slow development of human natural knowledge, but also that we need to work out exactly how the worldviews and scientific philosophies of medieval China, Islam or India differed from those of modern science, and from each other. Each traditional system is clearly of great interest not only in itself but in relation to our present-day patterns of ideas. In this way we would not only salute the Chinese recording of sun-spots from the -1st century,b or the earliest mention of the flame test for potassium salts by Thao Hung-Ching in the +5th century, or the first correct explanation of the optics of the rainbow by Qutb al-Dīn al-Shīrāzī in +1300,c as distinct steps on the way to modern science, but also take care to examine the integral systems of thought and practice which generated these innovations. Modern science was their common end, but their evolution can only be explained (that is to say, causally accounted for) in the context of the various possibilities opened and closed by the totality of ideas, values and social attitudes of their time.

Section 33(h), on the theoretical background of proto-chemical alchemy, may be taken as an exemplification and a test of this way of looking at early science.d Nathan Sivin's contribution deals with an abstract approach to Nature which has little to do with post-Galilean physical thought. Looking at the aims of the theoretically-minded alchemists as expressed in their own words, they turn out to be concerned with the design and construction of elaborate chemical models of the cyclic Tao of the cosmos which governs all natural change. A multitude of correspondences and resonances inspire the design of these models. One can distinguish as elements in their rationale the archaic belief in the maturation of minerals within the earth, the complex role of time, and the subtle interplay of quantity and numerology in ensuring that the elaboratory would be a microcosmos. Once we have reached at least a rough comprehension of the system which unites these elements, we can apprehend the remarkable culmination envisaged by the Chinese alchemists: to telescope time by reducing the grand overriding cycles of the universe to a compass which would allow of their contemplation by the adept-leading, as we have phrased it, to perfect freedom in perfect fusion with the cosmic order. But in the course of our reconnaissance we gather

<sup>\*</sup> Cf. Sivin (10). b Cf. Vol. 3, p. 435. c Cf. Vol. 3, p. 474.

<sup>4</sup> Another attempt at this approach, applied to mathematical astronomy, will be found in Sivin (9).

a rich harvest of ideas worth exploring and comparing with those of other cultures, including those of the modern world—for instance, the notion of alchemy as a quint-essentially temporal science, springing from a unique concept of material immortality, a sublime conviction of the possibility of the control of change and decay. And we make a beginning towards understanding how the alchemist's concepts determined the details—the symmetries and innovations of materials, apparatus, and exquisitely phased combustions—of his Work, and how new results were reflected in new theoretical refinements as the centuries passed.

It is no less important to be aware that every anticipatory feature of a pre-modern system of science had its Yin as well as its Yang side, disadvantages as well as advantages. Thus the polar-equatorial system of Chinese astronomy delayed Yü Hsi's recognition of the precession of the equinoxes by six centuries after Hipparchus, but on the other hand it gave to Su Sung an equal priority of time over Robert Hooke in the first application of a clock-drive to an observational instrument; and the mechanisation of a demonstrational one by I-Hsing and Liang Ling-Tsan was no less than a thousand years ahead of George Graham and Thomas Tompion with their orrery of 1706.ª In a similar way, perhaps, the conviction of the existence of material lifeelixirs cost the lives of untold numbers of royal personages and high officials no less than of Taoist adepts, but it did lead to the accumulation of a great fund of knowledge about metals and their salts, in the pursuit of which such earth-shaking discoveries as that of gunpowder were incidentally made. So also the ancient idea of urine and other secretions as drugs might easily be written off as 'primitive superstition' if we did not know that it led, by rational if quasi-empirical trains of thought, combined with the use of chemical techniques originally developed for quite different purposes, to the preparation of steroid and protein hormones many centuries before the time of experimental endocrinology and biochemistry.

The only danger in the conception of human continuity and solidarity, as I have outlined it, is that it is very easy to take modern science as the last word, and to judge everything in the past solely in the light of it. This has been justly castigated by Joseph Agassi, who in his lively monograph on the historiography of science (1) satirises the mere 're-arranging of up-to-date science textbooks in chronological order', and the awarding of black and white marks to the scientific men of the past in accordance with the extent to which their discoveries still form part of the corpus of modern knowledge. Of course this Baconian or inductivist way of writing the history of science never did justice to the 'dark side' of Harvey and Newton, let alone Paracelsus, that realm of Hermetic inspirations and idea-sources which can only be regained by us with great difficulty, yet is so important for the history of thought, as the life-work of Walter Pagel has triumphantly shown. One can see immediately that this difficulty is even greater in the case of non-European civilisations, since their thought-world has been even more unfamiliar. Not only so, but the corpus of modern knowledge is changing and increasing every day, and we cannot foresee at all what its aspect will be a century from now. Fellows of the Royal Society like to speak of

a On all these subjects see Vol. 3 and Vol. 4, pt. 2.

the 'true knowledge of natural phenomena', but no one knows better than they do how provisional this knowledge is. It is neither independent of the accidents of Western European history, nor is it a final court of appeal for the eschatological judgment of the value of past scientific discoveries, either in West or East. It is a reliable measuring-stick so long as we never forget its transitory nature.

My collaborators and I have long been accustomed to use the image of the ancient and medieval sciences of all the peoples and cultures as rivers flowing into the ocean of modern science. In the words of the old Chinese saying: 'the Rivers pay court to the Sea'. In the main this is indubitably right. But there is room for a great deal of difference of opinion on how the process has happened and how it will proceed. One might think of the Chinese and Western traditions travelling substantially the same path towards the science of today, that science against which, on the inductivist view, all ancient systems can be measured. But on the other hand, as Nathan Sivin maintains, they might have followed, and be following, rather separate paths, the true merging of which lies well in the future. Undoubtedly among the sciences the point of fusion varies, the bar where the river unites at last with the sea. In astronomy and mathematics it took but a short time, in the seventeenth century; in botany and chemistry the process was much slower, not being complete until now, and in medicine it has not happened yet. b Modern science is not standing still, and who can say how far the molecular biology, the chemistry or the physics of the future will have to adopt conceptions much more organicist than the atomic and the mechanistic which have so far prevailed? Who knows what further developments of the psychosomatic conception in medicine future advances may necessitate? In all such ways the thoughtcomplex of traditional Chinese science may yet have a much greater part to play in the final state of all science than might be admitted if science today was all that science will ever be. Always we must remember that things are more complex than they seem, and that wisdom was not born with us. To write the history of science we have to take modern science as our yardstick—that is the only thing we can do-but modern science will change, and the end is not yet. Here as it turns out is yet another reason for viewing the whole march of humanity in the study of Nature as one single enterprise. But we must return to the volume now being introduced.

Although the other parts of Vol. 5 are not yet ready for press we should like to make mention of those who are collaborating with us in them. Much of the Section on martial technology for Vol. 5, pt. 1, has been in draft for many years now, but it has been held up by delays in the preparation of the extremely important sub-section on the invention of the first chemical explosive known to man, gunpowder, even though all the notes and books and papers necessary for this have long been collected.

<sup>2</sup> Chhao tsung yū hai.1 Cf. Vol. 3, p. 484.

b This picture has been elaborated elsewhere; Needham (59), reprinted in (64), pp. 396ff.

c Including an introduction on the literature, a study of close-combat weapons, the sub-sections on archery and ballistic machines, and a full account of iron and steel technology as the background of armament. The first draft of this last has been published as a Newcomen Society monograph; Needham (32), (60).

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At present our collaborators Wang Ling (Wang Ching-Ning 1), of the Institute of Advanced Studies at Canberra, and Ho Ping-Yü at Brisbane, Australia, are seeing what can be done about this, Meanwhile Prof. Lo Jung-Pang, of the University of California at Davis, spent the winter of 1969-70 in Cambridge, accomplishing not only the sub-section on the history of armour and caparison in China but also the draft of the whole of Section 37 on the salt industry, including the epic development of deep borehole drilling (Vol. 5, pt. 6). Other military sub-sections, such as those on poliorcetics, cavalry technology and signalling we have been able to place in the capable hands of Dr Corinna Hana of Göttingen. About the same time we persuaded Dr Tsien Tsuen-Hsuin (Chhien Tshun-Hsün3), the Regenstein Librarian at the University of Chicago, to undertake the writing of Section 32 on the great inventions of paper and printing and their development in China; this is now actively proceeding. For ceramic technology (Section 35) we have obtained the collaboration of Mr James Watt (Chhü Chih-Jen), Curator of the Art Gallery of the Institute of Chinese Studies in the Chinese University of Hongkong. The story of these marvellous applications of science will be anticipated by many with great interest. Finally non-ferrous metallurgy and textile technology, for which abundant notes and documentation have been collected, found their organising genii in two other widely separated places. For the former we have Prof. Ursula Martius Franklin and Dr Hsü Chin-Hsiung4 at Toronto; for the latter Dr Ohta Eizo 5 and his colleagues at Kyoto. When their work becomes available, Volume 5 will be substantially complete.

As has so long been customary, we offer our grateful thanks to those who try to keep us 'on the rails' in territory which is not our own: Prof. D. M. Dunlop for Arabic, Dr Charles Sheldon for Japanese, Prof. G. Ledyard for Korean and Prof. Shackleton Bailey for Sanskrit.

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All that has been said in previous volumes (e.g. Vol. 4, pt. 3, p. lvi) about the University Press, our treasured medium of communication with the world, and Gonville and Caius College, that milieu in which we live and move and have our being, has become only truer as the years go by—their service and their encouragement continues unabated and so does our heartfelt gratitude. If it were not for the devotion of the typographical—and typocritical—masters, and if one could not count

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> A preliminary treatment of the subject, still, we think, correct in outline, was given in an article in the Legacy of China eleven years ago; Needham (47). This has recently been re-issued in paper-back form.

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on the understanding, kindness and appreciation of one's academic colleagues, nothing of what these volumes represent could ever have come into existence. We have taken pleasure on previous occasions of paying a tribute to our friend Mr Peter Burbidge of the University Press, and this time perhaps we may be allowed to add mention also of our gratitude to Miss Judith Butcher, the amiable Lucina who presided over the monstrous birth of Vol. 4, pt. 3.

As for finance, continuing gratitude is ever due to the Wellcome Trust of London, whose generous support has upheld us throughout the period of preparation of these chemical volumes. Since the history of medicine is touched upon at so many points in them we feel some sense of justification in accepting their unfailing aid. It can hardly be too much emphasised that in China proto-chemistry was elixir alchemy from the very beginning (as it was not in other civilisations of equal antiquity), and by the same token alchemists were very often physicians too (much more so than they tended to be in other civilisations). For the basic elixir notion was a pharmaceutical and therapeutic one, even though its optimism regarding the conquest of death reached a height which modern medical science dare not as yet contemplate. All this will be clarified in what follows. More recently our project received a notable benefaction from the Coca-Cola Company of Atlanta, Georgia, through the kind intermediation of Dr C. A. Shillinglaw, and for this also our grateful thanks are due. Meanwhile, and lastly, it should be added that Dr N. Sivin wishes to acknowledge financial assistance from the National Science Foundation (U.S.A.) and the Department of Humanities at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Let us end with a few words of help to the prospective reader, as on previous occasions, offering some kind of waywiser to guide him through those pages of type not always possible to lighten by some memorable illustration. This is not intended as a substitute for the contents-table, the mu lu, or as any enlargement of it; but rather as some useful tips of 'inside information' to tell where the really important paragraphs are, and to distinguish them from the supporting detail secondary in significance though often fascinating in itself.

First, then, we would recommend a reader to study very carefully our introduction (Sect. 33b) on concepts, terminology and definitions, especially pp. 9-12; because once one has obtained a clear idea of the distinctions between aurifiction, aurifaction and macrobiotics (already referred to, p. xx above), everything that one encounters in the proto-chemistry and alchemy of all the Old World civilisations falls into place. There is a parallel here with the history of time-keeping, for the radical gap between the clepsydra and the mechanical clock was only filled by half-a-dozen centuries of Chinese hydro-mechanical clockwork. So in the same way the radical gap between Hellenistic aurifictive and aurifactive proto-chemistry at one end, and late Latin alchemy and iatro-chemistry at the other, could only be explained by a knowledge of Chinese chemical macrobiotics.

After that the argument develops in several directions, among which the reader can take his choice. How could belief in aurifaction ever have arisen when the cupellation test had been known almost since the dawn of the ancient empires? Look at 33b, 1-2, and especially p. 44. What was the position of China in this respect, and what were the ancient Chinese alchemists probably doing experimentally? Read 33b, 3-5; and c, 1-8. Why were they so much more occupied with the perpetuation of life on earth, even in ethereal forms, than with the faking or making of gold? We try to explain it in 33b, 6. Such an induction of material immortality was indeed the specific characteristic of Chinese alchemy, and our conclusion is that the world-view of ancient China was the only milieu capable of crystallising belief in an elixir  $(tan^1)$ , good against death, as the supreme achievement of the chemist (see esp. pp. 71, 82, 114-15).

This is the nub of the argument, and in later parts (33 i, 2-3, in Vol. 5, pt. 4) we follow the progress of that great creative dream through Arabic culture into the Latin Baconian and Paracelsian West. Differences of religion, theology and cosmology did not stop its course, but there can be no doubt that it was born within the bosom of the Taoist religion, and hence the reader is invited to participate in a speculation that the alchemist's furnace derived from the liturgical incense-burner no less than from the metallurgical hearth (33b, 7, see esp. pp. 127, 154). Finally something is said on the physiological background of the ingestion of elixirs (33d, 1, see esp. p. 291); why were they so attractive to the consumer initially and why so lethal later? Here belongs also the conservation of the body of the adept after death, so important in the Taoist mind in connection with material immortality (33d, 2, see esp. pp. 106, 297-8).

In the sub-section giving the straight historical account of Chinese alchemy from beginning to end, chi shih pên mo,2 as the phrase was (33e, 1-8, in Vol. 5, pt. 3), no part is really more significant than any other. Yet special interest does attach to the oldest firm records of aurifiction and macrobiotics expounded in (1), and to the study of the oldest alchemical books in (2) and (6, i). Now and then the narrative is interrupted by passages of detail, especially in (1), (2), (3, iii) and (6, vii) which readers not avid for minutiae may like to pass over (esp. pp. 42-4, 52-6, 76-8, 111-13, 201-5); such is the wealth of information not previously available in the West. The following parts on laboratory apparatus, aqueous reactions, and alchemical theory (all in Vol. 5, pt. 4) explain themselves from the contents table, and again no passage stands out as particularly crucial; unless it were the relation of the Chinese alchemist to time (33h, 3-4). His was indeed the science (or proto-science) of the Change and Decay Control Department, as one might say, for he could (as he believed) accelerate enormously the natural change whereby gold was formed from other substances in the earth, and conversely he could decelerate asymptotically the rate of decay and dissolution that human bodies, each with their ten 'souls' (hun3 and pho4), were normally subject to. Thus in the words of the ancient Chinese slogan (33e, 1) 'gold can be made, and salvation can be attained'. And the macrobiogens were thus essentially time- and ratecontrolling substances-a nobly optimistic concept for a nascent science of two thousand years ago.

Lastly we pass from the 'outer elixir' (wai tan5) to the 'inner elixir' (nei tan6), from proto-chemistry to proto-biochemistry, from reliance on mineral and inorganic

remedies to a faith in the possibility of making a macrobiogen from the juices and substances of the living body. For this new concept we coin a fourth new word, the enchymoma; its synthesis was in practice the training of mortality itself to put on immortality. This 'physiological alchemy' occupies Vol. 5, pt. 5 (Sect. 33j, 1-8), and the basic ideas may be found in two places, (2) especially (i, ii), and (4). It was not primarily psychological, like the 'mystical alchemy' of the West, though it made much use of meditational techniques, as did the Indian yogacāra with which it certainly had connections. Our conclusion is, at the end of (4) and in (8), that most of its procedures were highly conducive to health, both mental and physical, even though its theories embodied much pseudo-science as well as proto-science.

In the end, the iatro-chemistry of the late Middle Ages in China began to apply wai tan laboratory procedures to nei tan materials, bodily secretions, excretions and tissues. Hence arose some extraordinary successes and anticipations (33k, 1-7), but we must not enlarge on them now. And this may suffice for a reader's guide, hoping only that he may fully share with us the excitement and satisfaction of many new insights and discoveries.

# 33. ALCHEMY AND CHEMISTRY

# (e) THE HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF ALCHEMY AND EARLY CHEMISTRY

### (1) THE ORIGINS OF ALCHEMY IN CHOU, CHHIN AND EARLY HAN; ITS RELATION WITH TAOISM

In this sub-section we must try to lay bare the roots of chemistry in Chinese culture; a development inspired by the profound belief that longevity and material immortality were possible, and that these could be attained by a variety of practical techniques.a It was natural that dietary regimens should have been one form of these, but from the 'nutritional' to the 'pharmaceutical' was only a short step, and before long the belief grew up that macrobiotic effects could be obtained by the ingestion of all kinds of strange substances, mineral, vegetable and even animal. Since metallic gold was the most beautiful and imperishable metal, it naturally came to be associated with the imperishability of the immortals, c and if the mortal was to put on immortality it must somehow associate itself with the metal or its inner principle or nature.d At first it seems to have been thought that the foods or potions of eternal life should be taken from vessels of gold, or that libations to the spirits should be poured from them, to induce these perhaps to appear and to confer immortality upon the devout invocator. Later it was felt that the human body itself must somehow be transformed to a goldlike state, and later again that this could be effected by drinking or absorbing preparations of some kind of 'potable gold'. The idea that gold and silver could be made from other substances arose in China at least as early, e and this aurifaction or argentifaction had two aspects, first a purely practical one in that the adepts in their mountain hermitages were not rich men or rulers well furnished with such specie, but secondly also that the making of the noble metals yielded a better product and necessitated spiritual and bodily disciplines which would aid the attainment of perpetual life on earth.

There is an interesting discussion in the Pao Phu Tzu book on this. Writing about +300 Ko Hung says:

I once enquired of my teacher Chêng (Yin), saying: 'Lao Tzu tells us not to prize things that are hard to get, and says that in a well-ordered society all the gold would be thrown

Cf. Vol. 2, pp. 141ff.
b Cf. Sect. 40 in Vol. 6.

c This link was established in China, as we shall see, by the middle of the -2nd century.

d The Chinese, like other people, accepted a hierarchy of metals among which gold was naturally supreme.

e Certainly by the end of the -3rd century, perhaps by the end of the -4th.

f As in the West, alchemical gold was sometimes made with the altruistic aim of relieving poverty (cf. pt. 2, p. 234).

g Ch. 16, pp. 5aff., tr. auct. adjuv. Ware (5), p. 267.

h TTC, ch. 64.

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away in the mountains, and all the jade scattered in the wilderness.<sup>a</sup> Why then did the Ancients value gold and silver, and why did they hand down to us records of their processes?' To which he replied, 'What Lao Tzu had in mind was the intolerable effort of the people involved in sifting sand,<sup>b</sup> splitting rocks, overthrowing mountains, draining gulfs, and going heaven knows where to risk their lives by being crushed or drowned—all in the search for gems and jewels. This is what interferes with the proper use of the people's time. This is not knowing where to stop<sup>c</sup> in the pursuit of useless ornaments. If anyone wishes to take the Tao seriously, striving to attain the life of the immortals, and yet engages in mercantile affairs, he shows himself lacking in faith and humility. Tossing on the deep and courting dangers, he will take unfair advantages to make a profit; careless of his life, he will never discipline himself to minimise his covetousness. But when an adept (chen jen!) makes gold (by transformation) he does so, not in order to become rich, but to consume it himself so as to attain (the blessedness of) the holy immortals. This is why the Manuals say that gold can be made, and that men can attain salvation (chin kho tso yeh, shih kho tu yeh²).<sup>d</sup> Silver can also be ingested, but it is not the equal of gold.'

I then made difficulties, saying: 'Why not use ordinary gold and silver? Why (go to the trouble of) making it by transformation (hua³)? The transformed product will not be genuine (fei chen⁴), and if not genuine it will be counterfeit (cha wei⁵).' Master Chêng replied, 'Mundane gold and silver are indeed good. But Taoists and their disciples are poor. As the proverb says: "Who ever heard of a fat immortal or a rich Taoist?" A teacher and his pupils may be five or ten persons—how could so many be supplied with gold and silver? Besides, they could not travel far and wide to collect them. Therefore it is fitting that they should make them. And finally the gold which is made by transformation embodies the essences of many different ingredients, so that it is superior to natural gold.'e

Here we have a clear distinction of motives. The exploiter of gem and gold mining for the luxury of rulers and officials is condemned, so also is the merchant who piles up profits of gold; but the adept who uses it for the techniques of immortality is praised, and most significantly, artificially made gold is considered positively better than natural gold.

All this was alchemy in its purest sense. Of the meaning and etymology of the word 'alchemy' something has already been said, and we are now in a position therefore to trace the development of the concept of the elixir of immortality in early China. As we shall see, this concept became firmly crystallised by the -4th century in the time of Tsou Yen, and the belief in the feasibility of achieving physical immortality was so strong that the emperor Chhin Shih Huang Ti sent several expeditions to search for the elixir during the -3rd century. By the time of the Han dynasty we have contemporary records of the activities of aurifactors and magicians at the imperial court, due to the great historian Ssuma Chhien.

As far back as prehistoric times people were wont to paint the human remains in burials with colours which would give the appearance or significance of life. Red was

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* TTC, ch. 9. b Probably a reference to placer mining.
Cf. Ta Hsüeh I, 1, cf. Vol. 2, p. 566. d Cf. p. 27 below.
Hua tso chê chin, nai shih chu yao chih ching, shêng yữ tzu-jan chê yeh.
Vol. 5, pt. 2, pp. 9 ff., 12 ff.
Cf. Vol. 1, p. 240, Vol. 4, pt. 3, pp. 551 ff. Also pp. 13, 17-18 below.

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the colour of blood and its ceaseless movement, so it was a natural piece of sympathetic magic to use red pigments in symbolic revivification of the entombed dead. It has been reported that ornamental stone beads worn by the Upper Cave Man of Choukhou-tien,1 dating from the very end of the Pleistocene, were painted red with haematite, and that a large quantity of haematite powder was also found scattered around the body. This custom persisted through historical times.<sup>a</sup> There have been many reports of the use of red ochre in colouring skulls and skeletons in palaeolithic and neolithic graves.b But mixtures of iron compounds were not the only red substances used in this way.c Pigment on oracle-bones has been ascertained to be cinnabar by micro-chemical methods.d As we found in another connection,e amulets of jade, beads or cicadas, were placed in the mouth of the dead during the Chou period, and these were sometimes painted with the life-giving colour of red cinnabar or haematite. The I Chou Shu<sup>2</sup> relates that cinnabar was presented to the Chou king Chhêng Wang<sup>3</sup> by the tribal people of Phu,<sup>4</sup> and according to this account, the event would have taken place in the late - 11th or early - 10th century. Tombs of the -6th century have been found to contain masses of cinnabar, and vermilion paint on the remains and the bronzes.h It can hardly be without significance that this bright red substance, used in such ancient times as what might almost be called a strong magic of resurrection, should have turned out to give rise to the most living of the metals, quick- (or living) silver, metallic mercury.1 Compounds of this with other elements, as also salts of lead, were in widespread common use in high antiquity in China (see pp. 15 ff., 123 ff. below). As we shall find, all these substances became common ingredients and reagents in the elixir-making of the Chinese alchemists.

b Black (1); Vogt (1).

d Benedetti-Pichler (1).

f It is interesting that the magic vermilion was also used in European antiquity:

'Pan deus Arcadiae venit, quem vidimus ipsi sanguineis ebuli bacis minioque rubentem'

(Virgil, Ecl. x, 27)

Conington notes that the Greeks and Romans seem not infrequently to have painted their gods red (cf. Plutarch, Quaestiones Romanae, 98), especially country deities such as Bacchus and Priapus. In Tibullus (2, i, 55) the rustic worshipper of Bacchus paints himself with cinnabar. For minium, as in Virgil's line above, was, for Pliny and his contemporaries (cf. Hist. Nat. XXXIII, 111), cinnabar, usually from the Spanish mines of Almadén which are still working today. See Crosland (1), p. 105; Bailey (1), vol. 1, pp. 119, 217; and on the ancient religious practices Wunderlich (1). A Hebrew parallel can be seen in Wisdom 13.14.

8 Ch. 59, p. 12b; cf. Yuan Chien Lei Han, ch. 119, p. 5b.

h See Bishop (12).

<sup>1</sup> Cf. the possible connection with liturgical practices, discussed in pt. 2, pp. 128 ff.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Chèng Tè-Khun (4), p. 32, (9), vol. 1, pp. 35, 37; Loewenstein (1). Oakley (2) has now been able to date the 'Red Lady of Paviland' skeleton by radiocarbon methods to -16,500. Okladnikov found red decoration on remains in the Shilka cave, Upper Amur Valley; and down to our own time the Ob Ugrians, in the Upper Konda Valley, clothe their dead in red wrappings (Mr R. G. Wasson, priv. comm.).

c Tombs in the Near and Middle East dating back to the −7th millennium have been found to contain bodies or skeletons painted with ochre or cinnabar (Widengren, 1). This was the finding of Mellaert, too at Çatal Hüyük (−6th millennium).

e Vol. 4, pt. 3, pp. 544, 545. Cf. Laufer (8), pp. 294ff., 301; Biot (1), vol. 1, pp. 40, 389; Wieger (2), p. 90. There are close Amerindian parallels.

The concept of material immortality went back to prehistorical days in Chinese legend. We have earlier referred to Yi1 the Archer, who obtained the medicine of immortality from Hsi Wang Mu 2.ª But it was his wife Chhang O3 who stole and ate the elixir and subsequently became the Lady of the Moon.b An ageless story universal in Chinese folklore and art motifs has a jade rabbit (yü thu4) on the moon working untiringly mixing and pounding the drugs of immortality.c There are a thousand legends, which the Taoists perpetuated, of people attaining immortal life. For example, Lung-Yü,5 daughter of Mu Kung,6 Duke of Chhin in the -7th century, was courted by an alchemical immortal, Hsiao Shih,7 who provided her with mercurous chloride face-powder and also taught her to play the flute, after which music they both soared into the empyrean—he on a dragon and she on a phoenix.e In the fabulous account of the travels of the Chou High King Mu Wang8 (-10th century) to visit the immortal goddess Hsi Wang Mu in the West we are told about a certain 'gold paste' (huang chin chih kao'), which he was shown in the palace of the River Spirit (Ho Po10),g and which may already imply amalgamation, a favourite process of the Taoist alchemists, as we shall later see.

The question of the antiquity of cinnabar and mercury in China has been raised by Dubs (5), and it is one of importance because of the central position of these substances in all later alchemy. Perhaps the oldest Chinese reference to cinnabar (mercuric sulphide) occurs in the Shu Ching (Historical Classic), where the Yü Kung (Tribute of Yü) chapterh lists tan 11 among the tribute products of the region called Ching-chou.12 The date of this text is still uncertain but it is truly ancient, perhaps of the early -5th century, perhaps based on documents or oral traditions going back to the -8th. When mercury was first distilled from cinnabar we do not know, but in the Chhin and Early Han (-3rd century onwards) references come thick and fast, and it is hard to say whether hung 13 or shui yin 14 (liquid silver) was the earlier term. As we saw on a previous occasion, the supply was sufficiently abundant at the time of the death of Chhin Shih Huang Ti (-210) to allow a relief map of China to be set up in the chamber of his mausoleum, having the great rivers and streams running with mercury circulated by a machine. According to the Huang Lan 15 encyclopaedia, edited by Miu Shih-Têng 16 in +220, robbers from Kuantung later broke into the tomb and made off with the valuable metal. But one cannot be sure that Chhin Shih

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a Vol. 2, p. 71; cf. Granet (1), p. 376.
  b Cf. Wei Lüch, ch. 6, p. 3a, and many other texts.
  c This is constantly represented in art—see, for example, Chin Shih So, Shih sect. ch. 1, (p. 101).
Cf. Janse (5), pp. 48ff., (6), p. 210.
                                      e See Chung Hua Ku Chin Chu,17 p. 6b.
  d Cf. p. 125 below.
  See Mu Thien Tzu Chuan, 18 p. 1b (tr. Cheng Te-Khun, 2), and TPYL, ch. 811, p. 1a.
                                     h See on this Vol. 6; and Karlgren (12), pp. 13, 15.
  g Cf. Vol. 2, p. 103.
  Vol. 3, p. 582, where the passage in Shih Chi, ch. 6, p. 31a, is given in translation. Cf. Chavannes
(1), vol. 2, p. 194.
  J Quoted in TPYL, ch. 812, p. 6b.
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  7 糖史
                 14 水銀
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 18 穆天子傳
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Huang Ti's tomb was the first to have mercury, for the Wu Yüeh Chhun Chhiu 1 says that the King of Wu, Ho Lu,2 who died about -495, was buried with a whole pool of mercury in his tomb-chamber. Although this is a Later Han book, written by Chao Yeh3 in the +1st century, it may report an authentic tradition.

The term hung is defined as shui yin in the Shuo Wên of + 121, the Kuang Ya of +230 and many subsequent dictionaries,c and it occurs in the -2nd century both in the Huai Nan Tzu bookd and in the Huai Nan Wan Pi Shu.e The oldest extant pharmaceutical work, however, also attributable (at least in part) to the -2nd century, the Shen Nung Pén Tshao Ching, uses the term shui yin, and in general this was always later preferred in the pharmacological literature. Among the alchemical writers, on the other hand, a different way of writing hung 6 grew up, and this must have happened quite early because the Huai Nan Tzu book also has it; g after which (though not in the Shuo Wên) it became the commonest form in the spagyrical literature, sanctified both by the Tshan Thung Chhi (+142) and the Pao Phu Tzu (c. +300). Many dictionaries such as the Kuang Yün of + 1011 define it as shui yin.h To sum up, therefore, the distillation of mercury, presumably per descensum, must have started in China sometime between the life of Confucius and the first unification of the empire. The School of Naturalists and Tsou Yen, whom we shall shortly discuss, would fit the picture very well chronologically, though as yet we have no positive evidence to link them with this fundamental chemical discovery.

Further thoughts relevant at this point were voiced long ago in an interesting paper by Lao Kan (6), who drew attention to the social valuation of the colours in Chinese antiquity. In close connection with Five-Element theory there grew up gradually a body of lore about the colours which were chosen as ceremonially dominant in different dynasties. As we saw at an earlier stage, i this was much discussed in the school of Tsou Yen himself; what is important here is that throughout the Chou period and perhaps in late Shang, red was the imperial colour, used for robes and vestments, carriages and palace buildings, every kind of object indeed from banners to brush-pen holders. The early Shang was supposed to have used white, and the Chhin and Han certainly went over to black, but red had a long innings and

b Ch. 11 A, (p. 237.2).

c E.g. PWYF, ch. 31, (p. 1500.23).

d Cf. p. 23.

<sup>6</sup> Cf. p. 25. Some texts write the related hung,<sup>7</sup> perhaps then interchangeable.

f Cf. Vol. 6, pt. 1.

In the passage on the growth of metals in the earth; see Vol. 3, p. 640, and here in pt. 4.

h This was based on the Chhieh Yün of + 601, now lost as such. Under shui yin, PWYF, ch. 11, (p. 463.2) relates an abridgment of the story of Chhêng Wei, on which see p. 38 below.

1 Pp. 12ff. below.

J Vol. 2, p. 238 and Table 12 on p. 263.

\* Also, significantly, coffins, as in the case of one of the princes of Chhu, excavated at Shouhsien.
<sup>1</sup> The imperial yellow, so evocative of Thang, Sung and Ming China, started only in the Sui time.
We have seen already in Sect. 30 one of the beginnings of this colour preference change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Also quoted in TPYL, loc. cit. It gives a length of 60 ft, but one may accept a width of 6, and the idea was doubtless to arrest decomposition of the body. We have seen already (pt. 2, pp. 298, 304) how this use of mercury and its salts continued down throughout Chinese history.

continued in favour for centuries with the Taoists, a indeed becoming, as we know, the popular 'auspicious' colour in all the folk custom of traditional China. Consequently during the early Chou and Warring States periods, formative as they were for Chinese proto-chemistry as for many other things, there was a special emphasis on the colour red, and this must have meant a wide employment of vermilion (cinnabar) as well as its cheaper substitute, red lead.

Correspondingly the mining of mercury ores becomes prominent quite early. The famous 'capitalists' chapter of the *Shih Chi* has an account of a Szechuanese widow of the -3rd century who managed mines like those of Almadén with great success. Her story cannot be better placed than here. We read:

There was a widow of Pa (Szechuan) by the name of Chhing, whose husband's ancestors had found mercury mines (lit. caves or pits of cinnabar, tan hsüeh²) and monopolised the profits for several generations. The family wealth was beyond counting. This woman had the ability to look after her enterprises, using much of her wealth as protection so that no one molested her or them. The first Chhin emperor considered her a virtuous widow, treated her as a protégée (Kho³), and caused to be built in her honour a monument called the Nü Huai Chhing Thai⁴ (Tower of the Women's Remembrance of Mistress Chhing).

Particularly significant here, since Chhing's floruit must have been c. -245 to -210, is the statement that the mines had been worked by several generations of her husband's forebears. Thus the industry must have been flourishing in the -4th century, the time of Tsou Yen, if not already somewhat earlier, in Chi Ni Tzu's time. Another mention of 'caves of cinnabar' occurs in some texts of the  $I Lin^5$  (Forest of Symbols of the Book of Changes) where it is said that three men went out to collect oranges but found a mercury mine instead, so that their wives attained dignity and wealth, each worth a hundred ingots of gold. Although this book was traditionally attributed to Chiao Kan, c. -40, it is more probably of the c-2nd century or a little later, yet the incident itself may well be of the Early Han.

Another point of Lao Kan's is the ancient use of vermilion for red ink on particularly important documents of state, hence also for magical exorcisms and the like. The *Tso Chuan* affords an immediate example, involving the burning of a feudal register kept in vermilion script  $(tan \ shu^7)$ ; this incident is datable at -549. From the mathematics Section it will be remembered that one of the two most ancient magic squares, the Lo Shu, was supposed to have been written in red characters on

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> This is evident from the mid +2nd-century Thai Phing Ching, which extols red as the colour of fire, the sun, and pure Yang (chs. 2, 4, 7, 119, cf. (p. 682) for example). The motif of blood seems not present here, but 'our Thai-Yang Tao is the Way of humane administration, which has no desire to harm any of the people'. It is interesting that a symbol still so powerful today as the Red Flag can be traced back as far as the Taoist social reformers of the Later Han.

b See, for example, Tiefensee (1).

Shih Chi, ch. 129, pp. 6b, 7a; Chhien Han Shu, ch. 91, p. 6a; tr. suct., adjuv. Swann (1), p. 431.
 P. 2b, the combination of the Kua Chhien and Hsien.

e On the mercury deposits and resources of China see Tegengren (3); Wei Chou-Yuan (1) and Torgashev (1), pp. 243ff.

Duke Hsiang, 23rd year; tr. Couvreur (1), vol. 2, p. 391.

its first appearance.<sup>a</sup> By the time of the *Pao Phu Tzu* book (see pp. 81 ff. below), all the talismans and charms were necessarily to be written in red script.<sup>b</sup> Since we even have the names of some of these exorcistic scribes from the Hou Han period,<sup>c</sup> the practice must have arisen during the —1st century if not before.

The concept of a medicine of immortality was undoubtedly much occupying the minds of Chinese scholars and projectors by the time of the Warring States period. A good example is found in early -3rd-century texts such as the Han Fei  $Tzu^{1}$  book. What they say is this:

Once upon a time someone presented an elixir of life (pu ssu chih yao²) to the Prince of Ching.<sup>3</sup> As the chamberlain was taking it into the palace, the guard at the gate asked if it was edible, and when he answered yes, the guard took it from him and ate it. The prince was [extremely] annoyed and condemned the guard to death. But the latter sent a friend to persuade the prince on his behalf, saying: 'After all, the guard did ask the chamberlain whether the elixir could be eaten before he ate it. Hence the blame attaches to the chamberlain and not to him. Besides, what the guest presented was an elixir of life, but if you now execute your servant after eating it, it will be an elixir of death [and the guest will be a liar]. Now rather than killing an innocent officer in order to demonstrate a guest's false claim it would be better to release the guard.' So the prince let him off.

This event would have occurred in the State of Chhu during the reign of Prince Ching Hsiang<sup>4</sup> between -294 and -261. The passage was no doubt composed or preserved as an exercise in sophistic argument, but it takes its place among a whole series of texts of an alchemical or quasi-alchemical character which establish the origins of Chinese alchemy in the Warring States period (-480 to -221) from at least the time of Tsou Yen onwards (cf. p. 12).

An interesting story given in the Chuang  $Tzu^5$  book of a man who acquired the art of butchering dragons goes as follows:

Chu Phing-Man<sup>6</sup> learnt how to slay dragons from (his teacher) Chihli I,<sup>7</sup> expending (in doing so) all his wealth of 1000 ounces of gold. In three years he became perfect in the art, but he never used his skill.

The commentators say that Chu Phing-Man never used his art because there were no dragons to kill, and that the *chün-tzu* does not value such techniques but only the Tao of the Golden Mean (*chung yung chih tao*<sup>8</sup>); yet if we may assume that the story

<sup>3</sup> Vol. 3, p. 56. Cf. Ku Wei Shu, ch. 34, p. 1a.

b Ch, 17; Ware tr. p. 296, for example.

c E.g. Chhu Shêng-Chhing.9

d Chan Kuo Tshê, ch. 5, p. 33b, tr. Ho Ping-Yü & Needham (4), adjuv. Liao Wên-Kuei (1), p. 235, translating the parallel passage in Han Fei Tzu, ch. 22, pp. 5bff. Words within square brackets are in the latter text only. It is interesting that this story got into one of the earliest books of European sinology, the De Re Literaria Sinensium of Theophilus Spizel (+1660), where we may read a Latin version of it on pp. 262-3. It was later re-translated by Imbault-Huart (2), who added (1, p. 70) a very similar story with Tungfang Shuo as the hero, from the Po Wu Chih, ch. 8, p. 6a.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> Ch. 32 (Pu Chèng, ch. 10A, p. 17a), tr. auct. adjuv. Legge (5), vol. 2, p. 206. Attention to this passage was first drawn by Barnes (2). Dubs (5) is not disposed to accept an alchemical allusion, and in any case regards the chapter as a Han interpolation, but we differ on both points.

<sup>1</sup> 韓非子

<sup>2</sup> 不死之藥

<sup>3</sup> 期 4 景亚

莊子 6朱泙漫

<sup>7</sup>支雕盆

<sup>8</sup> 中庸之道

<sup>9</sup> 麴型腳

was based on something factual, it is easier to attach to it an alchemical meaning. Chu Phing-Man might well have learnt the art in secrecy but neither spoke about it nor used it. The metaphor of dragon-slaying is common to alchemy all over the world, connected, of course, with the formation of the calx or the sulphide of a metal.<sup>a</sup> In any case the story would be of the late -4th century.

The Taoist cult of the holy immortals, so closely associated with alchemy, does not loom very large in the *Chuang Tzu* book, but there are passages which speak about them clearly enough. For example, Kuang Chhêng Tzu¹ was already 1200 years old when Huang Ti went to call upon him; b and Nü Yü² transmitted his art of maintaining perpetual youth to Puliang I,³ refusing to reveal it to Nanpo Tzu-Khuei,⁴ whom he considered unsuitable as a disciple.c In another place a significant passage reads;d

Far away on the Ku-shê Shan<sup>5</sup> (mountains)<sup>e</sup> there live numinous men whose flesh and skin are smooth as ice and pale as snow. Their ways are (innocent) like those of young girls. They do not eat the Five Cereals but inhale the wind and drink of the dew. They ride on the *chhi* of the clouds, and drive flying dragons which carry them roaming beyond the Four Seas; yet when they concentrate their spirit-like powers, living things are not attacked by the corruption of disease, and every year brings plentiful harvests.

Here Maspero was surely right in seeing a reference to the dietary regimen, the respiratory exercises, and the meditational techniques with a background of Shamanic flight ecstasy, all characteristic of the early aspirants to Taoist material immortality. But of alchemy itself there is no further word from Chuang Chou.

The belief in material immortality during the time of the Warring States was sufficiently strong to draw the criticism of the philosopher Lieh Yü-Khou, who affirmed that 'he who hopes to perpetuate his life or to shut out death is deceived as to his destiny'. The following remark also comes from him:

That skull and I both know that there is no such thing as absolute life or death. This knowledge is better than all your methods of prolonging life, a more potent source of happiness than any other.<sup>1</sup>

The dating of such passages is as usual very difficult, for some parts of the Lieh Tzu book may go back to the -5th century and others may be as late as the +4th.

- <sup>a</sup> The difficulty about this interpretation is that in the later alchemical literature one can 'slaughter' metals (e.g. ssu shui yin<sup>6</sup> in the Tshan Thung Chhi) but where dragons are concerned one is generally marrying them off. In Thang texts ssu usually stands for ssu tu,<sup>7</sup> 'to kill the toxicity of' something, especially metals. It is not equivalent to fu<sup>8</sup> or chih<sup>9</sup> (cf. pt. 4). Also the phrase thu lung <sup>10</sup> does not recur in later alchemical writing.
  - b Ch. 11, Legge (5), vol. 1, p. 299.
  - c Ch. 6, Legge (5), vol. 1, p. 245.
  - d Ch. 1, tr. auct. adjuv. Legge (5), vol. 1, pp. 170ff.; Feng Yu-Lan (5), p. 36; Maspero (13), pp. 205-6.
  - e Or Ku-i Shan.
  - f (13), pp. 205ff.
  - g Quite possibly induced by cryptogamic or other plant hallucinogens.
  - h Lieh Tzu, ch. 1, p. 10b, tr. L. Giles (4), p. 24.
  - 1 Lieh Tzu, ch. 1, p. 6b, tr. L. Giles (4), pp. 22-3.

A study of the hagiography of the immortals, the large literature about the lives, achievements and 'miracles' of famous hsien, a quickly gives an idea of the Chinese conception of the early adepts and how they achieved immortality. The Lieh Hsien Chuan<sup>1</sup> (Lives of Famous Immortals), b a work attributed to Liu Hsiang<sup>2</sup> (c, -50) but certainly by an unknown Taoist who lived between the +2nd and +4th centuries, gives accounts of 71 immortals, many of whom inhabited the legendary period of Chinese antiquity. Prominent among the means of attaining the state of hsien-ship was the ingestion of a number of unprocessed mineral and plant substances (see Table 106). It is hard to say how seriously any real adepts followed such procedures,c and doubtless what ethereality and longevity they attained was due to an ascetic dietary regimen, but at any rate these pharmacological-alchemical methods were part of the corpus of legend from early times, and the urge towards macrobiotic achievements is beyond doubt. Among the legendary immortals were Chhih Sung Tzu,3 who ingested jade as a suspension in blood, Fang Hui<sup>4</sup> who treated mica and other minerals to render them potable, Wo Chhüan,5 who presented pine-seed elixirs to the emperor Yao6 (but the latter could not find time to try them out), Phêng Tsu,7 who lived on cinnamon and magic mushrooms,d Jen Kuang,8 who took an elixir, and Chhih Fu,º who prepared one from mercury and consumed it together with nitre (or saltpetre).e It is of interest to note that Fan Li, 10 the putative - 5th-century author of

<sup>a</sup> This subject has been discussed at some length earlier; see Vol. 2, pp. 152ff.

b Tr. Kaltenmark (2). This book is not mentioned in the bibliographical chapters of the Chhien Han Shu, but Ko Hung discusses it in his Pao Phu Tzu (Nei Phien), ch. 2, p. 5a; tr. Ware (5), p. 41.

<sup>c</sup> Most probably many did. When one of us (N.S.) was in Thaiwan in 1962 he met a Taoist who told him that he used shih chung huang tzu<sup>11</sup> frequently (brown haematite, RP81) together with certain berries which he showed him. Abstaining from cereals (chüch ku<sup>12</sup>) was of course a widespread practice, discussed in many of the medical books.

d The identification of what was meant by this Taoist religious symbol is a matter of much difficulty (cf. pt. 2, pp. 116, 121 above). It certainly had a reference wider than anything we should call a fungus today, for it could include mineral excrescences recalling the shape of mushrooms, all kinds of cryptogams, and doubtless some fictitious plants. See, for example, Pao Phu Tzu (Nei Phien), ch. 11; tr. Feifel (3) and Ware (5), pp. 177ff.; cf. Chikashige (1), pp. 29ff. We shall discuss the chih at length in Section 45.

One curious account is that of a man called 'Father Cinnamon' (Kuei Fu 13), who surprised people by turning black, white, yellow or red in succession (Kaltenmark (2), no. 31, p. 118). The fact that these were emblematic colours of three of the four quarters and the centre is perhaps less interesting than the statement that he lived upon kuei14 (cinnamon) and khuei15 (mallow), together with the brains of tortoises. One wonders whether this idea of colour-changes was inspired by some ancient observations that red or blue extracts of certain plants would change colour according to acidity, salt content, etc. One might think of Kuei Fu therefore as the litmus-immortal. Litmus itself comes from a lichen Lecanora tartarea, but anthocyanin extracts of higher plants behave in the same way. The mallow of the Shen Nung Pên Tshao Ching is Malva verticillata (R280; CC747). On the general history of colour-tests see Greenaway (1). Colour-change indicators did not become really important until the rise of volumetric analysis in the + 18th century, with its associated techniques of quantitative washing. In this connection some liturgiologist ought to write the history of the ablutions at the Christian eucharist, when the chalice and the fingers of the celebrant are washed, first with unconsecrated wine, then with this mixed with water, and finally with water alone. To a modern chemist, washing out a vessel with the solvent would seem the merest common sense, yet in earlier ages it would not have been so obvious, and one would like to know what branches of chemical technology first developed it, and whether it was in East or West, Quantitative analysis was of course only a special case of the conservation of what was precious.

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1 列仙傳 2 劉向 3 赤松子 + 方回 5 侃俭 6 凳 7 影順 8 任光 9 赤斧 10 范蠡 11 石中黄子 12 超數 13 桂父 14 桂 15 葵
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Fig. 1342. Chhih Sung Tzu, the Red Pine Master (from Lieh Hsien Chhüan Chuan, ch. 1, p. 8a).

Table 106. Agents of immortality in the 'Lieh Hsien Chuan'

		No. of adepts consuming
tan sha¹	cinnabar (HgS)a	1
hung <sup>2</sup>	mercury (Hg)	1
yü <sup>3</sup>	jade	1
yün mu <sup>4</sup>	mica	1
shih sui5	stalactite (CaCO <sub>3</sub> ) RP68	I
shih chih6	siliceous clays RP 57	3
hsiao shih <sup>7</sup>	nitre (NaNO <sub>3</sub> ) or saltpetre (KNO <sub>3</sub> )	1
sung yeh8	pine tree leaves	1
sung tzu9	pine tree seeds	2
kuei 10	cinnamon, Cinnamomum Cassia (=aromaticum)	
to all and an	Lauraceae; CC1318; R494b	1
(tshang-)shu11	a composite, Atractylis ovata; CC34; R14	1
thien men tung 12, 13, 14	a liliaceous plant, Asparagus lucidus;	
	CC1830; R676	1
phêng lei <sup>15</sup>	a bramble, Rubus hirsutus (= Thunbergii) Rosaceae;	
c 22 - 46	CC 1162; R459; Anon. (109), vol. 2, p. 275	1
fu ling <sup>16</sup>	a fungus, Poria (Pachyma) cocos, 'Indian bread'	
(Ii V-LiLia	or 'tuckahoe'; CC2320; R838	1
(ling-)chih <sup>17</sup>	perhaps a lichen Gyrophora esculenta (=vellea);	
	CC2327; R818 or a fungus Fomes japonicus; CC2301c	
_	miscellaneous plants in combinations	2
tan18	unidentified elixir, perhaps cinnabar	3

the Chi Ni Tzu<sup>19</sup> book, which we shall quote presently, is listed among the immortals—he also is said to have been fond of eating cinnamon. Among the many immortals described by Huangfu Mi<sup>20</sup> in his Kao Shih Chuan<sup>21</sup> (Lives of Men of Lofty Attainments), c. +275, is one Ho Shang Chang Jen,<sup>22</sup> said to be the teacher of An Chhi shêng,<sup>23</sup> the famous immortal so much sought after by the emperors Chhin Shih Huang Ti and Han Wu Ti, as we shall see later.<sup>d</sup> It was said that An Chhi shêng had among his pupils one Mao Shih Kung,<sup>24</sup> who in turn imparted his knowledge to Lo Hsia Kung,<sup>25</sup> who had a disciple called Lo Chhen Kung <sup>26</sup> (fl. -3rd cent.). The adept Kai Kung,<sup>27</sup> the teacher of the Early Han minister Tshao Tshan<sup>28</sup>

d Kao Shih Chuan, (p. 62).
1 丹砂 2 項 3 :

3 王 + 雲母 5石髓 6石脂 8 松葉 9 松子 11 蒼朮 12 天門多 7 硝石 10 桂 16 伏苓 17 麵芝 18 丹 14 天整多 23 安期生 4 毛翕公 19 計倪子 20 皇甫諡 21 高士傳 22 河上丈人

Cinnabar is still used as a drug in India today, anuma-karadhwaja (Mahdihassan (16), p. 23).
 The following five clearly identifiable plants all occur in the oldest extant pharmacopoeia Shen Nung Pên Tshao Ching, on which see Vol. 6, Sect. 38.

c Amanita spp. may have been included, significantly, here; see the discussion in pt. 2, pp. 116 ff. and Vol. 6.

(d. - 190), was said to have been his disciple.<sup>a</sup> Such is the sort of chain of transmission which we meet with constantly in early Chinese macrobiotics.<sup>b</sup>

One character who cannot be omitted here is Lingyang Tzu-Ming1 (or Tou Tzu-Ming2) who must have lived in the Han before the end of the +1st century, and who has a place in the Lieh Hsien Chuan.c We have encountered him before in connection with what must be the earliest reference in any culture to the reel of the fishing-rod.4 the which he used to capture a white dragon, ultimately his vehicle to the heavens, or at least to the top of a sacred mountain. He was also famous for consuming mineral substances, especially coloured clays, which were supposed to have elixir properties. Whether Lingvang was fully a historical person or not, he had the almost unique fate of giving his name in perpetuity to a chemical substance, metallic mercury, for which it became one of the synonyms (cf. Table 95, no. 125).e His fame grew as time went on, and the Sui bibliography lists in its medical section a Ling Yang Tzu Shuo Huang Chin Pi Fa3 (Lecture on a Secret Method for Yellow Gold by Master Lingyang), By the Sung he could be regarded as the first originator of aurifaction itself.g At the same time his name was also closely connected with the beginnings of physiological alchemy, especially respiratory techniques and some sort of heliotherapy (cf. pt. 5), on which a manual entitled Lingyang Tzu-Ming Ching\* undoubtedly existed in the time of Wang I,5 the commentator on the Odes of Chhu (fl. + 115 to + 135).

## (i) The School of Naturalists and the First Emperor

The beginnings of alchemy in China are very much connected with the School of Naturalists. We have mentioned earlier that its founder Tsou Yen<sup>6</sup> (c. -350 to -270) made lists of natural products, describing minerals, chemical substances, plants and animals.<sup>h</sup> He and his followers were undoubtedly responsible for the first systematisation of the theories of Yin and Yang and of the Five Elements, so fundamental in all later natural philosophy.<sup>i</sup> We repeat here two important passages which point to the alchemical interest of his school. The first, from the Shih Chi, runs thus:<sup>j</sup>

- a See Shih Chi, ch. 54 and CHS, ch. 39, p. 11a on Tshao Tshan. Cf. Dubs (2), vol. 1, p. 143.
- b See Table 110 on p. 77. Cf. TT878, ch. 1, p. 1a, ch. 2, p. 5a, a Sung text.

c Tr. and annot. Kaltenmark (2), pp. 183ff.

- d Vol. 4, pt. 2, p. 100.
- e Ko Hung mentions it in a list of cover-names, PPT/NP, ch. 16, p. 6b, cf. Ware (5), p. 271. A parallel is the case of the Sung or pre-Sung physician Kuo Shih-Chin<sup>7</sup> who gave his name to the Rangoon creeper Quisqualis indica, an anthelminthic plant (Sect. 38).

f Ch. 3, (p. 109), among books on elixirs and other macrobiotic techniques.

As by Li Kuang-Hsüan<sup>8</sup> in TT263, p. 24a.

h Vol. 2, p. 233.

i Among the thaumaturgical legends that grew up about him was one according to which he had rendered a cold and barren valley suitable for raising crops, fruits and vegetables, by playing certain airs, like Orpheus, on his pipe. The *chhi* of the place responded (Vol. 4, pt. 1, pp. 29, 135). It is interesting to find a similar story told of another reputed alchemist, Albertus Magnus, who made a garden blossom out of season for the visit of Duke William II of Holland in +1249 (Partington (3), p. 7).

<sup>1</sup> Ch. 28, pp. 10b-11b, tr. Chavannes (1), vol. 2, p. 152, vol. 3, p. 435; Dubs (5), eng. et mod. auct. Parallel passage in CHS, ch. 25A, pp. 12a-13a.

『陵陽子明』愛子明』陵陽子殷黄金祕法 《陵陽子明經 5 王逸 6 鄒衍 7 郭使君 8 李光女 From the time of (Kings) Wei<sup>1</sup> and Hsüan<sup>2</sup> of the State of Chhia the disciples of Master Tsou discussed and wrote about the cyclical succession of the Five Powers. When (the King of) Chhin became (the First) Emperor (in -221), people from Chhi sent in memorials (bringing these theories to his notice). And the First Emperor (Chhin Shih Huang Ti) chose them and gave them employment. Moreover from first to last Sung Wu-Chi,<sup>3</sup> Chêng Po-Chhiao,<sup>4</sup> Chhung Shang<sup>5</sup> and Hsienmên Kao<sup>6</sup> were all people<sup>b</sup> from (the State of) Yen who practised the method of (becoming) immortals by the use of magical techniques, so that their bodies would be etherealised and metamorphosed by some transmutation (hsing chieh hsiao hua<sup>7</sup>),<sup>c</sup> For this they relied upon their services to the gods and spirits.

Tsou Yen was famous among the feudal lords (for his doctrine) that the Yin and the Yang control the cyclical movements of destiny. The men who possessed magical techniques, and who lived along the sea-coast of Yen and Chhi, transmitted his arts, but without being able to understand them. From this time on one cannot count the constantly increasing number of those persons who performed deceptive wonders, flatteries, and illicit practices.

Then beginning with (Kings) Wei and Hsüan (of Chhi) and (King) Chao of Yen,<sup>e</sup> people were sent out into the ocean to search for (the fairy isles of) Phêng-Lai,<sup>8</sup> Fang-Chang,<sup>9</sup> and Ying-Chou.<sup>10</sup> These three divine (island) mountains were reported to be in the Sea of Po,<sup>11</sup> not so distant from human (habitations), but the difficulty was that when they were almost reached, boats were blown away from them by the wind. Perhaps some succeeded in reaching (these islands). (At any rate, according to report) many immortals (hsien) live there, and the drug which will prevent death (pu ssu chih yao<sup>12</sup>) is found there. Their living creatures, both birds and beasts, are perfectly white, and their palaces and gate-towers are made of gold and silver. Before you have reached them, from a distance they look like clouds, but (it is said that) when you approach them, these three divine mountain-islands sink below the water, or else a wind suddenly drives the ship away from them. So no one can really reach them. Yet none of the lords of this age would not be delighted to go there.<sup>f</sup>

The transmission of secret writings or perhaps oral traditions of the school of Naturalists to the circle surrounding Liu An,<sup>13</sup> the Prince of Huai Nan,<sup>14</sup> during the -2nd century is revealed in a second passage from the *Chhien Han Shu*, which says,<sup>g</sup> referring to about -60:

At that time the emperor Hsüan<sup>15</sup> (r. -73 to -48) was desirous of following in the footsteps of Han Wu Ti.<sup>h</sup> He summoned to his side eminent scholars and able men. (Liu) Kêng-Shêng<sup>16</sup> (i.e. Liu Hsiang) was (a young man) of penetrating intellect and well versed in literature. Together with Wang Pao <sup>17</sup> and Chang Tzu-Chhiao <sup>18</sup> and others he was called to court, and presented a poetical writing in several dozen chapters. Now the emperor was

The two reigns covered -377 to -312.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> These may or may not have been historical personages; Han writers refer to them as 'former immortals'. Yet they may well have been magician-Naturalists of the State of Yen contemporary with, or earlier than, Tsou Yen himself. It is suggested (cf. Vol. 2, p. 133) that hsien-mên transliterates shaman.

c Or, 'so that they might be released from the flesh by fusion and transformation'.

d A strong hint of alchemy.

e R. -311 to -278.

f The expeditions into the Eastern Ocean are quite historical and have been discussed at length in Vol. 4, pt. 3, pp. 551 ff.

h Cf. p. 35. 8 Ch. 36, p. 6b, 7a; tr. auct. adjuv. Dubs (5). 5 充倘 6 羡門高 2 宣 3 宋毋忌 +正伯僑 8 蓬萊 9 方丈 10 減 洲 11 渤 7形解銷化 12 不死之藥 15 宣帝 16 更生 17王褒 18 張子僑 13 劉安 14 淮南

interested in the matter of reviving the arts and techniques of the holy immortals. (The Prince of) Huai-Nan had had in his pillow (for safe-keeping) certain writings entitled *Hung Pao Yuan Pi Shu*<sup>1</sup> (Book of the Infinite Treasure in the Secret Garden). These writings told about the holy immortals and their arts of conjuring spirits and making gold, together with Tsou Yen's technique for prolonging life by a method of repeated (transmutation) (chhung tao<sup>2</sup>). Most people at that time had never seen these writings, but (Liu) Tê,<sup>3</sup> the father of (Liu) Kêng-Shêng, had, in the time of the emperor Wu (-123), investigated the case of the (Prince of) Huai Nan, and (after his downfall) had secured his books. . . . b

This story remained famous for long afterwards.<sup>c</sup> It will be remembered from previous volumes that the group of proto-scientists and naturalist philosophers gathered around Liu An is regarded as responsible for that great compendium of natural philosophy, the *Huai Nan Tzu* book (c. -120). There is also the important collection of quasi-technological, quasi-magical procedures mentioned above and usually entitled *Huai Nan Wan Pi Shu* (The Ten Thousand Infallible Arts of the Prince of Huai-nan) which has come down to us from the same group. To this, as also to the government-supported alchemical trials of Liu Hsiang, we shall return presently (pp. 25, 35).

A list of chemical substances is included in the Chi Ni Tzu,4 also known as Fan Tzu Chi Jan,5 a book attributed to the -5th-century administrator, wealthy merchant and alchemist Fan Li, whom we first came across long ago.d It records conversations between a naturalist philosopher Chi Ni Tzu or Chi Yen<sup>6</sup> with Kou Chien,<sup>7</sup> King of Yüeh. Whether Chi Yen was a historical character or an invention of the writer of the book, who fathered it on Fan Li, we do not know, but it must belong to a southern school of natural philosophy connected somehow with Tsou Yen, and therefore datable in the late -4th or early -3rd century. Besides the theoretical discussions it contains elaborate lists of things, minerals, plants and animals, sometimes with prices and notes about provenance and quality, a very intriguing feature in view of the fact that Fan Li was a famous merchant as well as a princely adviser. Among these lists are found metallic lead (hei chhien8), lead monoxide, litharge (huang tan9), lead carbonate (shui fên10), sulphur (shih liu huang11), red bole clay (chhih shih chih12), calcareous spar (trigonal calcium carbonate), or perhaps gypsum, hydrated calcium sulphate (ning shui shih13), stalactitic calcium carbonate (shih chung ju14), brown haematite, hydrated ferric oxide (yü yü liang15), saltpetre or potassium nitrate

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> This phrase is extremely significant because of the later obsession of the Taoist alchemists for repeatedly separating and combining mercury and sulphur in cyclical transformations. See pp. 86, 110, below.

b Already in the +11th century it was pointed out by Liu Fêng-Shih that Liu Tê cannot have been the investigator in the Huai Nan Tzu case, for he was only a few years old at the time, not born before -126. It was probably the grandfather, Liu Pi-Chiang<sup>10</sup> (-164 to -85), who made the investigation and obtained the books. Nevertheless, we have a statement in CHS, ch. 36, p. 5a, that Liu Tê, when young, was fond of Taoism and liked to cultivate the techniques of the immortals.

c Cf. Po Wu Chih (c. +270), ch. 5, p. 5b.

d Vol. 2, pp. 275, 554. The extant fragments have been collected in YHSF, ch. 69, pp. 19aff.

<sup>1</sup> 灣寶苑秘書 2 重道 3 劉德 4 計倪子 5 范子計然 6 計研 7 句踐 8 黒鉛 9 黄丹 10 水粉 11 石硫黄 12 赤石脂 13 凝水石 14 石鍾乳 15 禹餘糧 16 劉辟疆

(hsiao shih<sup>1</sup>), a talc or soapstone, hydrated magnesium silicate (hua shih<sup>2</sup>), potash alum, the double sulphate of potassium and aluminium (fan shih<sup>3</sup>), malachite (basic copper carbonate) in the nodular form with large holes (khung chhing<sup>4</sup>), and in the stratified form (tshêng chhing<sup>5</sup>), azurite (pai chhing<sup>6</sup>), blue azurite (fu chhing<sup>7</sup>), both with less copper hydroxide than malachite, red haematite, specular iron ore, ferric oxide or ochre (shih chê<sup>8</sup>), and a blue variety of siliceous clay (chhing o<sup>9</sup>).

The Chi Ni Tzu book contains an entry of great chemical significance, but the only text now available to us, which was preserved in the Thai-Phing Yü Lan, includes the word tsho10 (generally meaning 'a mistake') in the passage, which reads: hei chhien chih tsho hua chhêng huang tan, tan tsai hua chih chhêng shui fên.11 It would be difficult to make sense of this as it stands, but the text presents a clear and definite meaning if we assume that it originally had the word tshu12 instead of tsho, but that corruption had substituted the chin13 radical for the yu14 radical. Hei chhien is metallic lead; g huang tan normally refers to litharge, the red or yellow oxide of lead; h and shui fên is ceruse or basic lead carbonate, Pba(OH)a(CO3)a.1 The passage would thus read: 'When metallic lead meets with vinegar it turns into "litharge", which in turn changes into white lead." Here perhaps the basic lead acetate was mistaken by the early Chinese alchemists for litharge, especially if there was discolouring by hydrogen sulphide. The text must surely therefore have referred to the so-called 'Dutch vinegar process' of making white lead, well known later in the Chinese pharmaceutical natural histories and in the traditional chemical technology of China and Japan,1 There is a full account of it in the Pên Tshao Kang Mu (+1506)m under the name fên hsi,15 'powder of (black) tin (i.e. lead)'. Before the Ming the pharmacal naturalists mostly confined themselves to its medical uses, but they attest its antiquity, for the Shen Nung Pên Tshao Ching includes it, under the same name, with a synonym chieh hsi, 16 'dissociated (black) tin (i.e. lead)'. This is good evidence, in our view, for a date

a See the discussion in pt. 4 below.

b The text gives lu chhing,17 where lu is probably a misprint for fu.

c Shih chê is probably the same as tai chê shih.18

d Not in RP. But since pai o<sup>10</sup> is synonymous with pai shih chih, <sup>20</sup> we may assume that chhing o may be synonymous with chhing shih chih, <sup>21</sup> the blue variety of siliceous clay according to RP 57 a.

e TPYL, ch. 812, p. 7a, and Chi Ni Tzu (in YHSF), ch. 3, p. 1b.

f It is true that one of the ancient meanings of tsho was 'gilding' (Shuo Wên).

RP 10; TPYL gives hei kung 22 which is synonymous with hei chhien.

h Though a sample of the traditional substance analysed at Peking in 1928 was found to contain lead peroxide and carbonate. RP 13 and 14.

1 RP 12.

- ) Schafer took note of this passage, (9), p. 422, but did not hit upon the emendation which clarifies the matter chemically.
- k See Mellor (1), pp. 664-5; Sherwood Taylor (4), pp. 83ff. Tan bark, wet hay or dung provides CO, and enough heat to volatilise the acetic acid, acetate being the intermediate product.

1 Cf. Atkinson (2).

- m Ch. 8, (pp. 15, 16), RP 12. Also a little later in TKKW, ch. 14, pp. 11b, 12a, tr. Sun & Sun (1), p. 256. Unfortunately Sung Ying-Hsing gave no illustration. We shall return to the process in Sect. 34. m Mori ed., p. 85.
- 2 滑石 3 攀石 4 空青 5 曾青 6白青 1 消石 7 厲青 8石諾 ? 青堊 "黑鉛之錯化成黃丹丹再化之成水粉 13 金 14 酉 15 粉錫 16 解錫 17 廣青 20 白石脂 21 青石脂 18 代赭石 19 白堊

in the -2nd century, not so long after the Chi Ni Tzu book. Since the provenance is said to be from valleys in the mountains it might be argued that naturally occurring cerussite was alone known, but the name reveals that this cannot be so, for the conscious connection with lead would imply a knowledge of the artificial product. In the works of the pên tshao tradition lead carbonate is recommended as antiparasitic, anthelminthic, emmenagogue and abortifacient, also in soothing antiseptic plasters for burns, wounds or ulcers; and many other uses.<sup>a</sup> The old looseness of the name, confusing lead with tin, was already corrected in the Hsin Hsiu Pên Tshao of +659.

The use of white lead for cosmetic purposes as 'face-powder' or 'face-cream' goes back a long way, it seems, both in East and West. It has been found in Indus Valley sites and in Greek graves of the -4th century,b as also in ancient Egyptian remains,c but one can never be sure that these samples were artificially made, since impure lead carbonate (cerussite) can occur, as just mentioned, in Nature. It is usually said that the vinegar process was described by Theophrastus (d. -287), d as well as by Pliny, Vitruvius and Dioscorides, but a close examination of the passages led Bailey to the view that their psimithion or cerussa was the acetate rather than the carbonate; though the latter was known as a natural earth.e In any case lead salts of white character in some form or other were being used for cosmetic purposes in Western antiquity already by Xenophon's time (d. c. -350). The same would be true of China, where lead carbonate face-powder has been found in tombs of Chhin and Han date by archaeologists; but again we do not know whether it was artificially made. Here it is worth pointing out, however, the great significance of the two distinct stages mentioned so clearly in the Chi Ni Tzu statement, for the acetate is indeed an intermediate product in the process.

If this text can be placed about -300, there is a still earlier reference in the Mo Tzu book, perhaps nearer -400, which says that 'Yü the Great invented (face-) powder'. The attribution is of course legendary, and one cannot rule out natural ceruse, or even a simple paste of rice-flour and water, but the date is near enough to the Chi Ni Tzu to warrant a possible connection. Presumably the oldest name for lead carbonate was shui fen, 'water powder', as in the Chi Ni Tzu list (p. 14), but its most common ancient name was hu fen, not indicating any foreign origin but, as the Shih Ming explains (+100), a corruption of hu fen, 'paste, or ointment, powder'. Later tradition ascribed lead carbonate cosmetic to the Shang period as the invention

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Cf. CLPT (+1249), ch. 5, (p. 127.1). <sup>b</sup> Caley (5). <sup>c</sup> Lucas (1), pp. 100ff., 276. <sup>d</sup> Peri Lithōn, 101. Cf. Neuburger (1), p. 193; Smythe (1), pp. 16ff.; Pulsifer (1), pp. 205-7; Mellor (2), vol. 7, p. 828.

e (1), vol. 2, pp. 204, 213. Cerussite is quite a common mineral (Mellor (2), vol. 7, pp. 829-30). But the lead carbonate process must have been worked by Galen's time in the +2nd century since he mentions the use of dung in his De Simplicium Medicamentorum Temperamentis.

f Oikonomikos, x, 7.

<sup>8</sup> Harada & Tazawa (1), p. 33 for Lo-lang in Korea; Bergman (1), p. 125 for Lou-lan in Sinkiang.

h Fide TPYL, ch. 719, p. 1a; Shih Wu Chi Yuan, ch. 3, p. 18a, b; PTKM, ch. 8, (p. 16). The passage seems not to be in the Mo Tzu now, but it may easily have dropped out since the Sung. It would be natural for Mo Ti to have inveighed against face-powder, though Ta Yü was a great hero of his.

<sup>1</sup> Ch. 15, (p. 240 in Wang Hsien-Chhien's ed.).

<sup>1</sup>水粉 2胡粉 3釋名 4關粉

of the last ruler, the voluptuary High King Chou,1 but this legend hardly arose before the end of the Han.a The Huai Nan Tzu book (-120) also has a revealing saying: 'Lacquer does not refuse to be black, lead does not decline to be white.'b White lead paint for walls is recorded in the Han Kuan I,c and, at a more elegant level, white lead ink was used by scholars for commenting on textual passages written in black on wood or bamboo.d The former use at least is one very good reason for believing that the Chinese product was indeed lead carbonate from Chi Ni Tzu onwards, since the acetate has nothing like the same pigmentary density or 'covering power'. Artificial lead carbonate face-powder must have been used during the Han because a poem of the Lady Pan chieh-yü² (c. -20) refers to it as 'blended lead' (tiao chhien 3). Lastly, Wei Po-Yang in the mid +2nd century remarks in the Tshan Thung Chhi that ceruse goes back to metallic lead when treated with charcoal, an early testimony to the reducing power of carbon. All in all, it would seem sure that the Chinese were making basic lead carbonate by the 'Dutch process' by about - 300, whatever may have been happening in other cultures at that time. We must now return to the more elated realms of alchemical aspiration.

The search for the medicine of immortality by the first emperor, Chhin Shih Huang Ti, in the -3rd century, and the activities of the shamans, wu and fang-shih around him have already been referred to in previous volumes of this work. It remains only to quote the following passages from the Shih Chi:

During the 28th year of his reign Shih Huang Ti (-219) despatched Hsü Fu<sup>4</sup> with several thousand young men and maidens to go and look for (the abodes of) the immortals (hidden) in the Eastern Ocean... During the 32nd year (-215) he went to Chieh-shih<sup>5</sup> and sent

The count is from his accession to the throne of Chhin State, not that of the empire.

1 20	= 班 遊 好	3 100 全台	+ 徐市	5 碣石	6 45
7 30	F 粉鉱	9 船 雪	10 機素賦		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Po Wu Chih (+290), in TPYL, ch. 719, p. 1a (not in all reconstructed versions); Chung Hua Ku Chin Chu (+925), ch. 2, p. 6b; Hsü Shih Shih (+960), in SF, ch. 10, p. 51a, b. Copied in PTKM, ch. 8, (p. 16) and elsewhere.

b Ch. 11, p. 3a, also cit. TPYL, ch. 719, p. 1b, which writes chien,6 lead, instead of fên,7 powder. Wallacker in his translation, (1), pp. 31-2, prefers a different interpretation. The saying occurs in the context of Liu An's excellent contention that there is no nobility or baseness inherent in natural things.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> By Ying Shao (d. +195), cit. TPYL, ch. 719, p. 2a. Again in Yeh Chung Chi, cit. ibid. with reference to Shih Hu of the Later Chao (r. +334 to +349). Cf. Vol. 4, pt. 2, p. 287.

d See Yang Hsiung's letter to Liu Hsin (c. -20) in CSHK (Chhien Han sect.), ch. 52, p. 9a. Schafer, who noted this from another collection, shows that the practice can be attested also from the +5th century, when such white brushes were called  $fen\ pi$ , 'powder-pens', (9), p. 437. We shall have more to say about white and red inks as valuable tools of scientific writers when describing the  $pen\ tshao$  tradition in Sect. 28

e Furthermore, lead acetate was not listed and separately discussed, under the quite different name of chilen shuange (frost of lead) until the Jih Hua Chu Chia Pên Tshao of +972; cf. PTKM, ch. 8, (pp. 14, 15), RP 11.

This is the Tao Su Fu<sup>10</sup> (Ode on a Girl of Matchless Beauty), in CSHK (Chhien Han sect.), ch. 11, p. 7b, also noted by Schafer, from another source, (9), p. 435.

g Ch. 12 (ch. 1, p. 25b). Wu & Davis (1), p. 241.

h Vol. 2, pp. 132ff., Vol. 4, pt. 3, pp. 551ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ch. 6, pp. 18a; 20b, 21a; 21a, b; 24b, 25a; 26a, b; tr. auct. adjuv. Chavannes (1), vol. 2, pp. 139, 152, 164, 167, 176 ff., 180 ff.

Master Lu,<sup>1</sup> a man of Yen,<sup>2</sup> to sea to find (the immortal) Hsienmên Kao-Shih<sup>3</sup>... In the same year he ordered Han Chung,<sup>4</sup> the Venerable Hou<sup>5</sup> and Master Shih<sup>6</sup> to (set sail to) search for the elixir of life of the immortals (hsien jen pu ssu chih yao<sup>7</sup>)... During the 35th year (-212) he styled himself 'Perfected Adept' (chen jen<sup>8</sup>—one who has attained the Tao) because of his desire to achieve immortality... (In the same year, in a speech complaining that his experts had left him) he said that he had summoned all the scholars and naturalists (wên hsüeh fang shu shih<sup>9</sup>) (to his court) as (he) wished (the former) to help to bring peace and prosperity (to the empire) and the naturalists to search out, select and prepare wonderful medicines (chhi yao<sup>10</sup>). But now Han Chung had gone off without letting him know, and Hsü Fu, though supported at vast expense, had never brought back the drug (of immortality)...<sup>a</sup>

Hsü's name is also written Hsü Fu,<sup>11</sup> read in Japanese as Jofuku. Although his mission was to find the fabled isle of Phêng-Lai, it seems quite probable that he and his people settled in Japan; they certainly never returned to China. Today there is a tomb of Jofuku at Shingū, a coastal town on Honshu south of Kyoto.<sup>b</sup>

No one knows exactly what kind of medicine Chhin Shih Huang was looking for. We have seen reasons (pt. 2, pp. 116, 122) for surmising a mushroom. There were later suggestions that it might have been a plant, perhaps a kind of mulberry. The following account is given in the Chin Lou Tzu<sup>12</sup> (Book of the Golden Hall Master), compiled by Hsiao I<sup>13</sup> (the emperor Liang Yuan Ti) c. +550:

On the magical island of Shen-Chou<sup>14</sup> there grows the herb of immortality (pu ssu chih tshao<sup>15</sup>)<sup>c</sup> new sprouts of which come up in great abundance. People who have been dead for some time rise again if this herb is strewn upon them. In the time of Chhin Shih Huang Ti many people in Ferghana (Ta-Yuan<sup>16</sup>)<sup>d</sup> died unjustly, but certain birds looking like crows took this herb (in their bills) and dropped it on the ground so as to cover them, whereupon the dead immediately sat up. (Chhin) Shih Huang Ti sent (someone) to enquire of Master

A He apparently never caught any of the proto-scientific experts, but he put to death 460 literati at Hsienyang and exiled many more to the frontiers. On the expression chen jen cf. Porkert (2), pp. 444 ff.

c This is the ancient phrase so often met with, cf. e.g. Po Wu Chih (c. +290), ch. 1, p. 7b.

d Reading yuan<sup>22</sup> for yuan<sup>23</sup>. The history had gone astray for there were no campaigns in Central Asia until Han times.

1 版生	2 測版	3 羨門高書	+ 韓終	5 侯生	6石生
7仙人不死之藥		8 紅人	9 文學方術士	10 奇藥	11 徐福
12金樓子	13 斯線	14 神州	15 不死之草	16 大苑	17 病
18 阿須賀神社	10 蓬萊山	20 天台鳥藥	=1 能野	22 宛	23 苑

b See Davis & Nakaseko (1, 2). The authenticity cannot of course be guaranteed because Japanese scholars were familiar from early times with the Chinese historical records. But pottery and other artifacts of the Yayoi culture in Japan (-3rd to +2nd centuries) strongly suggest Chinese influence (cf. Kidder (1), pp. 91 ff.), so Hsü Fu and many others may really have ended their days there. We had the pleasure of visiting this place in 1971 and following his traces with Dr Hashimoto Keizō; Fig. 1343 shows the tomb as it is today. The votive shrine, however (tzhu, 17 Fig. 1344), is some distance away across the town forming part of a Shinto temple, the Asuka Jinja (Fig. 1345), which is protected on the sea side by a conical forested hill called Horaisan (Phêng-Lai Shan), the name of the chief mountain-island sought by Chhin Shih Huang Ti. In the temple grounds, and elsewhere in the city, there grow bushes of a valued drug-plant, tendai wuyaku, which was, according to Japanese tradition, what Hsü Fu was seeking. This has been identified as Lindera strychnifolia (Lauraceae, CC 1325), tonic and tranquillising, native to China also (especially Thien-thai Shan), and recorded first in the Khai-Pao Pên Tshao of +970, though doubtless known much earlier (Fig. 1346). The Japanese tradition is that the forested mountain country of Kumano<sup>21</sup> (now a national park), inland from Shingū, was the land of Phêng-Lai coveted by Chhin Shih Huang Ti.

Kuei Ku<sup>1</sup> (who dwelt) by the northern city wall, and (the answer) came that on Tan-Chou<sup>2</sup> (another magical island) in the Eastern Sea the herb of immortality grew in beautiful fields. It was on hearing this that Chhin Shih Huang Ti sent Hsü Fu to sea to look for certain golden and jade-like vegetables and also a tree producing mulberries one inch across. Thus did the Chhin emperor send Hsü Fu to search for the mulberry (sang jen<sup>3</sup>) in the midst of the blue sea. There grew the fu-sang+ mulberry tree several times ten thousand feet high. There was a pair of them supporting each other; hence the name 'mutually-supporting mulberry' (fu-sang). The immortals ate the mulberries, their bodies gave out a golden glow, and they flew in and out of the Palace of Primal Vitality (yuan kung<sup>5</sup>).

The interest of this lies mainly in the fact which it evokes that in the most ancient times medicaments of longevity and immortality had been sought just as much in the realm of botany and pharmacy as in that of mineralogy and alchemy. This we have already seen in Table 106 from the Lieh Hsien Chuan. The fu-sang was an entirely legendary tree with a very long career in folk cosmology; it was one of the 'Arbores Solis et Lunae', growing in the most easterly of all islands and serving as a perch for the ten suns before they took off on their regular flights throughout the ten-day week. Naturally any vegetable product connected with such an exalted tree could be expected to have magical macrobiotic powers. Ko Hung says that peach gum should be macerated in an extract of ashed mulberries; this if taken cures all illnesses, and if taken for a long time it will make the body light and glowing, so much so as to light up dark places at night. Or, to take another example, the Shun-Yang Lü Chen-Jen Yao Shih Chih (The Adept Lü Shun-Yang's (i.e. Lü Tung-Pin's) Book on Drugs and Minerals), a Thang work, e recommends an elixir called Pao sha lung ya which seems to be nothing but mulberry leaves.

Besides the fang shih in the service of Chhin Shih Huang Ti many other contemporary figures are mentioned in the hagiography of the immortals.<sup>‡</sup> For example, there were the two friends Chiang Shu-Mou<sup>§</sup> and Liu Thai-Pin,<sup>§</sup> both aspirants to hsien-ship; it is said that the former planted fruits and vegetables and sold them in exchange for cinnabar.<sup>‡</sup> Chao Tao-I<sup>10</sup> tells us of Thang Kung-Fang,<sup>11</sup> who became an immortal after eating an elixir, that he had been a disciple of the adept Li Pa-Pai<sup>12</sup>.<sup>h</sup>

h See Li Shih Chen Hsien Thi Tao Thung Chien 14 (Comprehensive Mirror of the Embodiment of the Tao by Adepts and Immortals throughout History), TT293, ch. 10. Also pt. 2, pp. 124 ff.

1鬼谷	2 座州	3	桑椹	4	扶桑	5 元宮	
* 純陽呂質	人藥石製	7	資砂龍芽	8	姜叔茂	9 劉太賓	10 趙道一
" 唐公房	12 李八百	13	玄品錄	14	歷世眞仙世	<b>意道通鑑</b>	

a Again an anachronism, for Master Kuei Ku was a Warring States personality.

b Ch. 5, p. 16a, b, tr. auct. Evidently a re-telling of the legend in the earlier Hai Nei Shih Chou Chi (pt. 2, p. 122 above).

c See Vol. 3, p. 567; Vol. 4, pt. 3, pp. 540ff. Fu-sang was also the name of the Hibiscus genus; cf. Li Hui-Lin (1), pp. 138ff.

d Pao Phu Tzu, ch. 11, p. 11a; Ware (5), p. 190.

e TT 896.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> Much material about the magician-technicians of the Warring States, Chhin and Han periods has been collected by Chhen Phan (7).

<sup>#</sup> Hsüan Phin Lu13 (TT 773), ch. 1, p. 11a.

## (ii) Aurifiction and aurifaction in the Han

After the fall of the Chhin empire the belief in the feasibility of material immortality was so strong that a number of enthusiasts were found among the senior administrators serving the emperor Kao  $Tsu^{T}$  of the Early Han dynasty. We have already mentioned (p. 11) Tshao  $Tshan^{2}$  (d. -190), the minister who acquired the art from the adept Kai Kung.<sup>3</sup> There was also Chhen Phing<sup>4</sup> (d. -178), a trusted adviser of Kao Tsu. According to the *Chhien Han Shu* Chhen Phing lived in poverty in his early days, was fond of reading and had studied the art of immortality.<sup>a</sup> However, as aspirants to hsien-ship, they were far overshadowed by the reputation of their colleague Chang Liang<sup>5</sup> (d. -187), another trusted adviser of Kao Tsu. The story of the immortal Huang Shih Kung<sup>6</sup> (the Old Gentleman of the Yellow Stone) testing the patience of Chang Liang by thrice making him go and fetch the sandals which the sage had thrown down from a bridge is famous among the literati. He resigned from office in order that he might fulfil his ambition to become an immortal himself. According to the *Chhien Han Shu*:

He said to the emperor (Kao Tsu), 'My desire is only to shun all worldly affairs and become a follower of Chhih Sung Tzu<sup>7</sup> (the Red Pine Master).'b After which he retired to learn the Tao, hoping to achieve immortality.c

The Shih Chi version specifies that for this purpose he engaged in dietary and gymnastic exercises.<sup>d</sup> Chang Liang later came to be regarded as the ancestor of Chang Tao-Ling<sup>8</sup> (fl. +156), the first prominent figure in the development of Taoism into an organised religion.<sup>e</sup>

The hagiographies mention a number of other adepts who were active during the – 2nd century. For example, Chao Tao-I says that Huang Hua, also known as Chiu Ling Tzu, succeeded in preparing an elixir, that Yin Hêng, to otherwise called Pei Chi Tzu, had ingested a 'magical (or spiritual) elixir' (shen tan 13), that Liu Jung, known also by the pseudonym Nan Chi Tzu, had taken a 'cloud-and-frost elixir' (yün shuang tan 16), and that Li Hsiu, also called Chüeh Tung Tzu, had eaten a 'cyclically-transformed elixir' (huan tan 19).

h On cyclical transformation, see pp. 60, 83, 86, 90 below.

1 高祖	2 曹参	3 蓋公	+ 陳平	5 張良	6 黄石公
7赤松子	8 張道陵	。皇化	10 九靈子	11 陰恒	12 北極子
13 神丹	14 柳 虺	15 南極子	16 雲霜丹	17 李修	18 絕洞子
19 器 丹	20 鼓信				1350701

a Ch. 40, p. 12a.

b Cf. p. 9 above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Ch. 40, p. 11b, tr. auct. At least this was the official excuse he gave for his resignation. He was aware of the fact that Kao Tsu, after becoming emperor, began to feel suspicious of some of his followers who had supported him to the throne, for example in the case of Han Hsin.<sup>20</sup>

d Ch. 55, p. 13b, tr. Watson (1), vol. 1, p. 150.

e Cf. Vol. 2, pp. 155ff.

f In TT 293, ch. 5. A late writer, probably of the Yuan period.

g These terms were often used, as we shall see, for purified white powdery or crystalline precipitates or sublimates.

This was about the time of the Lady of Tai (Tai Hou chhi tzu1) who died in -186 or perhaps somewhat later, a and whose body, uncorrupt through more than two millennia, was found at Ma-wang Tui2 near Chhangsha in 1972. This discovery, unique in modern times, though by no means without parallels in textual accounts from earlier ages,b formed, as will be remembered, a kind of climax to Vol. 5, pt. 2; because it demonstrated that the Taoist conception of shih chieh hsien jen3 (corpsefree immortals), whose bodies would remain century after century like those of persons still living, was not entirely imaginary, and that the adepts knew ways of accomplishing this. Such methods were used, no doubt, for the bodies of fellowadepts, but also, it seems, if a suitable fee was forthcoming, for the bodies of members of any patrician families rich enough to be able to afford it. We still do not know quite how it was done, but several facts are clear: the innermost of the four coffins of the Lady of Tai contained a certain amount of an aqueous solution or suspension of mercuric sulphide, the atmosphere within them was largely methane under some pressure, all were remarkably air-tight and water-tight, and the temperature (some fifty feet down) had been rather constant at 13-14°C.c

To throw a little more light on the Taoist ideas of the time, it is well worth while to take a look at the famous banner of painted silk (po hua4) which covered her coffin.<sup>d</sup> The T-shaped form of this hua fan5 (painted standard), ming ching6 (personal ensign) or yin hun fan7 (psychopompic banner), is shown in the drawing of Fig. 1347.<sup>e</sup> Regarded as a temporary dwelling-place for the souls of the deceased,<sup>f</sup> it is divided into three levels, the heavenly world of the holy immortals at the top, the earthly world in the middle, and the underworld (shui fu8 or huang chhüan9)g at the bottom. High up on the right we see the sun with its crow, and on the left the moon with its toad and rabbit; just below them respectively the Fu-Sang10 tree with its ten suns,<sup>h</sup> and a great dragon carrying up Chhang O with her elixir into the Palace of the Moon.<sup>1</sup> In the centre writhes Fu-Hsi with his serpent tail, the organiser god, surrounded by magical crane birds. Lower down at the gates of the heavens sit two guardian-immortals, while above them two strange animals (shêng lung11 or fei lien12) are bearing successful candidates upwards into the empyrean. On the level next below, the Lady

b See Yang Po-Chun (1).

<sup>c</sup> See the discussions in Anon. (117); Ku Thieh-Fu (1); Shih Wei (1); Chhen Shun-Hua (1).

d Full descriptions and elucidations will be found in An Chih-Min (1); Ma Yung (1) and Sun Tso-Yün (3). Cf. Bulling (15); Wên Pien (1).

e Detailed pictures have been published in colour as an album, Anon. (118). Such banners were previously known only from textual mentions, as in the Shih Chi.

f Cf. Vol. 5, pt. 2, p. 91.

g See also Vol. 5, pt. 2, pp. 84ff.

h See Vol. 4, pt. 3, pp. 540-1. Only eight are shown in the banner.

i Cf. p. 4 above.

T 軟侯妻子 2 馬王堆 3 尸解仙人 4 帛鳖 5 鳖幡 6 銘旌 7 引魂幡 8 水府 9 黄泉 10 扶桑 12 飛廠

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> It depends on which of the four successive Lords of Tai was her husband. Her death can hardly have been earlier than -193 or later than -110, but the most probable estimate is about twenty years after the time when the first Lord died (-186), i.e. the neighbourhood of -166. See Anon. (104, 105); Anon. (113, 114); Miyagawa Torao et al. (1); Rudolph (8); Chhen Shun-Hua (1).



Fig. 1347. The representations on the painted silk banner buried with the Lady of Tai (d. c. -166). Drawing from An Chih-Min (1). For description see pp. 21, 23.

of Tai, attended by three maids of honour, greets two envoy-immortals,<sup>a</sup> and lower still a family ancestral sacrifice is seen in progress beneath a huge chime-stone, either under her presidency or for her spirit.<sup>b</sup> Clearly she is destined to become a hsien.<sup>1</sup> Finally there are the dragons and strange beasts of the underworld, one of them, a dwarf-like creature, supporting the visible world above. These animals echo a veritable ballet of similar creatures very finely drawn, and human beings with theromorphic heads, depicted on the lacquered sides of the Lady of Tai's coffins.<sup>c</sup> These are all forms of Thu Po<sup>2</sup> (the Earth Lord)<sup>d</sup> doing battle with evil in the form of snakes, birds and even cattle.<sup>e</sup> All in all, the Taoist myths and legends so richly portrayed on the banner and the coffins correspond closely with texts such as the Shan Hai Ching, the Chhu Tzhu and the Huai Nan Tzu book. To this last we must now turn.

It belongs to an important nodal point in the history of Chinese alchemy. Liu An<sup>3</sup> (-178 to -122), the Prince of Huai-Nan<sup>4</sup> and a grandson of the emperor Kao Tsu, was a great patron of magicians and alchemists.<sup>f</sup> He himself had acquired the art from the adepts 'Pa Kung's and Wang Chung-Kao.<sup>6</sup> Hsü Ti-Shan<sup>7</sup> says that 'Pa Kung' is not a personal name but refers to eight alchemists among the many guests or retainers surrounding Liu An, and gives their names as Su Fei,<sup>8</sup> Li Shang,<sup>9</sup> Tso Wu,<sup>10</sup> Thien Yu,<sup>11</sup> Lei Pei,<sup>12</sup> Mao Pei,<sup>13</sup> Wu Pei,<sup>14</sup> and Chin Chhang<sup>15</sup>,<sup>g</sup> The Chhien Han Shu has the following to say about Liu An;

He gathered guests and those versed in the art (fang shu chih shih 16) to the number of several thousands, and wrote an 'Inner Book' (Nei Shu 17) consisting of 21 chapters and an 'Outer Book' (Wai Shu 18) of many (chapters). There was also written a 'Middle Volume' (Chung Phien 19) in 8 chapters, dealing with the art of the immortals and the transmutation of gold and silver (shen hsien huang pai chih shu 20).h

Liu An was an uncle of the emperor Wu Ti<sup>21</sup> and at first highly respected by him. However, he was later implicated in a conspiracy, and took his own life or disappeared before the commission sent by the emperor could lay hands on him.<sup>1</sup> But the Taoists claimed that Liu An had attained hsien-ship; accepting the situation as an

B One is reminded of the folk-song 'Diverus and Lazarus'. But here Dives could pay for the angel's knee, and succeeded in getting it, or something equivalent.

b One might like to think of this as a scene in an elixir laboratory, but speculation must really have its limits.

c A full description will be found in Sun Tso-Yün (2).

d Probably identical with the Chou Li's fang hsiang shih, 22 mentioned already in previous volumes, and with the later tomb-guardian figures with long tongues (chen mu shou 23).

<sup>e</sup> Auspicious cranes also occur in places, some shown breathing upwards, others downwards; an early reference to the respiratory exercises of physiological alchemy (cf. Vol. 5, pt. 5).

f There is now a biography of him by Wallacker (2), cf. Morgan (1), p. xliii.

g Hsü Ti-Shan (1), vol. 1, p. 119. For the story of how Liu An became an immortal with the help of the 'Pa Kung' see Shen Hsien Thung Chien, ch. 8, sect. 2, pp. 36ff., and Davis (2, 4).

h Ch. 44, p. 8b, tr. auct.

<sup>1</sup> See SC, ch. 118, p. 19a; CHS, ch. 44, p. 14a. He may well have been a victim of one of Han Wu Ti's attempts to centralise power by 'framing-up' possible rivals.

1 仙	2 土伯	3 劉安 4	淮南 5	八公	6 王仲高
7 許地山	雅羅	9 李尚 10	左吾 11	田由	12 雷被
13 毛被	14 吳被	15 晉昌 16	方術之士		17 內曹
18 外書	10 中篇	20 胂仙黄白之術	21	武帝	22 方相氏
四 編 墓 歐					60.44

opportunity for ingesting a powerful elixir, he had only pretended to die as a mortal, thus escaping public humiliation and imperial ire.<sup>a</sup>

It has been thought that of all the writings of Liu An and his school only the *Huai Nan Tzu*, otherwise called the *Huai Nan Hung Lieh Chieh*, has come down to us. This important book, frequently quoted in our previous volumes, constitutes, with the *Lü shih Chhun Chhiu*, the greatest monument of Chhin and Han natural philosophy. But there is little of a strictly chemical nature in the *Huai Nan Tzu*, always excepting that fundamental passage on the natural growth and transmutation of metals and minerals in the bowels of the earth, which we studied at an earlier stage, and shall have occasion to examine again in due course. This was the doctrine of spontaneous very slow natural change which the alchemists might hope to accelerate in their laboratories.

One may say that there is no overt alchemy in the Huai Nan Tzu book. But there are passages verging on the alchemical, recognisable by their imagery of gold, cinnabar, herbs and immortality. In ch. 4 the writer describes a fabulous geography somewhat reminiscent of the Shan Hai Ching, d but shot through with many observations and statements, technical terms and natural history names, which show that a body of real knowledge about real things was being collected by Liu An's protoscientists. Our point can be illustrated by one of the more fantastic passages, which runs as follows:

The (mountains called) 'Hanging Gardens' (Hsüan-Phu³), 'Cool Breezes' (Liang-Fêng\*) and 'Crystal Trees' (Fan-Thung⁵), e lie between the Khun-Lun⁶ (massif)<sup>‡</sup> and the 'Gate of Heaven' (Chhang-Ho²). They are (as it were) its vegetable gardens. The pools in these gardens are filled with yellow water, which flows thrice roundabout and returns to its source (continually). It is called 'cinnabar water' (tan shui²), and if a man drinks of it he will never die. . . .

All the four streams are the magical fountains of the divinities. They are useful for mixing the hundred medicines which fertilise the ten thousand things. Twice the height of Khun-Lun towers the Cool-Breeze peak; if a man can get to the top of that he will never see death. Twice the height of the Cool-Breeze peak tower the Hanging-Gardens; if one can reach them one becomes mighty in magic and can control the wind and the rain. Twice the height of the Hanging-Gardens is Highest Heaven itself; if any mortal wings his way thither he becomes one of the spirits of the blest. For it is the dwelling-place of the highest divinity (Thai Ti<sup>9</sup>).g

Now we quoted earlier a passage from the Chhien Han Shu about certain writings entitled Hung Pao Yuan Pi Shu, which came down to Liu Hsiang through Liu Tê.<sup>h</sup> The Sui Shu bibliography mentions two different books by Liu An, namely a Huai

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    See, for example, TT293, ch. 5. Cf. also Fig. 1313 (pt. 2, p. 127) above.
    Vol. 3, p. 640. It is in ch. 4, p. 12a, tr. Erkes (1); Dubs (5); cf. Eliade (4, 5).
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> See pt. 4 below. d See Vol. 3, pp. 504ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> Lit, 'alum Paulownia-trees', but surely the thought must have been of a dendritic crystallisation.
<sup>f</sup> Mythologically the Khun-Lun Shan was the Himalayan massif, corresponding to Mt Meru, the central mountain of Indian and Buddhist cosmology. See Vol. 3, pp. 565ff., Vol. 4, pt. 2, pp. 529ff.

g Ch. 4, pp. 2bff., tr. auct. adjuv. Erkes (1). h See p. 14 above.

Nan Wan Pi Ching¹ and a Huai Nan Pien Hua Shu² which existed during the Sui period, but the Hsin Thang Shu gives only the name Huai Nan Wan Pi Shu³.ª Yeh Tê-Hui⁴ thinks that the two titles in the Sui Shu were incorporated under a single title in the Hsin Thang Shu, and this may well have been the same text as one or other of the books referred to by the Chhien Han Shu under the names 'Inner Book', 'Outer Book', and 'Middle Chapter'. Perhaps Chen-Chung,⁵ Hung-Pao,⁶ Wan-Pi² and Yuan-Pi³ were originally titles of parts of a Corpus of writings bearing the name of the Prince of Huai-Nan and including (possibly as the Nei Shu³) what we have now as the Huai Nan Tzu book.♭ Fragments of the Huai Nan Wan Pi Shu are quoted in several texts.c Much of the material deals with magic, as well as various rational techniques,⁴ but we may quote a few statements of alchemical significance:

- (a) An old basket (put into chiang 10 sauce) removes excess salt (by acting as a focus of crystallisation).e
- (b) To make weak wine strong, put in (more) Ferghana grapes (i.e. add more sugar for fermentation).f
- (c) When jade is made into a jade suspension it is called y\u00fc chh\u00fcan 11 and if this is consumed eternal youth may be attained.g
- (d) Light-coloured azurite (pai chhing 12) and iron instantly changes into copper.h
- (e) Cinnabar can be made to turn into mercury (by distillation).i
- (f) Mulberry wood is the ching 13 (essence) of Chi hsiu 14; j it is a numinous wood. When insects bore into it and eat it they form marks in patterns, and if a man eats this he will be rejuvenated.k
- (g) The Atractylis plant (shu 15)1 is the ching 16 (essence) of mountains; it gathers together the essential chhi of Yin and Yang. If a man eats it he will be able to abstain from cereals and become one of the holy immortals.<sup>m</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>k</sup> In Yeh Tê-Hui, ch. 2, p. 5a. See p. 19 above. For the lunar mansion named see Vol. 3, p. 235.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. p. 11 above, and p. 177 below.

<sup>m</sup> Yeh Tê-Hui, from I Wên Lei Chü, ch. 81.

1淮南萬星經	2	淮南曼化循	3	淮南萬鳳術	+	薬德輝		
5 枕中	6	鴻寶	7	萬峰	8	苑祕	9	內書
10 200	11	玉泉	12	白青	13	精	14	箕宿
15 术	16	精	17	糖文類聚	18	初學記		43,000
10 淮南方	20	淮南三十六水法			ar	張存惠		
#重修政和經史証券	[備	用本草	23	觀古堂所著書	24	孫馮翼		
25 問經堂叢書		6 茆 泮 林	27	龍溪精舍叢書	28	莞	20	苑

a See Sui Shu, ch. 34, p. 27a and Hsin Thang Shu, ch. 49, p. 16b.

b Cf. p. 14 above. On the whole subject, cf. Kaltenmark (2), p. 32. Among interesting later references in Chinese literature cf. Chin Lou Tzu, ch. 3, p. 10b.

c Such as Ouyang Hsün's I Wên Lei Chü<sup>17</sup> (c. +622), Hsü Chien's Chhu Hsüeh Chi<sup>18</sup> (+700), Li Fang's Thai-Phing Yü Lan, and under various titles such as Huai Nan Fang<sup>19</sup> and Huai Nan San-Shih-Liu Shui Fa<sup>20</sup> in Chang Tshun-Hui's<sup>21</sup> Chung-Hsiu Chêng-Ho Ching-Shih Chêng-Lei Pei-Yung Pên Tshao<sup>22</sup> pharmacopoeia (+1249). The book has been reconstructed from fragments found in the above works independently by Yeh Tê-Hui (in the Kuan Ku Thang So Chu Shu<sup>23</sup> collection), Sun Fêng-I<sup>24</sup> (in the Wên Ching Thang Tshung Shu<sup>25</sup>), and Mao Phan-Lin<sup>26</sup> (in Lung Chhi Ching Shê Tshung Shu<sup>27</sup>).

d Cf. Vol. 4, pt. 2, p. 596.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> In Yeh Tê-Hui's recension, ch. 1, p. 6b, Sun Fêng-I's, p. 3a, and Mao Phan-Lin's, p. 7a.

f In Mao Phan-Lin, p. 11a; Yeh Tê-Hui (ch. 1, p. 10a) gives huan 28 instead of yuan.29

E In Yeh Tê-Hui, ch. 1, p. 13b. See pt. 4 below on aqueous solutions.

h In Yeh Tê-Hui, ch. 2, p. 1b, Sun Fêng-I, p. 6b, and Mao Phan-Lin, p. 5b. This is the wet precipitation of copper from solutions by iron. See pt. 4 below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In Yeh Tê-Hui, ch. 2, p. 1b, Sun Fêng-I, p. 6b, and Mao Phan-Lin, p. 6a; TPYL, ch. 988, p. 6a.

I One of the twenty-eight lunar mansions. See Vol. 3, p. 235, Table 24.

- (h) Thung-tree wood (Aleurites) forms clouds.a
  - (i) Water can be clarified by stirring with glue (clearing with isinglass).b
  - (j) Malachite (tshêng chhing 1) used as a medicine stops a man from ageing.c

This is therefore one of the earliest texts in Chinese literature which gives evidence of alchemical and chemical procedures embodied among a great variety of techniques. It seems quite fair to date this material between -150 and -120.

It is usually supposed that the circle of alchemical adepts gathered by Liu An broke up at the time of his death or disappearance leaving no perceptible trace. But a curious tradition preserved in encyclopaedias and so far not much noticed suggests that it may have gone on working for some time afterwards. The *Hsin Lun*<sup>2</sup> of Huan Than,<sup>3</sup> written between +10 and +20 and presented to the throne in +25 or +26, is quoted in the *Thai-Phing Yü Lan* as follows:<sup>d</sup>

Huan Than, in his Hsin Lun, says that the son of the Prince of Huai-Nan, (Liu) Phing,<sup>4</sup> welcomed Taoists who could make gold and silver (from lead). He also talks about the character for gold (chin<sup>5</sup>), saying that lead (chhien or yuan<sup>6</sup>) is the grandfather (kung<sup>7</sup>) of gold, and that silver (yin<sup>8</sup>) is its younger brother (ti<sup>9</sup>).<sup>e</sup>

We need not dwell on Huan's punning etymologies, but Liu Phing is both interesting and obscure, for no such son is known to the historians, and as the name is a girl's name some daughter may perhaps have been intended.

By this time the making of artificial or counterfeit gold had apparently become so common in China that in the year -144 the emperor Ching  $Ti^{10}$  (r. -156 to -141) issued an edict prohibiting it and punishing offenders by public execution.<sup>h</sup>

In the 6th year of the middle (part of the reign)<sup>1</sup>... in the twelfth month... a statute was established forbidding the (unauthorised private) minting (lit. casting) of coin, and the (making of) artificial or counterfeit gold (wei huang chin<sup>11</sup>) under penalty of death.

The early date of this evidence and its historical reliability make it so important for the history of alchemy or aurifaction in all cultures that any further light which can be thrown on it is welcome. Fortunately two commentators in the *Chhien Han Shu* 

b TPYL, ch. 736, p. 8a.

c In Yeh Tê-Hui, ch. 1, p. 13a, Sun Fêng-I, p. 6b, and Mao Phan-Lin, p. 5b.

d Ch. 812, p. 7a, tr. auct.

e Because Ken,12 the phonetic in yin, is the trigram corresponding to the youngest son.

f The elder was Liu Chhien 13 and the younger, by a concubine, Liu Pu-Hai.14

h CHS, ch. 5, p. 7b, tr. Dubs (2), vol. 1, p. 323, (5), mod. auct.

See Dubs (2), vol. 1, p. 316. Strictly speaking, reign-period names were not introduced until -114 or -113 under Han Wu Ti.

1 曾青	3 新論	3 桓譚	4 劉 娉	5 金	6 鈆
7 公	8 銀	9 弟	10 景帝	11 偽黄金	12 艮
13 國川 沙原	14 刻不生	15 加			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Yeh Tê-Hui and Sun Fêng-I, from TPYL, chs. 736 and 956. Perhaps this is a reference to the distillation of the oil, or its volatilisation when the wood was heated.

g The quotation in CSHK (Hou Han sect.) writes Sou is instead of Phing, which could mean a sister-in-law of one of the sons.

undertook to explain the situation further according to the traditions and documents which had come down to them. Ying Shao! (c. +140 to +206) wrote:a

The emperor Wên  $Ti^2$  (r. -179 to -156), in the fifth year of his reign, had allowed the common people to mint (lit. cast) coin (without special authorisation), and this law had not yet been abrogated. During the intervening time, and earlier (hsien shih 3), many people had made artificial gold. But in the end they did not succeed in fabricating gold, in spite of heavy expenses, mutual deceptions and magniloquent claims. Those who became impoverished took to banditry and robbery, hence this edict.

A second gloss was added by Mêng Khang (c. + 180 to + 260):a

In earlier times many people had made artificial gold. This was why there was a saying of theirs: 'Gold can be made, and men can find salvation (Chin kho tso, shih kho tu5)'.c But they incurred heavy expenses and in the end they did not succeed (in fabricating gold). Most of the people understood the difficulties involved, so there were few offenders, and the (new) ordinance was generally followed.

Finally Yen Shih-Ku6 in +641 signified his agreement with the words of Ying Shao.

The negative form of the famous proverbial saying comes in another writing of Ying Shao, the Fêng Su Thung  $I^7$  of +175, where he is talking about a scholarofficial named Wang Yang.8

Although a Confucian scholar, Wang Yang [he says] was from a poor family, but he loved sumptuous equipages and fine food and raiment. Yet he had no gold or silver or precious stuffs of his own. When he moved (from one official position to another) he had no more than a sackful of clothes, and when he finally went home he wore hempen cloth and resumed a very ordinary diet. People admired his probity but were somewhat shocked at his extravagances, and put it about that he was able to make gold (tso huang chin9).d

Ying Shao, debunking, says that many had tried this and everyone had failed—Chhin Shih Huang Ti, Hsü Fu, Han Wu Ti, the Prince of Huai-Nan, and even Liu Hsiang under imperial auspices—so how could Wang Yang have succeeded? 'As the proverb says: Gold can not be made, and this world can not be transcended.' Wang Yang did it out of his official revenues, that was all. Pan Ku never ought to have repeated the silly story.e

a CHS, ch. 5, p. 7b, tr. Dubs (2), vol. 1, p. 323, (5), mod. auct.

b See CHS, ch. 4, p. 12a, referring to -175; tr. Dubs (2), vol. 1, p. 250.

d Ch. 2, pp. 16b to 17b, tr. auct.

e Ying Shao attributed it to the Chhien Han Shu. Two men of this name are indeed referred to in chs. 76, 81 and 89 of this history, but we are not sure which one was the person in question.

1 週 劲 6 額師古

2 文帝 7風俗通義 3 先時

4 盂康 9作黄金 5金可作世可度

11 不死

8 王陽

10 度世

c Dubs (5) took this as a sceptical or ironical deduction: 'If gold could be made, the world could be measured.' But obviously many people believed in it, so the saying must have had an affirmative character. His interpretation of the second half seems to us meaningless, though no doubt he avoided 'salvation' as too Buddhist for this early date. Our rendering assumes a parallel Taoist connotation which the date may permit. Certainly tu shih 10 and pu ssu 11 are frequent and interchangeable both in the Lun Hêng and the Thai Phing Ching. A third possibility is that the words meant: 'and the country can be sayed', i.e. by the larger resources of steeds and weapons against the Huns which greater wealth would be able to purchase. But this would be very far-fetched. The saying must have been widely known, for we find it again in the Pao Phu Tzu book; see the translation given on p. 2 above.

It is interesting that there had already been grave anxieties about the debasement of the coinage thirty or forty years earlier. The *Chhien Han Shu* records a speech by Chia I<sup>1</sup> in -175 directed against private minting and ingenious alloying. Although individual masters and craftsmen were allowed to make coins, he said,

those who dare to alloy the metal with lead and iron, in order cleverly to counterfeit it, are guilty of a crime, and liable to have their faces tattooed black as a punishment. It is true that the business of coin-moulding is such that unless the alloying is adroitly done one cannot obtain a material advantage, but the more the skill the more the profit. . . .

In the past, when the casting of coins was prohibited, the capital cases waiting for verdicts piled up continually; now, when it is free, the cases deserving face-tattooing are piling up in a similar way. . . .

Nowadays agriculture is being abandoned for copper-mining. People have dropped their ploughs and hoes in order to smelt (copper and other metals), make coin-moulds and blow up their charcoal fires without ceasing. Counterfeit coins increase daily.<sup>a</sup>

And he went on to recommend the nationalisation of copper and the prohibition of minting by individual persons. But the emperor did not listen to him and no action was taken. Counterfeiting was still going on in -120, and particularly after -119 when the government introduced a white metal (pai chin²) coinage of silver and tin; even the death penalty for debasement could not stop it.<sup>b</sup> Finally a government monopoly of minting was introduced in -112, and after that 'only the most expert artisans and criminal incorrigibles illicitly manufactured coins'.<sup>c</sup>

All this demonstrates that proto-chemical and metallurgical experimentation (whether aurifiction or aurifaction) was already being actively pursued from about -200 onwards during the first half of the -2nd century. It also strongly suggests that in order to become so widespread the attempts to make artificial or counterfeit gold must have started in the previous century at least, which takes us back to the time of Chhin Shih Huang Ti (-3rd cent.) or indeed to that of Tsou Yen (-4th). Furthermore two other important conclusions emerge, first that there was a group of metallurgical aurifictors in those times whose interest in gold was economic rather than macrobiotic, and secondly that analytical methods were available for proving that the artificial gold produced by them was not true gold (cf. pt. 2, p. 48 above), otherwise the failures could not have been recognised. Erratic or haphazard application of these methods would account for the self-contradictory phraseology of the commentators, who evidently found it hard to be sure whether artificial gold had really been successfully made or not. One is tempted to compare these Chinese aurifictors with the writers of the Graeco-Egyptian papyri, while the Taoist philosophical adepts rather

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Ch. 24B, pp. 3bff., tr. auct. adjuv. Swann (1), pp. 233ff.

b Ibid. p. 10b, Swann (1), p. 270. Silver-tin coinage ceased in -113 and returned in +148.

c Ibid. p. 14a, Swann (1), pp. 292ff. By way of reminder, there is an excellent book on the history of coinage in China by Yang Lien-Shêng (3), but it has relatively little on counterfeiting and other metal-lurgical aspects.

resemble the writers of the Hellenistic proto-chemical Corpus (cf. pt. 2, pp. 16-17).<sup>a</sup> We shall encounter presently other instances of the making of artificial gold during the —1st century (p. 35) and in Wang Mang's<sup>1</sup> time at the turn of the era (p. 38).

The emperor Wu Ti (r. -140 to -86), who ordered the punishment of Liu An, surpassed even Chhin Shih Huang Ti in his efforts to achieve immortality. Ssuma Chhien, the Historiographer-Royal and chief author of the Shih Chi, served under him, so that his account of the magicians and alchemists thronging the court is of great interest and importance. The following passage refers to the year -133. Ssuma Chhien says:

The Empress Dowager Tou² was fond of the teachings of the adepts and had little liking for the scholars. . . . At that time Li Shao-Chūn³ was granted an audience by the Emperor because he possessed the art of making offerings to the (spirit of the) Furnace (tzhu tshao+)c (i.e. carrying on alchemical practices), and knew how to live without (eating) cereals and without growing old. The emperor honoured him. (Li) Shao-Chūn had formerly been a familiar of the Marquis of Shen-Tsê, for whom he took charge of magical techniques (and medical arts). He dissembled his age and place of birth and breeding, saying always that he was seventy years old. He had the power of using natural substances (shih wus)d to bring about perpetual youth. He said that he was travelling about in order to make his techniques known to the nobles, and that he had no wife or children.

People who heard that he had power over things and was not subject to death brought him eatables and other presents, so that he always had abundance of gold, money, clothes and food. As people saw that he was provided with everything yet followed no trade or calling, they all had faith in him and vied with one another to serve him. . . . e (Li) Shao-Chün said to the emperor, 'By making offerings to the Furnace (-Spirit) natural substances can be caused to change (chih wu6).f If one can cause substances to change, cinnabar can

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Later on (pt. 4), in comparing datings for the Chinese and the Mediterranean developments, we shall note a slight but regular priority in favour of the former. The same seems to hold true for the government prohibition of counterfeiting and aurification. For China we have -175 and -144, while in Rome there was the Cornelian Law of -81, and eventually the Diocletian decree against 'alchemists' (specifically aurificators) in +296. On this see further in pt. 4.

b Ch. 12, pp. 1b to 16a, ch. 28, pp. 22a to 32b, tr. auct. adjuv. Chavannes (1), vol. 3, pp. 463-93; Johnson (1), pp. 76ff.; Dubs (5); Watson (1), vol. 2, pp. 38ff.

c Commentators say that it would appear in the form of a beautiful girl dressed in red robes. On sacrifices to stove and furnace spirits in general see de Visser (1), pp. 119ff. The prominent role of the Kitchen God (Tsao Chün<sup>7</sup>) in Chinese folk custom (cf. Vol. 2, p. 159) is widely known. Holmes Welch (1), p. 100, believes that the Spirit of the Furnace was anciently identified with an even older divinity, Ssu Ming, the Director of Destinies, whose position as the regulator of the lengths of human lives would link proto-chemistry with longevity-immortality in yet another way. Cf. Li Chi, ch. 23, p. 35b (tr. Legge (7), vol. 2, pp. 206ff.).

d Some commentators and most translators take wu here to mean kuei wu,o ghosts and spirits, but we follow those who interpret it as yao wu, to chemical substances and drugs.

E There follow two stories, here omitted, showing Li's extraordinary skill at giving the impression that he had lived through several centuries.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> Or, 'natural phenomena can be caused to happen'. Again we follow the interpretation of wu as natural substances or phenomena and not spiritual beings. It is true that the phrase chih wu was often afterwards used in the latter sense, as in Pao Phu Tzu (Ware tr. pp. 83, 84, 316), where the adept can summon nectar and ambrosia (chih hsing chhu<sup>11</sup>)—the 'Travelling Canteen', in Ware's bizarre translation. On this see the special study of Stein (6). But it will be perceived that the interpretation of spiritual beings at this point spoils the sorites, which works up to a climax and almost ends with them.



Fig. 1348. Li Shao-Chün praying in front of his alchemical furnace, which is visited by a crane. Mr Dark-Valley and the Venerable Mr Quiescence pass by below. A drawing, admirably economical in its woodcut line, from *Shen Hsien Thung Chien*, ch. Shou, p. 29*a*.

be transformed into gold. When this gold has been produced it can be made into vessels for eating and drinking, the use of which will prolong one's life. If one's life is prolonged one will be able to meet the immortals (of the isle) of Phêng-Lai in the midst of the sea. When one has seen them one will be able to make the feng¹ and shan² sacrifices, and after that one will never die. The Yellow Emperor did just this. Your subject formerly, when sailing on the sea, encountered Master An-Chhi, with whom he ate jujube-dates as large as melons. Master An-Chhi is in communication with the Isle of Phêng-Lai; when it pleases him to appear to men, he does so, otherwise he remains invisible. Thereupon the emperor personally for the first time made offerings to the furnace-spirit, and despatched magicians and alchemists to the sea to search for (the isle of) Phêng-Lai and (immortals) like Master An-Chhi. He also occupied himself with the business of transforming cinnabar and other substances into gold.

Some time afterwards Li Shao-Chün fell ill and died. However, the emperor believed that he had undergone a transfiguration and disappeared, not having really died. He ordered (the alchemists) Huang Chui<sup>3</sup> and Shih Khuan-Shu<sup>4</sup> to learn his arts and to search for Phêng-Lai and An-Chhi, but nothing came of it. Nevertheless, many queer and devious adepts from the coastal districts of Yen and Chhi came (to the court) and spoke more and more about the affairs of the spirits. . . .

In the following year (-121) Shao Ong,<sup>5</sup> a man of Chhi, came to see the emperor with his art of (influencing) the ghosts and spirits. At that time the emperor had just lost a favourite consort, Wang fu-jen.<sup>6</sup> Shao Ong therefore used his arts to bring back her simulacrum and that of the Furnace-Spirit during the night, and the emperor was able to view them through a curtain.<sup>c</sup> Hence the emperor gave to Shao Ong (the title) of Perfected-Learning General (Wên Chhêng Chiang-Chün<sup>7</sup>), rewarded him handsomely and treated him as a

a As Waley (14) pointed out, the idea of the macrobiotic efficacy of eating and drinking from plate and vessels of gold still persisted in Ko Hung's time; see PPT/NP, ch. 4, p. 14b, tr. Ware (5), p. 90. Not only this; it can be found in texts presumably of Thang date, e.g. TT910, ch. 1, p. 6b. An associated belief was that certain metals would ward off evil. We noted earlier (pt. 2, p. 203) an instance of this in the case of 'yellow silver' (huang yin8), almost certainly brass, considered by the Hsin Hsiu Pên Tshao (+659) an auspicious thing (jui vu0), cit. CLPT, ch. 4, (p. 110.1). Chhen Tshang-Chhi, in his Pên Tshao Shih I of +739, still approved of this, but Thang Shen-Wei denied it (CLPT, ch. 3, p. 39a, b). He went on to say, however, that in his time (+1080) silver blackened by exposure to the vapours of sulphur for several days (niello, wu yin 10) was used to make 'dew-mirrors' (cf. Vol. 4, pt. 1, p. 89). Exposed at the top of ten-foot columns, they collected the dew at night, and this was drunk to obtain longevity and immortality; CLPT, loc. cit. (p. 97.1).

b Chavannes annotated this fundamental sorites with a full recognition of what it implied for the origins of all alchemy; it shows, he said, that all the elements of this were present in the — 2nd century in China, i.e. aurifaction and macrobiotics. And he quoted Berthelot's encyclopaedia article on alchemy which instanced the 'gilding' of copper by zinc-mercury amalgam. If one tries to think out exactly what technique could have been at the back of Li Shao-Chün's prescription, it would seem certain that mercury must have come into it somehow, otherwise he would not have started with cinnabar, and thick films of gold amalgam on bronze or copper would have been the essence of the technique. The really important thought-linkage was that between the gold and the immortality. But the association of gold and mercury also continued throughout Chinese history. Looking back now, and bearing in mind what has been said above about the striking colours of red and gold and the striking properties of quicksilver, it is strange to note how close the two metals are in the Periodic Table, with a difference of only one proton and one electron between them. My friend the late Professor Waclaw Nowinski reminded us that Max Planck remarked on this in one of his lectures.

<sup>c</sup> This incident has been discussed already; Vol. 4, pt. 1, p. 122. It is curious that a similar exploit is recorded in European history concerning the alchemical Abbot Johannes Trithemius of Sponheim (+1462 to +1516) and the Emperor Maximilian (Partington (11), p. 56). Trithemius seems to have been interested in aurifiction but to have condemned the dream of aurifaction.

1 對 2 禪 3 黄鐚 + 史寬舒 5 少翁 6 王夫人 7 文成將軍 8 黄銀 9 瑞物 10 鳥銀 guest of honour. . . . Later Shao Ong made an ox swallow a piece of silk on which he had previously written something. He then told the emperor that strange phenomena would be discovered in the beast's stomach. On killing the animal a letter was indeed found, but the writing was very strange, and the emperor became suspicious. The handwriting was recognised after enquiries were made, and Shao Ong was executed (in -119), but the matter was hushed up. . . .

That spring (-113) the Marquis of Lo-Chhêng presented a memorial recommending Luan Ta2 to the emperor. Luan Ta had been one of the eunuchs of Prince Khang3 of Chiao-Tung, and had had the same teacher as the Perfected-Learning General. It was this fact which had made him Magician-Technician and Pharmacist-Royal (Shang Fang) to the Prince of Chiao-tung. Now his elder sister had become the wife of Prince Khang, though childless, but upon his death, and the son of a secondary spouse succeeding, she gave herself over to debauchery and quarrelled all the time with the new Prince. So hearing of the death of the Perfected-Learning (General), and wishing to ingratiate herself with the Emperor, she sent Luan Ta, through the introduction of the Marquis of Lo-Chhêng, to expound his arts and techniques in an audience. The Emperor was now regretting that he had put to death the Perfected-Learning (General), and that the fullness of his arts had not been experienced, so he welcomed Luan Ta warmly.

Luan Ta was tall and a brilliant talker, fertile in techniques, and daring in promises, never hesitating. He said to the Emperor: 'Your subject has often been overseas and seen (Master) An Chhi, Hsienmên (Kao) and other great magicians, but as I was an ordinary commoner they despised me and did not take me into their confidence. In fact they even considered Prince Khang and the other noble lords as unworthy of their secrets. I often used to speak with Prince Khang about these things, but he would never make use of me. My teacher maintained that gold can be (artificially) produced, that the breach in the Yellow River (dykes) can be (permanently) closed, that the herb of immortality can be found, and that the hsien can be made to appear. But all your subjects are afraid that they will meet with the same fate as the Perfected-Learning (General), so none of them dare to open their mouths. How then should I make bold to speak to you of my arts?' The emperor replied: 'The Perfected-Learning (General) died through eating horse liver. If you are capable of restoring his arts, there is no love and respect that I will not show you.'c

Accordingly Luan Ta asked for hitherto unheard-of honours, such that he should be treated as an imperial relative and be made ambassador to the world of the immortals. At the end of the interview he demonstrated one of his lesser arts by making magnetised chessmen appear to move of themselves.<sup>d</sup> At that time, the text goes on, 'the Emperor was distressed that the Yellow River breaches could not be closed, and that no (artificial) gold had been made'; so he conferred the title of Five Boons General (Wu Li Chiang Chün\*) on Luan Ta, and five other similar titles, besides giving him the eldest daughter of the empress née Wei in marriage, and a dowry of immense

d This affair has been fully discussed in Vol. 4, pt. 1, pp. 316ff.

1 樂成 2 樂大 3 康王 4 五利將軍 5 劉密 6 主方藥

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Le. Liu Chi, <sup>5</sup> one of the fourteen sons of Han Ching Ti, and closest to his half-brother Han Wu Ti, because their mothers were sisters. See CHS, ch. 53, p. 17a.

b Yen Shih-Ku comments (CHS, ch. 25, p. 23a) that this was then a title implying superintendence of technical arts, drugs and chemical substances (chu fang yao 6).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> The whole of this long passage appears almost identically in *Chhien Han Shu*, ch. 25, pp. 18b to 30a, tr. Wieger (1), vol. 1, pp. 443ff.; and (on Li Shao-Chün only) Waley (14); Yetts (4).

size. Luan 'Ta wore feather robes to show his kinship with the winged immortals, and conducted liturgical sacrifices to the gods and spirits.<sup>a</sup> He set out for the coast to lead an expedition to the magic islands in the Eastern Sea, but had not the courage to embark, so he went and sacrificed on Mt Thai Shan instead. The emperor now tiring of him had him watched without result, but 'his magical arts were failing, and were often contradicted by the facts', so in -112 the emperor had him executed. Thus ends the fascinating account of alchemy in Ssuma Chhien's chapter on the fêng and shan sacrifices.

Luan Ta and Shao Ong have their significance but the really important person here was Li Shao-Chün, for his were the words which transmitted to posterity the essential alchemical doctrine of the Chinese -2nd century. Together with the edict of -144, they fix a historical period when the full combination of aurifaction and macrobiotics had come into being, with all that that implied for the inspiration and stimulus to chemical invention and discovery of succeeding generations of spagyrical seekers. Although at first the effect of the artificial gold was thought of as mediated through food and drink consumed from vessels made of it, no long time elapsed before the consumption of the actual gold itself in some form or other was regarded as essential. In 1927 so great an authority as Partington, writing on 'Li Siao Kiun', could say that 'if the dates are authentic, this is before the earliest alchemy otherwise known'. His judgment has been fully confirmed.

It thus appears that the emperor Han Wu Ti followed the example of Chhin Shih Huang Ti in the search for medicines of immortality. This is amplified in a curious Taoist text, which has received little attention so far, entitled Phêng-Lai Shan Hsi Tsao Huan Tan Ko¹ (Mnemonic Rhymes of the Cyclically Transformed Elixir from the Western Furnace on Phêng-Lai Island),<sup>d</sup> written by Huang Hsüan-Chung,² according to his own statement an alchemical official during the time of Han Wu Ti. The preface of the book takes the form of a memorial to the emperor saying that during the Yuan-Fêng reign-period (-110 to -105) the author had been sent by Wu Ti to look for the medicine of immortality on Phêng-Lai Island, but when he returned with the drug the emperor did not believe him, and asked him to try it out on himself first to see if he would become an immortal. It seems that the author left in disgrace after testing the drug, and retired to the mountains, as we read from the preface that he wrote his book ten years after leaving the palace, and that with it he tried to convince the emperor that the elixir was achievable. The whole text deals essentially with plant drugs, about 172 of them, written in the form of 168 verses.<sup>e</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Here cf. Vol. 2, p. 141.

b Li Shao-Chün and Shao Ong were afterwards sometimes confused, as in the Han Wu Ti Ku Shih, which omits the statements about alchemy and gives only the evocation of the simulacrum of the dead girl, ascribing it to Li (cf. d'Hormon tr., pp. 39, 53; and also, on related subjects, pp. 45, 62, 87).

c Partington (8). Cf. Maspero (13), pp. 218-19.

d TT909. The bibliographical chapter of Sung Shih lists this title, only substituting ao<sup>3</sup> for tsao.
 e A special study of the plants considered by Taoists to be favourable for longevity and immortality has been made by Roi & Wu Yün-Jui (1).

<sup>\*</sup> 塞萊山西竈還丹歌

<sup>2</sup> 黄玄鍾 3 素

The dating of a work such as this is always difficult, but the prosody gives evidence that as we have it now it is a text of the Thang period.<sup>a</sup>

Another book which has to be mentioned here is the Han Wu Ti Nei Chuan¹ (Inside Story of the Emperor Wu of the Han), a text of novelistic type datable about the middle of the +6th century when the Liang were in power, but doubtless based on older legendary traditions. As Schipper (1) points out in the introduction to his translation, the account concerns mainly a visit paid by the Goddess of the West, Hsi Wang Mu,² to Wu Ti in his court; and although Li Shao-Chün is occasionally referred to, alchemy is not prominent in spite of the many allusions to material immortality and the magical drugs which can confer it. A list of 100 such drugs is given, but there is no overlap at all with the list mentioned in the previous paragraph, and while there the names are genuinely botanical in character, here they are fanciful and poetical, so much so indeed that Schipper believes they were obtained by mediumistic revelation and destined for liturgical recitation.

That the tradition of the first Chhin emperor's search for elixirs of immortality connected in some way with chemical processes and gold was still vividly present in the minds of the men of the —1st century appears well from one of the discussions in the Yen Thieh Lun³ (Discourses on Salt and Iron), written by Huan Khuan⁴ in —8o and later.<sup>b</sup> As will be remembered,<sup>c</sup> he was recording the results of a conference on the principles of administration between the leading bureaucrats and the Confucian scholars. In the chapter entitled San Pu Tsu⁵ (Extravagance leads to Want), the spokesman of the Confucian Worthies (hsien liang⁶) is addressing the meeting in the presence of the Literati (wên hsüeh⁷), the Lord Grand Secretary (Ta Fu³) and the Lord Chancellor (Chhèng Hsiang⁶). He says:d

The sages of old personally took part in labour and preserved the balance of their mind, restricting their desires and moderating their passions, honouring heaven and paying respect to earth, always treading in the way of virtue and love of humanity. Therefore Heaven accepted the fragrance of their sacrifices, lengthening their days and filling up their years with abundance. Hence Yao's ruddy face and bushy eyebrows, hence his happy reign of a hundred years.

But when it came to Chhin Shih Huang Ti, what a fancy he took for strange and impracticable enterprises! How he believed in liturgies and sacrifices! He sent Master Lu to look for Hsienmên Kao, and Hsü Fu and others out to sea to search for the medicine of immortality (pu ssu chih yao 10). At that time, therefore, the gentlemen of Yen and Chhi laid aside their hoes and digging-sticks, and competed to make themselves heard on the subject of immortals and magical technicians. Consequently those who headed for the capital at Hsienyang were to be numbered in thousands. They averred that the immortals had eaten

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Yuan Han-Chhing (1), pp. 197-8.

d Ch. 29, pp. 8bff. tr. auct. adjuv. Sivin (1) in part.

b The conference took place in -81 and it was on the basis of verbatim reports finished in the following year that Huan Khuan prepared his amplified and dramatised text some time before -50.
c Cf. Vol. 2, pp. 251ff., Vol. 4, pt. 2, pp. 21ff.

e On the association of Yen and Chhi with early science and technology see Vol. 2, pp. 133, 232ff., 240ff.

of gold and partaken of (the juice of) pearls; only after that had they achieved longevity as enduring as the sky and earth. This was why the emperor made several visits to the five sacred mountains and to the pavilions along the ocean shore, always earnestly looking for traces of the Isles of Phêng-Lai and the Holy Immortals. But no matter what commanderies and counties the emperor visited, the rich had to give contributions and the poor were conscripted to erect buildings along the roads. Soon many of the small people ran away, while men of consequence went into hiding; the officials made arrests and put those they found in bonds, all without any pretence of justice. Famous halls there might be, and humble cottages, but not a plant was coming up among them, and no young trees were growing. The masses withdrew their support, and out of every ten people six were disaffected.

This was the voice of traditional Confucianism, which always merits sympathy, but the beginnings of science were rather to be found among the 'magical technicians' of the former seaboard States (by no means all charlatans) who flocked to find support and protection under the imperial wing.

After a short intervening reign, the emperor Hsüan  $Ti^1$  (r. -73 to -48) revived the interest in aurifaction. He entrusted this work to Liu Hsiang,<sup>2</sup> who (as we saw above, pp. 13–14) had acquired the art from books which his father or grandfather had obtained from among the possessions of Liu An.<sup>a</sup> Following on from the passage on p. 14 above, concerning the events of about -60, the Chhien Han Shu says:<sup>b</sup>

(Liu) Kêng-Shêng (i.e. Liu Hsiang) was young, but he had read and rehearsed (the writings of the group of Liu An on alchemy) and was quite thrilled by them, so he presented them (to the throne) saying that gold could indeed be made (artificially) (huang chin kho chhêng<sup>3</sup>). The emperor ordered that he should be put in charge of (some of the) Imperial Workshops (Shang Fang<sup>4</sup>) for the purpose of making (alchemical gold). He expended very much (money) but the procedures could not be verified.<sup>c</sup> The emperor therefore committed (Liu) Kêng-Shêng to the public prosecutor, who impeached him for (attempting to make and) cast false gold.<sup>d</sup> He was thus imprisoned and sentenced to death, but his elder brother, (Liu) An-Min,<sup>5</sup> the Marquis of Yang-chhêng, presented a memorial offering to surrender to the nation half his estate in order to ransom the fault of (Liu) Kêng-Shêng. Besides, the emperor also valued his ability. So he got through the winter in prison, and then his death-sentence was commuted.<sup>c</sup>

Thus ended a government-supported experimental programme most remarkable for the —1st century. A Confucian speech by Chang Chhang<sup>6</sup> adjured the emperor to pay more attention to the arts of peaceful government and less to military men and alchemists; whereupon all the laboratory technicians of the Imperial Workshops (Shang Fang Tai Chao<sup>7</sup>) were dismissed.<sup>f</sup>

- a On the biography of Liu Hsiang see Forke (12), p. 65.
- b Ch. 36, p. 7a, tr. auct. adjuv. Dubs (5).
- c I.e. they did not yield the hoped-for results—fei shen to, fang pu yen.8
- d Dubs (5) suggests that the basis for this was the law of -144 against making false (alchemical) gold.
- e Executions were always carried out in autumn or winter, so this means that sentence was postponed in Liu Hsiang's case, and he could be liberated in the spring.
- f This we know from the shorter parallel passage in CHS, ch. 25B, p. 7b. On the Tai Chao cf. Vol. 6, Sect. 38.
  - ·宣帝 ·劉向 ·黃金可成 ·尚方 ·安民 ·張敞
  - "尚方待詔 8 費甚多方不驗

This whole episode has weighty significance for the ancient history of aurifiction and aurifaction. Why was Liu Hsiang<sup>a</sup> unable to achieve success in the Imperial Workshops, backed by all the resources of the State? Because that was precisely where the artisans were who understood the technique of cupellation, and they could disprove time after time whatever he did. Why did Ko Hung and so many other Taoists later on put so much emphasis on carrying out alchemical processes in the mountains far away from the turmoil of worldly life? Because that was precisely where they would not be disturbed by inconvenient metallurgical technicians suggesting that the results ought to be cupelled. We do not have to suppose that this consideration ever came into the consciousness of the Taoist alchemists, nor need we write them all off as charlatans, for we have clearly seen already (pt. 2, pp. 10, 19 ff.) that their definitions of gold (like those of the Hellenistic proto-chemical aurifactors) were different from that of the technical goldsmiths. What we gain from this analysis is a deeper insight into what was really implied by the antithesis of 'worldly' versus 'recluse' environments.

In spite of all these failures and disappointments, the Early Han emperors continued to follow the quest of the elixir of immortality. Regarding the time of Chhêng  $Ti^{I}$  (r. -32 to -7) the Chhien Han Shu says:

Towards the end of the reign of Chhêng Ti, the emperor was rather interested in matters relating to the ghosts and spirits. As he had no descendants, many people presented memorials talking of sacrifices and magical arts, and they were all named Experts-in-Attendance (Tai Chao2).b Offerings were made in the Shang-lin3 Park and outside the capital at Chhangan, involving heavy expenditure but producing no notable result. Ku Yung + therefore spoke to the emperor, saying: 'Your servant has heard that he who understands the nature of heaven and earth cannot be deceived by strange spiritual occurrences, and he who knows the behaviour of the ten thousand things cannot be led astray by unnatural phenomena. (To follow) what goes against the Tao of benevolence and righteousness or contradicts the teachings of the Five Classics, emphasising mysterious affairs of ghosts and spirits, or propagating methods of rite and sacrifice, is to ask from the gods blessings which can never give happiness. Moreover those who say that there are immortals who consume elixirs (yu hsien jen fu shih pu chung chih yao5), so that they can fly far away with light body, or ascend into the heavens with inverted shadow, or leisurely gaze down upon the Hanging-Gardens (peak, near the Khun-Lun Mountain),d or float on the sea to Phèng-Lai (Island), or cultivate the five-coloured cereals sown in the morning and harvested at dusk, with life as long-lasting as the mountains and rocks; or operate the transformations of the (alchemical) furnace (turning cinnabar into gold, huang yeh pien hua6), or draw a crystal elixir from seethed urine,e or practise the art of changing the colours of the five viscera (so that one knows hunger and thirst no more)-all, all is the babbling of meretricious charlatans, who employ sinister arts (tso tao7)f and false pretensions to deceive the ruler of men. When one hears them talk, their

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> And Shih Tzu-Hsin a little later, for whom see p. 82. b Cf. pp. 35, and Sect. 38.

c I.e. in the regions above the sun, where the shadow is cast upwards, not downwards.

d Cf. p. 24 above.

e On this strange phrase, see pt. 5 below.

f Lit. 'left-hand arts', cf. Tantric vamacāra.

<sup>&</sup>quot; 成帝 " 待詔 3 上林 + 谷永 5 有仙人服食不終之變

<sup>6</sup> 黄冶變化 7 左道

copious words sound well in the ear and it seems as if their aims can be attained, but when one seeks to follow their arts, everything is vague and formless, like trying to tie up the wind or to capture a shadow, and no result is ever achieved. . . .' The emperor considered that he had spoken well."

Here we see alchemy through the veil of the words of a typically sceptical Confucian scholar. The original language of his speech is highly elegant.

Wang Mang, the only emperor of the intrusive Hsin dynasty, naturally had a share in the enterprise of aurifaction. The Chhien Han Shu has this to say:

In the 2nd year after (Wang) Mang had usurped the throne (+10) he took in hand the business (of becoming) a holy immortal. There was a magician-technician (fang shih) called Su Lo2 who advised him to construct an 'Eight Winds Tower' (Pa Fêng Thai3) within the palace, which when completed cost 10,000 pieces of gold,c (Su) Lo took his place upon it,d and according to the wind (he) prepared various potions (i thang 4),e Also the five grains were planted within the palace in plots facing according to the colour of each one. The seeds had been soaked in (a liquid made from) the marrow of the bones of cranes, tortoise-shell (tu mao 5), f rhinoceros (horn), and jade, in all more than twenty constituents. One bushel of this grain cost one piece of gold. This was called Huang Ti's cereal method for becoming a holy immortal. So (Su) Lo was made a Palace Officer (Huang-Mên Lang6) and put in charge of these affairs. Thus (Wang) Mang made extravagant worship of the ghosts and spirits. In his last year he built 1700 temples for the worship of different ranks of spirits, ranging from the six highest categories down to the smallest, using three kinds of sacrifices with more than 3000 kinds of animals and birds. As they could not get all the species complete they used cocks as substitute for wild ducks and wild geese, and dogs instead of deer. He often issued edicts saying that he must become a holy immortal—see his Biography, g

Chang Tzu-Kao (2) points out that there has never been any archaeological evidence to show that money used during Wang Mang's time was made of alloys looking like gold, though the gold and silver used have been found to vary in purity. He has calculated that when Wang Mang died the Chinese treasury had some 6,333,000 ounces of gold; not far from the somewhat lower figure given in the study of Dubs (4). Chang remarks on the approximate coincidence of this with the amount of gold held at its height by the Roman Empire, but Dubs had estimated that it was much higher than the total supply of medieval Europe.

<sup>a</sup> Ch. 25B, pp. 14b to 16b, tr. auct. I like to recall that this passage was copied out for me early in 1943 by colleagues at the Academia Sinica History Institute near Lichuang in Szechuan. On the reforms of this period see Loewe (6).

b Cf. Vol. 1, pp. 109ff, where his proto-scientific predilections were pointed out.

<sup>c</sup> The Chin Shih So gives in Shih sect. ch. 6, (p. 83), a rubbing of a moulded tile end from the Pa

Fêng Thai.

<sup>d</sup> We translate thus, but the text is ambiguous, having at least two other equally plausible interpretations, depending on how it is read. If read tso yo chhi shang<sup>7</sup> it means that 'music was played at the top', but if read tso lo chhi shang it means either that 'they made merry inside it', or that a Taoist hierogamy was performed. Tso lo as an expression for sexual intercourse occurs in ch. 30, p. 52a.

<sup>e</sup> The commentary says that the Bibliography has a I Thang Ching,<sup>8</sup> but actually it has a Thang I Ching Fa<sup>9</sup> in its medical section. See ch. 30, p. 51b.

I Tu mao is the same as tai mei 10 (R 202).

g Ch. 25B, pp. 22b, 23a, tr. auct.

h P. 81.

1 Cf. Vol. 1, p. 109; Vol. 4, pt. 3, pp. 518 ff.

1王莽

3 八風臺

+液湯 5 毒胃

6 黃門郎

7作樂其上

8液湯經

9 湯液經法

10 瑞理

Further evidence of practical alchemical experiments in Wang Mang's time comes from a source written about + 10 to + 20, the *Hsin Lun*<sup>1</sup> (New Discussions) of Huan Than,<sup>2</sup> a book not fully extant now, but quoted in many places.<sup>a</sup> The passage is particularly important because it attests the existence in China in the – 1st century of the idea of 'projection',<sup>b</sup> so important in Western proto-chemistry and later alchemy often as an attribute of the 'philosophers' stone'. Ko Hung wrote;<sup>c</sup>

Also Huan Chün-Shan³ (Huan Than) tells us that there was a gentleman of the Han Imperial Court (Huang-Mên Lang⁴) named Chhêng Wei⁵ who had a liking for the Art of the Yellow and the White (huang pai shu,⁶ aurifaction and argentifaction). His wife came from a family of technicians skilled in magical arts. Chhêng often had to take part in imperial processions but did not have the clothes appropriate to the season; seeing his distress, his wife said: 'I will ask for two lengths of silk', whereupon the silk suddenly appeared in front of them. Chhêng Wei tried to make gold following the directions in the Chen Chung Hung Pao⁵ book,⁴ but without success. One day his wife went to see him just as he was fanning the charcoal to increase the heating of a reaction-vessel in which there was mercury. She said 'Let me show you what I can do', and taking a small amount of some substance from her pouch she threw it into the vessel. After about the space of time in which a man could take a meal, she opened the vessel, and they saw that the contents had all turned to silver.

Chhêng Wei was astounded and said: 'How is it possible that you could possess this Tao and never let me know about it?' She answered 'It cannot be gained unless one has the right destiny.' But he kept on at her day and night for the secret. He sold lands and buildings to provide her with the best of food and clothing, but all to no effect. Then he schemed with a friend to beat her, but of course she got to know of this and told him that the process was to be transmitted to the right person alone. If she met such a one, even only by chance at the roadside, she would tell him, but to anyone who was not the right man—anyone whose words and secret thoughts were different—she would never divulge the art even though she were to be cut into pieces and dismembered. Chhêng Wei obstinately kept on pressing her, however, until finally she went mad, rushed out naked, smeared herself with mud and died.<sup>e</sup>

We shall return to the idea of projection later (p. 100), only drawing attention here to the emphasis placed upon a kind of vow of secrecy. One wonders whether the 'unworthiness' of Chhêng Wei was really his mercenary motive; we are to understand

a Cf. Vol. 3, p. 219 on cosmology, and Vol. 4, pt. 2, p. 392 for his important statement on water-mills.

b In later times the Chinese term for this was tien,8 lit. 'adding a spot of . . .' some chemical. The general idea both in East and West was the transformation of a large amount of substance by the addi-

tion of a very small amount of something else.

It is interesting that a parallel idea ran through the eucharistic theology of Christendom from the +4th to the +16th century, namely consecration by contact (immixtio). As we know from the interesting monograph of Andrieu (1), it was believed that wine could be consecrated, without the repetition of the words of institution, by the mere addition of a drop of previously consecrated wine, or a particle of a previously consecrated host. The same principle applied in some traditions to the oil of chrism. These practices were evidently related not only to the idea of projection in alchemy but also to that of contagion in medicine; and both perhaps originated from early thought about fermentation. We shall return to these matters in pt. 4.

c Pao Phu Tzu, ch. 16, pp. 3a; tr. auct. adjuv. Ware (5), p. 264; Dubs (5); Waley (14).

d Liu An's of course; see pp. 14, 23, 25 above.

E This text is also in CSHK (Hou Han sect.), ch. 15, p. 7a. TPYL, ch. 812, p. 4b, has an abbreviated version. Huan Than wrote an ode on the immortals; see pt. 2, pp. 111-12 above, and Pokora (3).

工 新論 2 桓譚 1 桓君山 4 黄門郎 5 程偉 6 黄白飯 7 枕中鴻寶 8 點

that he was not seeking for immortality or salvation but rather for funds to keep up his position at court. Indeed the story follows in *Pao Phu Tzu* immediately upon another one relating how Wu Ta-Wên, a government secretary at Chhêngtu, studied under a master of the art, Li Kên, yet was never able to succeed in transmutation by projection because he could never sufficiently withdraw from worldly business.

It may well be that the idea or principle, or practice (whatever it was), of projection, began some time before Chhêng Wei, for there remain records of another alchemist or aurifactor, the great Taoist Mao Ying,<sup>3</sup> who lived in the time of Han Yuan Ti (r. -48 to -33). His biography, entitled *Mao Chün Nei Chuan*,<sup>4</sup> has long been lost,<sup>b</sup> but later encyclopaedias have quotations from it, such as the following matter-of-fact statement in *Thai-Phing Yü Lan*;<sup>c</sup>

Take ten catties of lead, put in an iron vessel, and heat intensely. After it has been brought to the boil three times, throw into the lead  $1 \text{ shu}^5$  of the nine-times cyclically-transformed floriate essence (chiu chuan chih hua<sup>6</sup>). On stirring it will instantly turn to gold.

Or did Chhêng Wei precede Mao Ying? One usually tends to think of Chhêng's story as almost contemporary with Huan Than's account of it in the first couple of decades of the +1st century, i.e. to place it in Wang Mang's time; but according to one tradition it was a whole century earlier. This tradition is also interesting because of the leading role played by women, so consonant with Taoist ideas in general. The Shen Hsien Thung Chien gives a specific date for the death of Chhêng Wei's wife, namely -95, and says that Han Wu Ti was so incensed about it that he had Chhêng executed. According to this account her family name was Fang, and she had studied alchemy with one of Han Wu Ti's favourite spouses, Court Beauties or Attendant Nymphs. This lady, a specialist in Taoist sexual techniques (Huang Ti Su Nü chih shu shu was said to have acquired her knowledge of Taoism from the goddess Ma-Ku, was named Chao Chieh-Hao to the periodical plots and witch-hunts which convulsed the court, and was also executed. How much to believe

<sup>a</sup> Or, as we might now secretly say, because he could never get far enough away from the artisans who understood the cupellation techniques.

b There is however an account of his life in YCCC, ch. 104, pp. 10a to 19a, by a disciple, Li Tao<sup>11</sup> (or Li Tsun<sup>12</sup>). Though rather hagiographical, it gives one exact date, -39, and this is confirmed by a second quotation in TPYL, ch. 661, p. 4b, which specifies the reign-period in which Mao was active. Mao Ying was the eldest of three brothers, the second being Mao Ku<sup>13</sup> and the third Mao Chung, <sup>14</sup> hence the expression San Mao Chün; <sup>15</sup> all three were very important in the founding of one of the greatest ancient centres of Taoism, at Mao Shan<sup>16</sup> near Nanking. This was the group with which Thao Hung-Ching was associated later on. We have already become acquainted with Mao Ying in connection with the making of cupro-nickel (pt. 2, pp. 234-5 above). Exactly how historical the three brothers are remains an open question. Cf. Fig. 1349.

c Ch. 812, p. 7a.

d Cf. pp. 169, 191, and one may remember that Ko Hung's wife, Pao Ku, was also an alchemist, p. 76.

c Ch. 8, p. 1a, b. f Cf. Vol. 4, pt. 2, p. 477.

g Cf. Vol. 2, pp. 146 ff. h Or Chieh-Yü, 17 which could have been a title. Cf. p. 17 above.

 1 吳大文
 2 李彩
 3 茅盈
 4 茅君內傳
 5 錄

 6 九轉之華
 7 方
 8 黃帝素女之術
 9 麻姑
 10 證據好

 12 李遵
 13 茅固
 14 茅衷
 15 三 茅君

 16 孝山
 17 據好

of this tradition may rest with personal choice, but if it were true it would throw a welcome light on the activities of the generation just following Li Shao-Chün, and in its emphasis on the role of women Taoists with all that that implies for the deep and ancient connection of chemical theory with sexual phenomena and Yin-Yang philosophy, it bears a certain stamp of truth (cf. Fig. 1350).

The official dynastic histories also disclose the names of other alchemists besides those favoured at the imperial court. Kan Shih, already mentioned as an expert in Taoist sexual techniques, is said to have joined his master Han Ya2 in the South Seas in making gold, while Fêng Chün-Ta, also known as the Blue Ox Master (Chhing Niu Shih4) and another expert on sexual techniques, is said to have taken mercury as elixir. The same source mentions that both of them flourished at the same time as a third adept, Tungkuo Yen-Nien, analy during the time of Emperor Wu Ti; but in so far as any of them are fully historical characters they lived more probably in the +1st or +2nd century. Later Taoist texts tell about other adepts of this time, such as Wang Hsing, who ingested a potable gold elixir (chin i chih tan7) and Wei Shu-Chhing, who achieved immortality through eating mica. Flourishing at about the same time as Liu Hsiang were Su Lin9 (d. c. -60) and his pupil Chou Chi-Thung, better known under the name Tzu-Yang Chen Jen, to whom is attributed a book in the Tao Tsang entitled Thai-Shang Tung Fang Nei Ching Chu12 (Esoteric Manual of the Innermost Chamber, with Commentary).

During the time of the Later Han, the emperor Huan Ti<sup>13</sup> (r. +147 to +168) hoped, so we are informed, to attain eternal life by his frequent worship of Lao Tzu and the holy immortal Huang Shih Kung.<sup>d</sup> A distinguished scholar of the age, Tshai Yung,<sup>14</sup> also expressed interest in the art of the alchemists.<sup>e</sup>

The Tao Tsang contains accounts of many Later Han adepts. For example, the Hsüan Phin Luf mentions Liu Khuan<sup>15</sup> (traditionally + 121 to + 186), who was a disciple of Chhing Ku hsien-seng, <sup>16</sup> i.e. Han Chhung. <sup>17</sup> Han acquired the art of making the 'flowing-pearl elixir' (liu chu tan <sup>18</sup>) from Wang Wei-Hsüan<sup>19</sup> and found it effective. Similarly, Hsia Fu<sup>20</sup> studied alchemy from his youth upwards and ingested the thistle-like Atractylis (pai shu<sup>21</sup>) g and mica. h Chao Tao-I tells us about Lung Shu<sup>22</sup> (also called Lung Po<sup>23</sup>) who ate magic mushrooms (shen chih<sup>24</sup>) in the early days of the

a HHS, ch. 1128, p. 18a. On all these cf. Vol. 2, p. 148, and in relation to introchemistry in pt. 5 below, where the full translation is given. Meanwhile it can be found in Lu Gwei-Djen & Needham (3).

See TT293, ch. 7, pp. 1b ff., a Yuan text.
 TT130; cf. TT293, pp. 6b ff. On the term tung in Taoism cf. Porkert (2), pp. 447 ff.

d HHS, ch. 7, pp. 15 aff. c HHS, ch. 908, p. 1a.

f Another Yuan text (TT773).

g Probably extracts of the roots of Atractylis ovata (=chinensis), R 14; CC 34; now ranged as species and varieties of Atractylodes, cf. Sato Junpei (1), p. 65; Kimura Koichi (2), p. 107. The roots give a very bitter aromatic extract with a resinous yellow pigment, and figured in many classical tonic prescriptions (Stuart (1), p. 57).

h Ch. 2, pp. 11a, 15b, and 16b.

T甘始 2 競雅 3 封君達 +寄牛師 5 東郭延年 6 王舆 7金液之丹 8 衛叔卿 9 蘇林 10 周季通 11 紫陽質人 12 太上洞房內經注 13 桓帝 14 蔡邕 15 劉寬 18 流珠丹 16 青谷先生 17 韓崇 19 王韓玄 20 夏馥 21 白朮 22 髓泷 23 髓伯 24 酬芝



Fig. 1349. The ascension of the alchemical Taoist hierarch Mao Ying into the realm of the holy immortals, admired by two disciples of the Mao Shan school (from Lieh Hsien Chhuan, ch. 2, p. 11a).



Fig. 1350. A woman alchemist, Thai Hsüan Nü (or Thai Yang Nü, or Thai Yin Nü), compounding elixirs (from Lieh Hsien Chhüan Chuan, ch. 2, p. 7a).

Later Han: a and Chiu Yuan Tzu! who became an immortal after taking a 'magical elixir' (shen tan2) he had made himself. He also wrote a book called Kêng Hsin Ching3 (Book of the Realm of Kêng and Hsin, i.e. the metals and minerals symbolised by these two cyclical characters), b Other experts mentioned by Chao Tao-I are Liu Chêng + and Chhang Shêng Tzu,5 the former a consumer of a 'red flowery elixir' (chu ving tan6), and the latter using a suspension of jade to achieve immortality, There was also a certain Mao Po-Tao,7 who compounded a 'magical elixir' (shen tan2) with three friends, Liu Tao-Kung,8 Hsieh Chih-Chien9 and Chang Chao-Chhi<sup>10</sup>, <sup>c</sup> One must not forget to mention Yin Chhang-Shêng<sup>11</sup> (fl. +122), whose name appears frequently in many Taoist alchemical texts. He is said to have acquired the art of preparing the 'Grand Purity Golden Potion Magical Elixir' (thai-chhing chin i shen tan 12) from the adept Ma Ming-Shêng, 13 and also to have known how to make gold. Ma Ming-Shêngd had another name, Ho Chün-Chih,14 and was said to have learnt the art of elixir-making from Master An Chhi himself.e Although we cannot now reconstruct exactly what all these men did, or what knowledge they had, the great number of names of such people in Chinese literature is significant in itself.

The +2nd century was a milestone in the history of both Taoism and alchemy in China, for it was then that Taoism first became an organised religion, and that the earliest extant treatise on alchemical theory was written. The part played by Chang Ling <sup>15</sup> (fl. c. +156), afterwards called Chang Tao-Ling, <sup>16</sup> in establishing the Taoist religion has already been described. However, very little is known about the connection of Chang Tao-Ling with alchemy, so that some do not believe he was ever an alchemist, though later Taoists certainly claimed that he practised the art. For example, Chang Thien-Yü informs us that he learnt the Huang Ti Chiu Ting Ching <sup>17</sup> (the Yellow Emperor's Manual of the Nine Vessels) and prepared an elixir at Fanyang <sup>18</sup> mountain; hwhile Chao Tao-I, after claiming that Chang Tao-Ling was born in the 14th year of the Chien-Wu reign-period (+34), affirms that he compounded the 'great dragon-and-tiger elixir' (lung hu ta tan <sup>19</sup>) and the 'nine-vessel magical elixir' (chiu ting shen tan <sup>20</sup>). Two of his disciples, Wang Chhang <sup>21</sup> and Chao Shêng <sup>22</sup> (otherwise known as Lu Thang Tzu <sup>23</sup>), were said to have also ingested elixirs. The

J TT 203, ch. 18.

1九元子	2 神丹	3 庚辛經	+ 劉 政	5 常生子
6 朱英丹	7 毛伯道	8 劉道恭	9 謝稚堅	10 張兆期
II 陰長生	12 太清金液神丹	13 馬鳴生	14 和君實	15 張陵
16 張道陵	17 黄帝九鼎經	18 緊陽	19 龍虎大丹	20 九鼎神丹
21 王長	22 越昇	23 鹿堂子	24 馬鳴	

<sup>\*</sup> Was this not a garbled echo of Indian Nagarjuna? See p. 161 below.

b Cf. pp. 104, 210.

c All this is from TT293, chs. 5, 6 and 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> This might be a case similar to that of Lung-Shu and Nāgārjuna, for as Sivin has pointed out (1), p. 58, the Mahāyanist monk Aśvaghosa, active at about the same time, was named Ma Ming <sup>24</sup> in Chinese.

<sup>e</sup> See TT 293, ch. 13, or better Yūn Chi Chhi Chhien, ch. 106, pp. 20b to 23 a.

f See Vol. 2, Sect. 10 (j).

§ E.g. Spooner (1, 2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This is obviously impossible, though he may have claimed it himself.

Yün Chi Chhien describes how he tested the sincerity of these two disciples before imparting his secrets to them.<sup>a</sup> Several writings in the *Tao Tsang* that we have are attributed to Chang Tao-Ling, but none of them contains anything of alchemical interest.

Chang Tao-Ling claimed that Chang Liang 1 had been one of his ancestors. His descendants later acquired the title Chang Thien Shih2 and became hereditary heads of the Taoist church called Thien Shih Tao,3 the fame of which lay more in its magical and apotropaic rites than in alchemy. Nevertheless we owe much to at least two members of this same Chang family for their preservation of the Tao Tsang including so many of the important Taoist alchemical texts we now have. During the time of the Mongols this vast collection of Taoist books suffered destruction, first at the hands of Mangu Khan (r. +1251 to +1259), and then Khubilai Khan (r. +1280 to +1294), and it was Chang Yü-Chhu4 who collected and re-edited the Chêng-Thung Tao Tsang5 in the +15th century. Then Chang Kuo-Hsiang,6 another descendant of Chang Tao-Ling, compiled the Wan-Li Hsü Tao Tsang7 in 1607 by order of the emperor Shen Tsung. The Taoist patriarchate still exists (1974) in Thaiwan, the present Heavenly Master being the sixty-fourth of the line.

#### (iii) The three roots of elixir alchemy

In a moment we shall be speaking of the oldest Chinese alchemical book, written in the +2nd century. But before going further it will be well to consider a point much emphasised by Lao Kan (6) and expressible as follows: during Chou, Chhin and Early Han the accent is on chhiu, 's 'searching for', while in the Later Han it begins to be on lien, 'o 'effecting chemical transformation in', or 'preparing by heating'. It is true that the earliest texts do generally speak of searching for the drug, or herb, of immortality, but at the same time the making of artificial gold is indisputably attested from the -2nd century and by implication the -3rd. The systematic handling of chemical change to produce desired inorganic substances clearly goes back at least to the -5th. The decisive point arises when someone begins to consume orally inorganic substances

i See Chi Ni Tzu (p. 14), Liu An (p. 25).

1 張良	2 張天師	3 天師道	+ 張宇初	5 正統道藏
6 張國祥	7萬歷微道藏	8 胂宗	9 求	10 00
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<sup>11</sup> 漢天師世家 12 補天師世家 13 張君房

a Ch. 109, p. 18b to p. 20b.

b His family tree is reconstructed in the Han Thien Shih Shih Chia<sup>11</sup> (Genealogy of the Family of the Han Heavenly Teacher), TT142; and the Pu Thien Shih Shih Chia<sup>12</sup> (Supplement to the 'Genealogy of the Family of the Heavenly Teacher'). See also Chao Tao-I (TT293) and Fu Chhin-Chia (1). Of course these Taoist genealogies have to be accepted with all reserve.

c A general history of this patriarchate was written long ago (1884) by Imbault-Huart (1),

d The first compiler, Chang Chün-Fang,<sup>13</sup> early in the +11th century, was of the same clan-name but not of the same family.

e See p. 116 below.

f Much information on the recent history of the patriarchate is contained in the book of Li Shu-Huan (1), pp. 144-55, and the account of a personal visit by Holmes Welch (2).

g Cf. pp. 13, 18, 31 above.

h See Li Shao-Chün and Luan Ta (pp. 29, 32 above), the Coining Edict (p. 26), Liu An (p. 24), Liu Hsiang (p. 35), Chhêng Wei and Mao Ying (p. 39), Kan Shih (p. 40).

and elixir preparations made from them, in heavy dosage or long-continued administration. This we do not get for sure until the Later Han (+1st and +2nd centuries), some names backed with good evidence, a others more shadowy and traditional. Further evidence will accrue in the next sub-section. So perhaps what Liu I-Chhing said in the +5th century was a fair statement of the case. We find it in the Shih Shuo Hsin Yü, often before quoted (New Discourses on the Talk of the Times), as follows:

Ho Phing-Shu<sup>3c</sup> said that those who eat the medicinal powder of the Five Minerals<sup>d</sup> (wu shih san<sup>+</sup>) do so not only for curing diseases but also to enhance their vitality.

[Comm.]<sup>e</sup> (The physician) Chhin Chhêng-Tsu<sup>5</sup> wrote a tractate entitled Han Shih San Lun<sup>6</sup> (Discourse on the Cooling Regimen Powder), but in Han times few people used it and the method was hardly handed down.<sup>f</sup> However, in the Wei, Ho Yen<sup>7</sup> took it with marvellous results, so its knowledge and use began to circulate more in the world, and people sought eagerly to obtain (the formula) from one another.<sup>g</sup>

Here the reference is to the Three Kingdoms period in the early +3rd century as the date of popularisation, and to the Han in the +2nd or +1st century as the date of first use. From this one can begin to see clearly that originally there were two traditions (doubtless not far separated), the macrobiotic pharmaceutical-botanical one and the chemical-metallurgical one, macrobiotic in a slightly different sense. After the beginning of the Later Han these two completely coalesced and the adepts and their disciples set forth on the hard and painful process, centuries long, of testing the effects of inorganic drugs upon the human body and mind.

The clue to the union of the two traditions lies, we think, in the history of medicine, if cautious doses of inorganic substances were being given therapeutically some considerable time before large amounts of metallic preparations began to be consumed habitually in the form of elixirs. The evidence for this is very strong. In a striking paper already mentioned, Temkin (3) contrasted Hellenistic with Arabic chemistry, pointing out that the former was much closer to metallurgy than to medicine, while the latter, in such men as al-Razī and al-Kindī, was medically oriented from the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> E.g. Fêng Chün-Ta (p. 40 above and pt. 5 below), also in Lu Gwei-Djen & Needham (3). The Lieh Hsien Chuan is evidence for the Later Han, but not good for earlier times.

b See Liu Khuan, Liu Chêng, Yin Chhang-Shêng and Ma Ming-Shêng (pp. 43ff. above).

c I.e. Ho Yen,7 +190 to +249, a scholar and courtier of renown.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Not here Ko Hung's<sup>8</sup> (p. 96). Hg and As were not involved, only forms of CaCO<sub>2</sub> and silica, with nine powders of plants containing alkaloids, most still used in traditional medicine; cf. the monograph of Wagner (1). The effect was tonic and calefacient, hence a cooling regimen was needed.

e By Liu Hsüno in the +6th century.

The hsiang 10 of most editions has to be emended to tsu. 11 Chhin Chhèng-Tsu (fl. +420 to +470) was Director-General of Medical Services (Thai I Ling 12) and Professor of Medicine (I Hsüch Po Shih 13). We shall discuss the early growth of State medicine and medical schools in Vol. 6; meanwhile see Lu Gwei-Djen & Needham (2). Chhin wrote many other books, including a Yen Tshê Jen Ching 14 (Manual of Clinical Diagnosis), a Yao Fang 15 (Collection of Prescriptions), a Mo Ching 16 (Pulse Manual) and a Pên Tshao 17 (Pharmaceutical Natural History). All are lost. For this information we are indebted to Prof. Richard Mather, whose annotated translation of the Shih Shuo Hsin Yū has now in part appeared (1).

8 Ch. 2, p. 23b, tr. auct.

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beginning. For the Chinese scene this would be equally true, as the names of Ko Hung, Thao Hung-Ching and Sun Ssu-Mo alone suffice to bear witness; also the early date at which the chemical-metallurgical line joined with the pharmaceutical ones to form the classical elixir pattern of developed Chinese alchemy, Now it is important that in the oldest Chinese pharmacopoeia, the Shen Nung Pên Tshao Ching,1 there are 41 entries for inorganic substances, a including both cinnabar and mercury. This text is generally considered to be of the Early Han (-1st or -2nd century), even containing Chou and Warring States material, though not finalised until the end of the Later Han (+2nd century).b Of cinnabar powderc it is said that it is found in mountain valleys, its sapidity is sweet and slightly cold, it controls the hundred diseases of the body and the five viscera, it nourishes the ching<sup>2</sup> and shen<sup>3</sup> vitalities, calms the hun4 and pho5 'souls', benefits the chhi, clears the eyes, kills mei6 parasites and destroys malignant humours (hsieh o chhi7),d It can change into mercury (hung8). If taken constantly it puts one in touch with spiritual beings and gives longevity (thung shen ming pu lao<sup>9</sup>). Significantly the Pên Ching never speaks of becoming an immortal (chhêng hsien 10) or ascending to the heavens (fei thien 11),e but always confines its remarks to longevity, lightness of body and length of years in such phrases as chhing shen,12 yen nien,13 tsêng shou,14 etc. Significantly also the same terms are applied to many plant drugs.

For the first well-documented evidence of the taking of inorganic substances in this way, the pharmaceutical use of the Five Minerals, we can go back to a time much earlier than that of Ho Yen. The first half of the -2nd century, a period just before the Coining Edict (cf. p. 26 above), saw the activity of one of the greatest physicians in Chinese history, Shunyü I. 15 Born under the Chhin in -216 he lived till about -147, and practised extensively among the princely families of the Han. Our information about him is of high authenticity because Ssuma Chhien devoted half a chapter

e It does use the expression shen hsien, 17 holy immortals, but apparently only as a comparative phrase: 'longevity (like that of) the immortals', or, 'so light that you can fly a thousand li (like the) immortals'.

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6 魅	7 邪惡氣	8 泵	9 通神明不老	10 成仙
11 飛天	12 輕身	13 延年	14 增壽	15 淳于意
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> 18 in the highest category (the safest), 14 in the middle, and 9 in the lowest (the most active). For an account of the pharmacodynamic classification used, see Sects. 38 and 45 in Vol. 6.

b For example, there are Later Han place-names for provenances, but these could easily have been up-dated by revisers without changing anything else.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Since in the following pages we shall find many references to the constant taking of mercuric sulphide per os, it is natural to inquire how much of it would have been absorbed into the system since the salt is so insoluble. Stimulated by the parallel use in Indian Ayurvedic medicine, Ghosh (1) made a study of the subject in 1931 using the sensitive Bardach's test. He found positive results under conditions in vitro simulating the action of the gastric juice at HCl concentrations from 0.05 to 0.2%, incubation at 37°C and continual stirring; in 2 hours some 0.02% of the sulphide present went into solution. Extracts of liver in experimental dogs, but not of other organs, also showed positive reactions. The general conclusion would be that cinnabar ingestion alone, unless habitually in large amounts, was a fairly safe way, because of its low solubility, of increasing the mercury content of intestinal contents, organs and body fluids, whether for disinfection, anti-luetic or anti-suppurative effects. Thus the ancient and medieval physicians were not wrong in using it.

d Kuei 16 in some versions, for chhi.

to him in the Shih Chi, hence we can rely on what is told of the relations between Shunyü and another physician named Sui. On two occasions the former got into trouble with the authorities (-167 and -154), and on the second of these he was commanded by imperial decree to declare his methods of practice and to reply to certain specific questions; this is the reason why we have an unexampled set of 25 clinical histories of the -2nd century as well as details of the titles of the medical books handed down to Shunyü by his teachers. Of these histories case no. 22 concerned Dr Sui, an Archiater-Royal or Physician-in-attendance to the Prince of Chhi (Chhi Wang Shih I²), and the account in the Shih Chi runs as follows:

Sui, the Physician-in-waiting to the Prince of Chhi, fell ill. He had himself made preparations of the Five Minerals and had consumed them (tzu lien wu shih fu chih³). Your servant therefore went to visit him, and he said 'I am unworthy and have some disease; would you be so kind as to examine me?' So I did, and then addressed him in these terms: 'Your malady is a fever (chung jê⁴). The Discussions asy that when there is a central fever along with obstipation and suppression of urine one must not ingest the Five Minerals. Mineral substances considered as drugs are fierce and potent, and it is because of having taken them that you have several times failed to evacuate. They ought not to be hastily taken. Judging by the colour, an abscess is forming.'

And then the two physicians go off into a lengthy discussion of the principles of Yin and Yang in therapy where we need not follow them here, leaving it to the pharmacological Section later on. Shunyü I concluded his case-history thus:

I warned him that after a hundred days or more an abscess would gather above the pectoral region, that it would penetrate (the flesh by) the collar-bone, and that he would die. Such was the general tenor of our discussion. Of course the rules are laid down in the (medical) manuals and treatises, but if there should be a single one which a maladroit practitioner has failed to study, the explanations of the texts on the Yin and Yang may remain a dead letter.

Thus his opinion of Sui's skill was not high, and perhaps in the absence of antibiotics and sulpha-drugs there was little he could do against a staphylococcal infection. For Bridgman interpreted the case as one of an encysted pulmonary abscess opening through the skin. The medical details are unimportant here, what we must retain is the clear evidence of the therapeutic use of inorganic substances in the early -2nd century by a physician connected with the land of Chhi; for the events would have taken place about -160. And not only so, but among the books which Shunyü I received from his teacher there was a Lun Shih<sup>5</sup> (Discussion on (the Use of) Mineral Drugs), d perhaps one section of a Mo Shu Shang Hsia Ching<sup>6</sup> (Pulse Manual in Two Chapters) which he also had, and this itself perhaps an early version of the Huang Ti Nei Ching<sup>7</sup> of classical tradition. If he was studying medicine in -190, as is practically

a It can surely be no coincidence that Sui was connected with Chhi, the seaboard State whence came so many of the earliest alchemists and magician-technicians; cf. pp. 31, 34 above, and Vol. 2, p. 240.

b Ch. 105, pp. 21b, 22a, tr. Bridgman (2), p. 42, eng. auct.
 c Not identifiable exactly, but doubtless one of the books which Shunyü had studied.

d The punctuation of the titles of Shunyü I's books is difficult, and we diverge in some ways from the conclusions of Bridgman (2), pp. 65ff., who may however well be right.

certain, the Lun Shih itself must go back at least to the second half of the -3rd century, that is to say, before the time of Bolus of Mendes and long before that of Pseudo-Democritus (cf. pt. 2, pp. 17, 25). Of course the parallelism is not close, but it helps our sense of historical proportion to visualise the extremely early date of 'Paracelsian' mineral remedies in Chinese culture.

All this was also a long time before Fêng Chün-Ta and Ho Yen. So perhaps we should speak of three strands out of which the typical elixir alchemy of the Chinese middle ages was woven: (a) the pharmaceutical-botanical tradition of the herb or plant of immortality, (b) the metallurgical-chemical tradition of the making of artificial gold, and (c) the medical-mineralogical tradition of the use of inorganic and metallic substances in therapy. Though we cannot pin-point as yet the first origin of any of these they must all come down in embryo from the Warring States period, and their fusion was certainly completed during the + 1st century. It is on the + 2nd that we must now concentrate our attention.

Before proceeding to this, however, we may pause to look at a tradition, Indian seemingly rather than Chinese, which connects the ancient herbal complex with the probably somewhat later mineral-metallic complex, and might throw light on how the latter developed. Mahdihassan, in his studies of alchemical origins in the Asian cultures, noting that 'plant cults preceded metal cults', a points out that a mixed technique has continued down in Ayurvedic medicine and pharmacy until the present day, b 'Herbo-metallic preparations' are made by the repeated calcination of metals in the presence of vegetable extracts, often preceded by amalgamation and removal of the mercury by distillation, a process which leaves the metal finely comminuted or spongy and therefore more easily oxidised when roasted.c Although the end result must be nothing but the oxide of the metal together with the ash of the plant extract, all the rest of which will have steamed and burnt away, classical Indian theory considers that the metals have been 'activated therapeutically by means of the plant decoctions'.d This is expressed by saying that there has been a transfer of the plant 'soul' (originating from starry emanations) to the metal; e and here a sexual element also enters in because the plants were considered rich in rūh (somewhat analogous to the Chinese hun, or Yang 'soul', cf. pt. 2, pp. 85 ff.) while metals were rich in nafs (somewhat analogous to pho, or Yin 'soul'), hence a hermaphrodite thing would have been created. The oxide was also regarded as a base or vehicle like sandalwood oil for essential perfume oils, Hundreds of such herbo-metallic preparations are still used in Ayurvedic medicine under the names (Skr.) bhasma (i.e. ashed), or (Pers., Urdu)

a (13), p. 243.

b (12), pp. 88ff., 91; cf. also (15), p. 88, (17), p. 85, (18), pp. 43ff., (20), p. 39, (25), pp. 42, 46.

c Mahdihassan (12), cf. Neogi & Adhikari (1); Sengupta (1), vol. 2, p. 22. Mahdihassan (32), pp. 341-2, has described an interesting traditional indicator test for the degree of fineness of the calcined powder. A hand-spun cotton thread dyed yellow with turmeric is stretched horizontally between two poles on a humid windless day, then the alkaline powder is placed on it at one end, and the length to which the colour turns red is taken as a measure of the quality, i.e. the degree of comminution, of the oxide. This 'thread chromatography' has been experimentally verified (M. Sreenivasaya).

d Mahdihassan (9), p. 123.

Mahdihassan (21), pp. 183 ff., 203, (23); Bhagvat Singhji (1), p. 137.

f Mahdihassan (32), pp. 339ff.

<sup>8</sup> Mahdihassan (12), loc. cit.

kushta (i.e. killed), plant extracts being thus 'combined' with metals in a great variety of permutations and combinations.a

All this clearly constitutes in principle a kind of intermediate stage between the 'plant of immortality' that Chhin Shih Huang Ti was looking for, and the later mineral-metallic tan, though we do not recall any text which would show that the alchemists of ancient China actually sought to capture herbal virtues in this way. At all events the latter were evidently still in favour as late as Ko Hung's time, for he sometimes felt he had to defend the mineral-metallic preparations.

Ordinary people [he says in one place] do not compound the spiritual (metallic) elixirs, but they have great faith in vegetable medicines—though these decay when buried, soften when cooked, and scorch when roasted. Since these substances cannot even maintain life in themselves, how could they give life to others?

Nevertheless, the idea lay near at hand that a herbal drug might heal a diseased metal and make it into a healthy one, that is to say, act as an elixir and turn it into gold.c Such a belief, indeed, might have been the origin of the bhasmas and kushtas. It is possible that a factual basis existed for it, namely the use of plant acids, such as oxalic, malic, citric, etc., in cementation process, especially leaching (cf. pt. 2, p. 250), for the surface enrichment of gold-containing alloys. Both in Indiad and in Cypruse the popular belief has been recorded that thaumaturgical devotees could turn copper coins into gold ones by the use of certain plant juices, and there is at least one firsthand account of the procedure, in which the heat of glowing tobacco was used to convert a 'copper' coin to a gold mohur.f Surface enrichment is unquestionably a very ancient device, as witness the electrum spear-head of Chaldaean Ur, discovered by Woolley in 1926. Dating from c. - 2700, this consists of some 30 % Au, 60 % Ag and 10 % Cu, but there is so obvious a concentration of gold in the surface layers that the object appears to be electro-gilded. If then the discovery was anciently made that plant juices or extracts could under some conditions accomplish an 'ennoblement' such as this, the Ayurvedic plant-ash metal-oxide combination drugs would have followed naturally enough, and some similar train of thought and practice may well have assisted in China the passage from the 'herb of deathlessness' to the mineralmetallic elixirs and the potable gold.

There was also the transition from the vessels of gold (Li Shao-Chün, p. 31 above) to the actual ingestion of gold (e.g. Wang Hsing or Yin Chhang-Shèng, pp. 40, 43 above). Some light on how this may have happened is thrown by Mahdihassan's study of preparations of 'colloidal gold' still being made by the traditional Ayurvedic and Unani physicians in India today. Sometimes gold leaf is triturated with plant powders in pestle and mortar, sometimes gold filings are heated with plant powders

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Cf. Jamshed Bakht & Mahdihassan (1); Shastri (1).

b PPT/NP, ch. 4, p. 5b, tr. auct., adjuv. Ware (5), p. 76; Wu & Davis (2), p. 239.

c This would have been very close to the central concepts of Arabic alchemy (cf. pt. 4).

d Mahdihassan (12), p. 89, (15), pp. 83-4; cf. also (9, 18, 21, 24, 31). Gildemeister (1)

f Mukand Singh (1), p. 19.

E Woolley (4), p. 24 and pl. VIII, 2; cf. Stapleton (4), p. 31.

h (55), esp. pp. 115ff. Electron microscope photographs of the finely divided gold are presented.

at about 400°C; the former labour may take three months at five hours a day, the latter some forty heatings of four hours each. The resulting brick-red powders (suvarna bhasma) are so finely divided as to form 'colloidal gold' on contact with liquids,a and they may well afford a clue as to the nature of some of the ancient Chinese chin i1 elixirs.

## (2) WEI PO-YANG: THE BEGINNINGS OF ALCHEMICAL LITERATURE IN THE LATER HAN (+ 2ND CENT.)

The earliest book on alchemical theory extant<sup>b</sup> was written in the +2nd century by Wei Po-Yang,2 who has been called the 'father of alchemy' for this reason.c Very little is known about his life; his name is not mentioned in any of the official dynastic histories. It was Ko Hung<sup>3</sup> who first wrote in the +4th century that Wei Po-Yang came from the region of Wu+ (roughly corresponding to parts of modern Chekiang and Kiangsu provinces) and that he was a son of the Kaomên<sup>5</sup> clan, probably one of the shaman or magician-technician families.d Wei Po-Yang states in his own work, the Tshan Thung Chhi6 (Kinship of the Three), that he came from Kuei-chhi7 and that he had kept himself away from government service.e According to Phêng Hsiao,8 who wrote a commentary on the work in +947, Wei Po-Yang was a native of Shang-vü,9 in modern Chekiang, and confided his art to one Hsü Tshung-Shih,10 who, after adding his own commentary, passed the book in turn to Shunyü Shu-Thung 11 during the time of the emperor Huan Ti 12 (r. +147 to +167). Others say that Wei Po-Yang transmitted his art directly to Shunyü Shu-Thung, We know a little more about the latter as he was a senior administrative officer in Loyang and relinquished his post about the year + 150 to seek the Tao. From this Yuan Han-Chhing (1) concludes that Wei Po-Yang flourished between + 100 and + 170. Later on Wei became known in Taoism under the names Thai-Su Chen Jen13 (Highest Purity Adept) and Yün Ya Tzu14 (the Cloudy-Banner Master), and his personal name was said to have been Wei Ao15, h Of course one can read more about Wei Po-Yang in

<sup>2</sup> The nature of the suspension needs further study; it may or may not be like the stable colloidal gold formed by chemical precipitation in the absence of electrolytes (cf. the 'purple of Cassius', Vol. 5, pt. 2, p. 268). At any rate it can be ingested per os.

b It should be understood that this book is not necessarily the earliest book on alchemical practice. The Huang Ti Chiu Ting Shen Tan Ching (Chüeh), which we discuss elsewhere (pp. 84-5), vies with it in date, since the first chapter of that may well belong to the +2nd century, but it gives practical instructions for elixir-making and does not go into the theory.

c Wilson (2c), who puts his floruit between + 120 and + 150.

d Shen Hsien Chuan, ch. 1, p. 4a. Ko Hung's authorship is not certain.

e Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 35, p. 12a. All references quoted in this form by us are to the Tshan Thung Chhi Fên Chang Chu (Chieh), see p. 54 below.

f See TT 993, cf. p. 53 below.

g See Ssu Khu Chi Yao Pien Chêng, ch. 19, (p. 1206).

h See Tao Shu16 (TT 1005), ch. 34, p. 1a.

2 魏伯陽 3 萬洪 1金液 5高門 8 彭頤 6 參同契 7 會稽 9上虚 10 徐從事 11 淳于叔通 14 雲牙子 12 桓帝 『太素質人 15 魏 明 16 消樞

the hagiography of the immortals.<sup>a</sup> We need not repeat the story often given about how he shared his elixir of immortality with one of his three disciples, Yü shêng,<sup>1</sup> and a dog.<sup>b</sup> The Shen Hsien Thung Chien tells us that he learnt the art of immortality from Yin Chhang-Shêng<sup>2</sup> and also gives the name of Yü shêng as Yü Hsün<sup>3</sup>,<sup>c</sup> Master Yin is the putative author of a text called Chin Pi Wu Hsiang Lei Tshan Thung Chhi<sup>+</sup> (Golden Jade Treatise on the Similarities and Categories of the Five (Substances) and the Kinship of the Three)<sup>d</sup> but there is insufficient evidence to warrant its dating as early as this. Wei is said to have written, as we shall see, another alchemical text called the Wu Hsiang Lei<sup>5</sup> (Similarities and Categories of the Five (Substances)), and hence we find his name associated with the Tshan Thung Chhi Wu Hsiang Lei Pi Yao<sup>6</sup> (Arcane Essentials of the Similarities and Categories of the Five (Substances) in the Kinship of the Three), an important, but later, text on alchemical theory which we shall discuss presently in this Section.<sup>e</sup> Another text in the Taoist Patrology, entitled Ta Tan Chi<sup>7</sup> (Record of the Great Elixir),<sup>f</sup> also ascribed to Wei Po-Yang, is probably of Thang if not of Sung origin.

The text of the Tshan Thung Chhi (The Kinship of the Three) has been dated about the year + 142.8 The name of its author is concealed in a cryptogram in the last paragraph of the epilogue. Known also as Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi 8 (The Kinship of the Three; or, the Accordance of the Book of Changes with the Phenomena of Composite Things), its title has given rise to much speculation. Phêng Hsiao in the + 10th century explains that tshan means 'to mix', thung is 'to communicate', and chhi denotes 'combination', i.e. substances are mixed and then allowed to communicate with one another to bring about alchemical changes, h Chu Hsi o adds that such operations correspond with the Book of Changes. Chhen Chih-Hsü 10 in the + 14th century elucidates by saying that tshan is to compare, i.e. to compare the Natural Order of Heaven and Earth, thung (meaning 'similar') refers to the assistance given to the production and formation of things of similar kinds, and chhi, which is 'agreement', like a tally, signifies the agreement with production and growth in the Order of Nature. J Yu Yen 11 in the late + 13th century says that the word 'three' refers to the Book of Changes, immortality and alchemy.k A totally different interpretation is given by one of the anonymous commentators of the text, saying that chou i refers to the 'cyclical changes' of the elixir, and tshan thung chhi means the mixing of the three substances of the Water, Earth and Metal elements together so that they combine to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> For example, in *Shen Hsien Chuan*, ch. 1, pp. 4*a,b*, *YCCC*, ch. 109, pp. 5*aff.*, and *Shen Hsien Thung Chien*, ch. 9, sect. 5, pp. 1*bff.* A translation from a Yuan work of the same kind is given in L. Giles (6), p. 67.

b See Wu & Davis (1); and pt. 2, p. 295 above. Ch. 9, sect. 5, pp. 1bff.

d TT897; we shall glance at it again in due course (p. 150).

g Wu & Davis (1).

h TT994, p. 11a. His view is shared by the anonymous commentator of TT991.

TT992, preface, p. 1a.

Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 15, p. 35a.

k TT 996, ch. 9, pp. 13b and 14a. This view is shared by Wang Ming (3). Wu & Davis (1) and Yuan Han-Chhing (1) simply say the Changes, Taoism and alchemy.

<sup>1</sup> 世生 2 陰長生 3 虚巡 + 金碧五相類參同契

<sup>5</sup>五相類 6 參同契五相類秘要 7 大丹記 8 周易參同契

<sup>\*</sup>朱熹 10 陳致虚 11 兪珠

form a single entity.<sup>a</sup> And lastly there must have been some who interpreted the title as a reference to the tying together of the three primary vitalities in man, which, when regained, gave longevity and immortality.<sup>b</sup>

The Tshan Thung Chhi begins by quoting the Book of Changes, saying: 'Chhien and Khun are the gateway to the Changes.'c Some of its quotations come also from the Taoist canon Tao Tê Ching, for example in the following instances:

He who knows the white, yet cleaves to the black. . .

and

The man of highest virtued never acts (contrary to Nature) And so has no need to apply force to things, The man of inferior virtue tries to bend things to his will And so in the end there is just (unsuccessful) force.

Besides this one finds much in the text about the theory of Yin and Yang as well as the Five Elements in relation to the processes of alchemy. Towards the end of the book there is a remark that the Book of Changes, the study of Huang (Ti) and Lao (Tzu), which can mean either Taoism or the art of immortality, and the alchemical art, are like three roads leading up the same mountain. It seems therefore that the treatise is speaking in terms of the three things, namely the theory of the Book of Changes, which in a broader sense includes those of the Yin and Yang as well as the Five Elements, the philosophical teachings of Taoism, and the processes of alchemy.

Important for the dating of the book is the fact that a commentary on parts of it was written by Yü Fan² about +230.8 Ko Hung late in the same century never mentions the *Tshan Thung Chhi*, but lists in his bibliography a *Wei Po-Yang Nei Ching* which may well have been the same work. The poet Chiang Yen<sup>4</sup> (+444 to +505) refers to the usual title in a verse towards the end of the +5th century, and it appears in both the Sui and Thang bibliographies. The *Shen Hsien Chuan* says: k

<sup>a</sup> See TT 995, p. 1a. The ambiguity in the word chou has already been encountered in our translation of the mathematical classic Chou Pei Suan Ching, see Vol. 3, p. 19.

b See, on this, pt. 5 below.

- <sup>c</sup> Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 1, p. 1a. From I Ching, ch. 3, p. 23b; tr. auct., adjuv. Legge (9), p. 395 and Wilhelm (2), vol. 1, p. 369.
  - d Mana, charisma, spiritual power. On the idea of not acting contrary to Nature see Vol. 2, pp. 68ff.

e Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 34, p. 11b.

f See Vol. 2, Sect. 13 for a detailed account of these fundamental ideas of Chinese science.

g Cited in Ching Tien Shih Wen<sup>5</sup> (Textual Criticism of the Classics) by Lu Tê-Ming, c. +600, I Ching section. Hu Shih (7) has suggested that Yü Fan was none other than the disciple Yü sheng (or Hsün) himself, in which case the date of the Tshan Thung Chhi would be rather toward the end of the +2nd century than just before the middle of it.

h That is to say, in the Pao Phu Tzu. The Shen Hsien Chuan speaks of both the author and the book under its subsequent name, but Ko Hung's connection with it is uncertain.

i Perhaps he was not very interested in the theoretical linkage of alchemy with the Book of Changes. He was essentially a practitioner.

j Chiang Wên-Thung Chi, 7 ch. 3, p. 5b. These early mentions were noted by Waley (13), p. 55, (14), pp. 7ff. Waley agreed with the consensus of Chinese scholarly opinion that the +2nd-century date is justified by the internal evidence of the rhyme-system used.

k Ch. 1, p. 4b.

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Wei Po-Yang wrote the Tshan Thung Chhi, including the Wu Hsing Hsiang Lei<sup>1</sup> (Similarities and Categories of (Substances formed by) the Five Elements), in three chapters. This purports to be about the Book of Changes (Chou I) but actually it uses the symbols to discuss the concepts of alchemy (tso tan<sup>2</sup>). Thus ordinary Confucians, knowing nothing of alchemy, have commented on it as though it were a treatise on Yin and Yang, thus completely misunderstanding it.

The earliest edition now extant of the *Tshan Thung Chhi* text is said to be a Ming block-printed copy made by the Chao Fu Wei Ching Thang<sup>3</sup> during the Chia-Ching reign-period (+1522 to +1566) and now preserved in the Peking Library.<sup>a</sup>

Seldom has a book been so much commented on, and with so much criticism of their predecessors by commentators, as the *Tshan Thung Chhi*. The *Tao Tsang* alone includes the following ten commentaries each reproducing the original text:

- (a) Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chu<sup>4</sup> (The Kinship of the Three with Commentary)<sup>b</sup> attributed to Yin Chhang-Shêng<sup>5</sup> (fl. +120 to +210), but probably of Sung origin.<sup>c</sup>
- (b) Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chu, by an anonymous commentator and believed to be of Sung date,d
- (c) Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chu,<sup>4</sup> by Chu Hsi<sup>6</sup> (+1197) under the pseudonym Tsou Hsin.<sup>7</sup> This text<sup>e</sup> sometimes appears under the title Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Khao I<sup>8</sup> (Investigations and Criticisms of the Kinship of the Three).<sup>‡</sup>
- (d) Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Fên Chang Thung Chen Io (The Kinship of the Three divided into (short) chapters for the Understanding of its Real Meanings) by Phêng Hsiao in +947, also known as Chen I Tzu ii (the Real-Unity Master).
- (e) Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Ting Chhi Ko Ming Ching Thu<sup>12</sup> (Bright Mirror Chart illuminating the Mnemonic Rhymes about Reaction-Vessels in the Kinship of the Three)<sup>h</sup> also by Phêng Hsiao (+947).<sup>i</sup>
- <sup>a</sup> See Yuan Han-Chhing (1), p. 177. The Han Wei Tshung Shu gives the text with an epilogue by Wang Mu<sup>13</sup> and a preface by Chu Chhang-Chhun. <sup>14</sup> The text is also included in the Shuo Fu<sup>15</sup> and the Pai Ling Hsüch Shan <sup>16</sup> collections. A commentary by Wang Wen-Lu<sup>17</sup> (+1534) is appended to the text in the latter edition, which is also reproduced in the Tshung Shu Chi Chhöng. <sup>18</sup> In the An Chhi Chhüan Shu<sup>19</sup> Li Kuang-Ti<sup>20</sup> (+1717) splits the text into two, one called the Tshan Thung Chhi and the other the San Hsiang Lei<sup>21</sup> (Similarities and Categories of the Three (Substances)), the two being combined under a single title Tshan Thung Chhi Chang Chü<sup>22</sup> (the Kinship of the Three (arranged in) Chapters and Sections).
  - b TTogo.
- c According to Yuan Han-Chhing (1), p. 171. If Yin was indeed the teacher of Wei, it would have been very unusual for him to comment upon the work of a disciple, yet possible, if he lived till about +160.

  d See TT991. Yuan Han-Chhing, ibid.

  e TT992.
- f For example in the Shou Shan Ko Tshung Shu<sup>23</sup> and the Ssu Khu Chhüan Shu,<sup>24</sup> The version in the former is reproduced in the Ssu Pu Pei Yao and the Tshung Shu Chi Chhêng. We have already made extensive quotations from Chu Hsi's work (Vol. 2, pp. 330ff., 441 ff.).
  - g TT 993. This text with commentary also appears in the Hsü Chin Hua Tshung Shu,25
  - h TT 994.
- We shall have a good deal more to say about this in the sub-section on physiological alchemy (pt. 5).
- 1 五行相類 2 作丹 3 趙府味經堂 + 周易參同契註 5陰長生 6朱熹 7 郷 計 8 周易參同契考異 。周易參同契分章通眞義 II 值一子 12周易參同契鼎器歌明鏡圖 10 影鷗 13 王顺 14 朱長春 15 龍郛 16 百陵學山 17 王文祿 18 叢書集成 19 安溪全書 20 李光地 21 三相類 22 麥同契章句 23 守山閣叢書 24 四旗全書 25 續金華叢書

- (f) Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chu, by an anonymous commentator, believed to be of Sung date.<sup>a</sup>
- (g) Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Fa Hui¹ (Elucidation of the Kinship of the Three),<sup>b</sup> by Yü Yen² in +1284 (also known by the names Yü Wu-Yü,³ or Chhüan Yang Tzu,⁴ the Complete-Yang Master). This is the text that was used by Wu & Davis (1) in translating the Tshan Thung Chhi.
- (h) Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Shih I<sup>5</sup> (Clarification of Doubtful Matters in the Kinship of the Three),<sup>c</sup> also by Yü Yen (+1284).
- (i) Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chieh<sup>6</sup> (The Kinship of the Three with Explanations),<sup>d</sup> by Chhen Hsien-Wei<sup>7</sup> in +1234 (also known by the names Chhen Tsung-Tao,<sup>8</sup> or Pao I Tzu,<sup>9</sup> the Unity-Embracing Master).
- (j) Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chu,c by Chhu Hua-Ku;10 c. +1230.

Other important commentaries on the Tshan Thung Chhi appear in another version of the Patrology, the Tao Tsang Chi Yao. 11 There we find the Tshan Thung Chhi Chhan Yu 12 (Explanation of the Obscurities in the Kinship of the Three), by Chu Yuan-Yü 13 in + 1669 (otherwise known as Yün Yang Tao Jen 14); and the Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Fên Chang Chu 15 (Commentary on the Kinship of the Three divided into (short) chapters), by Chhen Chih-Hsü 16 c. + 1330 (known also as Shang Yang Tzu, 17 the Honouring-the-Yang Master). Chhen Hsien-Wei's Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chieh 15 is also included in the Tao Tsang Chi Yao.

Chhen Chih-Hsü's commentary seems to have become rather popular, partly perhaps because of his position as seventh Patriarch of the Northern School of Taoism.<sup>8</sup> Punctuations and further explanations were added by Fu Chin-Chhüan <sup>18</sup> (also known as Chi I Tzu,<sup>19</sup> the Complete-Unity Master) about 1820. The text we have contains a preface by Yü Mu-Shun<sup>20</sup> (1841), also known as Chhien Yang Tzu,<sup>21</sup> a pupil of Fu.<sup>h</sup> Wylie reports a prevailing view that Chhen Chih-Hsü gives the text in its purest state and provides one of the clearest of the later commentaries.<sup>1</sup>

There are yet other commentaries like the Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Shu Lüeh<sup>22</sup> (Brief Explanation of the Kinship of the Three) by Wang Wên-Lu<sup>23</sup> in +1564. Some of them, like Lu Hsi-Hsing's<sup>24</sup> Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Tshê Su<sup>25</sup> (Penetrating

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* TT 995. See Yuan Han-Chhing (1), p. 171.
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J Incorporated in the Pai Ling Hsüeh Shan 28 collection, and from which the edition in the Tshung Shu Chi Chhêng is derived.

「周易參同契發揮	2 兪 琰	3 兪吾玉	+ 全陽子
5周易譽同契釋疑	6周易參同契解	7 陳顯微	8 陳宗道
9 抱一子	10 儲華谷	11 道蕨輯要	12 參同契闡幽
13 朱元育	4 雲陽道人	13 周易參同契分章註	16 陳致虛
17 上陽子	18 傅金銓	19 濟→子	20 兪 慕 純
21 乾陽子	22 周易參同契疏略	23 王文祿	34 陸西星
25 周易參同契測疏	26 綠野瀬	27 錦章圖書局	28 百陵學山

b TT996. c TT997. d TT998. c TT999. See Yuan Han-Chhing, ibid.

f TT 998. g Chhen Kuo-Fu (1), 2nd ed. vol. 2, p. 442.

h We have two editions of this text, one printed from blocks preserved in the Lu Yeh Chai<sup>26</sup> and one published by the Chin Chang Thu Shu Chü<sup>27</sup> at Shanghai. All references to the *Tshan Thung Chhi*, unless otherwise stated, are to the former. Although the outlook of Chhen Chih-Hsü was more physiological-spiritual than chemical, he did take into account some of the previous commentaries, and his text contains far fewer errors than that used by Wu & Davis (1) for their translation.

<sup>1</sup> See Wylie (1), p. 175.

Explanation of the Kinship of the Three), a or Tshan Thung Chhi Khou I<sup>1</sup> (Oral Explanation of the Kinship of the Three), or Wang Fu's <sup>2</sup> Tu Tshan Thung Chhi <sup>3</sup> (On reading the Kinship of the Three), are rare books which have not been available to us. b And there must be other commentaries that we have not heard of.<sup>c</sup>

During the +16th century a claim was made to the effect that the original text of the Tshan Thung Chhi had been recovered by excavation, found in a rock chamber. Thus came the so-called ku wên<sup>4</sup> (ancient script) text. The obvious motive of this operation was to enhance the prestige of the book in particular, and Taoism in general, by imitating the famous -2nd-century 'discovery' of ancient-script versions of the Confucian classics, which caused infinite controversy and division through the centuries. The Ming scholar Yang Shen, salso called Yang Sheng-An, was so much taken in that he wrote a preface to it in +1546. It was claimed that the various other existing versions of the Tshan Thung Chhi were not arranged in the proper textual sequence, and that in some places commentaries had got mixed up with the text proper. Hence the ku wên comes in three parts, the first supposed to be written by Wei Po-Yang, the second by Hsü Tshung-Shih, and the third by Shunyü Shu-Thung. All this has little importance for the history of chemistry, but it does show the importance of the Tshan Thung Chhi during the Ming.

To add to the confusion of the already numerous conflicting commentaries and textual condition of the *Tshan Thung Chhi*, we find a totally different text, yet known by the same title, incorporated in the *Tao Shu*<sup>9</sup> (Axis of the *Tao*), a compendium put together by one Tsêng Tshao <sup>10</sup> during the Sung.<sup>g</sup> The first chapter of this so-called

b We know them only from the catalogue of the Jimbun Kagaku Kenkyusō in Kyoto, which does

not divulge all their dates.

<sup>c</sup> Dr Friedrich Litsch has kindly informed us that the Collection Billigé of the École des Langues Orientales Vivantes at Paris contains three Manchu alchemical books or MSS, all commentaries on the Tshan Thung Chhi, and one supposedly by the Khang-Hsi emperor himself. The subject of alchemy among the Manchus briefly recurs on p. 229 below, but no real study, so far as we know, has yet been

d See Vol. 2, p. 248 and Vol. 7 below (in the meantime Needham (56), p. 30).
 e The text we have contains also another preface by Chiang I-Piao<sup>12</sup> (+1614).

g TT1005; see chs. 32, 33, 34-

「參同契口義	2 汪裁	3 讚參同契 + 古文	* 楊愼
6 楊升雅	7徐從事	* 淳于叔通 。 道樞	10 曾 愷
11 方霐外史	12 蔣一彪	13 古文參同契集解	
4 古文參同契箋記	主集解	15 古文參同契三相類集解	16 津速秘書
17 學津討原	18 袁仁林	19 古女周易參同契註	20 惜陰軒叢書

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Written in +1569 and +1573; included in his Fang Hu Wai Shih<sup>11</sup> (Unofficial History of the Land of the Immortals). We now have an interesting paper on this by Liu Tshun-Jen (1) who elucidates its strongly nei tan tendency, sexual rather than respiratory.

They are known as follows: Ku Wên Tshan Thung Chhi Chieh<sup>13</sup> (Collected Explanations of the Kinship of the Three in Ancient Script), by Wei Po-Yang; Ku Wên Tshan Thung Chhi Chien Chu Chi Chieh<sup>14</sup> (Commentary and Collected Explanations of the Kinship of the Three in Ancient Script), by Hsü Tshung-Shih; and Ku Wên Tshan Thung Chhi San Hsiang Lei Chi Chieh<sup>15</sup> (Collected Explanations of the Kinship of the Three, and the Similarities and Categories of the Three (Substances), in Ancient Script), by Shunyü Shu-Thung. These are contained in the Chin Tai Pi Shu<sup>16</sup> and the Hsüeh Chin Thao Yuan<sup>17</sup> collections. The copies in the former are reproduced in the Tshung Shu Chi Chhêng. Another copy of the ku wên text with a commentary by Yuan Jên-Lin<sup>18</sup> and entitled Ku Wên Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chu<sup>19</sup> (Commentary on the Kinship of the Three in Ancient Script) is found in the Hsi Yin Hsien Tshung Shu,<sup>20</sup>

Tshan Thung Chhi bears no author's name at all. The second purports to have been written by Tshao I Tzu<sup>1</sup> (the Straw Coat Master), supposedly the style of a man named Lou Ching,<sup>2</sup> of the Former Han period.<sup>a</sup> The third chapter carries the name of Yün Ya Tzu<sup>3</sup> (cf. p. 50); and a commentary follows saying that Wei Ao,<sup>4</sup> whose courtesy name was Po-Yang,<sup>5</sup> was a man of the Han period whose style was Yün Ya Tzu.<sup>b</sup> All three chapters give a text quite unlike the Tshan Thung Chhi that we know. We need not deal with them here as they lack chemical interest, being primarily physiological in character. The last takes the form of a dialogue between Yün Ya Tzu and Yuan Yang Tzu<sup>6</sup> the commentator. Some of the terms in Wei Po-Yang's Tshan Thung Chhi are of course used, for example chin kung,<sup>7</sup> chha nü,<sup>8</sup> ho chhê,<sup>9</sup> etc.<sup>c</sup>

The Tshan Thung Chhi is considered exquisite in literary style by many Chinese scholars, but at the same time extremely obscure in meaning. To quote from Wu & Davis, 'the perfection of the imagery and the intricacy of the rhetoric give the treatise an atmosphere similar to that of a piece of old Chinese embroidery'. It would rather have occurred to us to say that the text is composed of short sentences resembling gnomic or oracular utterances,e in which the allusive undertones, as well as the overt meanings, of each word, and its character-structure, have to be taken into accountas in some modern poetry. This makes it almost impossible to translate—unless one should annotate every other word, The great + 12th-century Neo-Confucian scholar Chu Hsi appreciated its style so much that (as we have seen) he did not disdain to write a commentary on it, though it might also be said that Taoism was much in vogue at his time, receiving the patronage of the Sung Emperors. On the other hand, the obscurity and the various possible interpretations of the text itself give every reason for the long list of commentaries. We can find much divergence of opinion among the different commentators, one generally criticising his predecessors. They are not even unanimous on the origins of the text; for example one anonymous commentator g says that the Tshan Thung Chhi was derived from an earlier work entitled Lung Hu Shang Ching 10 (Exalted Manual of the Dragon and Tiger), but Yü Yen holds exactly the opposite view, admitting the existence of this text but saying that it was itself derivative from Tshan Thung Chhi,h

The commentators belong, broadly speaking, to two different schools of thought. The first maintained that the Tshan Thung Chhi was basically a work of practical

d (1), p. 216. This judgment would be even more applicable, to the rhapsodical odes (fu<sup>11</sup>) of these centuries, however.

e Almost with a folk-proverb flavour.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> TT1005, ch. 33, p. 1a. On Lou Ching, see pt. 2, pp. 258ff. above. <sup>b</sup> TT1005, ch. 34, p. 1a. <sup>c</sup> For the alchemical explanation of these terms see pp. 104, 127–8, 152 ff. below. Sexual nei tan meanings are always implicit in them.

f Truly translation should only be attempted by those who have saturated themselves in the Yin-Yang, Five Elements and I Ching philosophies, and can give the time required for the study of all the commentaries. A full presentation would be the work of years.

E TT990. h TT997, ch. 3, p. 3b.

i To which belong the commentators of TT 990, 993, 994, 995, 998, 999.

<sup>1</sup> 草衣子 2 婁敬 3 雲牙子 4 魏翱 5 伯陽 6 元陽子 7 金公 8 姹女 9 河車 10 龍虎上經 11 誠

alchemy, wai tan1 (external elixir); while the second, to which belonged generally speaking most of the later commentators, regarded it as a book of nei tan 2 (internal elixir).b At this point we encounter for the first time that grave division, with its obvious (but, as we shall see, illusory) Western analogue of practical versus allegorical-mystical alchemy. The parallelism between chrysopoia, the making of the perfect or noble metal, gold (whether by aurifiction or aurifaction), and the refinement or ascent of the soul or body towards perfection or perpetuation is a pattern which goes back right to the very beginning of proto-chemical enterprise, and it is remarkable that it should have appeared concurrently in the seemingly separated civilisations of East and West.c Physiological alchemy involved sexual techniques, and there must also have been some who interpreted the Tshan Thung Chhi as primarily concerned with these, for this idea came under the criticism of Chhen Chih-Hsü in the + 14th century.4 The great argument is still pursued by modern writers, as witness Wu & Davis (1) and Wang Ming (3) on one side, and Chhen Kuo-Fu (1), Liu Tshun-Jen (1) and Fukui Kōjun (1) on the other, the former favouring the practical alchemical view and the latter the psycho-physiological one. It would serve no useful purpose to follow this further here in view of the many possible interpretations of the text. What is undeniable is that the Tshan Thung Chhi contains many chemical terms and much alchemical phraseology. These terms and phrases must imply a knowledge of practical operations on the part of the author of the book. We wish to deal only with such knowledge, not speculating on how it would have been put into use in ancient and medieval times by aspirants to immortality.

The diversity of opinion between different commentators and the self-contradictory explanations of the same commentator add to the immense difficulty of understanding the Tshan Thung Chhi. For example, an anonymous commentator explains liu chu³ (lit. flowing pearls) as mercury (hung⁴) in one place and as cinnabar (tan sha⁵) in another,e while a nei tan commentator interprets it as something having to do with the lungs, calling it fei i⁶ (lit. lungs fluid, i.e. saliva).f Table 107 on p. 58 illustrates further the diverse interpretations made by three different commentators. With such richness of symbolism one cannot help musing over Wei Po-Yang's statement that '... A thousand readings will bring out some points, and ten thousand perusals will enable a man to see others. At last revelation will come to bring him enlightenment. . . .'g Indeed it was because he believed himself to have attained

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> See TT991, 996. <sup>b</sup> Cf. the discussion on pp. 182, 201, 208 below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Further on this subject see pt. 5. Already here, however, it may be well to point out that these ideas were independent of the macrobiotic element, for the Alexandrian proto-chemists lacked this and yet had elaborate ideas about the development of the practitioner.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Cf. Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 12, p. 26b. Naturally, because Chhen Chih-Hsü was of the ascetic celibate Northern School. Lu Hsi-Hsing's + 16th-century commentary, on the other hand, emphasised such explanations; cf. Liu Tshun-Jen (1). On this subject see Vol. 2, pp. 146ff., and below, pp. 205, 200.

e See TT 990, ch. 1, p. 33b and p. 35b.

f TT991, ch. 2, p. 14a. This will become quite understandable later on (pt. 5).

<sup>8</sup> Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 32, p. 5a, Wu & Davis tr., p. 260.

<sup>1</sup> 外丹 2 內丹 3 流珠 4 汞 5 丹砂 6 肺液

enlightenment that each commentator sat down to write and criticise his predecessors for not understanding the real meaning of the text.

Elements	Metal	Water	Wood	Fire	Earth
trigrams colours	Tui¹ white	Khan² black	Chen 3 caerulean	Li <sup>4</sup> red	yellow
symbolic animals {	White Tiger		Blue Dragon	Red Dragon	
wai tan interpretation TT 994a	metallic lead (chin ching 5)	lead ore (chhien 6)	mercury (hung <sup>7</sup> )	cinnabar (chu sha 8)	
nei tan interpretation	lungs	reins	liver	heart	
TT 991 b TT 996 c	lungs mother	reins son	liver father	heart daughter	spleen grand- parent

Table 107. Symbolic correlations of the Five Elements in different interpretations of the 'Tshan Thung Chhi'

Many of the obscure passages in the *Tshan Thung Chhi* seem to be explicable in terms of the fundamental ideas of Chinese science already discussed in Section 13. Take as a first example the following translation of Wu & Davis: '... Yellow earth is the father of gold, and flowing pearls (mercury?) the mother of water.'d This obscure passage makes good sense to a Chinese reader if the word *chin*, in this particular instance is interpreted as 'metal' and not 'gold', and both 'earth' and 'water' are regarded also as elements. The passage then reads as follows: '... The yellow Earth (element) is the father of the (element) Metal and mercury (*liu chu*, io) is the mother of the (element) Water.' According to the Mutual Production Order of the Five Elements, Earth produces Metal, which in turn produces Water. The colour yellow is associated with the Earth element and mercury belongs to the Metal element. Hence Wei Po-Yang says here that Earth is the father of Metal and mercury is the mother of Water.

Let us next take the following passage from the *Tshan Thung Chhi*, quoting again the translation by Wu & Davis (1) without the slightest change. The meaning will be by no means obvious, but we shall then show that it can be intelligibly elucidated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Ch. 1, pp. 1a, b and 14a. <sup>b</sup> Ch. 2, p. 19a. <sup>c</sup> Ch. 5, p. 19b. <sup>d</sup> Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 5, p. 13b, Wu & Davis tr., p. 240. See also TT990, ch. 1, p. 35b.

e See Vol. 2, p. 255ff.

f Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 19 in toto, Wu & Davis tr., pp. 247ff. We deliberately refrain from making the many corrections and emendations which present-day knowledge would impose. The version of Liu Tshun-Jen (1), pp. 92ff., is scarcely better.

<sup>1</sup> 兌 2 坎 3 震 4 雕 5 金精 5 鉛 7 汞 8 朱砂 9 金 10 流珠

At the first double-hour of the day, which corresponds to the Fu kua, the Yang chhi (positive ether) begins to operate and at once appears to be slightly strong. At this time when the Huang-chung coincides with the ordinal tzu, a promising beginning flourishes forth. Let there be warmness and all will be well.

When the furnace is worked with sticks, e room is made for the propagation of light. With the increase in brilliance the day becomes longer. This corresponds to the ordinal *chhou* and to the *Ta-lü.*<sup>2</sup> Appropriateness is now realised.

Face upward to attain the *Thai* (greatness). Kang and jou (hardness and softness) both come to have sway. Yin and Yang (negativeness and positiveness) are in contact with one another. Undesirable things give place to desirable ones. Activity centres at this, the ordinal vin, when fortune is at its high tide.

Gradually the rule of the kua of Ta Chuang (great brave) is passed. This corresponds to the Chia-chung<sup>3</sup> and the ordinal mao. The elm seeds fall, returning to their origin. Just as punishment and forgiveness are opposite to one another, even so is the day distinguished from the night.

At the Kuai kua when the Yin (negativeness) beats its retreat, the Yang (positiveness) rises forth, washing its feathers to rid them of accumulated dust.

The strong light of the powerful *Chhien* (male, positiveness) covers the neighbourhood on all sides. The rule of Yang (positiveness) comes to an end at the ordinal *ssu*, which occupies a central position with good connections.

A new period begins with the Kou kua. As this is the transition to coldness, it should be faced with perfect calmness. It is now the ordinal wu, corresponding to the Sui-pin. 4 Yin has come to be the mistress.

When the Tun kua is here, retirement is in order. With the retirement the unusual powers go into hiding, waiting to reappear at the propitious time.

The Phi kua brings with it an unpropitious time, when Yin (negativeness) gathers power at the expense of Yang (positiveness) and vegetation grows no more.

At the Kuan kua the powers and capacities of things are observed. In mid-autumn different things happen to the plants. Some plants ripen their flowers into fruits and seeds so as to enable the aged and decaying to flourish anew. Wheat and the shepherd's purse bud forth to thrive. And then comes the Po kua. The body is torn to pieces so that the form is no more. For, as the chhi (ethereal essence) of transformation is exhausted, the divinest is lost.

When the limit of the *Tao* (Way) is reached, a return to the primordial *Khun* (negativeness) is made. The lay of the land should always be given due consideration and the sky should be obeyed. The mystically obscure and distantly indistinct are separated yet related. To propagate according to the proper measures is the foundation of Yin and Yang (negativeness and positiveness). Everything is obscure and unknowable. Although at a loss at first, it finally becomes the ruler.

- a On Chinese time reckoning see Vol. 4, pt. 2, pp. 439, 461, and more fully in Needham, Wang & Price (1).
- b On the system of the kua in the I Ching (Book of Changes) see Vol. 2, Table 14, and its accompanying explanation.
- <sup>c</sup> This like Ta-lü, Chia-chung and Sui-pin (properly Jui-pin), appearing in the following sentences, is one of the twelve notes of the classical Chinese gamut. See Vol. 4, pt. 1, Table 47, and its accompanying explanations.
- d One of the cyclical characters, like chhou, yin and mao appearing in the following sentences. The yin here is not to be confused with the Yin (of Yin and Yang). We have often explained this system and its applications; see Vol. 1, p. 79, Vol. 2, pp. 357ff., Vol. 3, pp. 82, 396ff., Vol. 4, pt. 1, pp. 297ff.
  - e Here the kua Lin was not recognised as such.

Without the valley there would be no hill. That is in the nature of the *Tao* (Way). Similarly there exists a contrast between rise and fall, and between growth and degeneration. The *Khun kua* marks the end and the *Fu kua* marks the beginning: like a cycle they go. Throughout and forever the monarch lives to rule.

At the end of this the reader will be fully ready to agree that 'everything is obscure and unknowable'. Nevertheless the original made good sense, Wu & Davis did at least succeed in giving the correct explanation that it referred to the cyclical heating and cooling of the chemical reactants. During the period 11 p.m. to 11 a.m. the substances are to be heated and kept hot, and during the period between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. they are to be chilled and kept cool. These four operations correspond to the four seasons, and if the four seasons are thus followed the Five Elements will do their work properly. We shall refrain from giving a better translation of the same passage because even in its present form it is quite possible to see what Wei Po-Yang had in mind. He was simply composing a cryptogram to give the proper times for heating and cooling, just as he did subsequently to conceal his own name. To decipher this we shall first take note that he used only twelve of the sixty-four hexagrams, namely Fu (24), Lin (19), Thai (11), Ta Chuang (34), Kuai (43), Chhien (1), Kou (44), Thun (33), Phi (12), Kuan (20), Po (23), and Khun (2).b In each of the sentences following the mentions of the first four hexagrams, the four cyclical signs tzu, chhou, yin, and mao appear in that order. For the fifth hexagram Kuai the cyclical sign chhen1 is concealed in the word chen.2 Attached to the sixth and seventh hexagrams, i.e. Chhien and Kou, are the two cyclical signs ssu and wu respectively. For the eighth hexagram, Thun, the cyclical sign wei3 is concealed in the word mei; and similarly for Phi the cyclical sign shen5 is found in the right-hand portion of shen6.c For the tenth hexagram, Kuan, the cyclical sign yu7 does not appear directly in the sentences that follow, unless by any chance mao 8 is a misprint for this word in the phrase yin mao i shêng.9 However, in the sentence following this hexagram mid-autumn (chung chhiu10) is referred to, and in the Huai Nan Tzu11 we find the sentence 'In the month of mid-autumn (the asterism) Chao yao 12 points towards (the azimuthal cyclical sign) yu'.d For the eleventh hexagram, Po, the cyclical sign hsü 13 is concealed in the word mieh,14 and Wei Po-Yang even hints that something has to be 'torn to pieces', undoubtedly a reference to this word. Finally, for the twelfth hexagram, Khun, the cyclical sign hai 15 is found enclosed within the word ai. 16 All the twelve cyclical characters here refer of course to the time of the day.

Taking a step further, let us write down the six lines for each of the twelve hexa-

d Huai Nan Tzu, ch. 5, p. 10a. Cf. Vol. 3, p. 250.

1 辰	2 振	3 未	+ 睐	5 申	6 仲
7 酉	8 🗒	9 因冒以生	10 中秋	11 淮南子	
12 招搖	13 戊	14 滅	15 亥	16 日	17 神

The elucidation which now follows is also contained, with some amplifications, in Ho Ping-Yü (16).
The numbers within brackets refer to the order of the hexagrams given in Table 14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Yü Yen's text gives shen,<sup>17</sup> which makes the sentence even more unfathomable because suppressing a natural antithesis, though the character still contains the cryptographically significant phonetic component.

grams (Table 108).<sup>a</sup> The reason why these were selected out of the sixty-four then becomes obvious.

Table 108. 'Fire-times' in elixir preparation; the aegis of hexagrams during the day and night

kua	cyclical character and time (double-hours)
Fu (24) 復	tzu (23 hr to 01 hr) 子
Lin (19) 臨	chhou (01 hr to 03 hr) H
Thai (11) 泰	yin (03 hr to 05 hr) 寅
Ta Chuang (34) 大壯	mao (05 hr to 07 hr) Д
Kuai (43) 夬	chhen (07 hr to 09 hr) 辰
Chhien (1) 乾	ssu (09 hr to 11 hr) ⊟
Kou (44) 姤	wu (11 hr to 13 hr) 午
Thun (33) 🕸	wei (13 hr to 15 hr) 未
Phi (12) 否	shen (15 hr to 17 hr) 申
Kuan (20) 觀	yu (17 hr to 19 hr) 西
Po (23) 剝	hsü (19 hr to 21 hr) 戍
Khun (2) 坤	hai (21 hr to 23 hr) 亥

It is clear that Wei Po-Yang chose his twelve hexagrams so that beginning from the bottom line of the first hexagram Fu we have a single full Yang line——, indicating the starting of the fire at the tzu double-hour (23 hr to 01 hr). Then Yang lines are added on, one at a time, to the following hexagrams, until Chhien, which denotes full intensity, is reached at the ssu double-hour (09 hr to 11 hr). The single broken Yin line—— in the next hexagram, Kou, shows that the fire is to be decreased from midday, and each additional broken line in the hexagrams from Thun to Khun tells us that the cooling is to be continued gradually until complete, as shown by the six broken lines in Khun, the final diagram.

Such is the basic meaning of Wei Po-Yang's passage on what afterwards came to be called 'fire-times' (huo hou'), i.e. the proper times, durations and intensities of heating in the alchemical processes.<sup>b</sup> The theory of the Book of Changes is again

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 19. Table 17 on p. 332 of Vol. 2 is to be amended by this list. See further pp. 63ff. below.

b Something was already said about this at a much earlier stage; Vol. 2, pp. 330ff., 332ff. Cf. here p. 196.

<sup>1</sup>火候

employed in explaining the monthly cycle of firing. The six kua: Chen, Tui, Chhien, Sun, Kên, and Khun, are used to indicate the 3rd, 8th, 15th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th day of the lunar month respectively. Although the text itself, which we shall translate immediately, speaks in terms of hexagrams, it is more illuminating to represent these in their trigram form<sup>a</sup> as follows (Table 109):

Table 109. 'Fire-times' in elixir preparation; the aegis of trigrams during the lunation

Day of lunar month		Trigram
3rd	==	Chen 震
8th		Tui 兌
15th	====	Chhien 乾
16th		Sun 巽
23rd		Kên 艮
30th		Khun h

Looking at the lines of the trigrams one can guess that heating is to start on the 3rd day, to be increased on the 8th, and given maximum intensity on the 15th. The fire is to be decreased on the 16th, and on the 23rd day there should be further cooling until on the 30th day room temperature is reached.

This in fact is just what Wei Po-Yang describes, but in a more abstract way, as shown in the passage below, which may conveniently be illustrated by three cyclical charts (Figs. 1351, 1352, 1353), the work of commentators of the Wu Tai and Sung.<sup>b</sup> The *Tshan Thung Chhi* says:<sup>c</sup>

At the time of the new moon (start heating but) act with moderation. Even when yet in a state of chaos, the male and the female pair together.<sup>d</sup> Moist juices, nourishing and fertilising, flow and penetrate, inducing change (hua<sup>1</sup>). The works of Nature are immeasurably marvellous. One should utilise profitably that which will hide the substance and conceal the form.<sup>e</sup>

The cycle of heaven begins in the northeast, the position of (the lunar mansions) Chi and Tou. Thence the turning of the heavenly bodies towards the right shows forth the (moon)

a Vol. 2, Table 13.

b TT996, ch. 5, p. 31a (Yü Yen, +1284), TT998, ch. 3, p. 2b (Chhen Hsien-Wei, +1234), and TT994, p. 8a,b (Phêng Hsiao, +947).

c Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 18, pp. 5a to 6a, tr. auct., cf. Wu & Davis (1), pp. 246ff. We cannot make the translation as sophisticated as it ought to be, but we shall try to convey something of the real spirit of the text.

d He probably refers here to the onset of chemical reaction.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> This probably refers to the charging of the reaction-vessel with the chemical substances which are to undergo change. But it should be realised that (as the commentaries show) a wealth of Yin-Yang, Five-Element, and I Ching theory is concealed within even the simplest statement, such as those which follow.

f See Fig. 338 in Vol. 4, pt. 1. The writer is analogising the stages of the reaction with the passage of the moon through the lunar mansions.

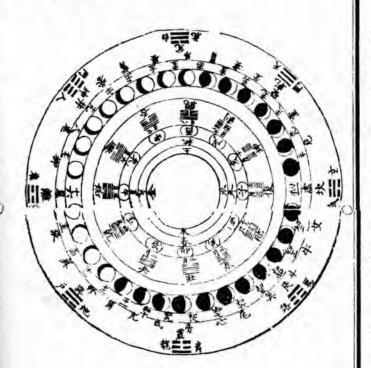


Fig. 1351. Diagram of 'fire-times' (the programme for the heating and cooling of an elixir preparation in tune with the diurnal, lunar, monthly and annual cosmic cycles). From the Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Ting Chin Ko Ming Ching Thu (An Illuminating Chart for the Mnemonic Rhymes about the Reactionand comm. Phång Hsiao in the Wu Tai period, +947 (TT994). The text Vessels in the 'Kinship of the Three and the Book of Changes'), p. 8a, b, ed. is a preface and explanation written by Pao Huan-Chih in +1208.

The circles (reading from inside outwards) are marked as follows:

- the 5 elements,
- the 4 seasons,
- the 12 cyclical characters (chih), standing for double-hours, compasspoints, etc.,
  - the 12 months of the year, numbered, 40
- 12 hexagrams (kua) corresponding to the months (and double-hours), the names of these hexagrams in writing. Here Chhien is in the SSE, 40
- empty,

Khun in the NNW (see Vol. 2, pp. 312ff.),

30 moon phases representing a lunation,

- numbering for these, starting with the new moon at Khan,
- kua names of 8 trigrams corresponding to the seasons (and spatial 8a the 28 lunar mansions (hsiu), cf. Vol. 3, pp. 234ff.,
  - 8c the trigrams, and the symbolic names of the 8 directions. directions),

lation, reaction, fusion, no. 44), full moon, the trigram Li (no. 7), and the red bird of the South, are all at the top. Correspondingly, Water, winter, midnight, the hexagram Fu (return, no. 24), the darkest part of the lunation, the trigram Here Chhien is in the NW and Khun in the SW (see Vol. 2, pp. 312ff.). Note that both Metal and Fire, the summer, noon, the hexagram Kou (copu-Khan (no. 4), and the sombre warrior of the North, are all at the bottom.

It is also worthy of note that in circle 4c the arrangement of the hexagrams is Khun are opposite one another; but in circle 8c the trigrams are arranged exactly as in the Wên Wang system. The opposition (and mutual interpenetration and transformation) of Khan and Li is a theme of great importance like that of the Fu-Hsi system (see Vol. 4, pt. 1, p. 296) in so far as Chhien and n physiological alchemy, as will appear in Vol. 5, pt. 5.



Fig. 1352. Another diagram elucidating 'fire-times'; from the Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chieh (The 'Kinship of the Three and the Book of Changes' with Explanations), ch. 3, p. 2b, comm. Chhen Hsien-Wei in the Sung period, +1234 (TT998). On the left the Great Bear (Pei Tou) surrounded by the 12 cyclical characters (chih). The legend says that at midnight in the 11th month the tail points at the character mao. On the right a similar diagram indicates the rise and fall of Yin and Yang; the male force beginning to arise at the character yin (cf. p. 59), the female force at shen.

disc and its shafts of light. Out of the obscure abyss comes this manifestation, the scattering of exquisite rays. When (the moon) comes to (the lunar mansions) Mao and Pi, Chen kua presides, and now the Yang chhi begins to be active. Nine-one, during this time the Dragon is in hiding.<sup>a</sup>

The Yang is based on Three and the Yin acts on Eight. Hence the *Chen kua* moves (into action) on the third day (of the moon) and the *Tui kua* operates on the eighth. Nine-two, the Dragon makes its appearance, and now there is a calm and peaceful balance (between Yin and Yang).<sup>b</sup>

On the fifteenth day the virtue (tê) of the work is achieved; and the Chhien kua presides over the substance formed. Nine-three, watchfulness is in order, for the working of the spiritual powers must now wane.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> A typical *I Ching* phrase; see Vol. 2, pp. 304ff. and references there quoted. It will be seen in what follows that the *kua* are conceived of not only as symbolic diagrams but as actual forces working in the universe.

b This is the halfway point of the heating. c He means that the heating is now to be reduced.

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Fig. 1353. A third diagram elucidating the 'fire-times'; from the Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Fa Hui (Elucidations of the 'Kinship of the Three and the Book of Changes'), ch. 5, p. 31a, ed. Yü Yen in the late Sung, + 1284 (TT 996). Again we see the 30 moon phases, 5 of each corresponding to one of the 6 trigrams arranged in a mirror-image of the Fu-Hsi system (Vol. 4, pt. 1, p. 296). Here Chhien, corresponding to the south, is actually drawn in the SE, to the left at the top, much as in the hexagram series of Fig. 1351, circles b, c; with Khun opposite in the NW. In the innermost circle each kua carries its description in terms of 'nines' according to the definitions in the I Ching (Book of Changes), cf. p. 64. The text on the left proceeds to discuss these.

Growth and decay must gradually come and go; finally there must be a return to the beginning. Now the *Sun kua* takes command, consolidating and controlling. Nine-four, the Dragon may stir, and dangers are on each side of the road.

The Kên kua governs motion and rest. Action must be taken at the right time. On the twenty-third day of the month careful watch should be kept. Nine-five, the Dragon is flying, in this position Heaven sends success.

On the thirtieth day of the moon Khun kua comes into power to complete the cycle. As the mother of all, it shelters and brings up young things.<sup>a</sup> Nine at the top, the victorious dragon roams with embattled virtue in the wilderness.

The Nines,<sup>b</sup> elegant and exquisite in their workings, are the regulating forces of the Tao. When the Yang numbers are completed everything begins all over again. Knowing the nature of substances and how they combine, they may be submitted to cyclical change so as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> He means the products of the reaction.

b I.e. the symbols of the I Ching and the natural forces which they represent.

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to join them in a better way. Following the rotation of the heavens (lit. of the circumpolar constellation template, hsüan chi¹), things rise and fall, ascend and descend. In ceaseless circulation the six lines (hsiao²) of the hexagrams perform their dance; difficult they are to observe and to investigate. They have no constant position, and this is just what the Book of Changes (I Ching) is based upon.

The use of the hexagrams and trigrams to explain the diurnal and lunar cycles of heating described above is another classical example of the function of the Book of Changes as a universal concept-repository which we have described at length in a previous volume. There we also pointed out how the symbols were employed to denote alchemical substances and apparatus in the Tshan Thung Chhi. This we must not repeat here, only referring the reader to the appropriate Section.

What the fundamental alchemical reactions mentioned in the Tshan Thung Chhi were is not at all certain, but a prominent place is taken in the text by the 'action between the Dragon and the Tiger (lung hu³)'. The Dragon and the Tiger are generally taken by the wai tan school to mean mercury and lead.<sup>d</sup> This would mean amalgamation, but heating might not have been required. An anonymous commentator explains that Dragon and Tiger have two different meanings depending on the context. The Dragon, or, more specifically, the Blue Dragon (chhing lung⁴), refers to mercury (hung⁵), and the Tiger, or the White Tiger (pai hu⁶), to lead (chhien²). On the other hand, the Dragon can also refer to cinnabar (tan shað), and is then denoted, if desired, by the term Red Dragon (chhih lung⁶). If the Dragon refers to cinnabar then the White Tiger, or simply the Tiger, should mean mercury. One fairly clear description in the text is that of the solution of lead in mercury, producing Hg (Pb) amalgam. The use of lead is particularly emphasised, for example, in the following passage: g

From the very beginning of Yin and Yang, hsüan 10 (lead ore) h encloses the 'yellow sprout' (huang ya'1). The leader of the Five Metals is the 'river chariot' (ho chhê'1) (lead) of the north. Hence lead is black outside but holds the 'golden flower' (chin hua'1) in its bosom, like someone carrying a piece of jade but looking like a madman dressed in rags. Metal (element), being the mother of Water (element), conceals her offspring; while Water, being the offspring of Metal, is hidden in the womb of its mother. The adept can understand the mysterious (changes); he knows that things cannot always be said to be or not to be. The reaction is like a chaos, now sinking, now floating, advancing, retreating, dispersing, and concocting into bounded entities. First it seems white, treated, it turns red; but the heating affects only the external appearance and whiteness is still within it. Squareness, roundness, and dimensions matter nothing; if there is a mutual embrace within the chaos.

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b Vol. 2, pp. 322ff.
  a See Vol. 3, pp. 334ff.
                                            d See Tshao Yuan-Yü (1).
  c Vol. 2, pp. 330 and 331.
  e TT 994.
                                            f TT 994, preface, p. 1a, b.
  # Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 7, p. 16a, tr. auct., cf. Wu & Davis (1), p. 237.
  h Non-magnetic iron oxide ore is the usual meaning of hsitan shih (RP77) but a commentator ex-
plains (TT990, ch. 1, p. 28b) that here it means lead ore.
                                                                                  6白虎
  1 璇璇
                  2 英
                                 3 龍虎
                                                 +青龍
                                                                  5 汞
 7 鉛
                  8 丹砂
                                 9 赤瓢
                                                 10 玄
                                                                 11 黄芽
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The liberal use of synonymic cloak-words is quite conspicuous here. Once again the commentators differ among themselves about interpretations of the terms. Most of them agree that the 'yellow sprout' (huang ya) refers to metallic lead smelted from its ore, a but Wu & Davis, on the basis of the words Yin huo pai huang ya chhien1, b take it to be litharge. They interpret this phrase as meaning that the Yin fire (soft or gentle fire) produces huang ya from lead. And it is true that lead heated in air at a moderately elevated temperature, preferably slightly above its melting point, becomes coated with the yellow monoxide, litharge; this might easily be conceived to sprout from the shiny molten metal.c Perhaps Wu & Davis are right, but what the passage actually says is 'Yin fire, which is white, and yellow sprouts, which is lead, form the two sevens, and these come together to assist the operator'. One must remember that colour terms in this field are never necessarily the obvious colours of things seen in the laboratory, they may refer to the symbolic colours of the Five-Element system. If we think as the Chinese alchemist did, and consider metallic lead to be under Metal, which is generated by Earth according to the Order of Mutual Production, yellow being the colour of Earth, there is no reason why metallic lead should not have been given the name 'yellow sprout'. Lao Kan (6) agrees broadly with Wu & Davis, but goes further, taking the passage to refer to the making of minium as well as litharge from lead carbonate according to the reactions:

$$PbCO_3 \rightarrow PbO + CO_2$$
  $6PbO + O_2 \rightarrow 2Pb_3O_4$ .

A third opinion is that of Tshao Yuan-Yü (1) who makes the 'yellow sprout' sulphur; and Yuan Han-Chhing (1) agrees with him, though the latter also recognises the references to lead amalgam in the text. The 'river chariot' (ho chhê) is, according to one commentator, lead, while the 'golden flower' (chin hua) is said to be metallic lead by another.

The two key passages referring to the production of amalgams are as follows:

The 'flowing pearls' (liu chu,² i.e. mercury), (which comes from the essence of) Thai Yang,³ has a tendency to escape from man.f Eventually when (they) get the 'golden flower' (chin hua, metallic lead, or gold) (they) turn and react with it, melting into a white paste or solidifying into a mass.g It is the 'golden flower' that first undergoes change (lit. sings), (for) in a few moments it melts into a (viscous) liquid. (The two substances now fuse together and) assume a disorderly appearance like coral or horse-teeth.h The (essence of) Yang then comes forth to join it, and the nature of things is now working in harmony. Within a brief interval of time (the two substances) will be confined within a single gate.i

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<sup>2</sup> For example in TT 996, ch. 3, p. 3a.
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b Found in ch. 33, p. 10a.

c Wu & Davis (1), p. 283.

d TT990, ch. 1, p. 29a.

e TT 996, ch. 3, p. 3a. However, Yoshida (5) interprets it as gold, see Yabuuchi (25), p. 206.

f This is mercury according to TT990, ch. 1, p. 33b and TT996, ch. 3, p. 15a.

g Depending on the proportions.

h See the commentary by Yuan Jen-Lin in Ku Wên Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chu, ch. 3, p. 4b.

<sup>1</sup> Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 24, p. 17a, tr. auct.; cf. Wu & Davis (1), p. 252.

And again:

The 'elegant girl by the riverside' (ho shang chha nü, mercury) is a numinous thing and profoundly mysterious. In the fire she flies away and none can see the traces of her path. Like the vanishing of a spirit or the concealment of a dragon her whereabouts cannot be known. In order to fix her (one may use) the 'yellow sprout' (huang ya) as the root.

The kind of reaction described in the second paragraph depends on our interpretation of 'yellow sprout'. If we go by the words of the *Tshan Thung Chhi* commentators it is a case of amalgamation, but if, with Yuan Hang-Chhing (1), we take the 'yellow sprout' as sulphur, then we have the formation of mercuric sulphide. But Yoshida (5) thinks that the basic reaction in the whole of the *Tshan Thung Chhi* is the making of gold amalgam.

The Tshan Thung Chhi mentions one important fundamental concept of alchemy, namely that changes happen if there is similarity (thung lei hsiang pien 2), but will not occur if there is dissimilarity (i lei pu nêng hsiang chhêng 3). This is part of the most ancient history of the idea of chemical affinity, and we shall return to it in more detail at a later stage (pt. 4). The following passage is of interest not only because it explains this concept but also gives further evidence that the idea of the transmutation of gold was prevalent during the time of Wei Po-Yang:

White lead (hu fên4), on being placed in the fire, becomes discoloured and changes back into lead. In a hot liquid ice and snow turn into water (thai hsüan5). Cinnabar is the chief possessor of the Metal (element) for its natural endowment is to produce mercury. Transformations (pien hua6) depend on the true nature of the substances; their beginnings and endings have a mutual causation. The way to become an immortal through consuming (medicines) lies in the use of substances of similar category. Grains are used for raising crops, hen's eggs are used for hatching chickens. With substances of similar category to help Nature, the formation of things is easily moulded (or manipulated, thao yeh7). But fish eyes cannot replace pearls, neither can wild raspberry or mugwort leaves be used for tea (chia8). Things of the same category go together: precious substances cannot be made with incorrect procedures or wrong materials. This explains why swallows and sparrows do not give birth to the phoenix, and why foxes and rabbits do not produce horses. Flowing water does not heat what is above it, nor does a fire moisten what is underneath it.

- a This is mercury according to the commentator of TT 993; see ch. 2, p. 25a.
- b A clear reference to distillation, or at least volatility.
- c Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 26, p. 20a, tr. auct. Cf. Wu & Davis (1), p. 254; Liu Tshun-Jen (1), p. 83, seems even more off the rails.
- d Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 12, p. 25b, tr. auct.; cf. Wu & Davis (1), p. 241; Liu Tshun-Jen (1), p. 82. c Hu fên is lead carbonate, PbCO<sub>2</sub>, white lead, according to RP12 and general usage, but Yuan Han-Chhing (1), p. 176, regards it as minium, Pb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, red lead; and accordingly sees the effect as a reduction to the metal with release of CO<sub>2</sub>. Yoshida even interprets hu fên as meaning a compound of mercury, (5), p. 205.
  - f See, however, Vol. 4, pt. 3, p. 677.
- g The oldest references to tea-drinking (cf. Vol. 6) are of the +3rd century, but Kuo Pho, explaining this name in the Erh Ya (-4th cent.), says it was the same bush as khu thu, o and that a drink was made from its leaves (cf. B11, 292, 307).
  - 1河上姹女
- 2 同類相變
- 3 異類不能相成
- +胡粉 5太玄

- 6變化
- 7 陶冶
- 8 讚

This important notion is emphasised again in another section of the *Tshan Thung Chhi*. The following passage also shows how much Wei Po-Yang appreciated natural regularities, convinced that the ultimate result of any operation depended chiefly on the use of proper materials and correct techniques, not on miracles.<sup>a</sup>

Let there be two very beautiful maidens living in the same house. Also let there be a Su Chhin to start the match-making, and a Chang I to act as the go-between.b Their persuasion and praise might succeed in bringing about a union, but the two could never be man and wife even if they lived till their hair fell off and their teeth dropped out. So also when substances of the wrong name, nature and category are used, or when the proper proportions and mixing have all gone astray (shih chhi kang chi3),c there can be no success. Under such conditions, even with Huang Ti to stoke the furnace, with Thai I to control the heating, with the Eight Venerable Masters (Pa Kung) to pound the materials and supervise the operation, with the Prince of Huai-Nan himself to do the mixing; failure will still be inevitable. Even if you build a laboratory with a high platform using jade for the steps, even if you sacrifice the fat of the unicorn and the phoenix, even if you make long prostrations after purificatory ablutions and fastings, praying to the spirits of Heaven and Earth, and imploring the aid of ghosts and demons, hoping to have some success to look forward to-all, all your efforts will be in vain. It is like trying to mend a metal reaction-vessel with glue, or to heal a boil by applying sal ammoniac (nao+), d or to get rid of cold with ice or heat with hot soup; these things are just as absurd and impossible as flying tortoises and dancing snakes.

This wonderful passage is interesting not only for the theory of action between substances of the same category, but also from two other points of view. First, it gives a glimpse of the ceremonies observed by the Taoist alchemists in the days of Wei Po-Yang before engaging in their experimental operations. Secondly, together with the previous passage, it brings out a striking feature in Wei Po-Yang's writing, namely his inclination to use one metaphorical phrase after another to illustrate his points and describe his operations. We find these particularly numerous in connection with the Dragon and the Tiger, for example, phrases like 'endowment by the Yang and acceptance by the Yin' (Yang ping Yin shous), e and 'mutual need between the male and the female' (hsiung tzhu hsiang hsii6).e In +1284 Yü Yen collected the following list of such phrases saying that they all referred to the same thing.f This was the conjunctio oppositorum, whether proto-chemical or physiological.

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'sexual union between the Dragon and the Tiger'
(lung hu chiao kou<sup>7</sup>)
'combination of Chhien and Khun'
(Chhien Khun phei ho<sup>8</sup>)
'combination of the Metal and Wood (elements)'
(chin mu chiao ping<sup>9</sup>)
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a Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 30, p. 26b; cf. Wu & Davis (1), p. 256.

b A reference to the two great protagonists of the Diplomacy School in the Warring States period (cf. Vol. 2, p. 206; Vol. 4, pt. 3, p. 266).

c Recognition of the importance of careful weighing of the reactants goes back a long way in Chinese

proto-chemistry. On the expression kang-chi or chi-kang cf. Vol. 2, pp. 554ff.

4 Propounced by this character means simply sand. But some Tshan Thus

d Pronounced lu, this character means simply sand. But some Tshan Thung Chhi texts write nao<sup>10</sup> for this, which is the more correct term for ammonium chloride (RP 126). We shall return presently to sal ammoniuc, meanwhile see Stapleton (1) who thought it was first recognised and named in China, vs. Laufer (1), pp. 503 ff., who urged a Persian origin for the name.

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'entwining of the tortoise and the serpent'
                                                           (kuei shê phan tou 1)
'mutual attraction between the red and the black'
                                                           (hung hei hsiang thou 2)
'intermixture of heaven and earth'
                                                           (thien ti chiao thai3)a
'mixture of the black and the yellow'
                                                           (hsüan huang hsiang tsa4)
'mixing and fusion of Metal and Earth (elements)'
                                                           (chin thu hun jung 5)
'union of the red and the white'
                                                           (chhih pai hsiang chiao6) b
'the crow and the hare in the same cave'
                                                           (wu thu thung hsueh?)
                                                           (fu fu huan ho8)
'conjugal felicity'
'the moon and the sun in the same palace'
                                                           (jih yüeh thung kung?)
'reunion of the Herd-boy and the Weaving Girl'
                                                           (Niu Nü hsiang fêng 10) c
                                                           (phin mou hsiang tshung 11)
'the male and female following one another'
'the harmony between hun and pho' (Yang and Yin
                                                           (hun pho hsiang thou 12)d
'water and earth in the same village'
                                                           (shui thu thung hsiang 13)
'gold and mercury in the same reaction-vessel'
                                                           (chin hung thung ting 14)
'metal and fire sharing the same furnace'
                                                           (chin huo thung lu15)
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The numerous metaphors in Wei Po-Yang's writing cover a wide field of knowledge, ranging from some rudiments of embryology and physics to the sexual techniques practised in his day. The two passages below deal with embryology. For example:

The body of man has a natural endowment, but it is a nothingness, and the primal essence gathers like a cloud. The causal *chhi* makes a beginning with the Yin and Yang for its measures. The *hun* and *pho* 'souls' begin to dwell in it; the former derived from the Yang spirit of the sun and the latter from the Yin spirit of the moon. . . . At first (the embryo) is like a hen's egg, black and white fitting together like a tally. It measures an inch in breadth and length. The four limbs, the five viscera, the muscles and bones, are then added. After ten months it comes out of the womb. Its bones are weak and flexible, and its flesh is as smooth as lead (*chhien* <sup>16</sup>).f

#### Or again:g

The mother harbours the nourishing fluids and the father is the donator (of what is nourished),h

<sup>a</sup> When one of us (H. P. Y.) was working on this in 1958, he read in the press about the condition of 'white-out' encountered by the Fuchs Expedition in the Antarctic, when the horizon becomes indistinguishable.

b This is a physiological, sexual and embryological metaphor. The ancients discussed which parts of the body were formed from red blood and which from white semen (cf. Needham, 2).

<sup>c</sup> Two prominent asterisms (cf. Vol. 3, p. 282 and passim), Vega and Altair.

d Or, more basically, the 'light' and 'heavy' souls; cf. Vol. 2, pp. 22, 490, and, more extensively, pt. 2, pp. 85ff. above.

e Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 20, p. 11a, tr. auct., cf. Wu & Davis (1), p. 249.

f For this word TT 996, ch. 6, p. 13a gives 'sweetmeats' (i'7), hence Wu & Davis (1), p. 249 said 'soft candy'.

g Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 25, p. 19a, tr. auct., cf. Wu & Davis (1), p. 253.

h This sounds very like the ancient Western theories which minimised the function of the maternal organism, not understanding the role of the egg-cell (see Needham, 2).

1 龜蛇蟠蚪	2 紅黑相投	3 天地交泰	4 玄黄相雜	
5 金土混融	6 赤白相交	7鳥兎同穴	8 夫婦歌合	
9 日月同宮	10 牛女相逢	11 牝牡相從	12 魂魄相投	
13 水土同鄉	14 金汞同鼎	15 金火同爐	16 94	17 餄

The burning-mirror and the dew-pan are mentioned in the following:a

The sun-mirror is used for making fire, but without the sun no light (-rays) would be produced. And the fang chu<sup>1</sup> mirror, how could it produce dew (by condensation) without the stars and the moon?

Of a prevailing technique of sexual intercourse Wei Po-Yang writes:b

In the natural workings of Heaven and Earth there is a spontaneity (tzu-jan²).c When fire burns heat rises up, when water moves it wets what is below. They need no teacher; it happens spontaneously. So it has been from the beginning; no one can change it. Look what happens when the moment comes for intercourse between a man and a woman. The hard and the soft inextricably intertwine and cannot be separated. They fit like a tally, and no special skill is involved in the management of it. Man is born to lie facing downwards and woman on her back. These modes of behaviour are derived from the very beginning of their existence in the womb, and are manifested not only during their lifetime but also after their death.d They have not been taught this by their parents; such things are already fixed at the time of their conception during sexual union.

Wei Po-Yang gives other descriptions of alchemical processes. At the end of the book we find an account of the reaction-vessel in the section entitled 'Mnemonic Rhyme of the Reaction-Vessel' (ting chhi ko<sup>3</sup>).<sup>e</sup> Of alchemical processes he writes:<sup>f</sup>

The 'Book of the Firing-Process' (Huo Chi<sup>4</sup>) was not written without a purpose, and can be understood in the light of the 'Book of Changes'. The reaction-vessel (ting<sup>5</sup>) and the furnace ( $lu^6$ ) resemble the crescent moon (half of which belongs to Yin and the other half to Yang) lying on its back. The 'white tiger' (possibly lead) forms the prime constituent in this heating (process). Mercury ( $hung^7$ ), (representing the) sun, is the 'flowing pearls' ( $liu \ chu^8$ ). The 'blue dragon' ( $chhing \ lung,^9$  also mercury) goes together with (the 'white tiger') like the east merging with the west, or the hun and pho 'souls' capturing each other. At the first quarter of the moon (the trigram)  $Tui^{10}$  numbers eight (i.e. take 8 oz. of mercury), g while at the last quarter of the moon (the trigram)  $K\hat{e}n^{11}$  also numbers eight (i.e. take 8 oz. of lead). The essences of the two quarters combine (i.e. mercury and lead), so that the body of Chhien and Khun (i.e. the amalgam or elixir) is formed. Twice eight (i.e. 16 oz.) make one lb. The Tao of the 'Book of Changes' is always true and unmistakable.

The existence of the *Huo Chi* has long been a matter of controversy. Chu Yuan-Yü in + 1669, the commentator of the *Tshan Thung Chhi Chhan Yu*, doubted that such a book ever existed. But there is no reason for thinking that a book of practical

<sup>\*</sup> Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 21, p. 13b, tr. auct., cf. Wu & Davis (1), p. 250. For both kinds of mirrors see Vol. 4, pt. 1, pp. 87, 89.

b Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 26, p. 20 b, tr. auct.; cf. Wu & Davis (1), p. 254; Liu Tshun-Jen (1), p. 84. Of course ancient Chinese sexology was much more complicated than this, as a Taoist like Wei Po-Yang would have known very well, but he was taking a simple example in illustration of the spontaneous. Cf. van Gulik (3, 8), and Vol. 2, pp. 146 ff.

c See Vol. 2, pp. 50ff.

d Commentators say that people floated this way if drowned; cf. p. 21b.

e This is translated in connection with apparatus in pt. 4 below, from Ho Ping-Yü & Needham (3).

f Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 9, p. 20b, tr. auct.; cf. Wu & Davis (1), p. 239.

g According to the commentator of TT 995, ch. 2, p. 13b.

<sup>「</sup>方譜 <sup>2</sup> 自然 <sup>3</sup> 鼎器歌 <sup>4</sup> 火記 <sup>5</sup> 鼎 <sup>6</sup> 爐 <sup>7</sup> 汞 <sup>8</sup> 流珠 <sup>9</sup> 青龍 <sup>10</sup> 兌 <sup>11</sup> 艮

direction with this title did not circulate among the Han alchemists. The question has again been raised by Yoshida (5), who suggests it was a Zoroastrian text. He bases this hypothesis on a superficial similarity between the Yin and Yang system and Persian dualism, believing that Manichaeism came to the east about the +3rd century, and that its influence can be found reflected in Taoist ceremonies as well as in the traditional concept of Yin and Yang, the four seasons and the Five Elements.a However, we have already declared our agreement with Waley in his rejection of any direct influence.b Zoroastrianism and Manichaeism did not arrive in China from Persia until the +6th and the end of the +7th century respectively.c So until a Zoroastrian text with some similarity to the Tshan Thung Chhi can be found, the existence of any influence of this kind remains to be proved.

There is only one passage in which Wei Po-Yang waxes enthusiastic about the elixir of life as so many later writers did. In ch. 11 he included the following words which may be translated as a poem:d

> If even the herb chii-sheng can make one live longere Surely the elixir is worth taking into one's mouth,f Prepared as it is by cyclical transformations? Gold by its nature does not rot or decay Therefore it is of all things the most precious. If the chymic artist includes it in his diet The duration of his life will become everlasting. (Element) Earth endures through the Four Seasons Keeping its bounds as if fixed by compass and square. When gold and cinnabar permeate the Five Entrails A fog is dispelled, like rain-clouds scattered by wind, Fragrant exhalations pervade the four limbs, The countenance beams with well-being and joy. Hairs that were white all turn to black. Teeth that had fallen grow in their former place. The old dotard is again a lusty youth, The decrepit crone is again a young girl. He whose form has changed escapes the perils of life And has for his title the name of True Man (chen jen2).

The next passage must have been regarded by aspirants to immortality as one of prime importance, as it describes the very process of how an elixir was made, but unfortunately Wei Po-Yang does not state explicitly what the two main ingredients

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> In Yabuuchi (25), pp. 208 and 209.

Waley (4), p. 112. See also Vol. 1, p. 154, Vol. 2, pp. 273 ff.
 P. 14a, tr. Waley (14), mod. auct. Cf. Liu Tshun-Jen (1), p. 81. c See Vol. 1, p. 128.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> The identity of this plant is a difficult question (cf. p. 97); we discuss it in Vol. 6, Sect. 38.

f Huan tan kho ju khou.<sup>2</sup> Note the early appearance of this phrase so common in later times, as also elsewhere (e.g. ch. 14, p. 31a) many typical terms such as tao kuei, 'a large knife-point', of some substance or other. We were still using this in my student days of practical biochemistry under Sydney W. Cole. Like so many other chemical terms, this also came to have an esoteric physiological significance (cf. pt. 5).

<sup>1</sup> 互勝 2 筐人 3 還丹可入口 4刀生

really are. Instead he calls them by the names chin¹ and shui² respectively, both of which can be interpreted in several ways. Wu & Davis simply take their most common modern meanings and call them gold and water, a but these could not produce the phenomenon described in the text. It seems reasonably safe to translate these two words as the Metal element and the Water element respectively, but again one has to make a guess as to what these two actually represent. An anonymous commentator says that chin is the abbreviated form of chin hua,³ which is metallic lead, and shui is the short form for shui yin,⁴ mercury.b The text says:c

Chin (the metal) is used as an embankment (to prevent mercury from escaping), so that shui (mercury) can be put in and run about freely. The amount of chin is fifteen (oz.) and so is the amount of shui (mercury). Weighings should be made when the furnace is about to be heated. An excess amount of shui (mercury) by half should be used. These are the two genuine substances. The weight of chin will be the same as it was originally. A third (substance) therefore does not come in. But when fire (which is also represented by the number) Two is introduced these three will interpenetrate each other and marvellous changes (pien hua<sup>5</sup>) will take place. Below (the reaction-vessel) is the chhi of Thai-Yang (i.e. the fire). After a short time of heating (lit. steaming, chêng<sup>6</sup>) first liquefaction and then solidification take place. (The substance thus formed) is called the 'yellow carriage' (huang yü<sup>7</sup>). As the time (lit. month and year) draws to a close, the nature (of the original substances) is destroyed and their life shortened. (Eventually a transformation of) their form and matter comes about giving a sort of powdery ash, resembling 'bright window dust'.d

(The substance) is ground, mixed well and enclosed (in another reaction-vessel) before being introduced into the opening of a red(-hot furnace). Attention should be paid to the sealing of the edges of the container so as to keep the whole intact without leaking. The dazzling flame plays below, making a noise both day and night. At the start the flame should be gentle so as to be controllable, but eventually its strength should be increased until it reaches maximal intensity. The regulation of the temperature should be watched over with the greatest care. There are twelve periods in the (diurnal) cycle. At the end of each period one should be particularly careful. When the chhi (i.e. the fire) is about to be let down, the (original) bodies have been killed, and the hun and pho 'souls' have disappeared (i.e. the substances have changed their nature). The colour has already turned purple, and thus is the 'cyclically-transformed elixir' (huan tan<sup>8</sup>) achieved. This is then made into pills which can be taken, and is magically effective even if (only) a knife-point of it is administered.

The reaction-vessels described in the *Tshan Thung Chhi* will be discussed in the subsection on laboratory equipment. As for the explanation of what was actually going on, certainty will never be possible, but there are several statements which may be significant. Amalgams of mercury with gold or with lead may be referred to in the first paragraph, and there may also be some reference to the cupellation of gold.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> (1), p. 243. <sup>3</sup> See TT 995. <sup>4</sup> Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 14, pp. 30b, 31a, tr. auct.; cf. Wu & Davis (1), p. 243; Liu Tshun-Jen (1), p. 87.

d The best interpretation of this is as a reference to the motes dancing in sunbeams from windows. We shall return to the subject on p. 149 below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> The double-hours. See p. 61 above. 

f See pt. 4 below. 

g Cf. pt. 2, p. 57 above.

<sup>1</sup> 金 2 水 3 金花 4 水銀 5 變化 6 蒸 7 黄奥 8 選丹

The 'cyclically-transformed elixir' is a particularly important term, for in the light of subsequent Chinese alchemy it would refer to the synthesis of vermilion, mercuric sulphide, by the sublimation of mercury and sulphur. Indeed, one asks oneself whether any other substances were involved at all in the process described, so that the Metal Element would stand for sulphur and the Water Element for mercury. The elaboration would then have consisted mainly in different and varying conditions of the reaction-vessel and the heating. At any rate, this seems to be the first appearance of the classical term huan tan.<sup>1</sup>

To sum up, the Tshan Thung Chhi coined a style and terminology which dominated the earlier Chinese alchemists. Wei Po-Yang's application of the Yin and Yang concept, the theory of the Five Elements and that of the 'Book of Changes' to alchemy, influenced the philosophical thinking of his followers for centuries afterwards, He therefore opened a new field, but at the same time set a limitation to its development. From the large number of commentaries alone one can see that no other text on the same subject was so much studied both by the laboratory alchemists and the nei tan school. Secondly, the use of mercury and lead (or sulphur) as the prime sources of the elixir limited the scope and potentialities of later experimentation and gave rise to numerous cases of poisoning; indeed it is quite possible that many of the most brilliant and creative alchemists fell victim to their own experiments by taking dangerous elixirs, a Thirdly, Wei Po-Yang's concept of natural regularities was among the earliest beginnings of affinity theory, as is witnessed by his saying that 'changes happen in similarity but not in dissimilarity'. He also has another statement: 'it is easy to work on things of similar category, but with things not of similar categories it is difficult to display any subtle skill; and that is the whole secret of the art'.b Lastly, from the Tshan Thung Chhi we can understand one of the inhibiting factors for the spread of alchemical and chemical knowledge in ancient and medieval China, Books on alchemy were written in the most obscure manner, piling synonym on synonym and metaphor on metaphor, with cryptograms added in the case of the Tshan Thung Chhi, thus giving rise to scores of possible interpretations. Did their writers seek to protect against danger sometimes by purposive obfuscation? Moreover, the alchemist was warned to keep his knowledge to himself; the Venerable Masters did not encourage him to discuss the matter with others. A striking example is seen towards the end of the Tshan Thung Chhi, where we read:c

Those who love the Tao trace things to their roots. They carefully observe the Five Elements to determine the weights (of the materials used). Profound reflection should be made, but no discussion with others is necessary. The secrets should be carefully guarded, and the knowledge should not be handed down in writing.

Such precepts, discouraging free discussion and free circulation of knowledge, must obviously be considered an important factor hampering the progress of alchemy

a Elixir poisoning will be discussed in detail in Vol. 6, Section 45.

b Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 32, p. 5a.

c Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 33, p. 10b.

<sup>1</sup> 還丹

and chemistry in China. Of course their counterparts in the West were no more enlightened until the dawn of the scientific revolution.

Although a whole sub-section has been devoted to Wei Po-Yang, some contemporary evidence beyond that already given (pp. 40ff. above) on elixir-making in the +2nd century does not come amiss. Therefore we may end with a note on the Thai Phing Ching <sup>1</sup> (Canon of the Great Peace and Equality), that fascinating book of Taoist religion and social philosophy which was being put together around +150. Near the beginning we find a list of twenty-four methods for attaining hsien-ship orally handed down, a and of these the tenth is 'consuming the Flowery Elixir (fu hua tan²)', and the twentieth 'making white silver and purple gold (tso pai yin tzu chin³)'. Coming as it did from a popular milieu, nothing could show better than this how widely macrobiotic alchemy and the consumption of mineral elixirs had become known by the middle of the +2nd century.

## (3) Ko Hung, Systematiser of Chinese Alchemy (c. +300), AND HIS TIMES

### (i) Fathers and masters

The Chinese alchemists of the Later Han period were so widely known in East Asia that at least one of them featured in the history of Annam. The Dai-Viêt Sú-ký Toàn-thú<sup>4</sup> (The Complete Book of the History of Annam), written by Ngô Si-Liên<sup>5</sup> about +1479, records the healing of the Annamese king Si-vúóng<sup>6</sup> during the +2nd century by the Chinese alchemist Tung Fêng,<sup>7</sup> who is mentioned in the hagiography of the immortals ascribed to Ko Hung,<sup>8</sup> the Shen Hsien Chuan<sup>9</sup>. This official Annamese history says:

In a binh-ngo 10 (ping-wu) year, his 40th (+187), the King passed away. Once before the king had been unconscious in an illness for three days. The (Chinese) immortal adept, Tung Fêng, administered to him a pill in some water, and supporting him by the head, shook him about to revive him. After a short while (the king) opened his eyes and moved his hands, while gradually his complexion returned to normal. The next day he presently sat up, and on the fourth day he could speak; thus eventually he recovered.e

Certain links between some of the alchemists are suggested by Taoist texts and even by the official histories. The adept Yin Chhang-Shêng<sup>11</sup> occupies a very important

a Ch. 1, (p. 8).

b As will be seen very shortly, this was precisely the name (inverted) of the first important elixir discussed in the *Pao Phu Tzu* book, ch. 4, a century and a half later (cf. p. 90). It was Lao Kan (6) who first called attention to this passage.

c Another of the twenty-four, the eighteenth, has chen12 instead of tso, perhaps 'to make spells with' the artificial metals or the real; cf. pt. 2, pp. 204, 244. On purple gold, see pt. 2, pp. 257 ff. above.

d Ch. 5.

e See ch. 3, p. 7b. The same source tells us that Si-vúóng's grave was excavated more than 160 years later and little sign of putrefaction was found in the corpse. This could have been the result of having taken elixirs containing mercury or arsenic. Cf. pt. 2, pp. 298, 304. The reliability of the Đai-Viêt Sú-ký Toàn-thú is discussed in Ho Ping-Yü (7), whose translation this is.

 <sup>1</sup> 太平經
 2 服難丹
 3 作白銀紫金
 4 大越史配全書

 5 吳土連
 6 士王
 7 董奉
 8 葛洪
 9 帥仙傳

 10 丙午
 11 陰長生
 12 鎭

position in perhaps the mainstream of the line of descent of Chinese alchemists. As we mentioned earlier (p. 43), he was said to have been a disciple of Ma Ming-Sheng, who was supposed to have acquired the art of immortality from An Chhi shêng<sup>2</sup> (Master An Chhi) himself,<sup>n</sup> Among those to whom Yin Chhang-Shêng was believed to have imparted his knowledge were, besides Wei Po-Yang,3 Lü Tzu-Hua + and a certain Chu hsien-sêng 5 (Mr Chu). Historians recorded that Lü Tzu-Hua eventually took a potion of a 'rainbow elixir' (hung tan6),b having had among his disciples Pao Ching,7 a famous scholar of alchemical interests and the father-inlaw of Ko Hung 8.c Pao Ching, who was for some time Governor of Nan-hai, also had two other distinguished disciples, Wu Mêng 9 and Hsü Mai. 10 The former went on to study under the adept Ting I,11 and was later recognised as one of the leading figures of the Taoist Church; while the latter became a friend of the celebrated Chin calligrapher Wang Hsi-Chih 12 (+321 to +379), and the Taoist Yang Hsi 13 (+330 to +387), to whom is attributed the Shang-Chhing 14 Taoist scriptures. 4 The Chin Shu records that Hsü Mai and Wang Hsi-Chih used to go out together to search for plants and minerals for the making of elixirs with no regard for the distance they had to travel.e

Returning to the other disciple of Yin Chhang-Shêng, that is Chu hsien-sêng, we are told that he handed down his knowledge to Wang Ssu-Chen <sup>15</sup> (fl. +180), who in turn taught Ko Hsüan <sup>16</sup> (+164 to +244). Now Ko Hsüan was Ko Hung's greatuncle, who had also learnt the art from Tso Tzhu <sup>17</sup> (or Tso Yuan-Fang <sup>18</sup>), the famous magician and alchemist of the Three Kingdoms period. Said to be a disciple of the adept Li Chung-Fu, <sup>19</sup> he roamed the Mao-Shan <sup>20</sup> mountains in search of cinnabar for making the 'nine flower elixir' (chiu hua tan<sup>21</sup>). g

Than Ssu-Hsien<sup>22</sup> afterwards wrote a biography of Ko Hsüan, entitled *Thai-Chi Ko Hsien-Ong Chuan*<sup>23</sup> (Biography of the Supreme-Pole Elder-Immortal Ko), which is in the *Tao Tsang.*<sup>h</sup> Ko Hsüan handed down his knowledge to Chêng Yin<sup>24</sup> (also known as Chêng Ssu-Yuan,<sup>25</sup> c. +220 to +300), and the latter became the teacher of Ko Hung. Table 110 shows at a glance the descent and connections of the alchemists so far mentioned. In Ko Hung's own book he tells the story of this transmission, giving

f Also known by the names Ko Hsiao-Hsien<sup>29</sup> and Ko Hsien-Ong.<sup>30</sup>
g See TT773, ch. 2, p. 19b. Both the names of Tso Tzhu and Ko Hsüan are mentioned in the Tunhuang MS. no. S 2070 in the British Museum; a list of magician-technicians (fang shu<sup>31</sup> experts) with brief bibliographical details about them.

h TT447.

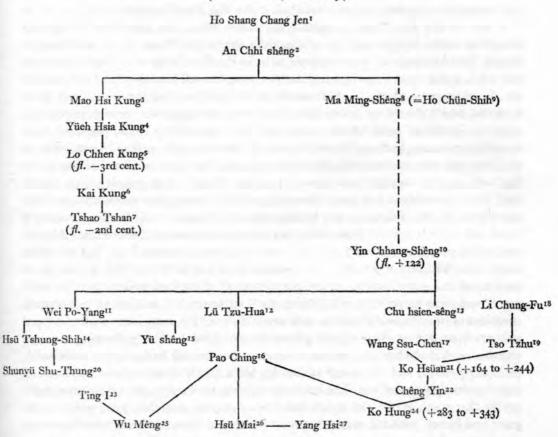
1馬鳴(明)生	2 安期生	3 魏伯陽	4 呂子華	5 朱先生
6 虹丹	7 鲍 靚	8 葛洪	0 吳猛	10 許邁
11 丁義	12 王羲之	13 楊羲	14 上清	15 王思賀
16 葛玄	17 左荔	15 左元放	19 李仲甫	20 茅山
21 九華丹	22 譚嗣先	23 太極葛仙翁傳		24 鄭麗
25 鄭思遠	26 鲍太玄	27 鮑敬言	28 鲍姑	29 萬孝先
30 賞.仙 翁	31 方领			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Cf. pt. 2, p. 106 above. <sup>b</sup> See TT 293, ch. 17, p. 4a.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> See Chin Shu, ch. 95, p. 10a; YCCC, ch. 106, p. 29a. It remains an open question whether or not Pao Ching (Pao Thai-Hsüan 20) was identical with the outstanding radical, almost socialist, thinker Pao Ching-Yen, 27 with whom Ko Hung had discussions reported in PPT/WP, ch. 48. On these see Vol. 2, pp. 434ff. Pao Ching's daughter, Pao Ku, 28 was also skilled in alchemy, like her husband.

d See Wieger (6), p. 16. e See Chin Shu, ch. 80, p. 5a.

Table 110. Chart attempting a filiation of alchemists in Han and Chin (-2nd to +4th century)



N.B. This table of filiation is continued in Table 112 below (p. 121).
Entries earlier than the +1st century are mostly very legendary in character.

1 河上丈人	2 安期生	3 毛翕公	4 樂瑕公
5 樂臣公	6 蓋公	7 曹參	8馬鳴生
9和君實	10 陰長生	11 魏伯陽	12 呂子華
13 朱先生	14 徐從事	15 蔵生	16 飽 靚
17 王思賞	18 李仲甫	19 左慈	20 淳于叔通
21 葛玄	22 鄭 隠	23 丁義	24 葛洪
25 吳猛	26 許邁	27 楊羲	

the titles of certain precious texts that were handed down to him.a These were: Thai-Chhing Tan Ching 1 (Manual of the Grand-Purity Elixir), Chiu Ting Tan Ching 2 (Manual of the Nine Reaction-Vessels Elixir) and a Chin I Tan Ching 3 (Manual of the Potable Gold Elixir). These do not exist as such now but the elixirs themselves are discussed and (more or less) described in the Pao Phu Tzu book.

A text in the Tao Tsang, entitled Chen Yuan Miao Tao Yao Lüeh+ (Classified Essentials of the Mysterious Tao of the True Origin (of Things )), b is attributed to Chêng Yin. Although the text available to us in the Tao Tsang is probably mostly of the +8th or the + oth century, the putative author himself may have been responsible for the older parts of the book. It mentions no less than thirty-five different elixir formulae which the writer points out to be wrong or dangerous, though popular in his time. It tells of cases where people died after consuming elixirs prepared from cinnabar, mercury, lead and silver; other cases where people suffered from boils on the head and sores on the back after ingesting cinnabar obtained from heating mercury and sulphur together; and cases of serious illness when people drank 'black lead juice', possibly a hot suspension of graphite. Among the erroneous methods mentioned are the following: (1) boiling the ash obtained from burning mulberry wood and regarding it as chhiu shih5, c (2) mixing common salt, ammonium chloride and urine, evaporating to dryness and regarding the sublimate from that as chhien hung6 (lit. 'lead and mercury'), (3) digesting nitre (or saltpetre) and quartz (for a long time) in a gourd and using the product as an elixir, d (4) boiling nitre (or saltpetre) and blue-green rock salt (chhing yen7) in water, (5) making an egg-shaped container of silver to hold cinnabar, mercury and alum, e (6) using iron rust and copper as ingredients for an elixir called 'golden flower' (chin hua8), f (7) heating mercury together with malachite and azurite (copper carbonate and basic copper carbonate), (8) heating realgar and orpiment, g (9) heating black lead with silver, h and (10) burning together dried dung and wax. The book also warns against a very interesting procedure. saying that some of the alchemists had heated sulphur together with realgar, saltpetre and honey, with the result that their hands and faces had been scorched when the mixture deflagrated, and even their houses burnt down. This passage is of outstanding importance because it is one of the first references to an explosive mixture,

a PPT/NP, ch. 4, p. 20, tr. Ware (5), p. 70. c Chhiu shih ('autumn mineral') has been shown by Lu & Needham (3) to be a purified mixture of urinary hormones, It is discussed fully in pt. 5 below. Cf. p. 36. The recognisable methods of preparation date at least as far back as the early Sung, but the name may have been already current in the -2nd century, since it is connected at an early date with the Prince of Huai-Nan. There is a reference in the Tshan Thung Chhi, cb. 15, p. 34a; where the text says 'Huang Ti admired the "golden flower" (chin huas), and (the Prince of) Huai-Nan prepared the "autumn mineral" (chhiu shihs). Li Shih-Chen attributed the term to the Huai Nan Tzu book, but it is not in the text as we have it today; only a solitary reference to 'autumn drugs' can be found (ch. 19, p. 14b), but it has to do with something else.

d This is reminiscent of the digestion methods (shui fa) which will be discussed below (pt. 4). f Cf. p. 73.

e Cf. the silver aludels of Thang date described in pt. 4.

g This will produce the arsenical oxides, with evolution of SO<sub>B</sub>.

h Hei chhien is a synonym for metallic lead, but sometimes, as above, may perhaps be interpreted as graphite.

<sup>1</sup>太清丹經 2九鼎丹經 ↑ 缸元妙道要略 3 金液丹經 9 水法 5 秋石 6 鉛汞 7青鹽 8 金花

proto-gunpowder, combining sulphur with nitrate and a source of carbon, in any civilisation.<sup>a</sup> The book also gives a test for saltpetre. Exactly how much of all this material goes back to the days of Chêng Yin himself is extremely difficult to determine, but future research may be expected to throw more light on the problem. In the meantime, having regard to the general pattern of development of chemical knowledge and use of explosives, we place the essential passages in the Thang period.

The Tao Tsang also includes two Taoist texts purporting to record dialogues between Cheng Yin and his celebrated disciple Ko Hung, namely the Thai-Chhing Yü Pei Tzu¹ (The Jade-Tablet Master, a Thai-Chhing Scripture)<sup>b</sup> and the Ta Tan Wên Ta² (Questions and Answers on the Great Elixir).<sup>c</sup> Neither book reveals its author's name, nor any indication of date. The Thai-Chhing Yü Pei Tzu is however mentioned in one of the bibliographical chapters of the Sung Shih,<sup>d</sup> so it cannot be later than the Sung. As the courtesy name Chih-Chhuan³ appears in the text, it seems unlikely to have come from the pen of Ko Hung himself. In any case, it is not of great chemical interest, referring only to the combination of mercury and sulphur to form cinnabar, and the conversion of cinnabar back into mercury. The Ta Tan Wên Ta is quite a small text, again not of much alchemical interest, and the obscurity of its wording does not fit in well with Ko Hung's style.

Ko Hung, also known under other names as Ko Chih-Chhuan,<sup>4</sup> Chih-Chhuan Chen Jen,<sup>5</sup> Pao Phu Tzu<sup>6</sup> (the Preservation-of-Solidarity Master), and Hsiao Hsien-Ong,<sup>7</sup> to distinguish him from his great-uncle Ko Hsien-Ong,<sup>8</sup> was the greatest alchemist of his age, and the greatest Chinese alchemical writer of any age.<sup>e</sup> There has been some uncertainty about his exact dates. Yoshida saw that he was born between +280 and +286.<sup>f</sup> Feifel (1), following the Chin Shu, which says that Ko Hung lived to the age of 80 (or 81 by Chinese reckoning),<sup>g</sup> gives his dates as c. +253 to c. +333, while Chang Tzu-Kao (2, 3) makes them c. +281 to c. +361, also believing that Ko Hung lived to the age of 80. Yuan Han-Chhing (1) on the other hand, taking his age at death to be more probably 60, gives c. +281 to c. +340; Ware (5) chooses the same range (c. +280 to c. +340). Chhen Kuo-Fu, however, in the most elaborate study,<sup>h</sup> manages to arrive at definite years of birth and death as +283

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Attention was first drawn to it by Fêng Chia-Shêng (1), p. 42, (5), p. 38. We discuss it in its place when dealing with the history of gunpowder; Sect. 30.

d Cf. Wieger (6), p. 274. c TT932. a The second of these appellations may be truer than the first, for Ko Hung often deplores his inability to carry out all the processes which he describes (Pao Phu Tzu (Nei Phien), tr. Ware (5), pp. 70. 262, 269 ff.). The expenses are dauntingly heavy (ibid. pp. 92, 112), there is difficulty in getting reagents (ibid. pp. 91, 262, 269) and books (p. 92), while the actual procedures are taxing and complicated (pp. 91, 112). Nevertheless it seems certain from internal evidence that Ko Hung must have witnessed personally many operations, perhaps in the laboratories of friends and hosts, probably more than he could actually carry out himself, and in at least one case (see Table 111, no. 51) he appears to be describing a preparation discovered in his own laboratory. On the other hand the persuasiveness of his arguments and the beauty and elegance of his literary style (qualities not remarkable in the bulk of the alchemical literature) sufficed to enrol his book among the classics of Chinese literature, often to be read and savoured, no doubt, centuries after any widespread belief in the reality of alchemy had departed. h (1), vol. 1, pp. 95ff. 8 Ch. 72, p. 7b. f (5), p. 210.

<sup>&</sup>quot;太清玉碑子 <sup>\*</sup> 大丹問答 <sup>3</sup> 稚川 <sup>\*</sup> 葛稚川 <sup>5</sup> 稚川質人 <sup>6</sup> 抱朴子 <sup>7</sup> 小仙翁 <sup>8</sup> 葛仙翁

and +343 respectively; and this seems the best estimate so far,<sup>a</sup> An autobiography of Ko Hung is included in the *Pao Phu Tzu* (*Wai Phien*<sup>1</sup>), (Book of the Preservation-of-Solidarity Master: Exoteric Chapters),<sup>b</sup> but since this contains surprisingly little of scientific interest, and has been fully translated into English by Ware,<sup>c</sup> we shall not quote at length from it here. It only remains for us to remind the reader that Ko Hung has featured regularly in the discussions of astronomy, meteorology and mineralogy in Volume 3 of this work, and that he was as great a physician as he was an alchemist.<sup>d</sup>

Let us sketch for a moment some rough picture of his life, The autobiography is not very informative about Ko Hung's scientific work, emphasising rather the military exploits which he carried out as a young officer on the government side in the suppression of the rebellions of +303. But it does bring out, like all the other sources, his abstracted unworldliness, his devoted search for proto-scientific books and writings, his inability to engage in ordinary conversation though so eloquent with the brush, and his lack of any desire for a normal official career. His father, however, had risen to be Governor of Shao-ping, Before the troubles, besides his studies with Chêng Yin and Pao Ching, he had also engaged in the acquisition of medical knowledge from learned teachers. After his army service Ko Hung, seeking no reward, travelled to Loyang and other places collecting books; and then, when his friend Chi Han2 was made Governor of Kuang-chou in +306, he accepted to go south with him as his military adviser, probably because he was attracted by the exotic plants and unusual mineral substances of the south. This friendship deserves note, for Chi Han was a scholar whose Nan Fang Tshao Mu Chuang3 (Records of the Plants and Trees of the Southern Regions) makes him one of the greatest of all Chinese botanists. Unfortunately Chi was soon assassinated, but Ko remained in the south for many years, only returning for a brief visit to his birthplace, Nanyang in Chiangsu, after which he was belatedly given the title of Kuan Nei Marquis for his youthful military successes. About this time his friend Kan Pao+ recommended him to the throne as a suitable member of the Bureau of Historiography. Again the connection is quite interesting, for Kan Pao was what might nowadays be called a psychical research specialist, the author of a famous book on all kinds of strange phenomena: Sou Shen Chi 5 (Reports on Spiritual Manifestations), finished c. + 348. Prominent

a It is indeed made almost certain by the parallel deductions and arguments of Hung Yeh (2), brought to the attention of Western scholars by Sivin (7).
b Ch. 50, the last in this part.

c (5), pp. 6ff. Partial translations are in L. Giles (6) and Davis & Wu Lu-Chhiang (2).

d The medical work of Ko Hung will be dealt with in Vol. 6.

e The standard biography is in Chin Shu, ch. 72, pp. 7bff., tr. Davis & Chhen Kuo-Fu (1), p. 299. Partial tr. L. Giles (6), p. 97. Later hagiographic embroideries enlarge it in works such as the Lieh Hsien Chhian Chuan, whence Davis (7), and Li Tai Shen Hsien Thung Chien, ch. 12. Further biographical information is found in Chhen Kuo-Fu (1), vol. 1, pp. 95ff.; Hou Wai-Lu et al. (1), pp. 27off. Forke (20), incorporated in (12), pp. 204ff., may also be consulted, especially as it analyses the Wai Phien in some detail. There is an interesting study by Ōbuchi Ninji (1).

f For a discussion and partial translation see Bodde (9, 10). A translation of the Chin Shu biography of Kan Pao is in L. Giles (14).

<sup>1</sup>抱朴子外篇

<sup>2</sup> 稽含 3 南方草木狀

千管 5搜神配

<sup>6</sup> 列仙全傳

<sup>7</sup> 歷代神仙通鑑

appointments Ko Hung all declined on account of age, but hearing that Chiao-chih in the south produced much cinnabar, he asked for the post of Magistrate of Kou-lou; this the emperor hesitated to give, on account of Ko's superior talents, but when Ko said 'I am seeking not for a grand career but for the secrets of elixirs', the emperor consented. On the way, however, he was amicably detained by Têng Yo, the Governor of Canton, another interesting man, noted in history as the great founder and patron of the iron and steel industry of Kuangtung province. It may well be significant that a technologist of this calibre was a friend of Ko Hung's. So he took up residence in the recesses of the Lo-fou Shan mountains and devoted himself to alchemical and proto-chemical experiments; probably the Pao Phu Tzu book was written there. The year +317 is an acceptable date for its completion. And there he died.

## (ii) The Pao Phu Tzu book and its elixirs

Ko Hung's contribution to alchemy and early chemistry is contained in his Pao Phu Tzu (Nei Phien)<sup>3</sup>, (Book of the Preservation-of-Solidarity Master: Esoteric Chapters), consisting of twenty in all. Both the Nei Phien (Esoteric Chapters) and the Wai Phien (Exoteric Chapters) must have been written by Ko Hung during the first quarter of the +4th century. Ware gives the date of the Nei Phien as +320, while Chhen Kuo-Fu says it was completed by the year +317, but revised c. +323.c Among the 20 chapters in the Nei Phien three are of particular chemical interest; chapter 4 which deals exclusively with the preparations and types of elixirs; chapter 11 which describes the various natural substances that could bring about longevity; and chapter 16 devoted to the transmutation of base metals into gold or silver. Alchemical information is also found scattered among some of the other chapters.d Chapters 4 and 16 were put into English by Wu Lu-Chhiang & Tenney Davis (2), and chs. 8 and 11 by Davis & Chhen Kuo-Fu (1), but these translations were criticised for not being particular in matters of textual criticism by Feifel, who in turn translated chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 and 11 of the Nei Phien, besides giving a full discussion of its various editions.e

<sup>a</sup> There is a local topography, the Lo-fou Shan Chih, from which Fig. 1353 a is taken. It shows one of the chief temples there associated with Ko Hung, the Chhung-Hsü Kuan<sup>5</sup> at Chu Ming Tung, a description of which by a Western visitor in 1895 may be read in Bourne (2). One of the greatest benefactors to Ko Hung's memory at Lo-fou Shan was the emperor Hsüan Tsung of the Thang, who built a big temple there in his honour about +750. For full details on this and related subjects reference should be made to the elaborate monograph of Soymié (4), which draws on much earlier literature about the mountains, including a work by Tsou Shih-Chêng<sup>7</sup> written in the late +13th century.

b Other places are of course traditionally associated with his work, for example the Chhu-Yang Thai<sup>8</sup> temple at Ko Ling,<sup>9</sup> one of the highest points of the low ridge of hills protecting the West Lake at Hangchow from the north (see Fig. 1354). There is a well in the grounds from which he is supposed to have taken pure water for his experiments. I paid a memorable visit to this temple with Dr Lu Gwei-

Djen and Dr Dorothy Needham in 1964.

c So also Soymié (6).

d Critical notes on the whole text have been published by Yang Ming-Chao (1),

e See Feifel (1, 2, 3). This was very well, but even today it is unwise to ignore the contributions of Tenney Davis and his collaborators, for he was a most distinguished chemist, and sometimes the modern scientific colleague of an ancient Chinese scientist can see further through a brick wall than any philologist,

1 鄧級

3 羅浮山

3 抱朴子丙篇

+ 羅浮山志

5 冲虚觀

6朱明洞

7鄉師正

8 初陽台

。萬嶺

A recent translation of the complete text of the Nei Phien, with the omission of the talismanic diagrams, has been made by Ware (5).a

Ko Hung believed that the only way to achieve material immortality was to prepare and consume one of the major elixirs, such as the 'cyclically-transformed elixir' (huan tan1) and the 'potable gold (elixir)' (chin i2), which he described at length in chapter 4. Other methods, such as the ingestion of various natural products, respiratory exercises, the techniques of sex, and even the minor elixirs, were, according to him, only meant to prolong the human life-span for a couple of hundred years or so, in order to give the aspirant sufficient time to produce one of the major elixirs. Ko Hung informs us that he had to serve his teacher, Chêng Yin, as a domestic for a long time until the latter succeeded in preparing an elixir at the Ma-chi Shan3 mountain. Even twenty years after acquiring the art Ko Hung himself could not proceed to make any of the more powerful elixirs on account of lack of funds, achieving only some minor ones and prolonging his life so that eventually he might have a chance to carry out the greater experiments. He stresses that even the least of the minor elixirs (hsiao tan+) was superior to the best things among the drugs. In another place he warns his readers that the sexual techniques were not only incapable of leading to material immortality, but on the contrary could ruin one's health if not properly carried out.c Ko Hung affirms that it is never sufficient to study books when performing alchemical experiments, and that one must receive oral instructions from a teacher.d Indeed he gives this as the explanation of Liu Hsiang's 5 spectacular failure to accomplish the making of gold.e

Of course there were other explanations—the mercenary and non-spiritual motives of the operators in the Imperial Workshops, and also the impossibility of success in a crowded and worldly environment. Part of what that meant we have already guessed (p. 36). This comes out particularly well from another story which Ko Hung quotes from the Hsin Lun of Huan Than, written about + 10 or +20. It reads:f

Huan Than tells us that 'after Shih Tzu-Hsin6 was made a Secretary in the Prime Minister's office, he constructed an elaboratory and mobilised minor officials as well as government slaves to set on foot the making of gold, but it was not successful. The Prime Minister then decided that adequate resources were lacking, and brought the matter to the attention of the Dowager-Empress Fu. This lady was not interested in the enterprise of aurifaction as such, but when she heard that gold could be used for making medicines to lengthen one's life, she agreed to participate (with financial support), giving her blessing to the project.

b PPT/NP, ch. 4, p. 3b; tr. Ware (5), p. 72.

e PPT/NP, ch. 2, p. 11a; tr. Ware (5), p. 51; Feifel (1), p. 177. f PPT/NP, ch. 16, p. 4a, tr. auct. adjuv. Ware (5), p. 266.

1 還丹 2金液 3 馬迹山 4 小丹 6 史子心 5 劉向

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Note that the abbreviation TT in Ware refers to the catalogue of Ong Tu-Chien (1), while in the present work it refers to that of Wieger (6).

c PPT/NP, ch. 6, p. 8a, b; tr. Ware (5), pp. 122-3; cf. pt. 5.
d The locus classicus for this is PPT/NP, ch. 16, pp. 6aff., a wonderful passage on the multifarious synonyms and cover-names which need to be explained (Ware tr. pp. 270 ff.). Cf. also pp. 71, 175, 319 of this translation. We shall return to this question presently (p. 153). The paramount necessity of personal discipleship and direct transmission of techniques by word of mouth is constantly emphasised in the literature, cf. the Thang text TT878, ch. 3, pp. 2b, 3a. Also p. 74 above.

Shih Tzu-Hsin was then made a Court Gentleman, and transferred his activities to the Northern Palace, where he was waited upon by a whole retinue.' How could such a holy art succeed in a palace? How could such a sacred process be accomplished in the presence of a company of the profane? Everybody knows that even dyers of silks do not like to have miscellaneous people watching what they are doing, for fear that their work will be spoilt.<sup>a</sup> How much more so is this true for the changes and transformations effected in aurifaction and argentifaction (lit. the art of the yellow and the white).

Chapter 4 of the Nei Phien tells us about the various forms of 'cyclically transformed elixir' (huan tan), the 'magical elixir' (shen tan¹), and thirdly how to make 'potable gold' (chin i). It is far easier, says the text, to prepare 'potable gold' than the other elixirs, but the difficulty lies in getting enough gold for the purpose. Two pounds of gold would be needed to make a single dose sufficient for eight aspirants. It quotes the names of nine different types of 'magical elixir' from the Huang Ti Chiu Ting Shen Tan Ching² (The Yellow Emperor's Manual of the Nine-Vessel Magical Elixir), namely:

- (1) 'elixir flower' (tan hua3); c
- (2) 'magical elixir' (shen tan¹) or 'magical amulet (elixir)' (shen fu⁴);
- (3) 'magical elixir' (shen tan1);
- (4) 'cyclically-transformed elixir' (huan tan);
- (5) 'edible elixir' (erh tan5);
- (6) 'refined elixir' (lien tan6);
- (7) 'soft elixir' (jou tan7);
- (8) 'fixed elixir' (fu tan8); and
- (9) 'cold elixir' (han tan9).

In eight of these cases no information is vouchsafed apart from bare details of dosage and the wonderful results ensuing. In the first, however, something approximating to a preparative method is given, difficult though the interpretation of it is. It reads:<sup>d</sup>

The first elixir is called 'elixir flower'. One should first prepare the 'mysterious yellow (substance)' (hsüan huang, 10 perhaps lead-mercury amalgam, perhaps the mixed oxides). Add to it (lit. use) a solution of realgar (arsenic disulphide) and a solution of alum. [One

b PPT/NP, ch. 4, pp. 5 bff.; tr. Feifel (2); Ware (5), pp. 75ff. These are listed with the same numbers in Table 111.

c Note the similarity of the name with that mentioned in the +2nd-century Thai Phing Ching (p. 75 above).

d PPT/NP, ch. 4, p. 6a, tr. auct., cf. Feifel (2); Ware (5), p. 76; Chikashige (1), pp. 41 ff.

e For the ancient methods of getting inorganic substances into solution with the aid of nitrate and acetic acid, see pt. 4 below. One such for realgar is detailed elsewhere in the book, ch. 16, p. 8b, tr. Ware (5), p. 274. Hsüeh Yü (1) took fan shih as copper sulphate here.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Cf. ch. 4, p. 16b (tr. Ware, p. 93). Physicians, says Ko Hung, preparing beneficial medicines or salves, dislike being watched by animals, children or married women. And he mentions again dyers afraid of the 'evil eye' (o mu<sup>11</sup>).

 <sup>1</sup> 神丹
 2 黄帝九鼎神丹經
 3 丹華
 4 神符
 5 餌丹
 6 錬丹
 7 柔丹
 8 伏丹
 9 寒丹
 10 玄黄
 11 惡目

text says 'alum and mercury'.]<sup>a</sup> Take several dozen pounds each of rough Kansu salt (jung yen¹), crude alkaline salt (lu hsien²),<sup>b</sup> alum,<sup>c</sup> (powdered) oyster-shells, red bole clay, (powdered) soapstone, and lead carbonate; and with these make the Six-One Lute [and seal (the reaction-vessel) with it].<sup>d</sup> After 36 days heating the elixir will be completed, and anyone who takes it continuously for 7 days will become an immortal. Now if this elixir is made into pills with 'mysterious fat' (hsüan kao³) and placed upon a fierce fire, it will very quickly turn into gold. Gold can also be made by taking 240 chu<sup>4</sup> (10 oz.) of this elixir and adding it to 100 catties (lb.) of mercury, then upon heating, it will all turn to gold. If this works we know that the elixir is right. If it does not, re-seal the constituents and heat for as long as before. This never fails.

The whole procedure is evidently interesting not only in itself but because of the mention of projection, and even a test by projection, at the end.

This was the passage which aroused the interest of one of the pioneers of the history of chemistry in China, Chikashige Masumi, some forty years ago.<sup>e</sup> He believed rightly that it was susceptible of a rational explanation, but fixed upon the 'red bole clay' (chhih shih chih<sup>5</sup>) as the most important thing, suggesting that the alchemists of Ko Hung's time used an auriferous variety. It is true that gold can occur in small quantities in alluvial clays, but perhaps it is hard to believe that we are dealing here only with a smelting process. Chikashige thought that the lime helped the silicate to slag, that the salt and soapstone acted as a flux, and that the lead from the carbonate dissolved the gold; then he daringly interpreted the two alternative 'projection' stages as amalgamation and cupellation.<sup>f</sup> It remains an open question whether his view of the whole process is still tenable. In one way research has failed to justify it. He himself drew attention to the existence of a specimen of chhih shih chih<sup>5</sup> in the Shōsōin Treasury at Nara, and hoped it might some day be analysed; twenty years later this was done, and no trace of gold was reported.<sup>g</sup> This in itself does not invalidate his argument, which will have to be judged on wider grounds of plausibility.<sup>h</sup>

Parallel passages occur in several other texts, notably the Huang Ti Chiu Ting Shen Tan Ching Chüeh<sup>6</sup> (Explanation of the Yellow Emperor's Manual of the Nine-Vessel Magical Elixir)<sup>1</sup>, probably compiled by an early Thang or an early Sung writer, but incorporating some material even earlier than Ko Hung's time. The relevant passage here has been ably translated by Ware. J An important feature of it is that it distinctly

c Another gloss in some editions suggests a mis-reading for arsenolite (yū9) here.

d Some editions add these words. e (1), pp. 49ff.

h Chikashige's theory has found favour with orhers, e.g. Hsüch Yü (1). And a parallel case in + 1682 (Sir Kenelm Digby) is discussed by Dobbs (3), p. 8.
i TT878.

j (5), pp. 78, 79. Ware interpreted hsüan huang 11 as tin oxide, quoting TT878, ch. 1, p. 3b, as his authority, but the formula given in this source states the required ingredients as 10 lb. of mercury

a An ancient gloss crept into the text here. Shui<sup>7</sup> and hung<sup>8</sup> were liable to be confused by copyists.
b Hsüch Yü (1), giving no authority, interpreted this as ammonium chloride from urine, with organic impurities.

I He applied (p. 51) the same hypothesis to another of the aurifaction procedures, the 'Child's-play Method of Making Gold' (hsiao erh tso huang chin fa, 10 ch. 16, p. 9a, b, Ware (5), p. 274). See Table 111, no. 54.

g Asahina (1), no. 21; Masutomi (1), p. 137.

 <sup>1</sup> 改鹽
 2 幽鹹
 3 女膏
 4 銖
 5 赤石脂

 6 黄帝九鼎神丹經訣
 7 水
 8 汞
 9 礜
 10 小兒作黃金法

 11 玄黃

starts with cinnabar (chen sha1) and only after a long heating and sublimation of this does the process with the hsüan huang begin; then the descriptions follow a similar course, ending with the projection test, which is given as the words of a spiritual being, the Mysterious Girl (Hsüan Nü2).a This book in fact relates the full details of all the nine elixir preparations listed by Ko Hung, and the study of what each of them implies in terms of modern chemistry will be a rewarding one for future investigators. They will also be able to draw on other parallel passages, such as those describing the techniques of preparation of the Nine Elixirs in the Chiu Chuan Liu Chu Shen Hsien Chiu Tan Ching 3 (Manual of the Nine Elixirs of the Holy Immortals and of the Ninefold Cyclically Transformed Mercury), b The first process here again starts with cinnabar, using its synonym 'the red boy' (chu erh+); the mercuric sulphide being decomposed and recombined in the form of a sparkling scarlet sublimate. The exact reactions would have depended on the size of the sublimatory container (two pots luted together) and the conditions of heating. In any case the meaning of the term chiu chuan is considered to have been the decomposition of mercuric sulphide and the re-sublimation of the cinnabar nine times repeated.c

Another important elixir which would transform a mortal into an immortal within three days was the 'Grand-Purity elixir' (Thai-Chhing tan<sup>5</sup>), derived by Ko Hung

(shui vin6) and 20 lb. of lead (chhien7) saving nothing about tin. Another alchemical text, the Thai-Ching Chin I Shen Tan Ching (Manual of the Potable Gold and Magical Elixir; a Thai-Ching Scripture), says that hsiian huang is prepared by heating 9 lb. of mercury and 1 lb. of lead in an earthenware vessel over a strong fire from morning till dusk (TT873, ch. 1, p. 15a). Chhen Kuo-Fu (1), vol. 2, p. 379, suggests that in view of the strong heating prescribed, hsüan huang was a mixture of lead and mercuric oxides, the colour of which could well be a dirty yellow. Ware, making a guess as to the meaning of hsüan kao, o suggests that it might be human faeces but cites no authority, TT878 (ch. 1. p. 5a) calls the same substance lung kao, 10 so presumably these two terms refer to the same substance. unless one is a misprint. The Yin Chen Chin Chin Shih Wu Hsiang Lei 11 (The Adept Yin [Chhang-Shengl's (Classification of) Metals and Minerals (according to the) Similarities and Categories of the Five (Substances)), TT899, p. 6b, says that hsüan ming lung kao 12 is a synonym for mercury, and is abbreviated as lung kao. The Shih Yao Erh Ya13 (Synonymic Dictionary of Minerals and Drugs), TT894, ch. 1, p. 1b, gives hsüan shui lung kao14 as a synonym for mercury. If hsüan kao and lung kao are interchangeable then they would seem to be synonyms for mercury. It must be pointed out, however, that lung kao has also other meanings, for example a plant, the wild raspberry (fu phên tzu15). This is Rubus coreanus (R457, CC1153), well known anciently in China as it is in the Shen Nung Pen Tshao Ching. We shall meet it again before long (p. 98). Or alternatively, lung kao may mean the bile of a white dog (pai kou tan16), cf. R323. For these identifications see the Shih Yao Erh Ya (TT894), ch. 1, p. 4a, b.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Cf. Vol. 2, pp. 147ff.

b TT 945, pp. 4aff. The identity of the compiler, Thai-Chhing Chen Jen,<sup>17</sup> is very hard to determine. Two semi-legendary alchemists of supposedly Chou date bore this title, Sung Lun <sup>18</sup> and Phêng Tsung <sup>19</sup> (TT 293, ch. 9, pp. 2b, 4a). The material cannot be later than Sung and may be very much earlier.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> The idea of purification by repeated sublimation seems almost like a premonition of the practice of purification by repeated crystallisation, if indeed it did not derive from ancient processes used in the salt industry. The expression occurs at least as early as Ko Hung, see PPT/NP, ch. 4, pp. 10 aff. (Ware (5), p. 82). The efficacity of the substance as an elixir, as given by Ko Hung, can be represented graphically (p. 86). The chiu chuan shen tan is mentioned in other contemporary sources, e.g. Shih I Chi, ch. 4, p. 4b.

工質砂 2 玄女 力轉流珠神仙九丹經 "水銀 5太清丹 8 太清金液神丹經 10 讀賣 12 玄朋龍青 9 玄晋 口險質君金石五相類 15 覆盆子 16 白狗臘 1) 石變爾雅 14 玄水龍膏 7太清眞人 18 朱倫 19 彭宗

from the *Thai-Chhing Tan Ching*<sup>1</sup> documents which were in his possession.<sup>a</sup> This was supposed to be an elixir which had undergone nine cyclical changes, becoming more efficacious with each transformation (Fig. 1355). However, only the preliminary steps are given, not the exact composition of the elixir itself. Similarly, it is hinted that the 'Ninefold Radiance elixir' (*chiu kuang tan*<sup>2</sup>) could be made by transforming the

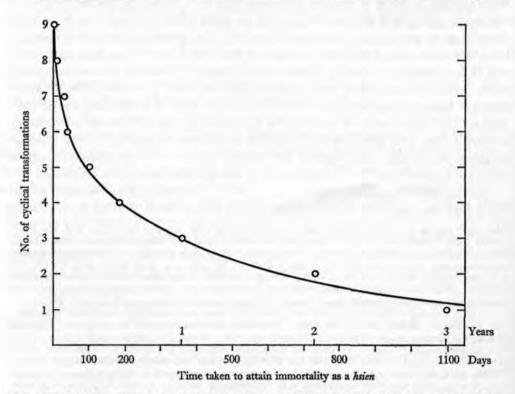


Fig. 1355. Graph constructed from figures given in the  $Pao\ Phu\ Tzu$  book by Ko Hung, c. + 320. Time taken to attain material immortality as a *hsien* is plotted against the number of cyclical transformations to which the elixir has been subjected. Cf. the translation of Ware (5), p. 82.

'five minerals' (wu shih<sup>3</sup>), i.e. cinnabar (tan sha<sup>4</sup>), realgar (hsiung huang<sup>5</sup>), purified potash alum (pai fan<sup>6</sup>), stratified malachite (tshêng chhing<sup>7</sup>) and magnetite (tzhu shih<sup>8</sup>), by heating them together with certain unspecified ingredients.<sup>b</sup>

Next comes a series of twenty-seven elixirs, with different efficacies, though not quite comparable with those just mentioned.c Less complicated chemical operations are involved. In describing the constituents of these elixirs Ko Hung often uses the word tan.9 This of course by itself can mean 'elixir' but makes no sense in some

a PPT/NP, ch. 4, p. 8b, tr. Ware (5), p. 81. Table 111, no. 10.

b See Table 111, no. 11, and the note there on the Five Minerals.

c Nos. 12 to 38 in Table 111. All are in PPT/NP, ch. 4.

 <sup>1</sup> 太清丹經
 2 九光丹
 3 五石
 4 丹砂
 5 維黃

 6 白礬
 7 曾青
 8 慈石
 9 丹

contexts unless taken as an abbreviated form of tan (-sha), i.e. cinnabar. In other cases tan has to mean 'elixir' because nothing is said of cinnabar; for example, in the making of the 'Instantly Successful elixir' (li chhêng  $tan^2$ ), no. 16, the only ingredients used are orpiment (tzhu huang<sup>3</sup>), realgar (hsiung huang<sup>4</sup>), copper and vinegar.<sup>a</sup> In at least one instance (no. 17) Ko Hung uses the word to denote a red colour, as when he speaks of 'vermilion goldfish' (tan  $y\ddot{u}^5$ ).<sup>b</sup> Hence like the word chin,<sup>6</sup> which can mean gold, or metal in a general sense, or even the element Metal, or just a golden colour (as mentioned in connection with the Tshan Thung Chhi), we can only hope to infer its exact meaning from the context. Unfortunately, it is not always easy to tell from the text what precisely the author had in mind. This is not the fault of the Chinese language itself, for there exist terms like tan sha and huang  $chin^7$  which have been used exclusively for cinnabar and gold respectively. Perhaps this was another way of keeping alchemical secrets even though put down in writing, and doubtless this again is why Ko Hung stressed the importance of getting oral instructions from a teacher.<sup>c</sup>

Among these twenty-seven elixirs cinnabar is found as an ingredient in twenty-one of them, mercury in eleven or twelve, realgar and malachite are each used in eight cases, potash alum, sulphur<sup>d</sup> and magnetite in five, and mica in three. In five instances the reactions were carried out in copper vessels. Vinegar, wine, honey and blood are each used on three occasions. Orpiment is mentioned twice, and haematite, rock-salt, minium, lead, jade, and lacquer only once each. Two synonyms, namely the 'mysterious liquid' (hsüan shui,<sup>8</sup> nos. 22 and 24) and the 'dragon's fat' (lung kao,<sup>9</sup> no. 28), present a problem. The first is one of the many synonyms for mercury according to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Ch. 4, p. 11a. This is a case where previous translators (Wu & Davis (2), p. 245; Ware (5), p. 84) went astray by not adhering stoutly enough to the simple principle that copper cannot be obtained from the sulphides of arsenic. Only Feifel (2), p. 20, saw that after the roasting of these to convert them partially to the oxides, copper ore is separately smelted and cast into a vessel, the arsenic salts then being placed in it and covered over with strong vinegar. 'After a hundred days the vessel will be covered with red exfoliations several tenths of an inch long, and five-coloured lang-kan masses like coral growths will have developed.' This material is the elixir. The description is evidently one of severe corrosion of copper with the formation of oxides and acetates of copper and arsenic with cupric arsenite and arsenates. Since these last are brilliantly coloured (Scheele's green, Paris green, etc.), the comparison with a bluish or greenish gem, lang-kan<sup>10</sup> (not so far definitely identifiable), was very appropriate; cf. Partington (10), pp. 627ff. The passage, it is true, is a little obscure, and perhaps two phrases should be interchanged.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> This may be the place to advert to the many meanings of the word tan. Besides 'cinnabar' and 'elixir', it also from ancient times meant simply 'red', as we see, for example, in the compass-points of sailing-directions (cf. Vol. 4, pt. 3, p. 564). Just as in ancient Rome (cf. p. 3 above), but less usually, there was confusion between cinnabar and red lead (minium, Pb<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>), and this use of tan became particularly common in Japan (cf. Asahina (1), no. 58). In medicine tan came traditionally to mean any compounded prescription for ingestion in solid form, generally as pills, not at all confined to inorganic drugs, though many of them naturally figured among these (cf. Liu Yu-Liang, 1). Okanishi Tameto (4) has made a valuable index of 2,405 tan prescriptions found in 322 medical books. In modern usage the term has acquired the special nuance of a proprietary remedy, and is used in the names of a number of Chinese and Japanese patent medicines.

c Cf. p. 82 above.

d In view of its reactivity it is perhaps surprising that sulphur was not more frequently used. Cf. p. 74 above.

<sup>1</sup> 丹砂 2 立成丹 3 雌黄 + 雄黄 5 丹魚 6 金 7 黄金 8 支水 9 龍膏 10 現矸

several sources, e.g. the Yin Chen Chün Chen Shih Wu Hsiang Lei, the Lung Hu Huan Tan Chüeh¹ (Explanation of the Dragon-and-Tiger Cyclically Transformed Elixir), and the Shih Yao Erh Ya; a but the third source also says that it is a synonym for vinegar. b As for lung kao, we have already suggested that it could be mercury, though we cannot rule out other possibilities, such as wild raspberry juice and dog's bile.

It is of interest that twenty of the elixirs are named after adepts, some, like Chhih Sung Tzu, Hsienmên Tzu and Wu Chhêng Tzu, mentioned in the Pao Phu Tzu (Nei Phien) itself, others, like Han Chung, Chi Chhiu Tzu, Tshui Wên Tzu (with some of the names already mentioned in Ko Hung's text) only found in the hagiographic literature (e.g. the Lieh Hsien Chuan and the Li Shih Chen Hsien Thi Tao Thung Chien). Not all the names have yet proved identifiable. The two elixirs 'Chhi-Li's' (no. 31) and the 'Handy' (no. 33) are of special significance from the point of view of projective aurifaction and argentifaction. A knife-point of the former, according to Ko Hung, turns a whole catty (lb.) of lead into silver when heated, and this silver becomes gold if heated with realgar solution for 100 days. Similarly a piece of the 'Handy' the size of a pea thrown into a quantity of copper from Tanyang, and heated, turns it all to gold.c Projection for gold and silver is also found in procedures described elsewhere in Ko Hung's book (see Table 111, nos. 39a, b, 51, 54). We shall return to this in a moment.

The list of ingredients for the making of 'potable gold' (no. 39 in Table 111) a has presented much difficulty, as can be seen by the translations of both Ware and Feifel. The method requires that 1 catty (lb.) of gold be placed with a number of substances in a container, which is then sealed and left over a period of time until a liquid is formed. The question is, what the substances were; they are described in an unpunctuated succession, as usual, but the synonyms are not so usual. Hsüan ming lung kao, 'mysterious bright dragon's fat', is, according to the Shih Yao Erh Ya, a synonym for selenite (a naturally occurring form of calcium sulphate), but it is also said to be mercury by the Yin Chen Chün Chin Shih Wu Hsiang Lei. On the other hand if one reads it as hsüan ming and lung kao then one gets vinegar and the plant fu phên tzu, the wild raspberry (Rubus coreanus), the unripe fruits of which contain hydrocyanic acid. Wang Khuei-Kho (2) suggests that it would have been possible to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See TT899, p. 5b; TT902, ch. 1, p. 1b; TT894, ch. 1, p. 1b.

b See TT894, ch. 1, p. 5b.

c Ware (5), ignoring the grammar here, spoke of 'male copper', which he thought might be an alloy of arsenic and copper. But metals and alloys did have sexes; see no. 56 in Table 111.

d PPT/NP, ch. 4, p. 14a, cf. Ware (5), pp. 89ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> The formula is: hsüan ming lung kao Thai-I hsün shou chung shih ping shih tzu yu nü hsüan shui i chin hua shih tan sha, <sup>4</sup> A parallel formula occurs in TT910 (ch. 3, p. 11a), one of the texts attributed to Ko Hung (see p. 109 below). It says that 1 lb. of gold is to be mixed with the substances hsüan ming lung kao ku Thai-I hsün shou chung shih shui tzhu yu nü hsüan shui i chin hua shih tan sha, <sup>5</sup>

f TT894, ch. 1, p. 3a. g TT899, p. 6b.

h Or of course cyanogenetic glucosides as in related species. On R. coreanus see R457, CC1153. Anon. (57), vol. 2, no. 123, describes and figures R. Chingii.

<sup>1</sup> 龍虎還丹訣 2 玄明龍膏 3 覆盆子

<sup>\*</sup> 玄明龍膏太一旬首中石冰石紫遊女玄水液金化石丹砂

<sup>5</sup> 玄明龍膏骨太一旬首中石水紫遊女玄水液金化石丹砂

bring gold into solution by taking hsuan ming lung kao either as mercury alone or as the two separate substances. Thai-I hsün shou chung shih is most probably realgar, since one of its synonyms given in the Shih Yao Erh Ya is Thai hsün shou chung shih, while Thai-I hsun shou appears in the Yin Chen Chun Chin Shih Wu Hsiang Lei.a Wang Khuei-Kho identifies ping shih as either common salt or han shui shih2,b but thinks that in any case it played no part in bringing the noble metal into solution. We have not been able to find any other reference to the 'purple roving girl' (tzu yu nü), except that 'purple girl' (tzu nii3) is a synonym for amethyst.c Wang Khuei-Kho thought that it was perhaps sulphur, but Mêng Nai-Chhang (1) prefers to take it as lü fan,4 i.e. green vitriol or copperas.4 Hsüan shui i, the 'mysterious liquid', may be a synonym for mercury.e We have not been able to find the term chin hua shih 5 elsewhere, but hua chin shih,6 the 'metal-dissolving mineral', is a synonym for saltpetre,f Since chin hua shih and hua chin shih have virtually the same meaning, we may infer that the former also means saltpetre. About tan sha there is no question. Hence the ingredients for making 'potable gold' could have been as follows: gold, mercury (or vinegar and wild raspberry juice), realgar, leonite (or common salt), iron alum (or copperas), mercury (or magnetite), saltpetre, and cinnabar. This 'potable gold' could be taken directly for the attainment of immortality, or submitted to further treatment in various ways and used for projective aurifaction or argentifaction. A knife-point added to a pound of mercury would convert the whole to silver, and a quantity mixed with yellow earth would turn to gold after strong heating.

According to Wang Khuei-Kho (2), if hsüan ming lung kao is mercury then gold amalgam will be formed. This would probably be in a solid state because of the large amount of gold. It would then have been put into vinegar together with all the other substances to form 'potable gold' on standing. KNO3 in vinegar would form an oxidising agent, dilute nitric acid, hence the Hg in the amalgam would gradually dissolve out. The reaction could have taken the following form:

$$3Hg + 2NO_3^- + 8H^+ + (2K^+) + (8C_2H_3O_2^-)$$
  
 $\rightarrow 3Hg^{++} + 2NO + (2K^+) + (8C_2H_3O_2^-) + 4H_2O$ 

In this way the gold would gradually dissociate itself from the amalgam forming a

a TT894, ch. 1, p. 1b and TT899, p. 12a.

b This is usually considered one or another natural form of gypsum, calcium sulphate (RP 51, 119). The Shōsōin sample has been found to be calcite (calcium carbonate) but this was probably due to a confusion in the Thang (Asahina (1), no. 7). Wang Khuei-Kho suggests that it was leonite (MgSO<sub>4</sub>. K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.4H<sub>2</sub>O), the double sulphate of magnesium and potassium.

c TT894, ch. 1, p. 3b.

d He gives the formula Fe<sub>2</sub>O(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> rather than the usual FeSO<sub>4.7</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O (RP 132). Of course the double sulphates of the iron-potash and chrome-potash alums are purple in colour.

e See p. 153 below. Wang Khuei-Kho interprets it as a suspension of magnetite (hsüan shui shih?).

f TT894, ch. 1, p. 3b.

g On this first interpretation the vinegar is an interpolated assumption. What follows will be better appreciated in the context of the discussion on medieval methods of bringing inorganic substances into aqueous solution; cf. pt. 4 below.

<sup>1</sup> 太一旬首中石 2 寒水石 3 紫女 4 綠馨 5 金化石 6 化金石 7 玄水石

Table 111. Chemical preparations and elixirs described in the 'Pao Phu Tzu (Nei Phien)', c. +320

					Prese	nce of					
No.	Ware (5), tr. p.	Name	cin- nabar	mer- cury	real- gar	alum	mala- chite	mag- netite	Other constituents	Efficacies	Comments
Ch. 4 <sup>a</sup>	76	'elixir flower' (tan hua) <sup>b</sup>		+	+	+			lead, lead carbonate, salt, alkali, oyster- shells, red bole clay, soapstone, others uncertain	immortality, projection for Au	amalgamation; possibly a smelt of auriferous clay (Chikashige); use of aqueous solutions of minerals
2	77	'magical elixir' (shen tan) or 'magical amulet' (shen fu)b		no	deta	ils give	en '			immortality, invulnerability, walking on water, panacea	-
3	77 77	'magical elixir' (shen tan)b 'cyclically-transfor-		no	deta	ils give	en		-	—do—	suggestions of Hg poisoning (visions)
5	77	med elixir' (huan tan) <sup>b</sup> 'edible elixir' (erh				ils give			=	immortality, projection for Au, exorcism	—do—
6	77	tan) b 'refined elixir' (lien tan)b				ils give ils give				immortality immortality, projection for Au	—do— —
7 8 9	77 77 78	'soft elixir' (jou tan)b 'fixed elixir' (fu tan)b 'cold elixir' (han		no	deta	ils give	en		=	rejuvenation, projection for Au immortality, exorcism	= =
10	81	tan)b 'Grand-Purity elixir' (Thai-Chhing tan¹)c		+		ils give			vinegar, red salt (sulphates), calomel, lead, gold, others uncertain	immortality, flight immortality	visions mineral solutions, Pb/Au amal- gamation, cyclical transforma- tion (see Fig. 1355)
11	82	'ninefold radiance elixir' (chiu kuang tan²)c		+ det	+ ails in	+ compl	lete	+	uncertain	resuscitation of the dead, invis- ibility, foreknowledge, perpet- ual youth, longevity, telepathic knowledge	visions, suggesting poisoning; use of the 'five minerals',d' emphasis on colour changes
12	83	'five numinous elixirs' (wu ling tan³)e	+		+	+	+	+	sulphur, orpiment, haematite, rock- saltk	longevity	-
13	83	'Min-shan (Mtn.) elixir methods' (Min-shan tan fa <sup>4</sup> ) f	٠	+	+		,		yellow copper alloy (perhaps brass) made into a moon- mirror to collect dew, then heated with mercury by burning-glass, fo- cusing sun's rays. 1 Subsequent heating with realgar	immortality, rejuvenation, cure of blindness	Hg amalgam, sun-heated

14	84	'Master Wu Chhêng's elixir method' (Wu Chhêng Tzu tan fa') g		+		4	٠	*	sulphur	immortality	unsublimed mercuric sulphide, Cf. no. 55
15	84	'Master Hsienmên's elixir' ( <i>Hsienmên Tzu</i> tan fa <sup>6</sup> ) h	+	•		•		•	wine	panacea, immortality, exorcism	direct consumption of cinnabar suspension; visions suggesting toxic effects
16	84	'instantly successful elixirs' (li chhêng tan') i			+				orpiment, vinegar, copper, dodder sap, others uncertain	transfiguration, flight, longevity	Cu and As acetates, Cu arsenit
17	85	'selected fixed elixir method' (chhū fu tan fa <sup>8</sup> )	4	+					goldfish blood, ob- tained in specified places and at a special time	walking on water, life under water	use of animal material
18	85	'The Red Pine Master's elixir method' (Chhih Sung Tzu tan fa <sup>9</sup> ) j	+	*	*	•	٠	•	sap from chhien sui lei¹o (Vitis flexu- osa) <sup>m</sup> and from the 'alum-peach', mulberry juice	longevity	
19	86	'Teacher Shih's elixir method' (Shih hsien- sêng tan fa <sup>11</sup> )	+	•			•	•	fed to young birds, bodies dried and eaten	longevity to 500 years	animal feeding experiment
20	86	'Master Khang Fêng's elixir method' (Khang Fêng Tzu tan fa <sup>12</sup> )	+						mica, lacquer, blood of the embryo of the black stork (Ciconia nigra), r aconite sap or extract	longevity from 100 to 1000 years depending on amount taken	
21	86	'Master Tshui Wên's elixir method' (Tshui Wên Tzu tan fa 13) n	+				٠	٠	put in duck's stomach and steamed	longevity and immortality	_
22	86	'Liu Yuan's elixir method' (Liu Yuan tan fa <sup>14</sup> )	+	(+)		•	•	•	mica ions in solution or suspension; mer- cury or vinegar (hsüan shui <sup>15</sup> )	longevity	solutions of minerals
23	86	'Yüeh Tzu-Chhang's elixir method' (Yüeh Tzu-Chhang tan fa <sup>16</sup> )	+	+			+		minium, heated in copper cylinder	immortality (gradual) <sup>t</sup>	- T
24	86	'Li Wên's elixir method' (Li Wên tan fa <sup>17</sup> )	+	(+)		*	•	•	haematite (pai su 18),8 bamboo sap or ex- tract, mercury or vinegar (hsüan shui 19)	immortality (gradual) <sup>t</sup>	
25	87	'Master Yin's elixir method' (Yin Tzu tan fa <sup>20</sup> )	+					•	mica suspension, mol- ten lead (chin hua chhih <sup>21</sup> )	immortality	-

## Table 111 (continued)

	Lucy				Prese	nce o	f				
No.	Ware (5), tr. p.	Name	cin- naba	mer- r cury	real- gar	alum	mala- chite	mag- netite	Other constituents	Efficacies	Comments
Ch. 4 26	87	'The Thai-I Soul- Recalling elixir method' (Thai-I chao hun pho tan fa <sup>22</sup> )o	+	91	+	+	+	+	concocted in aludel, taken with sulphur	will resuscitate one who has been dead for not more than 3 days	use of the 'five minerals', cf. nos. 11, 34
27	87	'The Chosen Girl's elixir method' (Tshai Nü tan fa <sup>23</sup> ) <sup>p</sup>	+		*		*		rabbit's blood, honey	appearance of heavenly hand- maidens	visions due to Hg poisoning?
28	87	'Master Chi Chhiu's elixir method' (Chi Chhiu Tzu tan fa <sup>24</sup> )q	,	+	ě	,			wine, hempseed oil, honey, others un- certain (lung kao <sup>25</sup> )	longevity to 500 years	use of mainly organic substance
29	87	'Master Mo's elixir method' (Mo Tzu tan fa <sup>26</sup> ) <sup>u</sup>	+	+	+	+	+	+	heated in copper vessel	panacea, immortality	mineral solutions
30	87	'Chang Tzu-Ho's el- ixir method' (Chang Tzu-Ho tan fa <sup>27</sup> )	*	+	*1	٠	+		lead, red panicled millet, with crushed jujube-dates as vehicle	longevity to 500 years	organic constituents
31	88	'Chhi-Li's elixir method' (Chhi-Li tan fa <sup>28</sup> )	+	+	+	+	+	+	jade, heated in cop- per vessel, lead	immortality, projection for Ag and for Au	the 'gold' may be too hard or too soft; emphasis on colour changes
32	88	'Chu Chu's elixir method' (Chu Chu tan fa <sup>20</sup> ) v	+	*		*	+	٠	sulphur, vinegar	appearance of attendant god- desses, omniscience	visions
33	88	'handy elixir method' (chou hou tan fa <sup>30</sup> )	+	(+)x				•	lead (chin hua31),y copper or one of its alloys	longevity, projection for Au	-
34	88	'The Venerable Li's elixir method' ( <i>Li</i> Kung tan fa <sup>32</sup> )	+	,	+	+	+	+	concocted in aludel, sulphur	immortality (gradual)	the 'five minerals' in aqueous solution, cf. nos. 11, 26 etc.
35	88	'Mr Liu's elixir method' (Liu shêng tan fa <sup>33</sup> )	+			,	**		saps or extracts of pai chü <sup>34</sup> (white variety of Chrysanthemum), ti chhu <sup>35</sup> (grom- well), <sup>2</sup> and chhu <sup>36</sup> (Ailanthus) <sup>82</sup>	longevity up to 500 years (gradual), inhibition of ageing	link with plant pharmacology
36	89	'Wang Chün's elixir method' (Wang Chün tan fa <sup>37</sup> )	+	+	·		*		ingredients placed inside an egg, lacq- uer-sealed and hen-incubated	inhibition of growth as well as of ageing	use of body temperature
37	89	'Mr Chhen's elixir method' (Chhen shêng tan fa <sup>38</sup> )	+	19			*	٠	honey, sealed in a copper container and sunk in a well	cessation of hunger, longevity for	= =

38	89	'Han Chung's elixir method' (Han Chung tan fa 39) W	+			**		*	honey, lacquer	longevity, casting no shadow, preservation of vision	
39	89 (cf. also pp. 64, 68 ff.)	potable gold (chin	4.5	+	+	+	3	+	gold, saltpetre, leon- ite or common salt, perhaps vinegar and wild raspberry juice, perhaps cop- peras instead of alum, magnetite and selenite uncertain, possibly other con-	transfiguration, longevity, immortality, exorcism, fulfil- ment of all wishes (earthly or heavenly)	no heating, mineral substance in solution; probable eventual formation either of potassium auricyanide or of colloidal gold
39a	90	'jet(-black) chü-shêng seeds' (wei hsi chü- shêng <sup>41</sup> )cc		+			٠.		stituents; see discussion on pp. 88 ff. no further constituents but strong heating	immortality, longevity, invulner- ability, projection for Ag, conversion to Au ('red gold')	Hsüch Yü (1) assumes amalgams. Noteworthy is the statement that bowls and plates made from this gold will confer im- mortality on those who eat from them (cf. pp. 31, 49 above)
39b	90	-		٠		*-1			loess earth, strongly heated	conversion to real Au ('yellow gold'), immortality (earthly), double projection for Ag, immortality (earthly)	_
40	92	ingestion of small amounts of gold (erh huang chin 42) dd			(+)		•	(+)	gold beaten out to leaf, softened, dis- solved, liquefied with wine, hog-fat, Ailanthus bark, or the constituents in- dicated, or orpi- ment		
41	92, 189	silver and large pearls (yin chi pang chung ta chu <sup>43</sup> )		4.				•	silver pearls, dissolved, or with wine, raspberry juice	very gradual longevity or immortality	silver cyanide ?
42	95, 198	lesser magical elixir formula (hsiao shen (tan) fang 44)	+					*	honey, sun-heated	rejuvenation, inhibition of age- ing, longevity, immortality	-
43	95, 199	lesser elixir method (hsiao tan fa <sup>45</sup> , erh tan sha fa <sup>46</sup> )	+		1.		,		strong vinegar, lacquer, heated	panacea, health, immortality, metamorphoses, casting no shadow	_
44	95, 198	lesser method for ingesting small am- ounts of gold (hsiao erh huang chin fa <sup>47</sup> or fang <sup>48</sup> )		*					gold or silver, wine	insensibility to heat and cold, visions, levitation, immortality (heavenly or earthly)	probably leaf

Table III (continued)

No.	Ware (5),				Prese	nce of					
	tr.	Name	cin- naba	mer- r cury	real- gar	alum	mala- chite	mag- netite	Other constituents	Efficacies	Comments
Ch. 4 45	96, 198	'Master Liang I's method for ingest- ing small amounts of dispersed gold' (Liang I Tzu erh hsiao huang chin fa <sup>49</sup> )ee			•				gold, hog-fat, strong vinegar	immortality, longevity to 2000 years	probably leaf
46	179ff.	the five types of magic mushrooms (wu chih 50)		*	•			a i	none	invulnerability, ff panacea, magi- cal powers, longevity, immortal- ity, sensations of multicoloured light, glowing body, life under water, invisibility	by no means all cryptogams, but a wide variety of excrescences', mineral, vegetable and animal, cf. Sect. 45 in Vol. 6. Among the fungi some may well have contained hallucinogenic substances
47	186	the five types of mica (yün mu wu chung 51)			•	•	•		plant saps or ex- tracts, saltpetre and acetic acid, honey, black tea	employment of gods and spirits, invulnerability, panacea, rejuvenation	minerals in aqueous solution
48	187	realgar (hsiung huang)			+				wine, saltpetre and acetic acid, with animal material	panacea, longevity, rejuvenation, visions	suggestions of As poisoning
49	188	jade (yü)						14	wine, plant materials	invulnerability (but often causes fever)	intestinal inflammation ?
50 gg	190	lacquer (shun chhi <sup>52</sup> )		*		-		٠	crab meat (to prevent setting, see pt. 4), mica or iade in solution	panacea, visions	minerals in aqueous solution
51	271	app. Ko Hung's own	+	+	+		•	•	ox bile, crude salt, copper sulphate, aqueous solution of cinnabar (cf. pt. 4)	projection for Au	preparation of a Cu/As alloy resembling gold
51a	272	method of making cinnabar solution (tso tan sha shui fa <sup>53</sup> )	+		*	•	*		strong vinegar, salt- petre, copper sulphate	-	inorganic ions in aqueous solution (see pt. 4)

52	273	'method for making gold received by Teacher Chin Lou from Master Chhing Lin' (Chin	*	٠			٠	•	tin, 'red salt' (mixed sulphates), lime-water	preparation of an artificial Au	preparation of 'mosaic gold' or stannic sulphide (cf. pt. 2, pp. 69, 71, 271, and here, pp. 99, 103)
52a	273	Lou hsien-seng so tshung Chhing Lin Tzu shou tso huang chin fa <sup>54</sup> ) method of making red salt (chih tso							gypsum, potash or iron alums, fused	_	mixing of inorganic sulphates
		chhih yen fa <sup>55</sup> )							non alums, lused	C CONTRACTOR OF THE	101 110. 52
53	273	'method for trans- muting (into) gold received by Teacher Lu Li from Master Chi Chhiu' (Lu Li hsien-sêng tshung Chi Chhiu Tzu so shou hua huang chin fa <sup>56</sup> )hh	+	+	+	+	+	*	none	conversion to Ag; conversion to 'purple sheen gold of the best colour' (shang sê tsu mo chin <sup>60</sup> ) (?Au). See pt. 2, pp. 70, 257 ff.	inorganic ions in aqueous solu- tion, result not easily interpre- table. Hsüch Yü (1), taking fan shih shui abnormally as copper sulphate, sees first the forma- tion of a low Cu amalgam and then of a high Cu one
53a	274	method of making realgar solution (chih tso hsiung huang shui fa <sup>57</sup> )		•	+	٠			strong vinegar, saltpetre	-	See pt, 4
53 b	274	the same for azurite				-	+		do		—do—
53C	274	the same for alum				+			-do-		-do-
54	274, 275	'child's-play method for making gold' (hsiao erh tso huang chin fa <sup>58</sup> ) <sup>11</sup>	+	+			+		red bole clay, salt- petre, mica, haema- tite, sulphur, calc- spar (gypsum), vinegar, Pb/Hg amalgam, lead	projection for Au from Pb, projection for Ag from Hg	formation of purple powder (tzu fên <sup>61</sup> ), HgS, according to Hsüeh Yü (1), used for the projection. Cf. no. 1 for a possible explanation (Chikashige)
54a	274	to make lead-mer- cury amalgam (liang fei fa <sup>59</sup> )		•		*	*	•		_	
55	275	'Master Wu Chhêng's (aurifaction) method' (Wu Chhêng Tzu fa <sup>62</sup> )	+	+	+	•		٠	earthworm excreta (earth), cinnabar in solution, lead	conversion to Au, then softened and ingested; results: panacea, rejuvenation, invisibility, in- vulnerability, walking on water, protection by gods and spirits, and their employment, visions of ghosts and heavenly beings, with many other magical powers	formation of a Cu/As alloy; sug- gestions of As poisoning; cf. no. 14
Ch. 17 56	294	a formula of the <i>Chin Chien Chi</i> <sup>63</sup> (Gold  Tablet Record)		+	+	+	+		orpiment, molten lead	used to make magic daggers, for invulnerability and safety in travelii	formation of a Cu/Hg/As alloy

## Notes to Table III, pp. 90-5.

With some duplicate descriptions in ch. 11.

b These nine, all taken by Ko Hung from a Huang Ti Chiu Ting Shen Tan Ching, have been discussed on p. 83 above, where the characters for their names will be found. TT878, a book with almost exactly the same title, seemingly compiled in the Thang or Sung, but probably including parts going back to

the Later Han, gives the whole list with full details on the preparation of all of them.

- c Both taken by Ko Hung from a Thai-Chhing Tan Ching. Ware (5), p. 367, has tentatively identified this book with the Thai-Chhing Chin I Shen Tan Ching 64 still extant (TT873), but although the substances used are similar, neither the names of the preparations nor the descriptions of the procedures coincide closely with the words of Ko Hung. This book is very hard to date, but it must have existed before + 1022 because it is abridged in YCCC, ch. 65, pp. 5aff. Whether or not it derives from an original text analogous to that which Ko Hung knew must be left for further research to determine. The preface bears the name of Chang Tao-Ling (see pp. 43-4) but its genuineness cannot be taken as established. Cf. Ho Ping-Yü (10).
- d Cf. nos. 26 and 34 in this Table. The 'five minerals' are defined twice in the Pao Phu Tau book, once here (ch. 4, p. 9b) and once in ch. 17, p. 10b, where magnetite is replaced by orpiment. The series cinnabar, realgar, alum, malachite and magnetite would be the most consonant with the colours (red, yellow, white, caerulean and black) required in the traditional five-element symbolic correlations (see Table 12 in Vol. 2), so it may have been one of the earliest. Yû shih 65 (arsenolite), also white, because of the similarity of its orthography, tended to get substituted for fan shih 66 (alum) but the latter is much more common in the alchemical texts—here perhaps was a real pitfall for the unwary experimentalist. If one takes the texts of other traditions, such as the pharmaceutical and medical, into account, one can compile at least half a dozen other lists, all quite different from this one, and all from authoritative sources. Cf. Sect. 45 in Vol. 6.

e From a Wu Ling Tan Ching which Ko Hung had at his disposal, not identifiable now. It contained five different methods, hence the name.

f From a Min Shan Tan Fa available to Ko Hung but no longer to us. It contained two methods, attributed to an alchemist named Chang Kai-Tha.<sup>67</sup>

g Legendary immortal, cf. TT293, ch. 2.

h Cf. Vol. 2, pp. 133ff.

i Nine methods.

J Legendary immortal, the first in the Lieh Hsien Chuan, cf. Kaltenmark tr. pp. 35ff.

k Some texts have arsenolite instead of alum.

1 Cf. Vol. 4, pt. 1, pp. 87ff.

m R284 (= V. parvifolia), a wild vine. Also written lei.68

n Also in the Lieh Hsien Chuan.

O Thai-I was the name of an ancient god, and of one of the stars in the north polar region (cf. Vol. 3, p. 260).

p See Vol. 2, p. 148.

q In the Lieh Hsien Chuan (Kaltenmark tr. p. 132) and TT293, ch. 3, p. 21b, which says that Chi Chhiu Chun69 flourished in the time of Han Wu Ti.

r R248, supposing yang wu hao70 to be yang wu hao.71

<sup>8</sup> Here as elsewhere we diverge from Wu & Davis (2) and Ware (5). This synonym for haematite is given in the *Thai-Chhing Shih Pi Chi*, TT874, ch. 2, p. 9a, cf. p. 130 and Ho Ping-Yü (8); so no 'wrapping in plain silk' was involved.

\* This means that the elixir has to be taken for a long time to produce its effect.

- <sup>12</sup> Cf. Vol. 2, p. 202. The San Kuo Chih bibliography has a Mo Tzu Tan Fa,<sup>72</sup> but the exact connections between Mohists and alchemists are still highly obscure.
- v Or Yü Chu's 73 in some texts; Yü Kuei's 74 in others, Perhaps all variants are mistakes for Chu Chu, 75 named as a (legendary) alchemist in TT 293, ch. 3, p. 22b. Cf. p. 127 below.

w He occurs in TT293, ch. 4.

x In some texts.

y But Feifel (2) notes also that chin hua, according to YCCC, ch. 65, p. 14b, is something made from the three ingredients cinnabar, realgar and orpiment.

<sup>2</sup> This is Lithospermum. A gloss in Sun Hsing-Yen's edition says that TPYL, ch. 996, quotes it as ti hsüch; <sup>76</sup> this fixes it as L. officinale (=erythrorhizon), R153, CC386.

au Ailanthus glandulosa (=altissima), Simarubiaceae, the 'tree of heaven', R341, CC892.

bb Ko Hung was in possession of a Chin I Ching 77 (Manual of Potable Gold) on this process.

cc This is hard to translate, but the first two words must refer to the black colour of the pellets of elixir used, and the second two define their size. Wei-hsi is an old name for jet, i.e. a kind of hard and compact lignite (allied to coal), which can be easily cut and polished for ornamental use. In his entry

for i,78 its more usual later name, Li Shih-Chen, about +1590, wrote as follows: 'I is (a sort of) amber, but black. Some say it gets its colour because the earthy mould dyes it, others that it is a kind of wood which under the influence of water has concreted into this form. It is not at all necessarily produced from amber after a thousand years. The Yü Tshê Ching 70 (Questions about Jade) says that pine resin after a millennium turns into the Pachyma fungus, and this after another millennium into amber, and this again after a similar time into vitriol, and finally vitriol after yet another thousand years produces wei-hsi (i.e. i). All this is in general fabulous talk and cannot be taken seriously' (PTKM, ch. 37, (p. 8)). Li Shih-Chen's perspicacity was shown here in several ways: he included both jet and amber in a chapter on plants and plant materials, not as others had done, with minerals; he accepted that amber was formed from pine resin; and he recognised the plant origin of a kind of coal. Curiously enough, the book from which he quoted was listed in the Chin Shu bibliography as one of Ko Hung's own, though a Chi<sup>80</sup> rather than a Ching, but the text may have been earlier, as an anonymous one of identical title is mentioned in the San Kuo Chih.

The plant chil-shêng is hard to identify now, perhaps impossible, and the subject is discussed in Sect. 38 (Vol. 6, pt. 1). It was certainly not Sesamum indicum (Pedaliaceae) because it is referred to before the earliest time at which that could have been introduced. Composites such as Mulgedium or Ixeris have been suggested, but the name is at present untranslatable. Cf. p. 72.

dd Eth is generally a noun, meaning cakes, or meat dumplings such as the so familiar pao tsu, 81 but Ko Hung often uses it as a verb. Another meaning is 'bait', strangely significant in view of the argument in pt, 2, p. 283 above, but there could have been no thought of that here.

ee This person seems not to be otherwise known, but his philosophical name would refer to the Two Forces, Yin and Yang.

ff Here an animal experiment is even described, in which arrows are shot at a number of hens, only one of which is 'protected', the rest serving as controls and being killed.

gg The remainder of this chapter describes a number of plants which could be used as elixirs, but it would be out of place to list them here. Cf. Sect. 45 in Vol. 6.

hh Cf. no. 28. The name Lu Li is often found written Chio Li 2 but this is incorrect, Lu Li hsien-seng, whose real name was Chou Shu, 3 was one of the four aged sages who visited the emperor in Chang Liang's time, c. -190, and advised against the supersession of the Crown Prince; cf. Shih Chi, ch. 55, p. 12b; tr. Watson (1), vol. 1, p. 148.

<sup>11</sup> So we translate, but there may have been some concealed magical influence of Yang maleness if the presence of a young boy was really needed, Cf. no. 56.

II The alloy is described as turning out either male or female (mu<sup>84</sup> or phin<sup>85</sup>) and these magic daggers, also male or female (hsiung<sup>86</sup> or tzhu<sup>87</sup>), are to be made from the two sorts. To test which is which, virgin boys and girls are asked to sprinkle water on the cooling metal, whereupon part of it rises to a male convexity and part sinks to a female concavity.

1太清丹	2九光丹	3 五靈丹	• 岷山丹法
5 務成子丹法	6 羡門子丹法	7 立成丹	8 取伏丹法
* 赤松子丹法	10 千歲草	11 石先生丹法	12 康風子丹法
13 崔文子丹法	14 劉元丹法	15 玄水	16 樂子長丹法
17 李文丹法	18 白素	19 玄水	20 尹子丹法
21 金花池	22 太乙招魂魄丹法	23 朵女丹法	24 稷丘子丹法
25 龍 膏	26 墨子丹法	27 張子和丹法	28 綺里丹法
29 主柱丹法	10 肘後丹法	31 金華	32 李公丹法
33 劉生丹法	34 白菊	35 地楮	36 樗
37 王君丹法	38 陳生丹法	39 韓終丹法	40 金液
41 威喜互勝	42 餌黄金	43 銀及蚌中大珠	44 小神丹方
45 小丹法	46 饵丹砂法	47 小餌黃金法	48 方
49 兩	50 五芝	51 雲母五種	52
53 作丹砂水法	54 金樓先生所從青村	子受作黄金法	55 治作赤鹽法
56 角里先生從稷丘子居		57 治作雄黃水法	58 小兒作黃金法
59 良非法	60 上色紫磨金	61 紫粉	62 務成子法
63 金簡配	64 太清金液神丹經	65 緊石	66 撃石
67 張騰臨	68 葉	60 稷丘君	70 羊鳥鶴
71 陽鳥鶴	72 墨子丹法	73 玉柱	74 玉桂
75 主柱	76 地 血	77 金液經	78
79 玉策經	80 TE	8I 他子	82 角里
83 周 術	84 41	85 华	雄 87 雌
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coloured suspension, probably purple-red. When the realgar was oxidised in the solvent the following reaction would have been possible:

$$3 \text{As}_2 \text{S}_2 + 22 \text{K}^+ \text{NO}_3^- + 4 \text{H}_2 \text{O} \rightarrow 6 \text{AsO}_4^{--} + 6 \text{SO}_4^{--} + 22 \text{NO} + 8 \text{H}^+ + 22 \text{K}^+$$

With cinnabar the following would probably have taken place:

$$_{3}$$
HgS+2K+NO<sub>3</sub>-+8HC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>- $_{3}$ S+3Hg+++2NO+2K++4H<sub>2</sub>O+8C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-
 $_{3}$ HgS+8K+NO<sub>3</sub>-+8HC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-
 $_{3}$ SO<sub>4</sub>--+8NO+8K++3Hg++4H<sub>2</sub>O+8C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-

Part of the sulphur could then have been oxidised to form sulphate:

$$S + 2K + NO_3 - + 2HC_2H_3O_2 \rightarrow 2K + 2H + SO_4 - + 2C_2H_3O_2 - + 2NO_3 -$$

The sulphate would react with Hg forming the slightly water-soluble HgSO<sub>4</sub>, and after hydrolysis becoming 2HgO.HgSO<sub>4</sub> in the form of a yellow precipitate. Arsenious oxide and mercury together would form a lemon-coloured precipitate, Hg<sub>3</sub>(AsO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. The ferric ions supplied by the magnetite, because of hydrolysis, would show a light brown colour in acid solution. In the presence of ferrous ions there could be other colours, but only in strong concentrations. Fe(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> gives a deep red colour in solution. Whether ping shih was NaCl or MgSO<sub>4</sub>.K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.4H<sub>2</sub>O (han shui shih) makes no difference as both dissolve in water and the ions formed are colourless. The colour of the final state may well have been ruby red because of the presence of much colloidal gold, and presumably this was the condition in which the noble metal was 'liquefied'.<sup>a</sup>

On the other hand, if we take hsüan ming as vinegar and lung kao as wild raspberry juice (fu phên tzu), CN ions will be present as the unripe fruits of the latter contain hydrocyanic acid. Then saltpetre and ping shih (if sodium chloride) will provide K and Na ions in solution. In the presence of air gold will dissolve slowly as follows:

$$4Au + 8NaCN + O_2 + 2H_2O \rightarrow 4Na[Au(CN)_2] + 4NaOH$$
 and  $4Au + 8KCN + O_2 + 2H_2O \rightarrow 4K[Au(CN)_2] + 4KOH$ 

The strong alkalis will be neutralised by the acetic acid and other newly formed acids. Since fu phên tzu also contains organic substances (especially glucose) there would be considerable reversibility; some of the gold dissolved would turn back into particles of colloidal gold in a suspension of purple-red or other colour. One difficulty is that KCN might be oxidised before it could have a chance to act on the gold and dissolve it.

Wang Khuei-Kho thinks that sulphur, magnetite, saltpetre and cinnabar were first put in vinegar to form the classical 'bath' or hua chhih. If only a small amount of saltpetre was used, most of it would become K and NO ions in the solvent, and the slow rate of solubility might prevent the HCN ions from being oxidised after the fu phên tsu was introduced. Similarly, realgar would also remain unoxidised, and being in powder form would remain at the bottom of the solvent as a yellow precipitate. Since a solution of not more than 0.03% CN is sufficient to dissolve gold, especially

a This assumes reducing conditions in a later stage of the process.

<sup>1</sup> 選池

over a long period of time, the soluble gold salt could have been formed.<sup>a</sup> Thus in this case Ko Hung ended with potassium auricyanide rather than with colloidal gold. As a means of attaining material immortality the former can hardly have been more salubrious (or pleasant to take) than the latter.

All this reasoning is of course hypothetical enough, but it constitutes only a preliminary attempt to explain what was happening in this Pao Phu Tzu process, assuming (a) the correct interpretation of the ingredients, and (b) that he did start from real gold and not from some artificial gold-like alloy. It is at any rate not invalidated by the argument of Mêng Nai-Chhang (1) that some descriptions speak only of gold and vinegar, e.g. that in the Thai-Chhing Chin I Shen Tan Ching, a work of unknown date and authorship; for the writer might only too easily have been concealing the details of the process. Dilute acetic acid would certainly do nothing to gold by itself, but one doubts whether anybody ever believed that it could.

Various other methods of ingesting gold are given by Ko Hung, who says that although these are inferior to the elixirs and the potable gold just mentioned they are still far better than alternative ways of achieving longevity and immortality.<sup>d</sup> According to him gold can be ingested if treated with the skin and fat of the hog in wine, or prepared with Ailanthus bark, or made into a suspension with wine from Ching and magnetite, or drawn out into leaf (chin2),e or taken together with realgar and orpiment. Similarly silver, and large pearls from oysters, could be made into a suspension or dissolved and so consumed.

We find five further elixir formulae repeated by Ko Hung in different chapters.<sup>h</sup> These show how the same alchemical terms could be written in different ways even by the same author, always supposing that the divergences were not introduced by subsequent copyists. For example, in one place we find tan,<sup>3</sup> and in another tan sha,<sup>4</sup> for cinnabar; while the method Liang I Tzu erh hsiao huang chin fa (Master Liang I's method of ingesting small amounts of dispersed gold in suspension) in one place is called liang (i) erh hsiao huang chin fa (Method of using the Two Fundamental Forces (Yin and Yang) to bring gold into suspension) in another. This fluctuation is always happening in the old alchemical literature. For example, in the Thai-Chhing Shih Pi Chi,<sup>1</sup> the preparation called 'Soul-recalling elixir' (chao hun tan<sup>5</sup>) is given twice, but with distinct differences in each case. Presumably this reflects the cooperation of

a Nevertheless, Meng Nai-Chhang (1) remains sceptical that even this low strength was reached.

b TT873. Cf. note c to Table 111. c Cf. pp, 181, 195 below.

d PPT/NP, ch. 4, p. 15b; tr. Ware (5), p. 92. Nos. 40, 44, 45 in Table 111.

e This shows that the goldbeater's art was known. One of us (J. N.) vividly remembers the decoration of sweet dishes in India with edible gold leaf—perhaps an alchemical survival.

f As we have already suggested (pt. 2, pp. 69, 71, 271) many of these procedures would make sense if one supposes that the golden crystals of stannic sulphide (mosaic gold) were being taken up with various media, vehicles in pharmaceutical language, for ingestion, Cf. p. 103 below.

g Since the alchemists of Ko Hung's time made so much use of vinegar, they doubtless dissolved pearls (when they could get them) in the manner of the Egyptian queen, though the little extra dose of calcium carbonate would not have done them or their clients any particular good.

h Nos. 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 in Table 111; in ch. 4, pp. 15b, 17b, 18a and ch. 11, pp. 16a, b, 17a. 

1 TT874, mainly of the early +6th century; see pp. 13off. below. Cf. no. 26 in Table 111.

<sup>1</sup> 荆 2 巾 3 丹 4 丹砂 5 召魂丹

numerous practitioners, each with his individual experiences, preferences, beliefs and modifications. The same thing may also come under two or more different names, and sometimes a single name covers a variety of constituents and processes.

The idea that a small amount of a certain potent substance could be used to transform a large amount of base metal into gold or silver is of course that of the 'philosopher's stone' later so prominent in Europe. The process was known as 'projection' (tien1).a Now in chapter 16 Ko Hung describes several instances where the noble metals were made by projection. First, Wu Ta-Wên2 saw the Taoist Li Kên3 putting a little of a chemical substance into boiling lead and tin, and stirring it with an iron spoon; then when allowed to cool it turned into silver. However, Wu Ta-Wên himself met with failure when he repeated the experiment after, so he thought, learning the art. b As we saw in the quotation given on p. 38 above, Chhêng Wei tried to force his wife to divulge to him the secret of making gold and silver by projection until the latter had to run away from him.c Hua Ling-Ssu5,d the Prefect of Lu-chiang,6 did not believe in the possibility of making gold and silver, and asked a certain Taoist to demonstrate his skill before his eyes. Ko Hung relates that this Taoist melted some lead in an iron vessel, and silver was immediately formed when he put in some chemical substance. Then melting this 'silver' again he put in some other chemical substance and turned it all to gold.e Ko Hung himself undoubtedly believed in the feasibility of making gold and silver (as he defined them). He even says that gold obtained by alchemical means is superior to gold found in nature as an ingredient of elixirs, because the former embodies the essence of the various chemical substances used for making it.g This is a very significant point, the point where the practical alchemy of China could conceivably have joined hands with a 'spiritual alchemy' such as grew up in the West. For if artificial gold was a finer thing than natural gold it was not a far cry to the idea that the process of making it was a parallel to, or an image of, the purification of oneself. Man in his perfected state, an artificial not a natural work, a gold produced by exhausting labour, not picked up as a spontaneous creation, would thus indeed be 'higher than the angels'. But there is no sign that Ko Hung himself, or the other Chinese alchemists, ever had any such ideas; they remained to the end believers in practical experimentation. And as we shall presently see (in pt. 5), the 'spiritual alchemy' of China was a far different thing from that of Europe.

Many accounts of alchemical transmutation by projection can be found at the time

a On the origins of this idea cf. pt. 2, p. 27 above. From p. 39 we know that it started in China at least as early as among the Hellenistic Egyptians. To date it in India is more difficult, but p. 161 below will presently demonstate that it can hardly be much younger there, for we find it in the first few centuries of the era.

b PPT/NP, ch. 16, p. 2b, tr. Ware (5), p. 264.

c Ibid. p. 3a, tr. pp. 264ff.

d I.e. Hua Than,7 whose biography is in Chin Shu, ch. 52, p. 6b.

PPT/NP, p. 3b, tr. pp. 265ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>f</sup> See pt. 2, pp. 62 ff., esp. p. 70. g PPT/NP, p. 5a, tr. p. 268. See p. 2 above.

<sup>1</sup>點 2吳大文 3李根 +程偉 5華令思

<sup>△</sup>廬江 7華譚

of Ko Hung. For example, one of his contemporaries was Yin Kuei<sup>1</sup> or Thai-Ho Chen Jen<sup>2</sup>.<sup>a</sup> In the *Thai-Phing Yü Lan* we read;<sup>b</sup>

The Shen Hsien Chuan says: 'Yin Kuei's courtesy name was Kung-Tu.3 There was a man whose father had died and was to be buried, but he was very poor (and had not the means). (Yin) Kung-Tu passing by asked him what was the matter and learnt of his plight. Moved by sympathy he said: "Can you borrow several tens of catties of lead?" The filial son said that he could, and soon came back with a hundred catties. (Yin) Kung-Tu took it up into the neighbouring mountains, where he built a small shelter and melted the lead in a furnace; then taking out from a tube which he had brought along with him a small pellet of chemical as big as a jujube-date, he threw it into the molten lead. On stirring, all became silver of good quality. This he gave to the poor man, saying that he had made it on account of his misfortune, and asking him not to talk much about it.'c

This story is curiously reminiscent of later European parallels where the good moral intentions and character of the alchemist tend often to be stressed. After Ko Hung's time there developed a special technical term for projection, tien hua,4 change or transformation effected by a mere 'spot' of substance added (cf. pp. 193, 213 below).d

Several methods of aurifaction are described by Ko Hung. Of these we quote one as follows: e

First take any desired amount, but not less than five catties, of realgar obtained from Wutu,5 vermilion in colour like a cock's-comb, lustrous and free from bits of rock. This is pounded to powder and mixed with ox bile and heated until dry. Take a red clay pot  $(fu^6)$ with a capacity of one peck (as the lower part of a reaction-vessel), spreading crude Kansu salt (jung yen?) and blue vitriol (shih tan?) in powder form all over the inside to a thickness of three-tenths of an inch. Then put in the realgar powder, (spreading it) to a thickness of fivetenths of an inch, and placing more of the salt (mixture) over it until it is completely (covered). Next spread on top of this a layer of pieces of hot charcoal, about the size of jujube-date stones, two inches thick. The pot must be smeared all over outside with a lute made from the earth (excavated by) earth-worms and crude salt. Another pot is then inverted over (the lower one) (to form the reaction-vessel), and all the outside smeared with lute to a thickness of three inches so that there can be no leaks. After allowing the whole to dry in the shade for a month it is heated in a fire of burning horse-dung for three days and three nights. When cool, remove the contents (and place it in a smelting furnace), then work the bellows to liquefy the copper (ku hsia chhi thungo), and it will flow like newly smelted copper or iron. This copper(-like) substance is then cast into the shape of a cylindrical container (yung 10), and

b Ch. 812, p. 7a, tr. auct.

c The parallel story makes it tin, not lead.

d Literally identical with the current slang expression, 'a spot of' something or other.

f This kind of instruction presumably indicates that glazed earthenware was not being used.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> TT293, ch. 8, pp. 19a to 21b, places him in Chin Hui Ti's time, +290 to +307, and this is confirmed in a story similar to that quoted here, but in TPYL, ch. 812, p. 8a, where it is said that he went away into the mountains for good in +306.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Table 111, no. 51. PPT/NP, ch. 16, p. 7a, b, tr. auct., cf. Sivin (1); Ware (5), pp. 271 ff. This is the method which seems to be Ko Hung's own.

<sup>1</sup> 尹軌 2 太和眞人 3 公度 4 點化 5 武都 6 釜 7 投鹽 8 石體 9 鼓下其銅 10 第

filled with an aqueous solution of cinnabar (tan sha shui¹).<sup>a</sup> This is again to be heated in a horse-dung fire for thirty days and then (the contents) taken out, pounded, and smelted. Two parts of this with one part of crude cinnabar added to mercury will immediately solidify it into gold. It will be bright and shining with a beautiful colour, fit for making into ting².<sup>b</sup>

Whatever else this may mean it must involve the making of a copper-arsenic alloy. The arsenic and copper compounds would be reduced by the charcoal and the ox-bile, the salt acting as a flux and adding minor constituents. The initial heating in the aludel would not effect this, but the furnace would. Cinnabar solution however requires a little further explanation. As we shall see later, in the discussion of medieval methods for getting inorganic substances into solution, vinegar was constantly used with saltpetre, giving dilute nitric acid.c In the Pao Phu Tzu book the formula follows immediately on the passage just quoted; the powdered cinnabar is placed with saltpetre and copper sulphate in a sealed bamboo container, the whole immersed in strong vinegar, and buried in the ground for a month. The resulting solution, red and bitter, must have contained mercuric, copper and potassium anions, and sulphate, nitrate, acetate and arsenate cations. Within the vessel of copper-arsenic alloy progressive corrosion will then take place during the slow heating, bringing more copper and arsenic into solution and finally into the dry contents. The eventual smelting presumably gave a copper with just sufficient arsenic to imitate more or less the colour of natural gold. The mercury and its sulphide were then unnecessary because volatile at the melting-point of the alloy, but this could not have been understood. As Sivin (1) rightly says, this rather involved procedure is quite as interesting in its deployment of techniques as any of those which formed the basis of Hellenistic 'alchemy'.

The theme of the dissolution of inorganic substances runs all through the writings of Ko Hung, and must go back well before his time. For making aqueous solutions of realgar (As<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>), or azurite (pai chhing, basic copper carbonate), or potash alum (fan shih back), the substance concerned was placed with saltpetre in a bamboo tube immersed in a bath of vinegar. Cinnabar, as we have just seen, was treated in the same way. In another section of the book, Ko Hung mentions the feasibility of bringing all thirty-six minerals into aqueous solution, of reducing jade to a potable form so that it has the appearance of a sweetmeat, and of breaking up gold into a paste.

<sup>a</sup> Sun Hsing-Yen has pointed out that twenty-seven mostly repetitive words after this sentence should be regarded as commentary and not the text itself. Hence we omit them in our translation.

c Pt. 4 below. d Ch. 16, p. 7b, Ware tr., p. 272.

e We discuss the probable date of origin in pt. 4 below.

f PPT/NP, ch. 16, p. 8b; Ware (5), p. 274. See nos. 53a, 53b, 53c in Table 111.

g No. 51 a in Table 111. h PPT/NP, ch. 3, p. 1b; Ware (5), p. 54.

i 36 here means 'many', not exactly 36.

1丹砂水 2釘 3白青 4磐石 5餅 6錠 7針

b The obvious meaning here is nails, but it would be queer if anyone ever thought that real gold was hard enough for this. The Shuo Wên, however, defines ting<sup>2</sup> as melting gold and casting it into little ingots (ping<sup>5</sup>). Perhaps therefore ting,<sup>6</sup> ingot, was intended by Ko Hung. The same expression occurs elsewhere, e.g. ch. 16, p. 5a. On the other hand he may really have meant nails, feeling that his artificial gold was harder and better than natural gold. If our interpretation of the meaning of the process is right, it was indeed harder than natural gold. An emendation to needles, chen,<sup>7</sup> very similar in orthography, has even been suggested (Chang Tzu-Kao).

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One of the other gold-making processes described by Ko Hung has great chemical interest, a for it involved the earliest known preparation of stannic sulphide, a compound with properties just as interesting as those of the calcium polysulphides which were prominent in Hellenistic proto-chemistry (cf. pt. 2, pp. 252, 271). As will be seen, Ko Hung did not claim it as his own, but attributed it in his usual way to venerated predecessors, so that indeed it may well be older than his time. He wrote as follows:<sup>b</sup>

According to the method for making yellow gold received by the teacher Chin Lou (Chin Lou hsien-sêng¹) from Master Chhing Lin (Chhing Lin Tzu²), one first casts cakes of tin six inches square and 1·2 inches thick. These little ingots are then covered all over to a thickness of a tenth of an inch with a paste of red saltc and lime-water, and packed one after another into a crucible of red (refractory) clay. For every ten catties of tin one uses four catties of red salt. Close the crucible and seal all cracks well; then heat in a fire of horse dung for thirty days. When opened and examined after removal from the furnace, it will be found that the tin has all gone to a kind of ashd in the midst of which there are lumps like clusters of beans—this is the gold. Or mix the substances together and put them into an earthenware pot for ten successive refinings over a charcoal fire blown by bellows; both (methods) will be successful.e The proportion is that for every ten catties of tin you get twenty ounces of gold. Only the clay crucibles made in Chhangsha, Kueiyang, Yüchang and Nanhai are suitable (for this work). Such pots are quite easy to get because the people of those places make them for cooking.

The convincing identification of the product here with stannic sulphide (SnS<sub>2</sub>) or 'mosaic gold' was made by Wu & Davis.<sup>f</sup> It forms golden yellow glistening hexagonal scales or flakes which do not tarnish and are still used for gilding and bronzing. In this case therefore Ko Hung and his predecessors did really succeed in producing an artificial gold from substances manifesting none of the properties of the precious metal.

Other statements of proto-chemical interest made by Ko Hung are as follows:

- (a) Ordinary people would not believe that minium (huang tan,<sup>3</sup> Pb<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) and white lead (hu fên,<sup>4</sup> PbCO<sub>3</sub>) are made from lead by chemical change,<sup>g</sup>
- (b) I aver that the 'flowing pearls' (liu chu, mercury) will 'fly' (fei, i.e. vaporise or distil); and that gold and silver can be made.

a No. 52 in Table 111.

b PPT/NP, ch. 16, p. 8a, b, tr. auct. adjuv. Ware (5), p. 273; Wu & Davis (2), pp. 264ff.

c The preparation of 'red salt' is described by Ko Hung in a paragraph immediately following the above passage. Some form of gypsum, i.e. calcium sulphate, was mixed with some variety or varieties of potash and iron alum and fused in an iron pot. This would have provided the sulphur for the reaction with the tin, but the yield of about 12% mentioned very candidly by Ko Hung was not high. The text here is somewhat uncertain (editions differ) and we have not followed the previous translators.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Wu & Davis suggested that this may have been the powdery allotropic modification known as 'grey tin', but this usually appears only when tin is subjected to cold (Mellor (1), p. 789).

e Here we prefer the interpretation of Wu & Davis to that of Ware. The latter envisaged a second set of heatings, which would be pointless; surely Ko Hung was describing a slow way and a quick way of carrying out the preparation.

f (2), p. 232, accepted by Leicester (1), p. 57. See Mellor (1), p. 411; Durrant (1), p. 420. In Europe it was known in the +14th century and well described in +1679 by Johann Kunckel (Ars Vitraria Experimentalis); cf. p. 99 above, and Partington (7), vol. 2, p. 375; (10), p. 521.

g PPT/NP, ch. 2, p. 11b; Ware (5), p. 52. h Ch. 3, p. 5b; Ware (5), p. 60.

- (c) Crabs affect the setting of (lit. change) lacquer, and hemp-seed oil spoils wine. We cannot give the explanation for such phenomena (pu kho i li thui chê yeh¹). How can we hope to get to the bottom of the vast profusion of Nature's effects?a
- (d) When salt and brine penetrate flesh and marrow, dried meat will not putrefy. Why be surprised then that longevity follows when people take substances that are beneficial for their lives and bodies?<sup>b</sup>
- (e) When plants are burnt, they become ashes, but cinnabar when heated turns into mercury, and after many transformations changes back into cinnabar.c
- (f) The Manuals of the Immortals say that the essence of cinnabar produces gold; this is another way of saying that gold can be made from cinnabar. This is why gold is generally found below deposits of cinnabar in the mountains.<sup>d</sup> Moreover when the process of making gold has been successful, it is the real thing, it will be homogeneous inside and out, and a hundred refinings will not change or diminish it. So when the formularies say that it can be made into ingots,<sup>e</sup> they mean that it is firm and stable. This is done by following the spontaneous Tao of Nature itself—how could such a substance be said to be counterfeit (cha²)? Of course there are counterfeit things. For example, when iron is rubbed with stratified malachite (tshêng chhing,³ basic CuCO₃), its colour changes to red like copper. Silver can be transformed by the white of an egg so that it looks yellow like gold. However, both have undergone changes outside, but not inside.<sup>f</sup>

Ko Hung often seems to try to explain some of the jargon used in alchemy and Taoism, although he does not always give the exact meanings of the secret covernames. He emphasises the importance of getting oral instruction precisely because of the synonyms and metaphors used in alchemy. He illustrates this by saying that the 'elegant girl by the riverside' (ho shang chha nü<sup>4</sup>) does not refer to any woman, nor does Lingyang Tzu-Ming<sup>5</sup> (the name of an adept mentioned in the Lieh Hsien Chuan)<sup>g</sup> mean a particular person—but without further explanations. However, in other places he explains that hung<sup>6</sup> means mercury (shui yin<sup>7</sup>), 'yellow' (huang<sup>8</sup>) and kêng hsin<sup>9</sup> both refer to gold, and 'white' (pai<sup>10</sup>) is silver. The most peculiar synonyms given by Ko Hung relate to the animal kingdom; for example the 'elder' (chang jên<sup>11</sup>) is the rabbit, the 'rain master' (yü shih<sup>12</sup>) is the dragon, the 'Count of the River' (ho po<sup>13</sup>) mean fish (generally the carp), the 'gutless lordling' (wu chhang

h In PPT/NP, ch. 16, p. 6b. Both these synonyms mean mercury, according to TT899, p. 6b and TT993, ch. 2, p. 25a.

i In PPT/NP, ch. 16, p. 7b and p. 1a.

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6 录	7水銀	8 黄	9 庚辛	10 白	11 丈人
12 सन कह	13 क्या /टा	14 &T			

a PPT/NP, ch. 3, p. 5b; Ware (5), p. 61. The lacquer story will be found fully discussed in pt. 4 below. Ko Hung's words here are a striking statement of his empirical attitude.

b Ibid. ch. 3, p. 6b; Ware (5), p. 62,

c Ibid. ch. 4, p. 3b; Ware (5), p. 72.

d On mineralogical prospecting cf. Vol. 3, pp. 673 ff.

e Ting 14 is used again; if he really meant nails, one should take the following word as 'hard'.

f PPT/NP, ch. 16, p. 5a; Ware (5), p. 268; Wu & Davis (2), pp. 263ff. Cf. Vol. 5, pt. 2, pp. 67, 251ff. g Kaltenmark (2), no. 68, p. 183. Lingyang Tzu-Ming became the tutelary genius of the reel of the fishing rod, and his story may embody one of the oldest references to this invention, cf. Vol. 4, pt. 2, pp. 44, 100, and p. 12 above.

kung tzu1) refers to the crab, the 'scholar' (shu shêng2) the cow, the 'immortal' (hsien jen3) an old tree, and so on.a

Ko Hung mentions the names of many past adepts and alchemists, sometimes telling us how they achieved the state of immortality and sometimes describing their magical powers. For example, he says that when Kan Shih<sup>4</sup> put some elixir in the mouth of a fish it could swim about in boiling oil, when he fed it to a silkworm it stopped developing even after the tenth month, when he let chickens and puppies eat it they grew no more, and when he gave it to a white dog its hair turned black. Tso Tzhu<sup>5</sup> showed no sign of physical change when he ceased to eat for a month, and claimed that he could remain alive for fifty years without eating.<sup>b</sup>

The existence of a considerable number of alchemical texts before his time is indicated by Ko Hung at the beginning of chapter 19 of his book. In fact he gives us one of the oldest bibliographies of Taoist literature, amounting to 206 book-titles in all.<sup>c</sup> Unfortunately few or none of the alchemical texts are extant now, though one may wonder whether the Wei Po-Yang Nei Ching<sup>6</sup> (The Inner Book of Wei Po-Yang) did not mean the Tshan Thung Chhi; and it is also likely that some of the contents of another book, the San-shih-liu Shui Ching<sup>7</sup> (Manual of the Thirty-Six Aqueous Solutions), is quoted in the San-shih-liu Shui Fa<sup>8</sup> (Thirty-Six Methods for Bringing Solids into Aqueous Solution), a text in the present Tao Tsang.<sup>d</sup> Also at the beginning of chapter 11, Ko Hung quotes a book called the Shen Nung Ssu Ching<sup>9</sup> (Four Books of Shen Nung). Yoshida suggests<sup>e</sup> that this might be the same as the Shên Nung Pên Tshao Ching<sup>10</sup> (Pharmacopoeia of the Heavenly Husbandman); but there is considerable divergence between what Ko Hung quotes and the text of the latter that we have now.<sup>f</sup>

A number of instances of magic and strange arts are described in the Pao Phu Tzu book. The story of Luan Ta 11 making chessmen hit one another of their own accord is given. 8 Wei Shang, 12 we are told, was able to disappear from sight when sitting in calm meditation. Chang Khai 13 could at will produce cloud and mist. h Tso Tzhu and Chao Ming 14 had the power of making flowing water go backwards, lighting a fire on a thatched roof to cook their food without burning the hut, or sucking out

a All these are contained in PPT/NP, ch. 17, p. 7a, tr. Ware (5), p. 288.

b Ibid. ch. 2, pp. 5a, 6a; see Ware (5), pp. 4off. It may be of interest that most of these examples come from the court of the Wei state in the Three Kingdoms period, where under the sons of Tshao Tshao there was a lively interest in natural wonders and strange phenomena (cf. Vol. 3, p. 659, Vol. 4, pt. 1, p. 39, and Po Wu Chih, ch. 5). Among the others mentioned by Ko Hung in his Pao Phu Tzu are Master An Chhi, Yin Chhang-Shêng, Li Shao-Chün, Liu Hsiang, Chang Liang, Huang Shih Kung, Ko Hsüan, Chêng Yin, and Chhih Sung Tzu, all of whom we have already had occasion to meet before.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Pp. 3 bff. See Ware (5), pp. 313, 379. There is a special study of the bibliography, identifying some other books quoted by Ko Hung; see Ishijima Yasutaka (1).

d TT923. This text has been translated in full by Tshao, Ho & Needham (1). For reactions in aqueous solution see pt. 4 below.

c (5), p. 217. f Checked particularly by one of us (G. D. L.).

g Cf. p. 32 above, and for the magnetic explanation of this feat, Vol. 4, pt. 1, pp. 315ff.

h For all these three instances see PPT/NP, ch. 3, p. 6b; Ware (5), p. 63.

<sup>1</sup> 無關公子 2 書生 3 仙人 4 甘始 5 左慈 6 魏伯陽內經 7 三十六水經 8 三十六水法 9 神農四經 10 神農本草經 11 樂大 12 魏尙 13 張楷 14 趙明

with their breath a nail driven deep into a wooden pillar, etc., etc.<sup>a</sup> Pu Chhêng<sup>1</sup> stepped up and up to the clouds until people lost sight of him.<sup>b</sup> A knowledge of magic was, Ko Hung believed, essential for aspirants to hsien-ship, so that they might protect themselves against calamities due to natural or human causes, and be enabled to carry out the Great Experiment. As the Subtle Work had to be performed in secrecy and seclusion among great mountains, Ko Hung gives detailed instructions on how to select by astrological calculation auspicious days on which to begin one's journey, what taboos one must guard against, and what proper charms or talismans one should bear or wear in order to keep wild animals, snakes, poisonous insects, and evil spirits away. There is a long and curious passage on mirrors as demonifuges.<sup>c</sup> Strong Taoist influence on alchemy is apparent from the use of charms and amulets, Taoist magic and ceremonies, and the frequent mention of terms like Taoist (Tao jen<sup>2</sup>) and Taoism (Tao chia<sup>3</sup>) coupled with the names of adepts and immortals with a Taoist flavour.

We have written already about the alchemists who thronged the vestibules of emperors and princes, like the fang shih of Han Wu Ti, Liu An, and Tshao Tshao. Ko Hung now tells us about certain charlatans who deceived their disciples by getting from them not only material support but also free labour in exchange for false promises. To Hung himself had personally met a number of such false teachers and said that in the end they would be punished by the holy immortals for their wrong-doings.

## (iii) Character and contemporaries

The moment has come to say a word about the personal character and cast of mind of the great alchemist, physician and natural philosopher whom we have been discussing.<sup>e</sup> A fascinating contrast is displayed if we compare him with another great scientific writer working fifteen hundred years before modern science was born. Much has been said in previous volumes of Wang Chhung<sup>‡</sup> (+27 to +97), and in one place we quoted in extenso his demonstration that the tides of the sea depended on the moon's attraction and not on any fabled earthly influences.<sup>f</sup> It was typical of the way in which he would take a popular belief and tear it limb from limb, exposing its illogicalities to ridicule and ending with a rational theory or a determined suspension of judgment. Wang Chhung was the great representative in ancient China of the sceptical and rationalist frame of mind. He was a stout opponent of all forms of divination and derided those who believed that the lightning-stroke was a divine retribution, or that the unethical behaviour of rulers brought about natural calamities. He was unwayering in his attacks on the lore of ghosts and spirits, dismissing almost

a Ibid. ch. 5, p. 6a; Ware (5), p. 106.

b Ibid. ch. 5, p. 7a; Ware (5), p. 108. Sun Hsing-Yen thought that this name might be a mistake for one of the magician-technicians mentioned in the Hou Han Shu, Shangchheng Kung. We have already discussed this case (pt. 2, pp. 107, 109 above).

c PPT/NP, ch. 17, pp. 2aff. tr. Ware (5), pp. 281ff. Mirrors have been prominent in folk-lore all over the world, worn by ceremonial dancers, etc.

d Charlatans with hosts of disciples are mentioned in PPT/NP, ch. 14, pp. 7aff.; Ware (5), pp. 236ff.
 e Discussions on the thought of Ko Hung will be found in Forke (12), pp. 204ff. and newly in Hou Wai-Lu et al. (1), pp. 263 ff.; Murakami Yoshimi (3). Ko Hung's position within the schools of Taoism is discussed by Fukui Kōjun (1).
 f Lun Hêng, ch. 16, tr. Vol. 3, pp. 485 ff.

<sup>1</sup> 卜成 2 道人 3 道家 4 王充 5 上成公

contemptuously Taoist claims of longevity and material immortality, by whatever means to be attained. His scepticism, moderated by gentility, remained through the centuries the standard attitude of Confucian scholars.

How different a man was Ko Hung, the untiring experimentalist who worked with his own hands at bench and furnace; a the frequenter of the chemical technicians, smelters and metal-workers of his time. Typical of both was Wang Chhung's pessimism about natural knowledge, and Ko Hung's corresponding optimism. Wang's mind was occupied with Chance and Fate; Ko believed that men could change their fate. Wang would have written off Ko as hopelessly credulous, while Ko would have regarded Wang as uselessly sceptical. The sceptical-rational typified by Wang Chhung was opposed by the mystical-empirical in Ko Hung, who was in effect constantly saying:

There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, Than are dreamt of in your philosophy.

This can well be seen in the eloquent passage reproduced in full at an earlier stage, which begins: 'The rumbling thunder is inaudible to the deaf, and the three luminaries are invisible to the blind....'c Interesting too is the fact that both their works, the Lun Hêng and the Pao Phu Tzu, are written in a clear, easy and discursive style. All this constitutes another example of the argument elaborated elsewhered to show that in the opening phases of the development of natural science, mystical religion may be more valuable heuristically than rational philosophy. Wang Chhung and Ko Hung deeply represented two opposite poles in the psychology of all scientific endeavour to understand the world of Nature. Could one not say that this antithesis had to be

a So we write, but there remains much diversity of opinion as to how far Ko Hung was really a practical experimenter, and to what extent he simply collected alchemical information from books and from adepts whom he knew. On the general relation between naturalism and alchemy, Yamada (2) has an interesting discussion.

b Ko Hung certainly knew the Lun Hêng well; indeed he recorded his great admiration for Wang Chhung's genius (PPT/WP, ch. 43, p. 1a). There is also a reference to Wang's autobiography (Lun Hêng, ch. 30) in Ko Hung's PPT/WP, ch. 50, p. 13a. However, it is clear that Ko Hung disagreed with him, as in the notable passage in Chin Shu, ch. 11, p. 3a, b, where Ko defended the Hun Thien theory against Wang Chhung's views (tr. Ho Ping-Yü (1), pp. 54ff.; cf. Vol. 3, p. 218). And many of the paragraphs in Pao Phu Tzu (Nei Phien) sound like defence speeches against the scepticism of Wang Chhung.

c PPT/NP, ch. 2, pp. 2aff., tr. Vol. 2, p. 438, cf. Ware (5), pp. 35ff. There is a parallel passage in ch. 8, pp. 7aff., tr. Ware (5), pp. 146ff.; Davis & Chhen Kuo-Fu (1), pp. 308ff. It is interesting to read the complementary passage in Lun Hêng, ch. 10 (tr. Forke (4), vol. 2, pp. 4ff., partly improved by Leslie (1), pp. 170ff.). Here all the emphasis is on pre-established harmony and on the constant universal cosmic rhythms, i.e. on regularity; and not on the strange exceptional things and occurrences which demonstrate the need for more subtle and further-reaching fundamental concepts, and which fascinated Ko Hung. This contrast between regularity and repetitiveness as against uniqueness and unpredictability crops up frequently in Chinese thought, cf. e.g. Vol. 3, p. 634 and Sivin (9).

d Vol. 2, pp. 89ff.

e This was well seen by Leslie (1), p. 165, in his study of Wang Chhung's biological philosophy. 
'Wang Chhung's reasoning and metaphysics', he said, 'were eminently favourable to scientific research. 
A superior natural philosophy kept within bounds his speculations, the biological ones being of a very high order; but the crucial factors of systematic observation and experiment were lacking. Experimentation was found among the Taoists, with their alchemical and physiological search for immortality; but unfortunately Wang's restraining logic was not heeded. In the West, the scientific revolt from the +14th to the +16th centuries, though associated with mysticism and anti-authoritarianism (comparable with the Taoist revolt), managed to combine rationalism with its empiricism to produce modern science. In China this combination was never adequately made.'

reconciled in a synthesis when modern science was born? Did not Confucianism and Taoism, scepticism and enthusiasm, marry at last in the Renaissance among the men surrounding Paracelsus, Galileo and Francis Bacon, who had never heard of either of them? Alas that traditional Chinese society never permitted such a marriage to take place!

A lot more could be said of the psychology of Ko Hung and his contemporaries. How did they 'keep their heads' in the midst of so much religious-magical 'enthusiasm'? How did he manage to make so many true observations of chemical behaviour, and carry out so many interpretable experiments, even though he himself could never interpret them? Here a study of religious experience in other climes and contexts might be very revealing.<sup>a</sup> For example, take what Ronald Knox said about John Wesley: 'On these and many other occasions you feel that Wesley was in the position of the old prophet—"being in a trance, but having his eyes open". Wesley the enthusiast, rapt in the communal ecstasy of some consoling love-feast, is being watched all the time by Wesley the experimentalist in religion, who is taking notes, unobtrusively, for his "Journal".' So in some such way Ko Hung had one eye on the magic, the sacrifices, the Taoist temple liturgies, but he kept the other firmly fixed on the real changes and transformations which he observed at his bench and his furnaces.<sup>b</sup>

To take leave of Ko Hung it may be worth quoting his prose poem on the Tao with which his book opens.c

Pao Phu Tzu said: 'The Mysterious (Tao) is the first ancestor of the spontaneous Natural Order (tzu-jan¹), and the oldest forefather of the ten thousand things. Boundless and impenetrable are its depths; we have to describe it as elusive. Endlessly continuous and prolonged is its length; we have to call it marvellous. Higher it is than the nine heavens, so vast that it envelops the eight corners of the universe. Brighter it is than the sun and moon, swifter than the lightning in the storm. Sometimes it flashes by and disappears like a spark in the air, sometimes it shoots like a meteor in the sky; sometimes it reveals itself in the rippling surface of deep water, sometimes in the drifting mists and floating clouds.

(The Tao) is the cause of the thousand categories of the things that exist, but it also hides itself in silence and emptiness. It reaches as far as the depth of the great abyss, and moves above the height of the pole of the heavens. Metal and stone are not comparable in hardness to the hardness (of the Tao), neither is its softness approached by that of a drop of clear dew. It has perfect rectangularity but never uses a carpenter's square, perfect roundness, yet knowing no compasses. Who can take note of its arrival, or follow it when it departs? Chhien relies upon it for its exaltation, and Khun relies upon it for its lowliness; d only because of its power do the clouds move, only because of it does the rain come down.

The (Tao) bore the primal unity (yuan  $i^2$ ) in its womb, and cast in their moulds the two fundamental forces (liang  $i^3$ ); e it breathed forth the great beginning (ta shih 4), and blew the

a One thinks of course of James (1) and Knox (1).

b The same level-headedness was abundantly characteristic of Thao Hung-Ching also, two centuries later, deeply involved as he was with the 'enthusiasm' and Schwärmerei of the nascent Taoist Church at Mao Shan.

c PPT/NP, ch. 1, pp. 2bff., tr. auct., cf. Ware (5), pp. 28ff.

d The two chief of the kua, corresponding to Yang and Yin respectively (cf. Vol. 2 passim).

e Yin and Yang.

bellows for the smelting of the myriad categories of things. It set in motion the cycle of the twenty-eight (lunar mansions), and none other was the artisan (chiang¹) of the completion of the early ages of the world. It stands at the controls of the numinous machine of the universe (phei tshê ling chi²), and its breath is the chhi of the four seasons. Abscondite it embraces all darkness and silence, invisibly it displays all things beautiful and fragrant. It makes turbidity settle, and brings forth clear waters, regulating the flow of the (silt-laden Yellow) River and the (transparent) Wei (River). Add what you will, it will never overflow, take away what you will, it will never be deficient; nothing you do will add to its glory or render it in any way impoverished. Therefore wherever the Mysterious (Tao) is there is infinite happiness, and wherever it withdraws the light of its countenance the vessels are broken and the spirits depart.

Such was the reverent mind in which Ko Hung manipulated his crucibles and recorded the changes of colour and substances during his operations. His contemporary Zosimos of Panopolis, though set in a world of creative divinity and personalised demiurges, would surely have appreciated it deeply.

Ko Hung's work remained so famous in subsequent periods that many passages from it were copied verbatim into other books, some of which consisted almost entirely of excerpts from him, while a legion of later writings were attributed to his pen. Almost the whole of chapter 4 of the Pao Phu Tzu (Nei Phien) is quoted in chapter 2 of the Pao Phu Tzu Shen Hsien Chin Shuo Ching3 (The Preservation-of-Solidarity Master's Manual of the Bubbling Gold (Potion) of the Holy Immortals); a and a smaller part in the Chin Mu Wan Ling Lun\* (Essay on the Tens of Thousands of Efficacious (Substances) among Metals and Plants). Another text in the Tao Tsang, entitled Pao Phu Tzu Yang Sheng Lun5 (The Preservation-of-Solidarity Master's Essay on Hygiene), consisting of only about four printed pages, begins by quoting the last few sections of chapter 18 of the Pao Phu Tzu (Nei Phien). Chapter 1 of the Pao Phu Tzu Shen Hsien Chin Shuo Ching describes a method of making the 'cyclically-transformed elixir' (huan tan6), according to which 12 oz. of gold and 12 oz. of mercury are first mixed to form an amalgam, then washed several times with water and sealed in a bamboo tube after adding 2 oz. each of realgar and saltpetre, with some vinegar. After a hundred days a suspension will be formed. Then 2 lb. of mercury are introduced into this suspension and heated in the presence of vinegar for thirty days; after this time the mercury, having turned purple in colour, is taken out, sealed in an earthenware pot (and presumably heated) for a day and a night. Then the 'cyclically-transformed elixir' is completed.d Apart from the above procedure these three alchemical texts contain nothing which is not in the Pao Phu Tzu book itself.

Chapter 16 of the Pao Phu Tzu (Nei Phien) is also quoted in chapter 1 of the Chu Chia Shen Phin Tan Fa<sup>7</sup> (Methods of the Various Schools for Magical Elixir Prepara-

a TT910. TT933. c TT835.

d This text needs further study, but its processes may well have involved the production of colloidal gold.

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<sup>2</sup> 鬱策重機

<sup>3</sup> 抱朴子神仙金为經

<sup>4</sup>金木萬靈論

<sup>5</sup>抱朴子寰生論

<sup>0</sup> 還升

<sup>7</sup> 諸家神品丹法

tions), with some minor textual variations.a Unlike the three previous texts, the dates and compilers of which are uncertain, the Chu Chia Shen Phin Tan Fa was, we know, compiled during the Sung period by Mêng Yao-Fu 1 (Hsüan Chen Tzu,2 the Mysterious-Truth Master) and others. A further alchemical text in the Tao Tsang called Chih-Chhuan Chen Jen Chiao Cheng Shu3 (Technical Methods of the Adept (Ko) Chih-Chhuan, with Critical Annotations) was attributed to Ko Hung because of the inclusion of his name Chih-Chhuan Chen Jen in the title, but Ko Hung would not have used his own courtesy name in this way, and the text itself mentions a line of descent quite different from what one would expect from Ko Hung. Nevertheless this is an important text on alchemical laboratory equipment, and we shall have occasion to refer to it in the appropriate sub-section below (pt. 4). The Huan Tan Chou Hou Chüeh4 (Handy Formulae for Cyclically-Transformed Elixirs)c has also been attributed to Ko Hung, but as it mentions Thao Chen Jen,5 most probably Thao Hung-Ching,6 who lived a century later, it must have been written by some other author whose name is unknown to us.d Two other texts in the Tao Tsang, namely the Chen Chung Chi7 (Records of the Pillow-Book)e and the Yuan Shih Shang Chen Chung Hsien Chi<sup>8</sup> (Record of the Assemblies of Perfected Immortals; a Yuan-Shih Scripture), have also been attributed to Ko Hung. The former deals mainly with hygiene and has something to say about aqueous solutions, but although there is nothing in the text to indicate its authorship, it talks about the purchase of cinnabar in the early +7th century, thus ruling out Ko Hung.h The latter deals with the hsien and speaks of liturgy, visions and magic, but not alchemy.

Ko Hung's medical treatise, the Ko Hsien Ong Chou Hou Pei Chi Fang<sup>9</sup> (The Adept Ko (Hung)'s Prescriptions for Emergencies), and his hagiography of the saints, the Shen Hsien Chuan<sup>10</sup> (Lives of the Holy Immortals), are believed by Yuan Han-Chhing to be the only two books besides the Pao Phu Tzu that were actually written by him. There is no doubt about the medical treatise, but (as has been mentioned already) the present text of the book on the immortals is of somewhat uncertain authenticity.

There is little doubt that other alchemists were active during the time of Ko Hung, though we do not know as much about them. There lived for example Hsü Hsün 11

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<sup>2</sup> TT911, ch. 1, p. 1a to p. 12a. b TT895. c TT908.
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d It incorporates a memorandum by Wu Ta-Ling 12 dated +875.

g See, for example, Wieger (6), pp. 142, 163.

1 TT 1287

j Of course one may except those later tractates which consist of almost nothing but what are clearly his own words.

1 孟要甫	2 玄質子	3 稚川質人校証循	↑ 還丹肘後訣
5 陶質人	6 陶弘景	7 枕中記	8 元始上眞衆仙部
9 葛仙翁肘名	後備 急 方	10 神仙体	11 許遜
12 件達電	13 孫思邈	14 葛洪枕中警	

e TT830; the similarity to one of the titles of the Huai-Nan Corpus (cf. pp. 14, 25 above) may be noted.
f TT163.

h In fact the bibliographical chapters of the Thung Chih (Thung Chih Lüch) give Sun Ssu-Mo<sup>13</sup> as the author of the Chen Chung Chi; cf. Chhen Kuo-Fu (1), vol. 2, p. 415. It is also said to be identical with a book called Ko Hung Chen Chung Shu<sup>14</sup> (Pillow-Book of Ko Hung).

(c. +290 to +374)<sup>a</sup> to whom is attributed the Hsü Chen Chün Shih Han Chi<sup>1</sup> (The Adept Hsü's Treatise found in a Stone Coffer).<sup>b</sup> The text of the book is written in a rather obscure style, but it has the following to say about mercury and cinnabar:<sup>c</sup>

(Properly handled), mercury can be concreted to cinnabar, like little grains of golden sand. If one of these is ingested each day for a hundred days, changes in the body's form and transmutations within the bones (will be brought about). The bones will turn into metal and rock. When the form and the spirit fuse, they both become marvellously excellent and the extreme of limitless longevity is attained. It is the sagely property of these golden grains to produce matter from nothingness. Now matter comes into being from the void. The hexagrams are in harmony, so that there is agreement between the Chen² (and the Li³) kua, while the Tui⁴ and Khan⁵ kua can communicate. The emptiness and nothingness of the Four Symbols (ssu hsiang⁶) cannot be drawn in any diagram, neither can (a man's) original constitution (yuan ching⁷) be seen. When that which is without form combines with emptiness, it is the form (hidden in) formlessness combining with the change (hidden in) empty changelessness. The transformation of cinnabar is a spontaneous natural effect. The coming-intobeing of cinnabar is a most mysterious operation of Nature.

Perhaps this shows that some of Ko Hung's colleagues could philosophise about chemical change quite in the manner of the Warring States scholars such as Chuang Chou.

Many other Taoist texts in the *Tao Tsang* are attributed to Hsü Hsün. It is said that he acquired the alchemical art from a certain adept named Lan Kung-Chhi<sup>8</sup>.<sup>d</sup> Hsü Hsün himself had many disciples. One of them, Shih Ho,<sup>9</sup> knew how to transmute gold and jade, another, Kan Chan <sup>10</sup> (also called Kan Po-Wu<sup>11</sup>), learnt the secret of the 'gold elixir'. An account of his death was written by a third close disciple, Shih Tshèn. <sup>12</sup> This is the *Hsü Chen Chün Pa-shih-wu Hua Lu* <sup>13</sup> (Record of the Transfiguration of the Adept Hsü (Hsün) at (the Age of) Eighty-Five). <sup>e</sup>

Another contemporary of Ko Hung was the Taoist Liang Shen <sup>14</sup> (Liang Khao-Chhèng, <sup>15</sup> d. +318), who sought immortality by ingesting cinnabar. <sup>f</sup> He was a disciple of the adept Thai-Ho Chen Jen <sup>16</sup> or Yin Kuei <sup>17</sup> (Yin Kung-Tu, <sup>18</sup> fl. late +3rd

- <sup>a</sup> Also known by the names Hsü Ching-Chih, <sup>10</sup> Thai-Shih Chen Chün <sup>20</sup> and Hsü Chen Chün. <sup>21</sup>
- b TT944.
- <sup>c</sup> TT944, ch. 1, p. 11 a, b, tr. auct. We think the addition of the word Li after Chen is necessary not only for the antithetical style, but also to make it more easily understandable, since these two hexagrams were so often used by the alchemists to represent cinnabar and mercury respectively.
  - d See TT 293, ch. 27, p. 10b.
- e TT445. We know little about another disciple called Phèng Khang<sup>22</sup> (Phèng Wu-Yang,<sup>23</sup> d. +421). According to Chao Tao-I, Hsü Hsün also imparted his art to his two nephews Chungli Chia<sup>24</sup> and Hsü Lieh,<sup>25</sup> to his son-in-law Huang Jen-Lan,<sup>26</sup> also known as Huang Tzu-Thing,<sup>27</sup> to his own elaboratory assistant Chhen Hsün,<sup>28</sup> and to his two servants Chou Kuang<sup>29</sup> and Hsü Ta.<sup>30</sup> See TT293, ch. 27.
  - f All the following alchemists are mentioned in TT 293, ch. 30.

「許眞君石函部	2 度	3 離 4 兌	5 坎
6四象	7元精	*關公期 *時荷	10 甘酸
"甘伯武	12 施岑	13 許眞君八十五化錄	14 梁 融
15 梁考成	16 太和眞人	17 尹軌 18 尹公度	19 許敬之
20 太史眞君	21 許眞君	23 彭抗 23 彭武陽	24 鍾離嘉
25 盱烈	26 黄仁颐	27 黄紫庭 28 陳勳	29 周慶
70 許大			

cent., c.+290 to +306), who possessed a 'magical elixir' (shen tan 1). a Yin Thung 2 (Yin Ling-Chien,3 d. +388), a descendant of Yin Kuei, took preparations of two liliaceous plants, huang ching4 and thien men tung5b with realgar, with what results is not recorded; he had two disciples, Niu Wên-Hou6 and Wang Tao-I.7 The latter became the teacher of Chhen Pao-Chih8 (also known as Chêng-I hsien-sêng,9 +472 to +549), who in turn taught Wang Yen 10 (Wang Tzu-Yuan, 11 d. +604). Wang Yen was ordered by the emperor of the Northern Chou, Wu Ti 12 (r. +561 to +578), to edit the Taoist literature, so he produced a book called San Tung Chu Nang 13 (A Sack of Pearls from the Three Heavens), which must have been one of the earliest collections or bibliographies. This text is no longer extant, but another treatise of exactly the same name by Wang Hsüan-Ho14 of the Thang dynasty is included in the Tao Tsang.c It is said that Wang Yen also learnt from a certain adept Chiao-Kuang Chen Jen. 15 Chhen Pao-Chih had two other disciples, Li Shun-Hsing 16 and Hou Khai 17 (d. +573). The latter imparted his art to Yü Chang 18 (d. +614). In such ways as these was the alchemical art and hope of Ko Hung's time transmitted to the people of Sui and Thang.

Several alchemists are mentioned in official historiography of the time. The Chin Shu <sup>19</sup> (History of the Chin Dynasty) writes about Chang Chung <sup>20</sup> (also known as Chang Chü-Ho <sup>21</sup> and An-Tao hsien-sêng, <sup>22</sup> fl. +307) in the following words: <sup>d</sup> 'He practised the art of breathing, and how to ingest plants and minerals to nourish life, but when Fu Chien <sup>23</sup> invited him to Chhang-an <sup>24</sup> and offered him an appointment he declined, and died on the way home.' We also read in the same dynastic history about Thao Tan, <sup>25</sup> also called Thao Chhu-Ching, <sup>26</sup> who practised the art of immortality at the age of fifteen or sixteen, abstained from eating cereals and remained celibate. Then there was Shan Tao-Khai, <sup>27</sup> a contemporary of the Central Asian missionary monk and thaumaturgist Fo-Thu-Têng <sup>28</sup> (fl. +310); he achieved a cicada-like metamorphosis by ingesting pills. <sup>f</sup> The Emporor Ai Ti <sup>29</sup> (r. +362 to +365) himself died of an overdose of elixir, but unfortunately we are not told what type he took. <sup>g</sup> A number of other contemporaries of Ko Hung are mentioned in the hagiography of the immortals, for example, Chao Kuang-Hsin <sup>30</sup> (d. c. +345), who bought cinnabar

<sup>8</sup> Ch. 8, p. 8a; cf. Section 45 in Vol. 6.

1 神丹	2 尹通	3 尹蟹鑒	4 黄精	5 天門多
6 牛文侯	7 王道義	B 陳寶熾	9 正懿先生	10 王延
11 王子元	12 周武帝	13 三洞珠囊	14 王 腦 河	15 焦曠紅人
16 李順興	17 侯楷	18 于章	19 晉唐	20 張忠
21 張互和	22 安道先生	23 苻堅	24 長安	25 陶淡
16 陶處靜	27 單道開	28 佛 圖 澄	29 哀帝	30 趙廣信

a See TT293, ch. 8, pp. 19a-20b. We have given a passage about him in full on p. 101 above.

b 'The first was the 'deer-bamboo', not a bamboo at all, Polygonatum falcatum (R687), the second Asparagus lucidus (R676). The latter was an ancient drug-plant, described in the Shen Nung Pên Tshao Ching, the former was introduced only about Ko Hung's time; cf. CLPT, ch. 6, (pp. 142ff.).

c TT 1125. See Chhen Kuo-Fu (1), p. 115.

d Ch. 94, p. 15 a. Fu Chien was the fourth and last ruler, Shih Tsu, of the Chhien Chhin dynasty, r. +357 to +385.

e Ch. 94, p. 19b.

f Ch. 95, p. 16a. Cf. Lo-Fou Shan Chih, ch. 3, p. 3b, ch. 4, p. 9b.

for the making of the 'nine flower elixir' (chiu hua tan 1); and Chu Ju-Tzu 2 (d. c. + 345) who is said to have taken preparations of the chrysanthemum and the composite Atractylis ovata (shu 3). a

## (4) ALCHEMY IN THE TAOIST PATROLOGY (Tao Tsang)

Taoist texts were first listed in the bibliographical chapter of the Chhien Han Shu, but none of them seems to have been alchemical in nature. Many more came into existence during the period of the Three Kingdoms and the Chin Dynasty, as can be seen in the Bibliography of Ko Hung's Pao Phu Tzu, b which we have already noted. This includes the titles of many alchemical works now no longer extant. A catalogue of Taoist writings was then compiled in +471 by the Taoist Lu Hsiu-Ching,4 under imperial order. At least so far as extant sources are concerned it was also in one of the writings of Lu Hsiu-Ching, dated +437, that the term 'Three Heavens' (san tung's) first made its appearance.c These were: the 'Heaven of Reality' (tung chen6), the 'Heaven of Mystery' (tung hsüan?) and 'Numinous Heaven' (tung shen8). These were the classical three divisions later employed in the classification of all Taoist canonical writings. According to Obuchi, by about the turn of the +6th century another four divisions, called the 'Four Ancillaries' (ssu fuo), were added to the original three. These were the 'Great Mystery' (thai hsüan 10), the 'Great Peace' (thai phing 11),d the 'Great Purity' (thai chhing 12), and the 'Perfect Unity' (chêng i 13).e The san tung and the ssu fu together form the 'seven divisions' (pu 14). Without embarking on a lengthy description of these, we need only point out that the great majority of the alchemical writings can be found included in the thai chhing division.f

The catalogue of Lu Hsiu-Ching was soon followed by other catalogues due to the Taoist Mêng Fa Shih<sup>15</sup>,g and to Thao Hung-Ching <sup>16</sup> (+456 to +536), the great naturalist, alchemist and physician.h In +523 Juan Hsiao-Hsü, <sup>17</sup> in his Chhi Lu (Hsien Tao Lu) <sup>18</sup> (Taoist Section of the Bibliography of the Seven Classes of Books), listed 425 Taoist works, amounting in all to 1138 rolls (chuan <sup>19</sup>) of manuscripts. He

2 TT293, ch. 17. b Ch. 19; listed alphabetically in Ware (5), pp. 379ff.

<sup>c</sup> Obuchi (1) thinks that the term san tung took shape somewhat earlier, about +400 or soon after.
<sup>d</sup> We shall return later to the social implications, some almost revolutionary, of this ancient phrase (Sect. 49 in Vol. 7), meanwhile see Needham (55, 56).

The thai hsilan supplements the tung chen, the thai phing supplements the tung hsilan, the thai chhing supplements the tung shen, while the chêng i supplements all three of the san tung.

Here I cannot refrain from referring to personal experiences recorded in Vol. 1, p. 12.

g The title was Yü Wei Chhi Pu Ching Shu Mu<sup>20</sup> (Catalogue of the Seven Divisions of the Jade Apocrypha). His own title was a borrowing from Buddhism.

h There were several titles of this, notably Thai-Shang Chung Ching Mu<sup>21</sup> (Catalogue of the Highly Exalted Assembly of Canonical Texts). See Chhen Kuo-Fu (1), 1st ed. p. 111, 2nd ed. vol. 1, p. 107.

<sup>1</sup> Anciently Chinese books were written as scrolls or rolls of silk, and then of paper, instead of flat bound volumes. These rolls were called *chuan*, and a single book title might include one or more rolls. In some cases there may have been more than one title in the same roll. When books were later pro-

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1九雏丹
            2 朱孺子
                        3 元
                                  *陸修腳
                                               5 三洞
6洞眞
            7洞玄
                        8洞神
                                  9四晌
                                              10 太玄
                                  14 部
                                              15 孟法師
                        13 IE -
11 太平
           13 太清
           17 阮孝緒
                        18七錄(仙道錄)
                                              10 卷
16 陶弘景
20 玉都七部經書目
                        21 太上衆經目
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divided them into four sections, i.e. philosophy and precepts (ching chieh pu¹), the nourishment of life by diet and medicines (fu erh pu²), sexual techniques (fang chung shu³), and talismanic magic and apotropaics (fu thu pu⁴). In +570 the Taoists of the Hsüan-Tu Kuan⁵ abbey submitted to the emperor of the Northern Chou a list of Taoist books totalling 6363 rolls, of which 2040 were extant at that time. Within the next few years Wu Ti (p. 112) commissioned Wang Yen⁶ to edit his collection of Taoist texts which had by that time increased to 8030 rolls. From these Wang Yen produced the catalogue entitled San Tung Chu Nang¹ (A Sack of Pearls from the Three Heavens).

A couple of other catalogues also appeared after Wang Yen before the year +712 when the Thang emperor Hsüan Tsung<sup>8</sup> formed a team consisting of scholars from the Imperial Academy and members of Taoist institutions to compile the catalogue I Chhieh Tao Ching Yin Io (Titles of all the Taoist Canons and their Meanings).a During the Khai-Yuan reign-period (+713 to +741) Hsüan Tsung followed up this project by issuing an order for the collection of all Taoist writings. This Corpus, consisting of some 3774 rolls (or, according to other versions, as many as 5700 rolls),b was given the name San Tung Chhiung Kang 10 (Essentials of the Magnificence of the Three Heavens), and from the year +748 scribes were set at work to make multiple copies of the texts included in it. However, most of these books were lost by fire during the rebellions of An Lu-Shan 11 and Shih Ssu-Ming. 12 Later efforts were made to restore the collection by another search throughout the empire for Taoist texts, and by the Hsien-Thung reign-period (+860 to +873) the number of Taoist writings again reached 5300 rolls.c Then during the reign of Hsi Tsung 13 (+874 to +888) the capital was seized by Huang Chhao 14 and most of the Taoist texts were burnt in the disturbances.d Remnants of the collection were later put together by the Taoist Shen Yin Tzu, 15 but again they met with the same fate during the upheavals accompanying the last days of the Thang.

duced in the form of stitched sheets the word *chuan* persisted, and because of the size of such logically convenient divisions, came to be equivalent to the term and conception of 'chapter'. However, there had always been smaller divisions, the *phien*, <sup>16</sup> a name which by its radical betrays its origin from the bamboo slips on which Chinese books had been written before the days of scrolls. We always represent the *chuan* by the abbreviated form for chapter (ch.) except (as stated in Vol. 1, p. 22) where the smaller divisions are available; these then take precedence as chapters (chs.). Besides all this, in Chinese novels, later terms such as *hui*<sup>17</sup> and *chang hui*, <sup>18</sup> with the idea of 'recitation', grew up to denote 'chapter'.

b I.e. chapters.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> This title was evidently borrowed from Buddhism, for in +649 the monk Hsüan-Ying <sup>19</sup> had written an *I Chhieh Ching Yin I* (Dictionary of Sounds and Meanings in the whole Tripiṭaka), but it was mainly concerned with the Vinaya portion. See Vol. 4, pt. 1, p. 105, pt. 3, p. 458. *I chhieh* was a transliteration of Skr. sarva, the whole, as in 'the Sarvāstivādin school' of Buddhism.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> It is memorable that just before this time one alchemical book at least had actually been printed. The text from which we know this constitutes the second oldest of all references to printed books, and we discuss it in its proper chronological place, p. 167 below.

<sup>d</sup> Cf. Vol. 1, pp. 215 ff.

<sup>1</sup> 經戒部 2服饵部 3 房中術 + 符岡部 5 玄都觀 5 王延 8 玄宗 9 一切道經音義 7三洞珠霞 10 三洞瓊綱 "安祿山 12 史思明 13 僖宗 14 黄巢 16 篇 15 神麗子 17 回 18 童 同 19 玄應

In the early days of the Sung the second emperor Thai Tsung (r. +976 to +997) instituted another search for Taoist writings among abbeys, temples and private libraries, obtaining some 7000 rolls. Hsü Hsüan 1 was asked to examine these, with the help of Wang Yü-Chhêng,2 between the years +989 and +991. By removing all duplicates they reduced the number to 3737 rolls. In + 1008 the emperor Chen Tsung ordered Wang Chhin-Jo3 to edit and catalogue the resulting Taoist collection. Wang Chhin-Jo was assisted in this work by certain civil officials like Chhi Lun4 and Chhen Yao-Tso,5 and Taoists like Chu I-Chhien6 and Fêng Tê-Chih.7 By that time the number of rolls in the collection had again grown to 4359. The catalogue they compiled was given the title Pao Wên Thung Lu8 (General Catalogue of Precious Writings) by the emperor. But the arrangement in this catalogue was later found unsatisfactory as there was much disagreement with the previous ones. Acting on the advice of Wang Chhin-Jo and Chhi Lun, the emperor commissioned Chang Chün-Fango in the winter of +1012 to have the whole collection reclassified. The new Corpus thus established, augmented with new titles found by Chang Chün-Fang himself, consisted of 4565 rolls, and was completed in the year +1019 when the emperor bestowed upon it the title Ta Sung Thien Kung Pao Tsang 10 (Treasures of the Heavenly Palace; the Great Sung Patrology), This has always been considered the definitive edition of what came to be generally referred to as the Tao Tsang 11 (Taoist Patrology).b Chang Chün-Fang also at this time selected the more important texts from his Tao Tsang to compile the Yün Chi Chhie Chhien 12 (Seven Bamboo Tablets of the Cloudy Satchel).c

Still more Taoist writings were found during the reign of the emperor Hui Tsung (+1101 to +1125) and the number of rolls in the Tao Tsang increased to 5387. During the Chêng-Ho reign-period (+1111 to +1117) blocks were made for its first printing. This was called the Wan Shou Tao Tsang<sup>13</sup> in honour of royal longevity.<sup>d</sup> Besides those in the Imperial Library (pi ko<sup>14</sup>), copies of this patrology were preserved in various temples and abbeys, such as the Chung Thai I Kung<sup>15</sup> temple and the Chien Lung Kuan,<sup>16</sup> both in Khaifêng, and at the Chhung Hsi Kuan<sup>17</sup> on Maoshan<sup>18</sup> mountain. Already on several occasions we have had to emphasise the interest of Hui Tsung and his court in proto-science and technology, e.g. in relation to hydro-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> We may note here that of the writings of the Hellenistic proto-chemists no manuscript survives that is older than about +1000. The Chinese tradition, however, gives us texts which were already stabilised in printed form by about +1115.

1 徐鼓	* 王禹 偁	3 王欽若	+ 政綸	5 陳堯佐
6 朱盆諏	7 馮德之	8 賓文統錄	9 摄君房	
10 大宋天宫等	配談	11 道 藏	12 雲笈七籤	13 萬壽道廠
14 祕閣	15 中太一宮	16 建隆觀	17 崇禧觀	18 茅山
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a It is interesting that at least two Manichaean texts crept into this collection. The story is told by Chavannes & Pelliot (1), 2nd pt., pp. 327ff. Cf. p. 72 and pts. 4, 5.

b For a detailed account of the whole history of the Tao Tsang, see the excellent book of Chhen Kuo-Fu (1), on both editions of which the present résumé has been largely based. The Japanese counterpart to this is the important work of Yoshioka Yoshitoyo (1).

c TT1020. This remains to the present day an extremely important work because it includes a number of texts which are not in the Ming recension which constitutes the Tao Tsang of today.

mechanical clockwork and rare drugs and minerals, a so that the printing of the Taoist literature at this time is not at all surprising.

The Wan Shou Tao Tsang unfortunately was not as immortal as its name suggested, for before long it became a prey to war and fire. Some of the blocks in the capital fell into the hands of the Jurchen Tartars. In +1164 the Jurchen emperor Shih Tsung 1 compiled the Ta Chin Hsüan Tu Pao Tsang 2 (Precious Patrology of the Mysterious Capital (i.e. the Taoist Church) collected in the Great Chin Dynasty) from these blocks, and from those made for the additional Taoist texts he managed to find. Completed within two years, this new Patrology consisted of 6455 chapters (chuan).b However, in +1202 the Thien-Chhang Kuan,3 where the blocks were preserved, was burnt to the ground by fire. Meanwhile in +1175 copies of the Wan Shou Tao Tsang which had been treasured in Fukien province were brought to the Southern Sung capital at Hangchow, Lin-an-fu,4 where several duplicates were copied and subsequently distributed to some Taoist abbeys.

In +1237 Sung Tê-Fang<sup>5</sup> embarked anew upon the Herculean task of recovering as many Taoist texts as possible, including those not then found in the Taoist Patrology, and with the help of his disciples he established twenty-seven centres in different places for this purpose. By +1244 he completed the Hsüan Tu Pao Tsang<sup>6</sup> (Precious Patrology of the Mysterious Capital), consisting of over 7800 chapters.<sup>c</sup> The blocks were first preserved in the Hsüan-Tu Kuan<sup>7</sup> at Phing-yang,<sup>8</sup> but were later (about the year +1247) transferred to the Shun-Yang Wan Shou Kung<sup>9</sup> temple in the same city.

Under the rule of the Mongols Taoism gradually fell out of favour. During the reign of Mangu Khan (Hsien Tsung, +1251 to +1259) an order was issued to burn all the books and blocks of the Taoist Patrology following a court debate between Taoists and Buddhists on the validity of the Lao Tzu Hua Hu Ching 10 (Book of Lao Tzu's Conversion of Foreigners). Another edict in +1281 ordered the burning of the surviving Taoist books except the Tao Tê Ching, 11 but this was probably not carried out. Further destruction of Taoist books and blocks took place about +1294 by Khubilai Khan (Shih Tsu) when Taoism and Buddhism again confronted each other in an open debate at court. This inflicted the greatest blow of all on Taoist writings, many of which, including probably many alchemical texts, were lost for ever.

During the Yung-Lo reign-period (+1403 to +1424) the Ming emperor Chhêng Tsu ordered Chang Yü-Chhu<sup>12</sup> to edit and reprint the *Tao Tsang*, but printing did not begin until the year +1444. This resulted after a year in the *Chêng-Thung Tao Tsang*, <sup>13</sup> a collection of Taoist texts in 5305 chapters occupying 480 cases

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a Vol. 4, pt. 2, pp. 501ff.
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b Pelliot (58) believed that there was a further printing between +1186 and +1191.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> The edict of +1240 concerning this, in Mongolian as well as Chinese, has been translated by Cleaves (1).

d See Vol. 2, p. 159.

<sup>\*</sup> 世宗 \* 大金玄都寶藏 \* 天長觀 \* 臨安府 \* 宋德方 \* 女都寶藏 \* 7 玄都觀 \* 平陽 \* 平陽 \* 2 張宇初 \* 2 張宇初

口正統道藏

(hsien¹ or han¹).¹ In + 1607 the emperor Shen Tsung ordered Chang Kuo-Hsiang² to compile a supplement, and when this was completed it was given the title Wan-Li Hsü Tao Tsang³ (Supplementary Taoist Patrology of the Wan-Li reign-period). The blocks were safely preserved till the end of the last century, when they were completely burnt during the Boxer Uprising. Between 1923 and 1926 the incomplete collections of the Chêng-Thung Tao Tsang and the Wan-Li Tao Tsang belonging to the Pai-Yün Kuan + abbey at Peking were borrowed by the Han Fên Lou⁵ publishers at Shanghai and reprinted to give us our modern Tao Tsang. There is also available a 1906 printing of the Tao Tsang Chi Yao⁶ (Selections from the Tao Tsang) from blocks preserved at Chhêng-tu in Szechuan.b

The Tao Tsang forms the main source of supply of our alchemical texts.<sup>c</sup> We shall now describe them according to their historical sequence as far as their dating permits, as also against the historical background of the development of alchemy and protochemistry in China. As we have already dealt with the Tshan Thung Chhi and the Pao Phu Tzu we shall take up the story from the time of the death of Ko Hung.

## (5) THE GOLDEN AGE OF ALCHEMY; FROM THE END OF CHIN (+400) TO LATE THANG (+800)

(i) The Imperial Elaboratory of the Northern Wei and the Taoist Church at Mao Shan The elixir of life continued to attract and fascinate many a Chinese emperor after the time of Ko Hung. Following in the steps of the Han emperors, Tao Wu Ti<sup>7</sup> (Thopa Kuei, <sup>8</sup> r. +386 to +409) of the Northern Wei Dynasty gave strong support to the study of alchemy by establishing a professional chair in the subject and arranging for the prosecution of large-scale experiments at the capital during the period +398 to +404. The Wei Shu says:<sup>d</sup>

In the 3rd year of the Thien-Hsing reign-period (+400), (the emperor) instituted a post of Hsien Jen Po Shih Kuan<sup>o</sup> (Professor of Macrobiotics, or Alchemist-Royal), to take charge of the preparation of drugs and elixirs (chu lien pai yao<sup>10</sup>).

The official history goes on to say:e

Thai Tsu (Tao Wu Ti) liked the words of Lao Tzu and never wearied of studying them. In the Thien-Hsing reign-period an official of the Board of Rites, Tung Mi, 11 accordingly

a There was a reprint in + 1598 (Pelliot, 58).

<sup>b</sup> In the Erh Hsien Ssu<sup>12</sup> Taoist temple, during the second world war in November 1945, I had the pleasure of purchasing a complete set of it for the Cambridge University Library from the Taoists of this abbey.

c Reference is made elsewhere (p.xxi) to the most valuable work of our collaborator Dr Tshao Thien-Chhin, who during his time as a Fellow of Caius College carried out pioneer studies of these. Much of it is bearing fruit in the present volumes, but his notes are preserved intact in the archives of the East Asian History of Science Library at Cambridge for future use.

d Ch. 113, p. 3a, tr. auct.

<sup>e</sup> Ch. 114, pp. 32b, 33a, tr. auct., adjuv. Ware (1).

1 函 2 張國祥 3 萬曆續道藏

6 道蔵輯要 7 道武帝 10 煮煉百藥 11 董證 8 拓跋珪 9 仙人博士官 12 二仙寺

\* 白雲觀

5 涵券樓

presented a Fu Shih Hsien Ching<sup>1</sup> (Manual of Longevity and Immortality produced by Diet and Drugs) in several dozen scrolls. Thereupon (the emperor) established a Chair of Macrobiotics (hsien jen po shih<sup>2</sup>) and built (at the capital, Phing-chhêng<sup>3</sup> in Shansi) an imperial elaboratory (hsien fang<sup>4</sup>) for the concocting of medicines and elixirs. He also reserved the Western Mountains for the supply of firewood (for the furnaces). Furthermore, he ordered that those who had been condemned for capital offences should test (shih fu<sup>5</sup>) (the preparations), but since it was not their original intention (to seek for immortality) many died. Thus (the experiments) gave no decisive result (wu yen<sup>6</sup>).<sup>a</sup>

Seeing that Thai Tsu continued to encourage these activities, the Imperial Physician Chou Tan<sup>7</sup> became much distressed at the labour involved in collecting and processing (the drug plants and minerals), so he desired to bring it to an end. Consequently he privily got his wife to bribe a concubine of the Professor of Macrobiotics, Chang Yao,<sup>8</sup> to reveal his secret misdoings. In this situation (Chang) Yao, fearing death, requested permission to abstain from cereals, and this Thai Tsu granted, building for him a Fasting Pavilion in the Imperial Park and giving him two families as domestics. But the concoction and preparation of drugs and elixirs continued without respite. Only after some time did Thai Tsu's interest wane and cease.

This revealing passage gives a vivid glimpse of an imperially maintained laboratory of alchemy at the beginning of the +5th century. Whether the objections of Chou Tan had a humanitarian ground, or whether the College of Physicians of the day was jealous of a competitor 'Society of Chymical Physitians', as exactly happened a thousand years later in England, b one cannot say.

The emperor Thai Wu Ti<sup>9</sup> (r. +424 to +452) of the Northern Wei was also a great patron of Taoism and alchemy. He showed special favour to the Taoist religious leader Khou Chhien-Chih<sup>10</sup> (d. +448), the great reformer of the teachings of Chang Tao-Ling <sup>11</sup> and the successor of Chang Yao.<sup>c</sup> Khou was supported by Tshui Hao <sup>12</sup> in the great laboratory, but no new addition was made to it. Khou Chhien-Chih himself was a pupil of two adepts, Chhêngkung Hsing <sup>13</sup> and Li Phu-Wên, <sup>14</sup> learning from the latter the methods of making 'gold elixir' and bringing mica and the eight minerals as well as jade into aqueous solution.<sup>d</sup> The emperor ordered his successor Wei Wên-Hsiu <sup>15</sup> and the secretary Tshui Tsê <sup>16e</sup> to go to the Wang-wu<sup>17</sup> Mountains in Southern Shansi to compound an elixir, but the mission was not successfully accomp-

e Or perhaps better, Tshui I.19

I服食仙經	2 仙人博士	3 平城	+ 仙坊	5 試服
6無驗	7周澹	8 HE III	%太武帝	10 衰識之
11 張道陵	12 崔浩	13 成公與	14 李譜文	15 章文秀
16 崔廬	17 王屋	18 天師	10 展題	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> This raises the whole question of the beginnings of systematic biological experimentation on man and animals. We shall return to it in Sect. 45 in Vol. 6. Meanwhile cf. Vol. 5, pt. 2, p. 295.

b See H. Thomas (1); Webster (1). The physicians were on the threshold of great things. In +466 provincial colleges were set up all over the empire, later to have medical departments, and in +493 the posts of Regius Professor and Regius Lecturer in Medicine are mentioned for the first time. These were the beginnings of the Imperial College of Medicine (see Lu & Needham, 2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> It will be remembered that between +423 and +428 Khou had received the title of Thien Shih <sup>18</sup> or 'Pope' (Vol. 2, pp. 158, 441).

d Wei Shu, ch. 114, pp. 33 aff., 35 aff.; Ware (1), pp. 225 ff., 231 ff.

lished,a After this the self-professed adept Lo Chhung was despatched to find the immortals. He returned empty-handed, but was spared by the emperor.b

The Pei Shih2 tells us about another spagyrist Hsü Chien3 (also called Hsü Chhêng-Po+) who tried to prepare an elixir for the emperor Hsiao Wên Ti5 (r. +471 to +500) of Northern Wei. It says:c

He and his elder brother, Hsü Wên-Po,6 were skilled in medicine. Intending to prepare a 'gold elixir' for the emperor Hsiao Wên Ti to make him an immortal, he went to live among the mountains of Sung-shan? in order to collect the (necessary) raw materials. Many years passed and yet he met with no success. At last he gave up the venture.

This was approximately the period of activity of the rather shadowy figure, Lei Hsiao, whose book Lei Kung Phao Chih Lung (The Venerable Master Lei's Treatise on the Decoction and Preparation of Drugs), now preserved only in quotations, takes a place of some importance in the history of pharmacy and medicine.d We mention it here only because it gives details of some of the methods of ingesting cinnabar as such. One procedure, preserved in the great pharmaceutical natural histories, e describes the repeated pounding and grinding of the sulphide and its successive boiling with the extracts of certain plants. There is an account of many natural varieties of the ore, including references to its crystalline structure, one with fourteen faces (shih ssu mien 10) that shine like mirrors. Although the sulphide was to be taken in quiet retirement after fasting and bathing, with the accompaniment of incense, it was not necessarily part of a longevity-immortality exercise, for many pathological conditions are given in other books for which it was considered useful. It was no doubt a way of getting small doses of mercury into the system, and certainly the flora and fauna of the intestinal tract would not have been unaffected thereby.

The most celebrated alchemist in +5th- and +6th-century China was undoubtedly Thao Hung-Ching II (+456 to +536), who was also a great physician and pharmaceutical naturalist like Ko Hung. In fact, he can be traced to the same alchemical tradition as Ko Hung himself (see Table 112). The fact that genealogies of this kind have come down to us with fair reliability is a remarkable witness to the tenacity of the Chinese alchemical transmissions, so much emphasis being placed on the personal and oral inheritance of exposition.g Living in the South, near Nanking, he prepared elixirs for the emperor Wu Ti 12 of the Liang dynasty (Hsiao Yen, 13 r. + 502 to + 549). The official 'History of the Southern Dynasties', Nan Shih, 14 says: h

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* Wei Shu, ch. 114, pp. 39b, 40a; Ware (1), p. 239.
                                                         c Pei Shih, ch. 90, p. 2b, tr. auct.
  b Wei Shu, ch. 114, p. 40b; Ware (1), p. 240.
  d See further in Sect. 45.
                                                        e E.g. CLPT, ch 3, (p. 792).
  f Also known under the names Thao Yin-Chü, 15 Thao Thung-Ming, 16 and Chen Pai hsien-seng. 17
  g The table has been constructed from many sources, the dynastic histories, statements in the
alchemical books themselves, general Taoist literature, and the hagiographic texts.
  h Nan Shih, ch. 76, p. 9a, tr. auct.
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5 孝文帝
1 羅崇
            3北史
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                                    + 徐成伯
6 徐文伯
           7 嵩山
                         8 雷 敬
                                   0 雷公炮炙論
                                                  10 十四面
           12 武帝
                         13 撒 行
                                   4 南史
                                                   15 陶麗居
"陶弘景
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<sup>17</sup> 貞白先生 16 陶通明

He was a friend of (the emperor) Liang Wu Ti. After (the latter) ascended the throne he treated (Thao Hung-Ching) with great respect and continued to correspond with him. After acquiring the secret art, Thao Hung-Ching thought that he could succeed in making elixirs, but was worried about the shortage of material. So the emperor supplied him with gold, cinnabar, copper sulphate, realgar, and so forth. When the process was accomplished the elixirs had the appearance of frost and snow<sup>a</sup> and really did make the body feel lighter (thi chhing<sup>1</sup>). The emperor took an elixir and found it effective. His respect for (Thao Hung-Ching) grew so great that he burnt incense whenever he received a letter from him. During the Thien-Chien reign-period (+502 to +519) (Thao) presented another elixir to the emperor. At the beginning of the Chung-Ta-Thung reign-period (+529 to +534) he offered two more, one called 'Skilful Victory' (shan shêng<sup>2</sup>) and the other 'Accomplished Victory' (chhêng shêng<sup>3</sup>).

It is particularly interesting that Liang Wu Ti showed such keen interest in Thao Hung-Ching's preparations since he himself was a devout Buddhist. Other elixirs were also offered to him, as by Têng Yü<sup>4</sup> (d. +515), who claimed to have eaten no cereals for thirty years, but only pieces of mica with water from mountain streams. The emperor declined to take it. Perhaps Liang Wu Ti knew of the reality of poisoning, and had confidence only in Thao Hung-Ching's work, because he admired his skill as a physician and naturalist.

The last half of Thao Hung-Ching's life, from +492, was spent in close association with the important group of Taoists which grew up at Mao Shan<sup>5</sup> near Nanking. There he was intimately concerned with the nascent phases of organisation of the Taoist Church, at the centre therefore of a wealth of magical, technical, proto-scientific and liturgical activities (cf. pt. 2, pp. 110, 152).

As the botanical, pharmaceutical and medical contributions of Thao Hung-Ching will call for extended discussion in the next volume of this work, we shall confine ourselves here to his alchemical and Taoist writings. No alchemical book now extant actually bears his name, but we suggested long ago that the important San-shih-liu Shui Fa<sup>6</sup> (Thirty-Six Methods for Bringing Solids into Aqueous Solution) may well be due to him.<sup>d</sup> Among writings attributed to him in the Tao Tsang are the Yang Shêng Yen Ming Lu<sup>7</sup> (Notes on the Nourishing and Prolonging of Life),<sup>e</sup> and the Chen Kao<sup>8</sup> (Declarations of Perfected Immortals) which he certainly edited by +499.<sup>f</sup> Biographical data on Thao Hung-Ching can be found in the Hua-Yang Thao Yin-Chü Chuan<sup>9</sup> (The Life of Thao Yin-Chü of Huayang), written by Chia Sung <sup>10</sup> in

a I.e. crystals grown from solutions or sublimed.

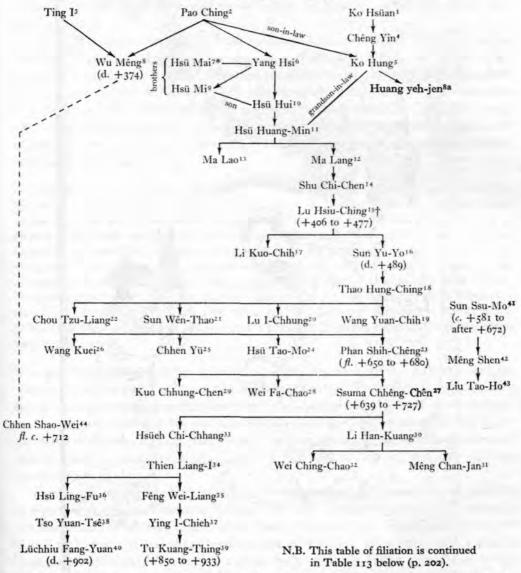
b I.e. more lively and active; probably a loss of weight is referred to.

c Nan Shih, ch. 76, p. 8b.

d TT923. Cf. p. 105. It is mentioned in his Pên Tshao Ching Chi Chu (+492), so it is not later. See Tshao, Ho & Needham (1) for full translation, and also pt. 4 below. c TT831.

f TT1004. This book is one of the strange classics of religious Taoism, consisting of conversations with heavenly visitants from the Taoist pantheon. Such visions were basically a justification for the particular theological and ecclesiastical policies which the Taoist Church was adopting at the time. Cf. Ware (1), pp. 229ff., for a good example.

Table 112. The main alchemical tradition from Chin to Wu Tai (+4th to +10th century)



\* Fl. +340 to +365, a friend of the famous calligrapher Wang Hsi-Chih (cf. pt. 2, p. 205). He lived in the hills west of Hangchow, and changed his name to Hsü Hsüan.<sup>7a</sup> † The bibliographer, see p. 113 above.

1	葛玄	2	鮑靚	3	丁義	- 4	鄭陽	5	葛洪
	楊羲	7	許邁	7a	許玄	8	吳猛	Ba	黄野人
9	許證	10	許國	11	許黃民	12	馬朗	13	馬牢
14	<b>空季</b> 質		陸修靜	16	孫遜嶽	17	李果之	18	陶弘景
19	王遠知	20	陸逸冲	21	孫文韜	22	周子良	23	潘師正
24	徐道邈	25	陳羽	26	王軌	27	司馬承貞	28	章法昭
29	郭崇質	30	李含光	31	孟湛然	32	章景昭	33	薛季昌
34	田良逸	35	馮惟良	36	徐髓府	37	應夷節	38	左元澤
39	杜光庭	40	闖丘方遠	41	孫思邈	42	孟詵	43	劉道合
	陳少微		Charles		4137.00				



Fig. 1356. Thao Hung-Ching (+456 to +536), the great physician, alchemist and pharmaceutical botanist, listening to the music of a shêng played by a disciple (from Lieh Hsien Chian Chuan, ch. 5, p. 11a).

the Thang period,<sup>a</sup> and of course in the Yün Chi Chhi Chhien<sup>1</sup>,<sup>b</sup> Biographical material in Western languages has been published by Barnes & Yuan (1); Davis & Wu Lu-Chhiang (3) and Strickmann (2); while Sanaka Sō (1) has essayed a scientific biography in Japanese.

Although it is true that no separate book on alchemy by Thao Hung-Ching has survived, a mass of his writings on minerals and chemical substances, as well as on plants, is contained in the pharmaceutical natural histories. As we shall explain later on,<sup>c</sup> the early history of his works is bibliographically complex, but most of his own contributions came into the codices through his Pên Tshao Ching Chi Chu,<sup>2</sup> now mostly lost in itself. The Chêng Lei Pên Tshao<sup>3</sup> of + 1249, for example, preserves large amounts of his text, cut up under its many entries and headings. Just as one example, here is what he said on mercury:<sup>d</sup>

There are two sorts of mercury, crude and refined (sheng shu<sup>4</sup>). That which comes from the earthy plain of Fu-ling is obtained from cinnabar, but the ore is also found in pale sandy places. The best way is to powder it and roast it. The colour is (silvery) white, and not as impure as the crude product. Mercury is able to soften and change gold and silver with the formation of a paste (ni, amalgam). People use it for the plating (tu, gilding and silvering) of objects. It can be reclaimed and converted back into  $tan^7$  (elixir, or cinnabar), so the Manuals of the Immortals ( $Hsien\ Ching^8$ ) say; and they add that if taken with wine warmed in the sun ( $pao^9$ ) it will give longevity and immortality. On being heated (with other substances) it volatilises ( $fei^{10}$ ) and a kind of ash sticks to the top of the reaction-vessel; this is called  $hung\ fen$ , or popularly, shui- $yin\ hui$ , This (sublimate) is excellent for getting rid of fleas and lice ( $se^{15}$ ).

The passage is interesting for its matter-of-fact statement about amalgams, and for Thao's characteristically cool and rational attitude to the 'Manuals of the Immortals'; he was a tireless experimentalist but never quite an 'enthusiast' in spite of his environment. The description at the end must be the making of either calomel (Hg<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) or corrosive sublimate (HgCl<sub>2</sub>), which would have depended on the relative amounts of mercury and the other constituents added to the sublimatory pot, salt, and sulphate in some form.<sup>e</sup>

This needs looking at a little closer, for the preparation of the chlorides of mercury is regarded as an achievement in Western chemical history, associated as it was with the Paracelsian revolution in medicine. 'Basil Valentine' (i.e. Thölde) at the end of the +16th century has often been considered the first to get mercuric chloride (corrosive sublimate), but in fact a close study of Latin Geber shows that it was

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a TT297.
b TT1020, ch. 107, p. 9a.
c See Sect. 38 in Vol. 6.
d CLPT, ch. 4, (p. 107.2).
e Further on this see pt. 4 below. Sanaka Sō (1) argues for calomel.
f Cf. Partington (7), vol. 2, p. 199.
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1 雲笈七籤
                                         3 證類本草
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6 艘
                   7 丹
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11 汞粉
                   12 水銀灰
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certainly prepared already in the late + 13th century.ª Paracelsus undoubtedly knew mercurous chloride (calomel), b as also did his followers such as Quercetanus (du Chesne),c and it first became officinal in + 1618 with the 'London Pharmacopoeia'.d After Thao Hung-Ching, working about +490, there is a remark in the +8thcentury Tshan Thung Chhi Wu Hsiang Lei Pi Yao that 'the white tiger can become as bright as frost', on which Lu Thien-Chi commented early in the +12th century (p. 145) that 'at certain times both lead and mercury will turn into the form of frost and snow'. As Ho Ping-Yü & Needham pointed out,e this must refer to the making of lead acetate and carbonate (by the vinegar method, cf. p. 15), and to the sublimation of the chlorides of mercury; processes clearly much older than the Thang. As we have already seen (p. 16) the most ancient reference to white lead artificially made is of the early -4th century in China, with a clear though brief description about -300.g Calomel became officinal there from +972 in the Jih Hua Chu Chia Pên Tshao, h i.e. just about the period of the first description of its preparation in the Arabic-Syrian text translated by Berthelot & Duval. The same text also describes the poisonous sublimate. J Calomel appears in India rather later, with the Rasarnava Tantra of the + 12th century.k An interesting account of the commercial preparation of 'muriate of quicksilver' in China 150 years ago can be found in Davis,1 By then the name most standard for calomel was shui yin fên (quicksilver powder), or, when purified, fên shuang2 (frost powder); while that for corrosive sublimate was

b Cf. Partington (7), vol. 2, p. 145.

c Partington, ibid. pp. 168-9.

d Ibid. p. 165. The story of its introduction in Europe has been well told by Urdang (1).

(2), p. 186.

f As was realised by Divers (1), cit. Partington (10), p. 396, Chikashige (1), p. 10.

g On white lead see also Schafer (9) and further in Sect. 34.

h Confirmed in the Chia-Yu Pu Chu Pên Tshao (+1060), and never afterwards dropped.

(1), pp. xviii, 143.

<sup>k</sup> Ray (1), 1st ed., vol. 1, pp. 73, 250, 255ff., 2nd ed., pp. 139, 206-7. Cf. von Lippmann (1), p. 437.

1 (1), vol. 3, pp. 58ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Summa Perfectionis, ch. 45, Darmstädter tr. (1), pp. 47, 150; Russell tr., pp. 86ff. The snow-white powder obtained must have been mostly corrosive sublimate because it melted, which would not be true of calomel. Also De Inventione Veritatis, ch. 8, Darmstädter tr. (1), pp. 108, 176; Russell tr., pp. 210-11. This was the passage cited in the interesting discussion of Ray (1), 1st ed., vol. 1, p. 256. The making of corrosive sublimate has now been traced back to the alchemists of Muslim Spain in the late +11th or early +12th centuries, since a couple of procedures for it have been found in the De Aluminibus et Salibus, an influential work believed to have been translated from the Arabic by Gerard of Cremona about +1160; cf. Multhauf (5), pp. 160ff. It was through this, rather than through his own writings, that the chemistry of al-Rāzī (cf. pt. 4) was transmitted to the medieval Latins. In any case, the preparation of the chlorides of mercury, or one of them, is in the Kitāb al-Asrār of al-Rāzī himself (i.e. c. +900); see Stapleton, Azo & Husain (1), pp. 386-7. It is also certainly in al-Khwārizmī al-Kathī (+1034; see Stapleton & Azo (1) and Ahmad & Datta (1), etc., discussed also in pt. 4); and may well be in the Jābirian Corpus (bk. 61 of the Seventy Books, Kr 183), which would mean a date about +870 if not a few decades earlier.

I Ibid. pp. 186-7. Cf. von Lippmann (1), pp. 388, 393. The late Prof. J. R. Partington, to whom we are indebted for emphasising to us in 1959 the historical importance of the chlorides of mercury, believed that this Arabic text written in Syriac derived from an earlier Greek predecessor, but there is no positive evidence for this. It is not even attributed to any ancient name like Pseudo-Democritus, as some other parts of the same Corpus are.

pai hsiang tan 1 (white quelled chemical). Thus in general the Chinese alchemists seem to have been ahead of everyone else in preparing the chlorides of mercury (Fig. 1357).

So much is this the case that we even find what can only be called a 'calomel legend'. Li Shih-Chen's entry for the purified salt contains two strange items, first a reference to the making of calomel at the -7th-century court of Chhin State, and secondly a quotation from Ko Hung the source of which is not easy to identify now, and which has its own difficulties.<sup>c</sup> We shall speak first of the former, together with a secondary legend, and return afterwards to the latter.

Let us give the story in the words of the oldest extant source, the Chung Hua Ku Chin Chu<sup>2</sup> (Commentary on Things Old and New in China), written about +925 by Ma Kao.<sup>3</sup>

Since the three dynasties of high antiquity, (beauty) powder has been made from lead. Now Lung-Yü,<sup>4</sup> the daughter of Duke Mu of Chhin (Chhin Mu Kung<sup>5</sup>),<sup>d</sup> was a girl both beautiful and virtuous. She was taken notice of by the Immortal, Hsiao Shih,<sup>6</sup> who made a powder by heating mercury, and gave it to her to paint (on her face). This was called 'flying cloud cinnabar' (fei yün tan<sup>7</sup>). It is said that it flew upwards (sublimed) at the ending of the music of his flute.<sup>e</sup>

One does not quite know how to take this, for the cosmetic could have been red, in which case it would have been a re-constituted vermilion, and some have so interpreted it, yet Li Shih-Chen evidently thought of it as white, and so did many other later writers. For instance, Tung Yüeh in his Chhi Kuo Khao about +1660 put the story under chhing fên ('light powder', one of the standard names for calomel), not, like Ma Kao, just under fên as such, and he also called the sublimate fei hsüeh tan, '1' 'flying snow cinnabar, or chemical'. He further added that it was the same as what we now call ni fên '2' or 'glossy powder' (another calomel synonym). The

g Ch. 14, p. 3a. The 'snow' variant had been current long before, as in the mid +12th-century Hsü Po Wu Chih, ch. 10, p. 7a, which mentioned the term ni fén 12 too.

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6 鷹史	7 飛雲丹	8 雅設	9七國考	** 輕粉
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> PTKM, ch. 9, pp. 14bff. (pp. 59 and 61), RP 45, 46. A Taoist name was shêng tan <sup>13</sup> (Hsüch Yü (1), p. 31) and there were many other calomel synonyms (cf. Table 95 in pt. 2), some of which will crop up in a moment.

b The traditional Japanese process for calomel studied by Divers (1) at the end of the last century used the magnesium chloride of bittern and partially purified sea-salt as the source of HCl, together with metallic Hg and air, under conditions well below the volatilisation temperature of calomel itself (cf. pt. 4). In the Chinese process, on which Geerts (5) had also written, salt and alum or copperas gave the HCl, while by adding KNO₃ chlorine was formed instead, and the higher chloride, corrosive sublimate, was produced. In view of the extremely potent and widely different physiological properties of the two salts it would be of the greatest interest to know just how early the Chinese achieved full control of their products. The question is evidently related to the antiquity of knowledge of saltpetre among them, on which see pt. 4. In assessing, or repeating, the methods used in the different medieval cultures, account may also have to be taken of the possible catalytic effect of elements in other compounds present. Van Leersum (1) has given an interesting but inconclusive account of efforts he made to elucidate some of the Indian procedures, as described by Wise (1), pp. 119-20, (2), vol. 1, p. 215.

<sup>c</sup> PTKM, loc. cit. p. 61.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> Ch. 2, p. 6b, tr. auct., adjuv. Kaltenmark (2), p. 147. Hsiao Shih was a well-known legendary piper and musician; he could summon auspicious phoenixes to Duke Mu's court, and finally took Lung-Yü away with him to the world of the immortals.

f E.g. Kaltenmark, loc, cit.

Hsü Shih Shih of + 960 links the story directly with that of the legendary Shang origin of lead carbonate (ceruse) cosmetic, a thereby showing that it was thought to concern something white, and practically proving that in the Sung calomel was used as the basis of a face-cream.b This same text introduces us also to the oldest version of the legend (now presumably lost), a book called Erh I Shih Lu2 (Veritable Records of Heaven and Earth) by Liu Hsiao-Sun3 of the Sui (late +6th century) which sounds like a 'history' of the oldest legendary dynasties. An additional note is introduced in the Shih Wu Chi Yuan of + 1085, which says that 'the product of the first transformation (ti i chuan4) was presented to Lung-Yü for use as a cosmetic, and was called fên. That was the beginning of our chhing fen.5'c This suggests vermilion rather than calomel, for we know from innumerable instances how the Chinese alchemists engaged in the repeated cyclical transformations of mercury, sulphur and mercuric sulphide (cf. pp. 14, 109, 131, 198, 250, 261). Moreover, the mid +12th-century Hsü Po Wu Chih, which uses the same words, goes on to say that later the pigments of two red dye-plants were used.4 This is not evidence for vermilion, however, for there is much that goes to show that not only white, but also pink, 'rouge' powders and creams were aimed at, at least from the Han onwards. The Shih Ming tells us so in +100: 'the (lead) powder is dyed pink, and so applied to the cheeks', e while about +540 the Chhi Min Yao Shu gives a formula for tzu fên,6 'purple powder', fine rice flour being mixed with ceruse and coloured with 'mallow' anthocyanin.f All such preparations were called yen chih.7 In the +17th century Sung Ying-Hsing saysg that rouge was made by tinting white powder with the purple pigment of stick lac (tzu kung 8) h or, if of inferior quality, with safflower (hung hua9)1 or 'mountain pomegranate' (shan shih liu 10). J During the Ming, calomel continued in use as well as ceruse for the white base.k

k Judging from an entry in the +15th-century Wu Yuan 17 (p. 32).

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6	紫粉	7	燕脂	8	紫鉀		紅花	10	山石榴
11	紫草	12	落葵子	13	燕脂菜	14	紫梗	15	張勃
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Cf. p. 17 above.

<sup>b</sup> In SF, ch. 10, p. 51 a, b.

<sup>c</sup> Ch. 3, p. 18b, purporting also to be quoting from Liu Hsiao-Sun's book.

d Ch. 10, p. 7a. The two plants were tzu tshao<sup>11</sup> and hung hua. Purple herb', i.e. alkanet or dyer's bugloss, is identified in China as Lithospermum officinale = erythrorhizon (R 153; CC 386). True alkanet in England is Pentaglottis = Anchusa, sempervirens = officinalis; and bastard alkanet is Lithospermum arvense (Bentham & Hooker (1), nos. 696, 704; Clapham, Tutin & Warburg (1), pp. 656, 663). All are borages. 'Red flower' is of course safflower, Carthamus tinctorius (R 21; CC 49). Cf. p. 96 above.

e Ch. 15, (p. 240), cf. p. 16 above.

f Ch. 52, p. 13a (p. 72); comm. Shih Shêng-Han (3), vol. 2, p. 334. This was no true mallow but the lo khuei tzu<sup>12</sup> or Malabar nightshade, Basella rubra (R 553, cf. CC 1485) of the Basellaceae. One of its synonyms is yen chih tshai.<sup>13</sup>

g TKKW, ch. 3, p. 3b, tr. Sun & Sun (1), p. 77.

h For this term Schafer (9), p. 436, guessed vermilion (mercuric sulphide), and the Suns guessed litmus, but neither hit the mark. Tzu kung, or tzu keng, '4 the 'purple branches', is stick lac with its purple dye, produced by the coccids Laccifer lacca, Lakshadia chinensis, etc.; see PTKM, ch. 39, (p. 69), cf. R 12. Its first appearance in the pharmaceutical natural histories was in +659, but the oldest account of it in the literature of any culture was that by Chang Pho 15 in his Wu Lu 16 (+3rd century). See Mahdihassan (7, 8, 48).

J Identification not quite clear, CC530 has Rhododendron Simsii, but R455 has Rosa laevigata. Perhaps the orange pigment of Berberis Thunbergii (R518) is the most likely.

Summing up, there is a legend here about the -7th century which seems to have started in the late +6th, not very long after Thao Hung-Ching's subliming of the chlorides of mercury at the end of the +5th. Since calomel was clearly sometimes used as well as ceruse for the white cosmetic colour, and since both were mixed habitually with red, purple or orange pigments to give rouge, there seems to have been some confusion between the two, as well as with vermilion itself. The whole story looks like a bookish attempt to give a cachet of remote antiquity to a familiar commodity of the inner apartments—unless perchance the Immortal Hsiao Shih was working with lead, in which case, since Duke Mu of Chhin is a sufficiently historical character, the carbonate artificially made might go back several centuries beyond the Mo Tzu and Chi Ni Tzu texts. This one may doubt, but we shall see in a moment another uneasy case where the two metals may have been mixed up. Meanwhile there is a very different legend which could reasonably suggest, at least, that Thao Hung-Ching was not quite the first to make calomel.

The Lieh Hsien Chuan (Lives of Famous Immortals), considered to be of the +3rd or +4th century, with some parts going back to the +2nd, has a piece about Chu Chu, 1 With other Taoists, he found a deposit of cinnabar on Tang Shan; 2 this, when the civil authorities came to appropriate it, burst into flames and flew through the air, so they left him in peace to mine it himself. Having taken this cinnabar for three years, the local governor, Chang Chün-Ming, 3 got hold of some 'flying mercuric snow' (shen sha fei hsüeh 4), presumably made by Chu Chu, and took that for another five, after which he could fly in the air. Eventually he went away with Master Chu and was no more seen. 5 One may of course insist that this passage was interpolated later than the time of Thao Hung-Ching, but there is no particular reason for supposing this, and the possibility should be left open that the sublimation of the chlorides of mercury was first accomplished in the time of Ko Hung rather than Thao.

Returning now to the entry for purified calomel in the Pên Tshao Kang Mu,c Li Shih-Chen gives a curious quotation apparently from the Pao Phu Tzu book. Ko Hung, it seems, wrote:

Pao Phu Tzu says that 'white snow' (pai hsüeh<sup>5</sup>) is the same thing as 'frost powder' (fên shuang,<sup>6</sup> calomel). You take sea salt to make a box, and cover it over inside an earthenware reaction vessel, which must be tight so as not to allow the essences and radiances to leak. It will be ready in seven days. It is important that the Yang chhi be sufficient, and that the Yin be not allowed to invade. (Add) only ginger, lotus root and fumitory, together with the ho chhê,<sup>7</sup> which can thus be transformed (lien<sup>8</sup>) and used in projection processes. Among the immortals this is called the 'mysterious pot', men call it 'the origin of seminal essence', for alchemists it is 'essence of the element Wood', in Nature it is 'white snow' and in Heaven it is 'sweet dew'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> It may be well to recall that all through the ages paleness was regarded as an attribute of beautiful women in China, hence the use of artificial aids. Yet in the stage make-up of traditional opera, white has always symbolised resourcefulness and cunning (Chang Kuang-Yu & Chang Chêng-Yu, 1).

b No. 46, tr. Kaltenmark (2), p. 146. Ch. 9, (p. 61), under fen shuang.

<sup>\*</sup> 主柱 2 宕山 3 章君明 \* 神砂飛雪 5 白雪 \* 粉霜 7 河車 8 鍊

Here the trouble is that ho chhê¹ seems invariably to mean lead, not mercury, yet Li filed it among his notes on calomel. In one case Ware rendered ho chhê as mercury, but there seems no other authority for this. The passage does not occur in the Pao Phu Tzu as we now have it, but it may be found some day in one of the other Tao Tsang texts attributed to Ko Hung. The inclusion of the plant material is puzzling, and although plenty of chloride is present, nothing is said of alum, vitriol or other materials. The possibility always remains, of course, that in fact they were there, and that ho chhê was a deliberate false appellation to put competing alchemists off the track. Li Shih-Chen indeed must himself have interpreted it in this way. So perhaps about +300 will turn out in the end to be a better date than +500 for the first preparation of the chlorides of mercury in China.

This suspicion is confirmed, transmuted indeed almost into a certainty, by a chain of inference which we can follow back from subsequent literature. The Pao Phu Tzu book has a bare reference to a preparation called 'hard snow' (kên hsüeh2), if we may venture thus to translate a name which may have had much deeper meaning, since Kên is one of the I Ching trigrams; c in any case it occurs in a list of things which the alchemist must learn to make before proceeding to higher elixirs.d Ware interpreted it as calomel,e and he was probably quite right. For in the Tan Ching Yao Chüeh, written by Sun Ssu-Mo about +640 (see p. 133), liu kên hsüeh3 appears, used in a formula with the comment 'Take the sublimate obtained from (quick-)silver'.f So far corrosive sublimate could not be excluded, but evidence which rules this out is forthcoming from a book intermediate in date between Ko Hung and Sun Ssu-Mo, and not long after Thao Hung-Ching himself, namely the Thai-Chhing Shih Pi Chi (see p. 130), placeable in the early +6th century. Here is described an elaborate process for making kên hsueh tan,4 one of the synonyms of which is given as shui-yin shuang tan,5 'mercury frost elixir', i.e. one of the undoubted names of calomel throughout the centuries. Elsewhere in the same work another method of making shui-yin shuang is given,h particularly interesting because it starts from tin amalgam, Sn presumably acting as a reducing agent to prevent the formation of corrosive sublimate.1 That seven re-sublimations are specified as necessary to purify is also interesting in view of the finding that a medieval specimen of calomel in Japan has been found to be 99.55 % pure. The term ken hsueh tan for calomel was still familiar

a (5), pp. 269, 344. The Shih Yao Erh Ya says emphatically lead.

b Nor do the terms pai hsüeh and fên shuang either.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> See Vol. 2, Table 13. d PPT/NP, ch. 4, p. 9a. e (5), p. 82.

f YCCC text, ch. 71, p. 3a, tr. Sivin (1), p. 169, cf. p. 282. Soon afterwards, he uses the expression shui-yin shuang, ibid. p. 3b, see Sivin (1), p. 171, cf. pp. 288-9.

g Ch. 1, pp. 5b to 7a, tr. Ho Ping-Yü (8), pp. 22ff.

h Ch. 2, p. 4a, b, tr. Ho Ping-Yü (8), pp. 51ff.

<sup>1</sup> There is at least one other mention (Ho Ping-Yü tr., p. 19).

j By Masutomi Kazunosukc (1), in his work on the drugs of the Shōsōin treasury, p. 102. Calomel made by the traditional method in Japan was found by Divers (1) in 1894 to be 'of signal purity'. The process was not so much a sublimation of a compound already formed as a crystallisation at comparatively low temperature direct from three substances in the gaseous state, mercury, hydrochloric acid and oxygen. Hanbury (1), pp. 224-5, (2), found also that Chinese calomel in his time (1860) was exceedingly pure.

<sup>1</sup>河車 2艮雪

at the beginning of the +9th century, when Mei Piao compiled his Shih Yao Erh Ya (see p. 152), for there we find among its synonyms such names as fei hsien ying tan 1 (glittering elixir of the flying immortals) and chhing hsiang chu tan 2 (minister-subverting pearly elixir). Thus we have here a good example of the philological method by means of which one can go back from one text to another by little and little, elucidating in the end a phrase which would otherwise be incomprehensible, and establishing a terminus for the first appearance of a discovery or a technique. It does really seem then that the sublimation of the chlorides of mercury, and of calomel specifically, goes back to about +300 in China. But now we must return to the consideration of Thao Hung-Ching.

He is also worth reading on arsenic compounds. On yü shih,3 arsenolite (As<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>), he wrote:b

Nowadays both Shu and Han have it, but the best comes from Nan-yeh-chhi near Nan-khang, from the borders of Phêng-chhêng and from south of Loyang. Most comes from the Hsiao-shih Mountains. If  $y\ddot{u}^3$  is put in water it will stop it from freezing, which shows that it has an extreme internal heat. People wrap it in balls of yellow clay and heat it strongly for a day and a night, then it breaks up into small lumps and can be used. It is good for treating debility (léng\*), and can be combined into valuable elixir recipes; besides this it is greatly used in aurifaction and argentifaction (huang pai shu to yung chih\*). Hsin-ning east of the Hsiang River, and Ling-ling, all have white yū ore. It can soften the metals (néng jou chin\*).

This last remark must refer to the greater malleability and workability without cracking of arsenic-copper alloys as opposed to bronze.d

If we add one further quotation it is because it points up one especially important thing. Throughout the early centuries of Chinese alchemy, proto-chemistry and metallurgy, there must have been, reading between the lines, great use of processes which made a veneer of one metal upon another, by enriching or impoverishing the surface layers. If there were those who could accomplish this there were also those who knew how to detect it when it had been done, and here Thao Hung-Ching states quite clearly that the inside of a vessel or an ingot was not always what it seemed to be from the outside. The entry is on alum (fan shih<sup>7</sup>):e

It comes now from Hsi-chhuan in the north of I-chou, crossing the (Yellow) River from the west. Its colour is greenish-white. The crude stuff is called 'horse-tooth alum', but after purifying it becomes very white. People in Szechuan often mistake it for nitre (hsiao shih<sup>8</sup>),<sup>f</sup>

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a Ch. 2, p. 2a,

b CLPT, ch. 5, (p. 124.1), tr. auct.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> The aphrodisiac nuance here is important, see pt. 2, pp. 284ff. d Cf. pt. 2, pp. 223ff.

e Cit. CLPT, ch. 3, (p. 84.1), tr. auct. It probably came originally from the Pên Tshao Ching Chi Chu. On plating see pt. 2, pp. 67, 246 ff., 255, and on the ionic exchange of Cu and Fe, pt. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>f</sup> This term is ambiguous, especially in pharmaceutical literature, meaning sodium sulphate and nitrate as well as potassium nitrate. In Europe nitre even included sodium carbonate, cf. Crosland (1), p. 106. For further discussion see pt. 4.

<sup>1</sup> 飛仙英丹

<sup>2</sup> 傾相珠丹

<sup>3</sup> 暴石

<sup>5</sup> 黄白術多用之

<sup>6</sup>能柔金

<sup>7</sup> 罄石

but it is white alum. The dark yellow variety is called 'bird-droppings alum'; it is not suitable for medicinal use, but it can be employed for 'plating' (tu1). If it is combined with vinegar (lit. bitter wine) and refined (or processed) copper, and the mixture rubbed over the surface of a piece of iron, it will assume a completely copper colour; but although the outside is copper-coloured the nature of the interior remains (wai sui thung ssu, nei chih pu pien2). The Manuals of the Immortals say that it can be taken by itself, and it is used also in elixir formulae. After being ground in water it can be combined with plant drugs, then boiled and heated to dryness; it is good for toothache but spoils the teeth if used in excess. This shows that it is injurious for bones, so I doubt the statement that it strengthens (lit. hardens) bones and teeth.

An important alchemical and medical text, Thai-Chhing Shih Pi Chi³ (The Records in the Rock Chamber; a Thai-Chhing Scripture), a was edited about Thao Hung-Ching's time by an alchemist called Chhu-Tsê hsien-sêng⁴ from the original text of Su Yuan-Ming. Su is a rather shadowy figure who lived between the time of Ko Hung and Thao Hung-Ching, or perhaps even a little earlier. Known also under the pseudonym Chhing Hsia Tzu⁶ (the Caerulean-Clouds Master), Su Yuan-Ming seems to have been a quite prolific writer, no less than nine alchemical treatises being listed under his pseudonym in the bibliographical chapters of Chêng Chhiao's Thung Chih Lüeh. Unfortunately most of Su's writings did not survive, though some are quoted from time to time in other alchemical texts and in the pharmaceutical natural histories.

There is a general impression, especially reinforced when one has read something of the *Tshan Thung Chhi*, that the Chinese alchemists, like their counterparts in the West, invariably attempted to conceal their secret art in highly obscure language. Su Yuan-Ming gives us an example showing that this is by no means always true, since he wrote in a simple and lucid style, not only refraining from using synonymic cover-names in his instructions but also explaining many common synonyms which the alchemist might encounter. The *Thai-Chhing Shih Pi Chi* is one of the very few alchemical texts extant that reveals to us plainly the chemical substances and their synonyms, with the procedures and apparatus employed in early medieval Chinese alchemy and alchemical medicine. We may quote one of its procedural formulae for the preparation of the 'Nine-vessel elixir of the Yellow Emperor'.

a TT874. A complete provisional translation has been made by one of us and will appear in due course (Ho Ping-Yü, 8).

b His name is sometimes written Su Yuan-Lang;7 probably the original form, changed for tabu reasons.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Unless of course someone else between the +6th and the +11th centuries appropriated the same pseudonym. Among the books quoted is a Pao Tsang Lun<sup>8</sup> (Discourse on the Contents of the Precious Treasury (of the Earth)), and if this was the same as that quite frequently quoted in the Chêng Lei Pên Tshao and other pharmaceutical natural histories, it was a work of real importance for it has much to tell us on metallurgical matters (cf. pt. 2, p. 273 above, and Sect. 30 on iron and steel technology). Sometimes it appears under the title Hsien-Yuan Pao Tsang Lun,<sup>9</sup> and possibly the Huang Ti Pao Tsang Ching, also now lost as such, was identical with it. It is interesting that the Lo-fou Shan Chih, in its biography of Su Yuan-Lang (-Ming), ch. 4, pp. 13 aff., attributes the (or a) Pao Tsang Lun to him. But, as already noted (pt. 2, p. 342 above), our present Pao Tsang Lun text dates from the close neighbourhood of +918 (cf. Tsêng Yuan-Jung, 1).

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<sup>3</sup> 外雖銅色內質不變

<sup>3</sup> 太清石壁記

<sup>4</sup> 楚澤先生

<sup>5</sup> 蘇元明

<sup>6</sup> 青霞子

<sup>7</sup> 蘇元 朗

<sup>8</sup> 賓藏論

<sup>?</sup> 軒轅資嚴論

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Method of making the 'Huang Ti chiu ting tan1'.

The above 17 ingredients are to be pounded together, mixed with vinegar ( $tsho^{19}$ ) until thoroughly soaked (before being placed in the lower bowl of the reaction-vessel). They are then covered with (a layer of) common salt ( $Wu\ yen^{20}$ ). (The upper bowl of the reaction-vessel is then placed over the lower mouth-to-mouth, and the vessel rendered airtight by applying a lute outside. It) is heated for three days and nights and then allowed to cool for half a day before being opened. This sublimation ( $fei^{21}$ ) process is to be repeated until seven cyclical changes have been performed. (The product) can be used to cure all illnesses, and once treated by this elixir the same illness will never recur.<sup>a</sup>

It is hardly possible to speculate about what the end-product would actually have been with so many constituents mixed together and containing impurities which we cannot now exactly know. Probably nothing very interesting would have taken place except for some mutual interchanges of anions and cations; while the sublimate would have been a mixture of sulphur and re-formed mercuric sulphide together with arsenic and its oxides and sulphides. Most of the elixir formulae involve a large number of substances as in the above example, though there are some much simpler procedures. The 'Three Messengers elixir' (san shih tan<sup>22</sup>) required only calomel (shui yin shuang <sup>23</sup>), cinnabar (chu sha<sup>24</sup>), realgar (hsiung huang <sup>25</sup>) and common salt. Yoshida has given a table showing the compositions of most of the elixirs described in the Thai-Chhing Shih Pi Chi. Although it is not very accurate, since it omits some important ingredients and even some elixirs, the table serves its purpose by indicating the preponderance of arsenical and mercurial compounds in early medieval Chinese alchemy.

The Northern Chhi emperor Wên Hsüan Ti<sup>26</sup> (r. +550 to +560), Kao Yang,<sup>27</sup> while anxious to become an immortal, was rather cautious about the taking of elixirs. According to the *Pei Shih* (History of the Northern Dynasties):<sup>e</sup>

He ordered Chang Yuan-Yu<sup>28</sup> and other alchemists to prepare the 'Nine-fold Cyclically-transformed elixir' (chiu chuan chin tan<sup>29</sup>). When it was accomplished he put it in a jade box,

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* TT874, ch. 1, p. 2a, tr. auct.
b Much would depend on the conditions, the temperature gradient, the size and shape of the vessel, etc.
c TT874, ch. 2, p. 1a.
                           d (5), pp. 220, 221.
                                                   e Ch. 88, p. 12a, tr. auct.
"黄帝九 期丹
                  2雄黄
                                   3 雌黄
                                                   +朱砂
                                                                    5 石硫黄
                                   8 朴硝
                                                   9 縣石
                                                                    10 石床
6 白石英
                  7鐘乳
                  12 石膏
                                   13 禹餘糧
                                                   14 青石
                                                                    15 太陰玄精
11 寒水石
                                                   19 首作
16 赤石脂
                  17 雲母
                                   18 鷹石
                                                                    20 吴骧
21 飛
                  22 三使丹
                                  23 水銀霜
                                                   24 朱砂
                                                                    25 雄黄
                                  28 張遠遊
26 文宣帝
                  27 高洋
                                                   29 九轉金丹
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and said: 'I am still too fond of the pleasures of this world to wish to take flight to the heavens immediately. I shall keep (the elixir) and take it only when I am about to die.'

Where medieval Chinese elixirs were concerned, a death-bed conversion was very prudent.

## (ii) Alchemy in the Sui re-unification

After the restoration of the empire under the Sui, the emperor Yang Ti<sup>1</sup> (Yang Kuang,<sup>2</sup> r. +605 to +617) patronised Wang Yuan-Chih,<sup>3</sup> one of Thao Hung-Ching's many disciples. When that short-lived dynasty had in turn come to an end Wang Yuan-Chih was visited personally by the Thang emperor Thai Tsung<sup>4</sup> during the Wu-Tê reign-period (+618 to +627), and was then given first the title Shêng-Chen hsien-sêng<sup>5</sup> and later Shêng-Hsüan hsien-sêng<sup>6</sup>,<sup>a</sup>

Among the many disciples of Wang Yuan-Chih was Phan Shih-Cheng,7 who was in his turn much respected by the Thang emperor Kao Tsung (+650 to +684). He lived for twenty years in a valley among the Sung-shan Mountains, eating only pine leaves and drinking nothing but water (according to the Chiu Thang Shu),b In this seclusion he was accompanied by another alchemist, Liu Tao-Ho, 10 This latter person draws our attention to a much greater alchemist of the early Thang, for Liu had been a disciple of Mêng Shên,11 the well-known physician and alchemist,c and he when young had studied under Sun Ssu-Mo.12 Now Sun ranks fully with Ko Hung and Thao Hung-Ching in the history of Chinese alchemy and medicine, but until recently we knew as little about his personal life as about that of Hippocrates of Cos. In fact his name was only perpetuated by his medical writings; for example, Okanishi (1) credits more than a dozen medical treatises to him.d The Chiu Thang Shu gives a short biography of Sun Ssu-Mo, saying that he died in the year +682, and claimed to have been born in a hsin-yu year of the Khai-Huang reign-period.e There has been doubt regarding his dates, and Sun himself undoubtedly believed in +673 that he had reached the age of ninety-two; Sivin, who has translated the biography and made a study of the subject, gives the best span as +581 to +682.f

We know of Sun Ssu-Mo's alchemical work chiefly through the *Thai-Chhing Tan Ching Yao Chüeh*<sup>13g</sup> (Essentials of the Elixir Manuals for Oral Transmission, a Thai-Chhing Scripture), h which exists not in the present *Tao Tsang* as such but incorporated

c Ch. 191, pp. 5aff. There was no such year, but it could have meant +601.

f (1), pp. 120ff., 265-6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> See Hsin Thang Shu, ch. 192, p. 6a.
<sup>b</sup> Ch. 192, p. 7a.
<sup>c</sup> See p. 140 below.
<sup>d</sup> The most important is of course the Chhien Chin Yao Fang <sup>14</sup> (Thousand Golden Remedies) written between +650 and +659, with its continuation Chhien Chin I Fang <sup>15</sup> finished between +660 and +675. A nutritional and hygiene section in this was originally a separate work, Chhien Chin Shih Chih. <sup>16</sup>

g In the Ming the work was renamed Thai-Chhing Chen Jen Ta Tan<sup>17</sup> (The Great Elixirs of the Adepts; a Thai-Chhing Scripture).

h A full translation and critical study of this important text has been made in recent years by Sivin (1). Much of what follows here is based on the paper of Ho Ping-Yü (5).

<sup>2</sup>楊廣 3 王遠知 4太宗 5 昇眞先生 1 楊帝 9 嵩山 10 劉道合 6 昇玄先生 7潘師正 8高宗 11 孟酰 13 孫思邈 13 太清丹經要訣 14 千金要方 15 千金翼方 16 千金食治 17 太清質人大丹

in the Yün Chi Chhien of  $+1022.^a$  It would have been written about +640. Sun Ssu-Mo says that he describes only those procedures which he himself had successfully tried out. He lists the names of sixty-seven different elixirs, pointing out, however, that the methods of preparation were available only for a few of them. He then explains the making of the lute or sealing-compound, the 'six-and-one paste' (liu i ni<sup>1</sup>),<sup>b</sup> and the proper selection and preparation of raw materials, for example alum, for use in the Great Work. He goes on to describe the essential alchemical apparatus, including the furnace  $(tsao^2)^c$  and the reaction-vessel  $(fu^3)$ , giving the necessary instructions for the hermetical sealing of the joints by the lute. The constituents of this included red bole clay, calcium carbonate from oyster-shells, kalinite (potash alum, potassium aluminium sulphate) from Tunhuang, talc (magnesium silicon oxide), 'Turkestan' salt from Shensi, lake salt from Shansi, and some arsenolite (arsenic trioxide).<sup>d</sup>

As a practical alchemist Sun Ssu-Mo described his procedures in notably simple language, avoiding the use of synonyms and obscure terms with concealed meanings. In fact, among the many ingredients recommended for the thirty-two formulae in the text, he included only three such terms. In one instance he uses the two trigrams Li+ and Tui5 to denote two alchemical substances. According to some commentaries of the Tshan Thung Chhi these would mean cinnabar and lead respectively, but Sivin has given a more plausible interpretation of them as cinnabar and white lead. The other synonym appearing in the Tan Ching Yao Chüeh is 'flowing hard snow' (liu kên hsüeh6), which must mean calomel (p. 128).

Among the thirty-two formulae mentioned in the text, eighteen refer to the preparation of some fourteen elixirs. Most of them seem quite poisonous, containing mercury and lead, if not arsenic, as elements or compounds. For example, in the preparation of the 'Minor Cyclically-transformed elixir' (hsiao huan tan<sup>7</sup>) Sun Ssu-Mo recommends the use of 1 lb of mercury, 4 oz of sulphur, 3 oz of cinnabar, 4 oz of rhinoceros horn, and 2 oz of musk. These are to be ground or pounded separately into powder and then mixed together and made into pills.<sup>h</sup> For the 'Great Unity Three Messengers elixir' (Thai-I san shih tan<sup>8</sup>) the formula requires 1 lb of purified calomel, 10 oz of cinnabar, 10 oz of sulphur, and also 10 oz of realgar.<sup>i</sup> In the case of the 'Gold elixir' (chin tan<sup>9</sup>) 8 oz each of gold and mercury and 1 lb each of realgar

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> TT 1020. b Because seven constituents. An ancient term.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> He also mentions at least twice a forced-draught furnace ( $f_{eng}^{eng} lu^{10}$ ) which probably involved the use of the continuous-blast piston-bellows ( $f_{eng}^{eng} h_{siang}^{11}$ ), cf. Vol. 4, pt. 2, pp. 135 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Some added also the excreta of earthworms, but Sun considered this foolish, having found that it was just the same as any other earth, and no good as an ingredient anyway. The calcium carbonate was also useless, in his opinion. See Sivin (1), pp. 160ff.

e Thirty-eight counting variants.

f See, for example, TT991, ch. 2, p. 19a, and TT994, ch. 1, p. 14a.

g (1), pp. 194ff.

h YCCC, ch. 71, p. 5a, b; tr. Sivin, op. cit. pp. 174-5.

<sup>1</sup> Ibid. pp. 3b, 4a; tr. Sivin, op. cit. p. 171.

<sup>1</sup> 大一泥 2 籠 3 签 4 難 5 兌 6 流艮雪 7 小燙丹 8 太一三使丹 9 金丹 10 風爐

<sup>11</sup> 風箱



Fig. 1358. The eminent Sui and Thang physician and alchemist, Sun Ssu-Mo (d. +682). In the drawing, taken from *Lieh Hsien Chhūan Chuan*, ch. 5, p. 20b, he seems to be carrying scrolls of prescriptions or elixir recipes hanging from his rustic staff.

and orniment are required, besides some vinegar. The so-called 'Lead elixir' (chhien tan 1) calls for as much as 4 lb of lead and 1 lb of mercury besides other ingredients,b It is not that Sun Ssu-Mo was unaware of the lethal effects of many of the chemical substances used. In his medical treatise, the Chhien Chin I Fang<sup>2</sup> (Supplement to the Thousand Golden Remedies), he states categorically that mercury, realgar, orpiment and sulphur are poisonous, as also are gold, silver and vitriol,c It is interesting that while in his medical prescriptions Sun Ssu-Mo recommended substances like mercury, it was in much more conservative doses than for the elixirs. While one must be mindful of the profound conviction of Paracelsus (+1493 to +1541) some eight centuries later that 'poisonous action and remedial virtue are intimately bound up with each other', as in the case of arsenic and especially mercury, one cannot help being mystified by the fact that in spite of his knowledge of the toxic effect of certain inorganic substances Sun Ssu-Mo seems to have prescribed them in so much larger amounts for elixirs than for medicines.c Could the thought have been that when human beings were raised to a level approaching that of the immortals their bodies would no longer be susceptible to poison? Every student of pharmacology knows that although arsenic has a markedly cumulative action, astonishing degrees of tolerance can be achieved if it is taken by the mouth, as habitually among the peasants of Styrian Austria. The rationale appears to be a decreased absorptive power of the alimentary tract, as the effect is not shown when arsenic is taken in soluble form.f

We can adduce at least one piece of evidence to show that the Chinese alchemists of the Middle Ages were fully aware that these elixirs could not be taken in the ordinary way, and that one had to 'build up one's constitution' before the venture. Such a conviction may have come from Sun Ssu-Mo himself. The Chen Chung Chi<sup>3</sup> (Records of the Pillow-Book), which can be shown from internal evidence to have been written during or shortly after the Chen-Kuan reign-period (+627 to +649) and which is attributed to Sun Ssu-Mo in the Thung Chih Lüeh bibliography, gives the following warning: 'One must take vegetable and plant drugs at first until their beneficial effects are felt; then only can one take mineral drugs for the purpose of achieving longevity.'g

Many points of interest arise from a survey of the Tan Ching Yao Chüeh. Particu-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> YCCC, ch. 71, pp. 9b, 10a; tr. Sivin (1), pp. 185-6.

b Ibid. p. 10b; tr. Sivin, op. cit. pp. 187-8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Ch. 2, p. 2a to p. 6a. For elixir-poisoning see Ho Ping-Yü & Needham (4). The subject will be discussed in connection with industrial diseases in Vol. 6 (Sect. 45).

d Pagel (10), p. 145. We can almost call Paracelsus the father of modern pharmacology and chemotherapy because of his famous dictum 'Alein die Dosis macht daß ein Ding kein Gift ist' (cf. Lieben (1), pp. 13ff.). This wonderful aphorism comes from the 'Sieben Defensiones' (+1537-8), Sudhoff ed., vol. 11, p. 138. It is a commonplace today that any powerful remedy will be, in certain conditions, a powerful poison, cf. Green (1). In classical Chinese the same word, tu,4 means 'poison' and 'active principle'.

e This is only partly true, cf. Sivin (1), p. 143.

f Cf. Clark (1), p. 608, and the discussion in pt. 2, pp. 290 ff. above.

g TT830, p. 15b. This book has been mentioned in connection with Ko Hung (p. 110 above). It deals much with hygiene, but contains some methods for preparing aqueous solutions of inorganic substances, which will be quoted at a more appropriate place (see pt. 4 below).

<sup>1</sup> 鉛丹 2 千金製方

<sup>3</sup> 枕中部

larly striking in it is the Chinese form of that diplosis or 'doubling' of valuable metals which (as we have seen above, pt. 2, pp. 18, 193) occurs so often in Alexandrian proto-chemistry. Here the technical term is thien,1 to add to or to augment, and it is applied both to paktong (pai thung,2 cupro-nickel)a and to brass (thou3).b The former is 'increased', i.e. diluted or adulterated, by heating with lead as basic lead carbonate (white lead), two similar processes with different auxiliary ingredients being given.c The latter is multiplied in a parallel way either by heating with la,+ probably an alloy of zinc, tin and lead,d or with basic lead carbonate as for paktong.e It has naturally been assumed that these formulae are a link between the Western techniques and Thang China, presumably transmitted eastwards via Sassanian Persia, and it is true that the third method just mentioned is called the 'Persian method for using azedarach to augment brass' (Po-Ssu yung khu-lien-tzu thien thou fa5), this mysterious thing being the fruits of the so-called Persian lilac, Melia Azedarach, freely growing in China at least since the time of Thao Hung-Ching.f However, in view of what we have already seen concerning 'projection' (tien6), a term for another practice of the highest importance for ancient Western aurifaction, which seems to occur at least as early in the Chinese culture-area as in Hellenistic Egypt, we should perhaps be on our guard against the idea that 'doubling' must necessarily have started with the Alexandrians. And there is always the possibility that many of these ancient chemical ideas, terms and techniques radiated from the Iranian culture-area in both directions.g

Other sophistications also are to be found in the pages of Sun Ssu-Mo's book. There is a 'dyeing' of verdigris (copper acetate) with indigo (chhing tai<sup>7</sup>)<sup>h</sup> to give it the bluer colour of the more valuable pigment malachite (basic copper carbonate), presumably useful in fresco and scroll painting. There is also a formula for adding red sappan pigment to indigo either to make it go further or to give it a purple tint; moreover one can produce an artificial white jade from clamshell calcite or aragonite

k YCCC, ch. 71, p. 21a; tr. Sivin (1), pp. 213-14. Water-soluble sappan red comes from the trunk wood of the tree Caesalpinia sappan (su fang mu, 12 Roi (1), pp. 173-4). Cf. Sun & Sun (1), p. 78.

1 添	2 白銅	3 輸	+ 銀	5 波斯用苦树	子添鈴法
6 點	7 青黛	8 金鈴子	。石族	10 黛眉石	11 藍汁

<sup>12</sup> 蘇方木

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Cf. pt. 2, pp. 225 ff. above. b Cf. pt. 2, pp. 195 ff. above.

c YCCC, ch. 71, pp. 13a to 14b and 15b, 16a. Because of certain difficult terms used, as well as misleading or partially misleading comments by later editors, the rationale took a good deal of unravelling; see Sivin (1), pp. 194ff., 201 for translation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> YCCC, ch. 71, pp. 16b, 17a, tr. Sivin (1), pp. 203-4, who took la to be pewter, i.e. an alloy of lead and tin, but see our discussion on pp. 211, 216 of pt. 2 above. Lead carbonate was also used, and in a variant recipe, tin.

e YCCC, ch. 71, p. 17a, b; tr. Sivin (1), p. 204.

f R335, also known as chin ling tzu.8 Other vegetable material was also added, including dried plums and sparrow droppings, presumably as carbonaceous reducing agents.

This will be better appreciated from pt. 4 below. But see also pt. 2, p. 220 above.

h Sun's text generally has shih tai,º which normally means graphite, as in tai mei shih 10 (black eye-brow mineral), but his meaning is unmistakable.

<sup>1</sup> YCCC, ch. 71, pp. 20b, 21a; tr. Sivin (1), p. 213. Cf. Yü Fei-An (1).

J Lan chih, 11 'vegetable blue infusion', from Polygonum tinctorium or one of several species of Indigofera. See Sun & Sun (1), pp. 78-9, commenting on TKKW, ch. 3.

fused with quartz, as also artificial pearls from calcite and (probably) fish guanine.b In all these processes an 'ersatz' tradition very reminiscent of the Hellenistic papyri comes to the surface, but it can hardly be later than theirs since already nearly five hundred years earlier Li Shao-Chun had proposed to the emperor not natural but artificial gold.c

Quite apart from processes of this kind, however, the Tan Ching Yao Chüeh has many interesting things. There is, for example, an account of the calcination of mercury very like that of Maslama al-Majritī (d. + 1007), so much praised by Leicesterd though more than three centuries later. Because of the remarkable reversibility of the Hg/HgO transformation at 630°, it was possible for Sun Ssu-Mo, by very careful attention to the temperatures used, to obtain a cyclical change from mercury to 'cinnabar' indefinitely, though with gradually decreasing yield as the mercury volatilised.e He did it in fact seven times, hence the name Chhi fan tan sha fa.1 In another place where an elixir called Chhih hsüeh liu chu tan2 (Scarlet snow and flowing pearls) is made by heating realgar, acetic acid and salt in an aludel (Fig. 1359, a, b), it has been found experimentally that the sublimate is pure metallic arsenic.f This then was an isolation long preceding the +16th-century experimentalists (Paracelsus, Libavius, 'Basil Valentine')g or even Albertus Magnus, if indeed he got it, as is said, by heating orpiment with soap.h It was used, says Sun Ssu-Mo, for reviving those who had fainted or were on the point of death, There is also a careful, if complicated, sublimation of calomel. J Elsewhere again polymeric sulphurk is produced by boiling with sesame oil and caustic lye, then washed with wine and honey before being administered in the form of pills made with jujube-date pulp. All in all, the Tan Ching Yao Chiieh is one of the most rewarding of Thang alchemical texts.

Some discoveries that may have been Sun Ssu-Mo's are embodied in short extracts quoted in other collections. For example, the Chu Chia Shen Phin Tan Fa3 (see pp. 159, 197) appears to quote him as follows:m

Take of sulphur and saltpetre (hsiao shih+) 2 oz. each and grind them together, then put them in a silver-melting crucible or a refractory pot (sha kuan5). Dig a pit in the ground and

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8 YCCC, ch. 71, p. 20a; tr. Sivin (1), p. 211.
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b Ibid. p. 20a, b; tr. Sivin, op. cit. pp. 212-13. c Cf. p. 31 above. d (1), p. 71.

e YCCC, ch. 71, p. 12a; tr. & comm. Sivin (1), p. 191.

f Ibid. p. 8a, b; tr. Sivin, op. cit. pp. 180 ff. There is an uncertainty at one point in the text, and the final product may have been crystalline or fibrous arsenic trioxide in purified form. Many of the formulae in Sun's book involve sublimation, but there seems to be no reference to distillation.

<sup>8</sup> See Partington (7), vol. 2, pp. 147, 199, 261.

h As is said by Weeks (1), p. 10, following Jagnaux (1), vol. 1, pp. 656ff.

i Cf. pt. 2, p. 90 above. 1 YCCC, ch. 71, pp. 6aff.; tr. Sivin (1), pp. 176ff. 1 YCCC, ch. 71, pp. 11b, 12a; tr. Sivin (1), pp. 189ff. k Durrant (1), pp. 492-3.

m TT911, ch. 5, p. 11a, tr. auct. Attention was first drawn to this passage by Fêng Chia-Shêng (1), p. 41; cf. (4), p. 35, (6), p. 10. It is also quoted in Yen Tun-Chieh (20), p. 19. Its heading is Tan Ching Nei Fu Liu Huang Fa6 (Process in the Elixir Manuals for the subduing of sulphur). Actually, the passage is anonymous. The one preceding it is attributed to a Huang San Kuan-Jen? (His Excellency Huang Tertius, as Sivin (1) renders it), otherwise unknown, while the one before that is given Sun Ssu-Mo's name-but neither concerns gunpowder. Nevertheless the process is archaic and may belong to his time, so that Fêng Chia-Shêng's attribution to Sun might be right.

<sup>1</sup>七返丹砂法

<sup>3</sup> 赤雪流朱丹

<sup>3</sup> 諸家神品丹法

<sup>4</sup> 硝石

<sup>5</sup>沙艦

<sup>6</sup> 丹經內伏硫黃法

<sup>7</sup> 黄三官人

put the vessel inside it so that its top is level with the ground, and cover it all round with earth. Take three perfect pods of the soap-bean tree, a uneaten by insects, and char them so that they keep their shape, then put them into the pot (with the sulphur and saltpetre). After the flames have subsided close the mouth and place three catties (lb) of glowing charcoal (on the lid); when this has been about one third consumed remove all of it. The substance need not be cool before it is taken out—it has been 'subdued by fire' (fu huo') (i.e chemical changes have taken place giving a new and stable product).

Someone seems to have been engaged here about +650 in an operation designed, as it were, to produce potassium sulphate, and therefore not very exciting, but on the way he stumbled upon the first preparation of a deflagrating (and later explosive) mixture in the history of all civilisation.<sup>b</sup> Exciting must have been the word for that.

The time between Ko Hung and Sun Ssu-Mo was an important period in alchemical development. Beginning from Ko Hung alchemical writings became less theoretical, developing finally into the lucid practical style of the *Thai-Chhing Shih Pi Chi* and the *Tan Ching Yao Chüeh*. However, after the time of Sun Ssu-Mo, many of the alchemical writers gradually returned to the fashion of using obscure synonyms, perhaps because of the alarm caused by many cases of elixir poisoning, and the desire that those without proper guidance should be dissuaded from trying out alchemical experiments by themselves.

In general, the number of elixir ingredients used in the Tan Ching Yao Chüeh is relatively fewer than those in the Thai-Chhing Shih Pi Chi. The maximum number in any one case occurs in the 'Purple travelling elixir' (tzu yu tan²),c requiring twelve different substances, while the minimum is found in the 'Seven-fold cyclically-transformed cinnabar' (chhi fan tan sha³)d which needs only one, mercury itself. The average number of ingredients used is five. One may compare these with some of the recipes in the Thai-Chhing Shih Pi Chi, which require more than thirty ingredients each. After the time of Sun Ssu-Mo the Chinese alchemists never reverted to the complexity of the formulae which are found in this book.

Written by an anonymous author probably during the time of Sun Ssu-Mo (or soon after) is another important alchemical text entitled Chin Shih Pu Wu Chiu Shu Chüeh<sup>4</sup> (Explanation of the Inventory of Metals and Minerals according to the Numbers Five and Nine).<sup>e</sup> It is particularly interesting because it tells how substances can be identified, and says that their 'quality' must be known before they can be used for making elixirs, besides mentioning the occurrences and properties of some of them. But it contains notes on fewer chemical substances than the Shih Yao Erh Ya<sup>5</sup> (Synonymic Dictionary of Minerals and Drugs) by Mei Piao,<sup>6</sup> of which we

a Gleditschia sinensis (CC 587). Much will be said of this saponin source in Vol. 6, meanwhile cf. Needham & Lu Gwei-Djen (1).

b This subject is dealt with fully in Sect. 30.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Or 'Empyrean-roving', YCCC, ch. 71, pp. 4a to 5a; tr. Sivin (1), pp. 171 ff.

d Ibid. p. 12a; Sivin, op. cit. p. 191. See p. 137 above.

e The numbers stand for the elements Earth and Metal.

<sup>1</sup> 伏火 2 紫遊丹 3 七返丹砂 4 金石簿五九數訣

<sup>3</sup>石藥爾雅 6梅彪

shall speak presently.<sup>a</sup> Of special interest are the names of foreign countries, such as Persia, Annam and Udyāna, and the names of Indian Buddhist monks mentioned in it.<sup>b</sup> The following passage illustrates this:<sup>c</sup>

Saltpetre (hsiao shih 1).

Originally this was produced in I-chou2 by the Chiang3 tribes-people, Wu-tu4 and Lung-hsi 5,d (but now) that which comes from the Wu-Chhang 6 country (Udyāna) is (also) of good quality. In recent times, during the Lin-Tê reign period of the Thang, in a chiatzu year (+664) a certain Indian (lit. Brahmin) called Chih Fa-Lin7e (came to China) bringing with him (some sūtras in) the Sanskrit (language) for translation. He asked if he might visit the Wu-thai Shan 8 mountains to study the (Buddhist) customs, (and was allowed to do so). When he reached the Ling-shih of district in Fen-chou to he said: 'This place abounds in saltpetre. Why is it not collected and put to use?' At that time this monk was in the company of twelve persons, among whom were Chao Ju-Kuei 11 and Tu Fa-Liang, 12 Together they collected some of the substance and put it to the test, but found it unsuitable (for use) and not comparable to that produced in Wu-Chhang. Later they came to Tsê-chou,13 where they found a mountain covered with beautiful trees. (The monk) said once again: 'Saltpetre should also occur in this region. I wonder whether it will be as useless as (what we came across) before?' Whereupon together with the Chinese monk Ling-Wu 14 they collected the substance, and found that upon burning it emitted copious purple flames (lit. smoke),f The Indian monk said: 'This marvellous substance can produce changes in the Five Metals, and when the various minerals are brought into contact with it they are completely transmuted into liquid form (chin pien chhêng shui 15).'s And the fact that its properties were indeed the same as those of the material from Wu-Chhang was confirmed by testing it several times on different metals. Compared to that from Wu-Chhang this from Tsê-chou was a little softer.

Here we have mention of the potassium flame h and of the use of saltpetre as a flux in smelting. This passage raises several important questions, notably the appearance of close Indian-Chinese chemical contacts during the Thang period, and the exact time when potassium nitrate was reliably discovered, identified and used. To all these we shall return in pt. 4, mindful of their great significance for the first knowledge of mineral acids, the invention of gunpowder, and the mutual indebtedness of China and

substances by nitric acid (pt. 4).

h As we shall see in pt. 4, the flame test for K goes back to Thao Hung-Ching, c. +480.

1 硝石	2 益州	3 羗	* 武都	5 隨西
6 鳥長	7支法林	8 五张山	9 雙石	10 份州
11 趙如珪	12 杜法亮	13 澤州	4 重悟	15 盡變成水
16 or HTT Y'L				

<sup>16</sup> 天明砂

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Forty-one as against some 180, but the SYEY lists include plant and animal substances, apparatus, and the names of compounded elixirs.

b Cf. pp. 160, 174, 193-4. c TT 900, pp. 5b, 6a, tr. auct.

d Mod. Kansu.
e This ethnikon shows that he was of Yüch-chih or Saka stock.

The same statement is made in the immediately following entry (p. 6b) for a substance called thien ming sha, 16 evidently another potassium salt. We have not come across this term anywhere else (it is not in SYEY); here the text says that it was imported from Persia. We suspect, therefore, that it was potash alum in powder form (alumen minutum, flour- or sugar-alum); cf. Singer (8), pp. 113, 117, 218 and de Mély (1), p. 145. Laufer (1), pp. 474-5, discusses this importation, but he believed of course that the 'Persia' in question was actually somewhere in Malaya (cf. pt. 2, p. 143).

<sup>8</sup> This may refer both to its use as a metallurgical flux and to the aqueous solution of inorganic

India.<sup>a</sup> It is also from the above passage that the date of the Chin Shih Pu Wu Chiu Shu Chüeh can be deduced.

Mêng Shen <sup>1</sup> (+621 to +718), the disciple of Sun Ssu-Mo, became an outstanding pharmaceutical naturalist. <sup>b</sup> He had occasion to demonstrate his skill as an alchemist by detecting the counterfeit gold which the empress Wu Tsê Thien <sup>2</sup> used to give away to her civil officials as awards. The *Chiu Thang Shu* has the following to say about him: <sup>c</sup>

From early youth onwards (Mêng Shen) was fond of alchemy. On one occasion, he visited the home of Liu Wei-Chih,<sup>3</sup> Vice-President (Shih Lang<sup>4</sup>) of the Department of the Imperial Grand Secretariat (Fêng Ko<sup>5</sup>), and saw some gold (objects) given (by the empress) as rewards. Whereupon he said: 'This is alchemical gold (yao chin<sup>6</sup>), and if you submit it to the fire, coloured vapours will be seen above it.' Afterwards the matter was put to the test, and he was proved right, (but) when (the empress) Tsê Thien heard about it she was not amused. So she found a pretext for having Mêng re-posted (away from the capital) to Thaichow.

This must surely be a reference to the appearance of the green flame of copper at the flue of the cupellation furnace. Mêng Shen's disciple, Liu Tao-Ho,7 enjoyed such a good reputation as an alchemist that the emperor Kao Tsung (r. +650 to +684) built for him a temple called the Thai-I Kuan<sup>8</sup> at the place where he lived, and asked him to prepare a cyclically-transformed elixir. In this he succeeded and eventually presented it to the emperor.<sup>d</sup>

Followers of Thao Hung-Ching continued to enjoy the confidence of the imperial court for several generations. Among the many disciples of Phan Shih-Chêng<sup>9</sup> were Wu Yün <sup>10</sup> and Ssuma Chhêng-Chên<sup>11</sup> (perhaps +639 to +727). Wu Yün was much respected, and even consulted, by the emperor Hsüan Tsung. When asked by him to reveal the secret of immortality Wu replied that such arts should neither be sought for nor practised by an emperor, <sup>e</sup> Wu was a friend of the great poet Li Pai <sup>12</sup> (+701 to +762), who during his later years became interested in the techniques of immortality. f Ssuma Chhêng-Chên <sup>g</sup> was much favoured by the empress Wu Tsê Thien (r. +685 to +705) and the two emperors Jui Tsung (r. +710 to +712) and Hsüan Tsung (r. +713 to +756). h Although famous as an alchemist, he unfortunately left behind very

h His period of eminence marks the ascendancy of the Mao Shan school (cf. p. 120 above, and pt. 2, pp. 110, 152, 235) at court.

1	孟詵	2	武則天	3	劉禅之		侍郎	5	鳳閣
6	藥金	7	劉道合	8	太一觀	9	潘師正	10	吳筠
11	司馬承貞	12	李白	13	食療本草	14	歷代名醫蒙求		
15	馬守忠	16	司馬子微	17	自一先生				

a See pp. 160 ff. and pt. 5 below.

b He was the writer of the Shih Liao Pên Tshao<sup>13</sup> (Nutritional Therapy; a Pharmaceutical Natural History) c. +670, and one of the first to study deficiency diseases such as beri-beri. Mêng Shen had also a successful civil service career, becoming Governor of Thungchow.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Chiu Thang Shu, ch. 191, p. 9a, tr. auct., cf. Sivin (1), p. 45. That the significance of this incident was widely appreciated may be seen perhaps from the fact that it was often quoted, as e.g. in Li Tai Ming I Mêng Chhiu <sup>14</sup> (Brief Lives of the Famous Physicians in all Ages), written by Chou Shou-Chung <sup>15</sup> in +1040 (ch. 1, p. 13a).

<sup>d</sup> See Chiu Thang Shu, ch. 192, p. 7a. Cf. p. 132 above.

e Ibid. p. 8b. 

See Hsin Thang Shu, ch. 202, p. 10a.

g Also known as Ssuma Tzu-Wei<sup>16</sup> and Chên-I hsien-sêng.<sup>17</sup>

little in writing to enable us to judge of him. We only know a work of his called the Shang-Chhing Han Hsiang Chien Chien Thu<sup>1</sup> (The Sword and Mirror Diagram embodying the Image; a Shang-Chhing Scripture), a but it has little of alchemical interest except a process of making an amalgam from silver, cinnabar, lead and mercury.

## (iii) Chemical theory and spagyrical poetry under the Thang

Among the Thang emperors Hsüan Tsung is most noted for his association with alchemists and Taoists. The *Hsin Thang Shu* has the following two passages about him:

During the tenth month of the 9th year of the Thien-Pao reign period (+750) he visited (the Taoist abbey) of Hua-Chhing Kung.<sup>2</sup> Wang Hsüan-I,<sup>3</sup> the adept of the Thai-pai Shan<sup>4</sup> mountain, announced that (the 'immortal emperor') Hsüan-Yuan Huang Ti<sup>5</sup> (i.e. Lao Tzu) would descend and visit (the cave) Pao Hsien Tung.<sup>6</sup> Accordingly, on an *i-hai* day in the twelfth month (+751), he proceeded there from Hua-Chhing Kung.<sup>b</sup>

On another occasion, suspecting him of unfaithfulness, he said to Kao Li-Shih7:c

It is already ten years since I last left Chhang-an. Now that there is peace in the empire I am thinking of pursuing the technique of breathing to nourish my own life. Should I not leave the government of the empire in the hands of (Li) Lin-Fu<sup>8</sup>?d

Another alchemist in Hsüan Tsung's entourage was Chang Kuoo (perhaps +685 to +756), destined to receive the title Thung-Hsüan hsien-sêng 10 (Mr See-Through) and later to be canonised in folklore as one of the Eight Immortals (Pa Hsien 11). A book on alchemy entitled Yü Tung Ta Shen Tan-Sha Chen Yao Chüeh 12 (True and Essential Teachings about the Great Magical Cinnabar of the Jade Cavern), compiled by Chang Kuo, the Inhabitant of Ku-shê Mountain (Ku-Shê Shan Jen 13), is probably due to him. This book closely resembles two other alchemical treatises, of which indeed it was a condensed paraphrase, so it will be convenient to mention them together. The two texts in question are (a) the Ta-Tung Lien Chen Pao Ching, Hsiu Fu Ling-Sha Miao Chüeh 14 (Mysterious Teachings on the Processing of Numinous Cinnabar, according to the Precious Manual of the Re-casting of the Primary (Vitalities); a Ta-Tung Scripture) and (b) the Ta-Tung Lien Chen Pao Ching, Chiu Huan Chin Tan Miao Chüeh 15 (Mysterious Teachings on the Ninefold Cyclically-Transformed Gold Elixir, according to the Precious Manual of the Re-casting of the

a TT 428. b Ch. 5, p. 14b, tr. auct.

c D. +763, a favourite eunuch and faithful servant of Hsüan Tsung, famous for the numerous water-mills which he owned.

d Ch. 207, p. 2b. Li Lin-Fu (d. +752) was one of the most eminent ministers of the Thang period, also famous as a proprietor of water-mills and patron of mill-wrights. The leader of the aristocratic party, he was in full power from +736 onwards, but his policies led to the disastrous rebellion of An Lu-Shan. He was the editor of the *Thang Liu Tien* (Institutes of the Thang Dynasty).

e TT889. f TT883.

 <sup>1</sup>上清含象劍鑑圖
 2 華清宮
 3 王玄翼
 4 太白山

 5 玄元皇帝
 6 竇仙洞
 7 高力士
 8 李林甫
 9 張果

<sup>10</sup> 通玄先生 17 八仙 12 玉洞大神丹砂眞要訣

<sup>13</sup> 姑射山人 14 大洞鍊眞饗經修伏靈砂妙訣 15 大洞鍊眞饗經九還金丹妙訣

Primary (Vitalities); a Ta-Tung Scripture).a Both of these were originally intended by their author, Chhen Shao-Wei 1,b to form one single treatise, but have somehow come to be regarded as two separate texts in our present Tao Tsang. Circumstantial evidence suggests that Chhen Shao-Wei's version is older and more original than that of Chang Kuo. Although Chang was more widely known, Chang Chün-Fang in the early + 11th century included part of Chhen Shao-Wei's version in his Yün Chi Chhi Chhien under another title, Chhi Fan Ling Sha Lun2 (Discourse on the Sevenfold Cyclically-Transformed Cinnabar).c Chang Kuo's version is more concise, and after his name is found the word chhi,3 which could be a printer's error for the word tsuan,4 to compile. One can only conjecture because we do not have the exact date of Chhen Shao-Wei. All that we know is that he flourished during the Thang period, some time between the early +7th century and the early +10th century; d both his name and book appear in the bibliographical chapters of the Thang histories and in Chang Chün-Fang's collection. If Chang Kuo (d. +756) did actually derive his material from Chhen Shao-Wei then the latter must have flourished between the early +7th and the middle of the +8th.e We know nothing else about him except his claim to have been a descendant of the alchemical school of Wu Mêng,5 the disciple of Ko Hung's father-in-law Pao Ching 6 as well as of the alchemist Ting I.7

The main theme of these treatises is cinnabar. Various types of cinnabar are identified according to their quality. The superior grade when ingested by itself could transform one into the state of immortality on the very same day, because cinnabar is the natural cyclically-transformed elixir (tan sha chê tzu-jan chih huan tan yeh<sup>8</sup>). However, those of lower quality have to be treated each according to its type before they can be consumed. The classification of the ores seems to employ the presence of impurities as a criterion. It is said that the best variety, called kuang ming sha, would yield 14 oz of mercury for every 1 lb of cinnabar, the next grade, ma ya sha, 10 12 oz, the next lower grade, tzu ling sha, 11 10 oz, and the lowest grades of all, such as chhi sha, 12 tsa sha, 13 and thu sha, 14 only 6 to 7 oz. The amount of the other ingredients used together with cinnabar in an elixir recipe would vary according to the type of cinnabar used. Chang Kuo's Yü Tung Ta Shen Tan-Sha Chen Yao Chüeh says, for example, that for 1 lb of the best-quality type of kuang ming sha obtained from Chhen(-chou) 15 or Chin(-chou), 16 6 oz each of rock-salt (shih yen 17) and purified

h TT883, preface p. 2b. See further on this pt. 4 below, where the quantitative measurements of the Chinese alchemists are considered.

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6 触 靚	7 丁菱	8 丹砂者自然之還丹也	° 光明砂
10 馬牙砂	11 紫藍砂	12 溪砂 13 雜砂	4 土砂
15 辰州	16 金帛 小川	17 石窟 18 陳子明	19 衡 級 紅人

a TT884.

h Also known under the names Chhen Tzu-Ming 18 and Hêng-Yo Chen Jen. 19

c Ch. 69, pp. 1 aff.

d See further in pt. 4.

On independent grounds, Chang Tzu-Kao (2), p. 116, gives the tentative date +712 or +713 for Chhen's TT883 and 884.

f Cf. Vol. 3, p. 640, and Vol. 5, pt. 4 below, on the transformation of metals and minerals in the earth. g TT883, p. 3 a.

sodium sulphate (ma ya hsiao1) should be used, for 1 lb of the second-grade kuang ming sha 4 oz each of the salt and the sulphate, for 1 lb of ma ya sha 3 oz each, for I lb of tzu ling sha 3 oz each, and for the lowest grade of cinnabar like chhi sha, thu sha and tsa sha rock-salt only should be used.a

Some technical terms in connection with the heating processes are also explained in these texts. For example, the trigram Khan<sup>2</sup> used in this context means boiling with water (shui chu 3), while the trigram Li4 would mean direct heating over fire (Yang huo 5). Hou 6 is defined as a period of five days, making three hou in every fortnightly period (chhi).c In the Ta-Tung Lien Chen Pao Ching, Chiu Huan Chin Tan Miao Chüeh Chhen Shao-Wei gives the destillatio per descensum method of extracting mercury from cinnabar using a bamboo tube.d Hints for identifying certain minerals are also given in the second part of this book. The following passage gives an example of how copper sulphate can be tested:

If you wish to identify genuine vitriol rub it over copper or iron, and on heating in the fire the colour of the metal will look red. Vitriol is effective either for stopping (substances) from changing or for making them change. If a little vitriol is put in a copper basin containing water, the water becomes jade-blue and will not change (its colour) after several days. What is genuine is indicated by the colour remaining unchanged.e

Rudiments of alchemical theoryf appear during the time of Chhen Shao-Wei (c. +700), or at the latest by the early +8th century, to explain why certain ingredients are necessary to go with others in alchemical formulae. These were again based on the proto-scientific system of Yin and Yang, the Five Elements and the 'Book of Changes'. Chhen Shao-Wei has the following to say in his Ta-Tung Lien Chen Pao Ching, Hsiu Fu Ling-Sha Miao Chüeh:8

The Yang essence is Fire, while the Yin essence is Water. Yin and Yang subdue and control each other, while Water and Fire are in mutual opposition. Hence ice and (burning) charcoal do not get along together. (However,) thriving and declining must eventually come to a balance. Cinnabar is of a Yang essence, and so has to come under the control of Yin. Such control comes from Water. That is to say, stratified malachite (tsheng chhing 7), hollow nodular malachite (khung chhing8), rock-salt (shih yen9), purified sodium sulphate (ma ya hsiao), and saltpetre (hua shih 10) should be used (in connection with cinnabar),

This concept was further developed by a contemporary of Chang Kuo, Chang Yin-Chü, 11 in his Chang Chen-Jen Chin Shih Ling-Sha Lun 12 (A Discourse on Metals, Minerals and Cinnabar by the Adept Chang) written during or shortly after the Khai-Yuan reign-period (+713 to +742).h He says that cinnabar, including the best

have been the same person.

a TT889, p. 2b and p. 3a. The number and quantity of ingredients mentioned in TT883 are somewhat different, see pp. 4aff.

b TT883, p. 5a or TT889, p. 6b. c TT883, p. 5a or TT889, p. 3b.

d See the sub-section on laboratory equipment in pt. 4 below. f Discussed at length in pt. 4. e TT884, p. 6b tr. auct. g P. 4a to p. 4b, tr. auct. h TT880, Chang Tzu-Kao (1), p. 117, suggests that Chang Yin-Chü and Chang Kuo may perhaps

<sup>5</sup> 陽火 1馬牙硝 3水煮 6 候 7 曾青 " 空青 9石窟 10 化石

<sup>11</sup> 張騰居 12 張眞人金石璽砂論

varieties like *kuang ming sha* and *tzu* (*ling*) *sha*, would not bring about immortality when taken alone, as he knew of many instances where people had died as a result of eating it.<sup>a</sup> He states very explicitly that substances like mercury, lead, realgar, and arsenious oxide (*phi huang¹*) are toxic. Important though it certainly was as an elixir ingredient, even gold itself, according to Chang Yin-Chü, is poisonous. The following extract from his book shows how substances could, he thought, be employed together to overcome the poisonous effects:<sup>b</sup>

Gold is the seminal essence of the sun, corresponding to the sovereign (chün²), and the principal chhi of Thai Yang. Mercury is the pho soul of the moon, and the principal chhi of Thai Yin. When they are combined and absorbed into a man's body he cannot die. . . . The ancients said 'If one ingests gold one will be like gold; if one eats jade one will become like jade.' The nature of gold is endurance and resilience. When heated it does not crack or soften, when buried it does not rust (lit. rot), when placed in the fire it will not burn. Hence it is a medicine which can make man live (for ever). After taking gold the skin will not wrinkle, the hair will not go white, and one will neither be affected by the lapse of time nor disturbed by ghosts and spirits. Hence there will be longevity without end. . . . Gold is the essence of the sun. It is the prince (chün2) among the substances (used in the elixir). After taking gold one can communicate with the immortals, and enjoy a lightness of the body. . . . Nevertheless gold by itself is poisonous, because of its accumulation of the chhi of Thai Yang; if native gold is made into a powder and consumed it will have deleterious effect on bones and marrow, and will cause death.c Gold has to be combined with mercury before it can be taken, in order to achieve immortality, because mercury is the essence of Thai Yin and the pho soul of the moon.

It looks as if elixir formulae were drawn up along the same lines as medical prescriptions when Chang Yin-Chü speaks about adjuvant and complementary ingredients in the following tone:

The Lung Hu Ching<sup>3</sup> (Dragon-and-Tiger Manual)<sup>e</sup> says: 'Gold is the princely (chün<sup>2</sup>) ingredient, silver is the minister (chhen<sup>4</sup>), malachite (tshëng chhing) is the adjutant (shih<sup>5</sup>) and realgar the commander (chiang-chün<sup>6</sup>). When all are assembled the elixir is formed.' f

He further mentions that there are seven Yang elixir ingredients, two of them metals and the other five minerals, i.e. gold, silver, realgar, orpiment, arsenious oxide, malachite, and sulphur. He also says there are seven Yin ingredients, three metals and four minerals, but he only gives the names of four in all, i.e. mercury, lead, saltpetre,

a P. 4b. b P. 1b, tr. auct.

c On the danger of unmixed Yang chhi we shall remember the disquisitions of Wang Chhung in the + 1st century (cf. Vol. 2, p. 369, Vol. 3, p. 481). On the toxicology of gold see Clark (1), pp. 463, 618. It does indeed poison the bone-marrow and injure haemopoiesis, so Chang Yin-Chü's warning was a particularly lucky shot.

d P. 2b, tr. auct. e Unidentifiable now.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This terminology, characteristic of Chinese pharmacy and prescribing, will be more fully explained in Vol. 6, Sect. 38 onwards. On the find of labelled inorganic medicines at Sian dating from +756 cf. pt. 2, p. 161, as also Kêng Chien-Thing (1) and Anon. (124).

and crude sodium sulphate (phu hsiao¹). Then he once again emphasises the importance of bringing Yin and Yang into proper combination and quotes the famous dictum from the 'Book of Changes': 'One Yin and one Yang; that is the Tao' (i Yin i Yang chih wei Tao²).<sup>a</sup> A parallel development of alchemical and medical principles is not at all unexpected since the most renowned alchemists from the time of Ko Hung onwards, such as Thao Hung-Ching, Sun Ssu-Mo and Mêng Shen, not to mention Su Yuan-Ming, were all themselves eminent physicians.

So also by the +8th century in the time of the Thang emperor Hsüan Tsung (+713 to +756) a body of alchemical theory had already grown up in China. Ho Ping-Yü & Needham (2) were the first to make a study, some years ago, of the theories of categories which developed about this time or earlier. These first steps towards ideas of chemical affinity were embodied, for example, in the *Tshan Thung Chhi Wu Hsiang Lei*<sup>3</sup> (The Similarities and Categories of the Five (Substances) in the *Kinship of the Three*). Although this book is no longer extant under its original title we do have a version of the text, together with an early + 12th-century commentary, under a slightly different title.<sup>b</sup>

During the reign of Sung Hui Tsung, between +1111 and +1117, Lu Thien-Chi, an Education Commissioner, wrote a commentary on the Tshan Thung Chhi Wu Hsiang Lei, which he called the Tshan Thung Chhi Wu Hsiang Lei Pi Yao4 (Arcane Essentials of the Similarities and Categories of the Five (Substances) in the Kinship of the Three)c and presented it to the throne. This is probably the most important book on Chinese alchemical theory which has so far come to light. Here we find a combination of the principle of the mating of contraries with that of similia cum similibus agunt, for this medieval category theory says that substances of opposite sign (Yin or Yang) will react only if they belong to the same category (thung lei5). Thus the lei or category was a new classification of substances quite distinct from their Yin or Yang nature. Moreover, their behaviour might depend on what they were reacting with, so that mercury might behave as a Yin substance to sulphur, but as a Yang substance to silver. Bodies thus ascended for the first time to a quantitative plane, at least in theory, taking precedence of one another in accordance with their Yin-Yang mistio, so that a given substance might act as Yin in one relation and Yang in another. Thus was formed a kind of hierarchy analogous to the electro-chemical series of the elements, the order in which elements displace one another from their salts.

There are several other texts in the Tao Tsang which touch on alchemical theory, but we do not know even the approximate dates at which they were written. One of them is the Yin Chen-Chin Chin Shih Wu Hsiang Lei<sup>6</sup> (The Deified Adept Yin (Chhang-Shêng's Book) on the Similarities and Categories of the Five (Substances)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> P. 6a. Cf. Vol. 2, p. 274, for further explanation of this statement; also pp. 276 ff. there,

b See p. 51 above.

c TT898.

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among Metals and Minerals). It has, for example, the following to say about salt-petre:<sup>a</sup>

Saltpetre (hsiao shih<sup>1</sup>) is the chhi of all Yin minerals just as sal ammoniac (nao sha<sup>2</sup>) is the chhi of all Yang ones. . . . The immortals make use of it to control the great toxicity of (substances that are) strongly Yang (in nature).

And about sulphur:b

Sulphur also leads to the goal of becoming an immortal, but not a very distinguished one. When using it one has to follow the principle of the similarities of categories of substances (hsiang lei³)<sup>c</sup> whether working externally or internally (wei piao li⁴),<sup>d</sup> or using it as a ministerial or an adjutant medicine (wei chhen tso⁵),<sup>c</sup> or for energy and strength (wei chhi li⁶). The user knowing this secret will become an ever-living immortal of the middling sort, but he who ignores it will be a dead alchemist.

It should not be thought that the books in the *Tao Tsang* and the records in the dynastic histories are the only sources from which we can gain information about alchemical ideas and processes in the Thang period. Some manuscript material, not hitherto much investigated, remains at our disposal. For example, one of the Tunhuang MSS in the British Museum, probably of the early +8th century, gives a recipe for the prevention of hunger, using 8 oz of realgar, 6 oz of brown haematite and four-tenths of an oz of saltpetre. Two words are missing in the recipe, but the procedure consists essentially of making pills out of these three ingredients, and it is said that taking four of these will inhibit appetite while maintaining strength. Tonic medication with arsenic can hardly ever have been more heroically applied.

The emperor Hsüan Tsung also made himself the patron of some other Taoists who practised the art of attaining immortality by consuming elixirs of vegetable origin, either as a preliminary measure following the advice given in the Chen Chung Chi<sup>7</sup>, so or because they were too fearful of poisoning by metallic and mineral elixirs. The Hsin Thang Shu tells us about the adept Wang Hsi-I, a recluse among the Sung-shan Mountains, who managed to live to old age by feeding on pine leaves and flower pollen. Hsüan Tsung gave him presents and asked him to visit his palace. The same

b P. 25b, tr. auct.

d This antithesis is classical in medical language; see Vol. 6 and meanwhile Needham (64), p. 404.

g See p. 135 above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> TT899, p. 20 b, tr. auct. It will be remembered from pp. 51, 77 above that Yin Chhang-Shêng was the fabled teacher of Wei Po-Yang. His name here is certainly only putative, but we cannot fix the date of the text nearer than the Thang period as a whole (c. +620 to +900).

c The enormous importance of this term and its synonym thung lei<sup>9</sup> will appear in the sequel; see Vol. 5, pt. 4, and Vol. 6.

E Technical terms here from the classical pharmaceutics of the Pên Ching; see Vol. 6, Sect. 38.

§ S 5795. Hsiung huang pa liang, yū yū liang liu liang, hsiao shih ssu fên, yu san fên . . . wei wan; thun ssu wan chieh pu chi.10

h Hsin Thang Shu, ch. 204, p. 6b and Chiu Thang Shu, ch. 192, p. 4a.

<sup>「</sup>稍石 <sup>2</sup> 硇砂 <sup>3</sup> 相類 <sup>4</sup> 為表裏 <sup>5</sup> 為臣佐

<sup>6</sup> 為炁力 7 枕中記 8 王希夷 9 同類

<sup>10</sup> 雄黄八兩禹餘粮六兩消石四分右三分□□爲丸吞四丸即不飢

official history also mentions another adept Chiang Fu, who was rusticated in disgrace when he could not substantiate his claims. It says:

He purported to know the art of avoiding death as practised by the immortals, saying that by taking a tincture of ivy (chhang chhun thêng²)b white hair would turn black and one would gain longevity. . . . Many people, however, died a violent death after drinking a wine in which the plant had previously been steeped. (On hearing this) the emperor stopped taking Chiang's preparation. Much ashamed, he asked leave to return to the mountains to search for (the right) plant. (This was granted, but) he never made his appearance again.

Increased attention to the use of vegetable material and plants in alchemical processes can be seen in the treatise Shun-Yang Lü Chen-Jen Yao Shih Chih3 (The Adept Lü Shun-Yang's (Book) on Preparations of Drugs and Minerals).c It describes in verse form some sixty-six different plants, named as though they were all species of a single genus, 'dragon sprout' (lung ya+), and each described with details on its alchemical properties. For example, mulberry leaves (sang yeh5)d are called 'precious cinnabar dragon sprout' (pao sha lung ya6), and it is said that they can produce changes in copper, Similarly, the plant Portulaca oleracea (ma chhih (hsien)7),e called here the 'five-leaves dragon sprout' (wu yeh lung ya8), could produce gold when used with cinnabar, and would also bring longevity. Exactly what was going on in these experiments and preparations is rather difficult to say now, without laboratory investigation, but plants do contain chemical substances which can have striking effects on metals in different conditions, particularly (a) sulphydryl groups, (b) organic acids, and (c) cyanides or their precursors. The first could contribute to the formation of sulphide films (cf. pt. 2, pp. 251 ff.), the second could play a part as fluxes, in surface enrichment (pt. 2, p. 250), and in 'bronzing dips' (pt. 2, p. 253), while the third may well have been involved in elixir recipes (cf. pp. 88, 98 above). The work as we have it now must on internal evidence date from a time much later than the +8th, but there is no reason for doubting an association between this kind of vegetable metallurgical biochemistry and the alchemists of the middle Thang. This text would certainly repay further study, interesting botanists and chemists alike.g

Unfortunately nothing can yet be said for certain about the exact date of Lü Shun-Yang, better known as Lü Tung-Pin<sup>9</sup> (Fig. 1360).<sup>h</sup> His year of birth has been variously given as +755 and +796, but Liu Tshao <sup>10</sup> in the early +11th century, and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Hsin Thang Shu, ch. 204, p. 6b, tr. auct.

b Identifiable as common ivy Hedera helix (R239; CC593). c TT896. d Morus alba, R605

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> A kind of purslane (R554; CC 1487), of the Portulacaceae. Cf. Vol. 3, p. 679, where it was observed that in Chinese tradition metallic mercury could be obtained from this plant. Such plant accumulators are certainly known, and this one was noted already by Henckel in the +18th century. The plant was also used in medieval China as an important source of vitamins; cf. Vol. 6, Sect. 40, and meanwhile Lu Gwei-Djen & Needham (1).

f There is reason to think that fairly strong solutions of organic acids were prepared by the freezingout process (cf. pt. 4).

g There is now an interesting translation into English verse by Ho Ping-Yü, Lim & Morsingh (1).

h Or as Lü Yen, 11 Shun Yang Tzu 12 or Shun Yang Ti Chün. 13 Cf. Fig. 1361.

<sup>1</sup> 姜撫 2 常春縣 3 純陽呂眞人藥石製 4 龍芽 5 桑葉 6 寶砂龍芽 7 馬齒莧 8 五葉龍芽 9 呂洞賓

<sup>10</sup> 劉操 11 呂殿 12 純陽子 13 純陽帝君

Wang Chung-Fu<sup> †</sup> in the early +12th, both claimed to have had Lü Tung-Pin as their teacher. The name of Lü Tung-Pin enjoyed for centuries afterwards such great prestige as a numinous adept and alchemist that he was canonised in popular folklore as a leading member of the Eight Immortals (pa hsien²). Votive temples and shrines in his honour are found all over China. Now a close study of the rhymes, the prosody and the technical terminology, by Ho Ping-Yü & Chhen Thieh-Fan (1), has shown that the Shun-Yang Lü Chen Jen Yao Shih Chih must have been composed in the later +14th or early +15th century. Nevertheless, it may well have been in a tradition which took its origin from Lü Tung-Pin, and adherence to this may have been all that Liu and Wang meant by their claims.

Here it is worth emphasising that throughout the +8th century the poetry and literature of the Thang were saturated with the ideas of alchemy and immortality. Apart from anything else, imperial patronage conferred upon them a certain elegance and refinement as subjects of discussion. Of the two great poets of the age, Li Pai<sup>3</sup> (+701 to +762) and Pai Chü-I<sup>4</sup> (+722 to +846), both among the greatest Chinese poets of any age, both were concerned in one way or another with experimental alchemy. Each of them had a particular friend among the alchemists, and the names of these men have by good fortune come down to us.

In Li Pai's poetical works there are many references to alchemy and even whole poems on the subject, including one which essentially summarises the *Tshan Thung Chhi.*<sup>c</sup> He was a great admirer of the alchemist Sun Thai-Chhung,<sup>5</sup> who acquired fame by making a glittering elixir of some kind for the emperor in +744,<sup>d</sup> and he eulogised him in a still extant inscription dated +749.

Pai Chü-I also knew many Taoist alchemists at Lu Shan and elsewhere, but there was one in particular, Kuo Hsü-Chou, who lent him a copy of the *Tshan Thung Chhi* in +818. This led him once again to set up a private laboratory, and try out experiments in elixir-making with mineral and metallic substances. But in the end he felt he had failed, and wrote the following poem:

I read it, and day by day the meaning grew clearer Till no doubt was left in my mind at all. The Yellow Sprout, yes, and the Purple Carriage Seemed to be perfectly easy things to produce. . . .

<sup>n</sup> Stories about him are innumerable. We may mention only sources such as the +12th-century Neng Kai Chai Man Lu,<sup>7</sup> ch, 18, pp. 1 bff.

b I myself particularly recall the temple of Lü Tung-Pin in the centre of Thai-yuan (Shansi), now the provincial museum, and his shrine at the great Taoist complex at Chin Tzhu in the same province.

<sup>c</sup> See Waley (13), pp. 53 ff.

d The account of this is in the Wên Yuan Ying Hua<sup>8</sup> (+987), ch. 562, p. 9a. Waley thought it must have been phosphorescent, as some sulphides are, but this idea needs further examination.

<sup>e</sup> We shall see later what he had to say of the iatro-chemical activities of his scholarly friends Han Yü and Yuan Chen (pt. 5).

f There is now a special study of Pai Chü-I's poems on immortality and alchemy by Ho Ping-Yü, Ko Thien-Chi & Parker (1). Many of Lu Kuei-Mêng's have been translated by Yates (1).

g Tr. Waley (12), mod. auct. On the cover-names see pp. 67, 153. The last line obviously refers to the volatility of mercury. On the mysterium conjunctionis cf. Vol. 2, p. 333, and above, pp. 69ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 王中孚 <sup>2</sup> 八仙 <sup>3</sup> 李白 <sup>4</sup> 白居易 <sup>5</sup> 孫太冲 <sup>6</sup> 郭嚴舟 <sup>7</sup> 能改寶漫錄 <sup>8</sup> 文苑英華

I bade a lofty farewell to the world of men; All my hopes were set on the silence of the hills. My platform of brick was accurately squared, Compasses showed that my aludel was round. At the very first motion of the furnace-bellows A red glow augured that all was well; I purified my heart and sat in solitary awe. In the middle of the night I stole a furtive glance, The Yin and Yang ingredients were in conjunction Manifesting an aspect I had not foreseen, Locked together in the posture of man and wife Intertwined like dragons coil upon coil. . . . The bell sounded from the Chien-Chi Kuan, Dawn was breaking on the Peak of Purple Mist. It seems that the dust was not yet washed from my heart; The stages of the firing had gone all astray. A pinch of elixir would have meant eternal life; A hair's-breadth wrong, and all my labours lost! The Master snapped his fingers and rose to go; The Elegant Girl flew up with the smoke to the sky. . . .

Then 'I knew at last', Pai continues, in Buddhist phraseology, 'that on the plane of Assembled Occasions one cannot escape from the secret laws of predestination.' That night he dismantled his furnace, and on the next day, he tells us, he heard that he had been made Governor of Chung-chou.<sup>a</sup>

Some of the images of these poets have aspects of interest for the history of scientific philosophy. The idea of a solid substance so finely comminuted as to become an impalpable dust able to penetrate everywhere, even through apparently impenetrable solids, caught their imagination strongly. Hence the expression 'bright window dust (ming chhuang chen 1)'—assuredly a reference to the motes which can be seen dancing in sunbeams and shafts of light. It was perhaps rather characteristically Chinese that these observations did not arouse (in spite of Buddhist philosophers) any ideas of an atomist nature. b On the contrary, the poets laid their emphasis on permeation, penetration and rest as opposed to the ceaseless motion. They felt that the elixirs, if made correctly from cinnabar and other inorganic substances, must consist of such subtle matter, able to pass like incense smoke, as it were, through the minutest pores of bodies until they reached the most recondite and essential places. Here we touch upon something very deep-seated in Chinese medieval natural philosophy, the aversion from atomism,c and the assimilation of matter, almost infinitely divided, to chhi, pneuma, vapour or emanation.d In China the line between matter and spirit was almost infinitely thin; e thought-emanations wind like incense-wreaths through the

a See on all this Waley (12), pp. 127ff.

b Nor, in spite of Buddhist moralists, any idea of repulsion; hung chhen,<sup>2</sup> the 'red dust', was one of the most widely known expressions for 'this world' and all its emptiness.

c Cf. Vol. 4, pt. 1, pp. 3ff.

d Cf. Vol. 2, pp. 472ff.

e Cf. pt. 2, pp. 86, 92 above.

<sup>「</sup>明窗塵

<sup>2</sup>紅塵

frescoes of the Tunhuang cave-temples, and no flesh was so solid that the 'bright window dust' elixir could not penetrate it. Again, the Thang poets were deeply impressed by the ceaseless whirling motion of the motes, and took it as a symbol of life, contrasting it naturally with the quiescent ashes of the funeral pyre.

About +1110 Hsü Yen-Chou wrote:a

Li Thai-Pai (Li Pai) once made a poem on coming-into-being and passing away, which included the words:

> 'Restless is life like the dust in the window's brightness, Yet dust and ashes of death settle to quiet at the last,'b

For a long time I could not understand the meaning of these words, but then I got a book on alchemy by Mr Li (Li shih Lien Tan Fa1)c in which 'bright window dust' is identified as the wonderful medicine cinnabar (tan sha miao yao2).

And indeed it is true that the phrase ming chhuang chhen appears, perhaps for the first time, in the +2nd-century Tshan Thung Chhi, where it is used as a poetical term for one of the phases in the making of an elixir.d Later in the +12th century Wu Tshêng 3 returned to the subject, saying, in a passage redolent of physiological alchemy:e

Li Thai-Pai once replied to Liu Kuan-Ti \* with a poem in which he used the phrase 'it is like bright window dust, and death is the settling of it'. Ku Sung Tzu5 has a 'Song of the Potable Gold' (Chin I Ko6), in which he says that the two chhi of the sun's hun7 (soul) and the moon's flos (hua8)f (uniting), foster and give birth to a mysterious spirit; this, after many natural changes and transformations have been wrought upon it, can clearly be seen as the dust in the rays from bright windows. The commentary says that this means it is an impalpable powder. Now the 'Song of the Potable Gold' was based on the Chin Pi Ching' (Gold and Caerulean Jade Manual) which says that the 'House of the Spirit' (shen shih 10) is the chief pivotal node of the elixir (tan chih shu niu 11)—not at all the sort of thing that ordinary people mean by metals—and that if the elixir succeeds it will appear as an impalpable powder

- a Hsü Yen-Chou Shih Hua,12 ch. 1, p. 1b, tr. auct.
- b Fang fu ming chhuang chhen, ssu hui thung chih chi.13
- c Not now easily identifiable.
- d Ch. 14, p. 30b; cf. Wu & Davis (1), p. 243. Cf. PWYF, ch. 11B, (p. 456.2); p. 73 above.
- e Nêng Kai Chai Man Lu, ch. 7, pp. 31b, 32a, tr. auct. Cf. Piao I Lu, a Ming book, ch. 16, p. 2a.
- f Surely here a synonym or scribal error for pho.14

g This book is not, as might be thought, the Chin Pi Wu Hsiang Lei Tshan Thung Chhi 15 (Gold and Caerulean Jade Treatise on the Similarities and Categories of the Five (Substances) and the Kinship of the Three), which has been analysed by Ho Ping-Yü (12). The date of this text (TT897) is extremely difficult to determine; Tshao Thien-Chhin was inclined to think that the verses might be as old as the +2nd century, with the prose much later. There is nothing about category-theory in it now. Cf. p. 51 above. No, the words quoted come from a work entitled Chin Tan Chin Pi Chhien Thung Chüeh 16 (Oral Instructions explaining the Abscondite Truths of the Gold and Caerulean Jade (Components of) the Metallous Enchymoma), now found only as a torso in YCCC, ch. 73, pp. 7aff. It is likely therefore that this nei tan text may have had something to do with the elusive though often quoted Chin Pi Ching, one of the unsolved mysteries of Chinese alchemical literature. What we have now shows no signs of being older than the Wu Tai period, and lacks any attribution.

- 1 李氏鍊丹法 2 丹砂妙藥 5 古嵩子 +柳官廸 7 魂 8 華 10 神室 6金液歌 9 金碧經 14 魄 12 許彥周詩話 11 丹之樞紐 13 勞氟明窗壓死灰同至寂 16 金丹金碧潜通訣
- 15 金碧五相類參同契

like bright window dust. If such an elixir (so full of motion, energy and vitality) is ingested, it will irrigate the three Red Regions (tan thien 1) of the body of man (with a life-giving water).2

How delighted these medieval Chinese naturalists would have been by the phenomenon of Brownian motion, and indeed with the kinetic theory of matter in general, on which all life as well as non-life depends. But it would take us too far to follow further the dancing of the sunbeam motes and the thoughts of the poets and alchemists about them.

Of the other Thang emperors obsessed with the attainment of immortality after Hsüan Tsung, we can name Hsien Tsung<sup>2</sup> (r. +806 to +820) and Wu Tsung<sup>3</sup> (r. +841 to +847). Of the former the *Hsü Thung Chih* says:<sup>b</sup>

Deluded by the claims of alchemists, Thang Hsien Tsung consumed a 'gold elixir' and fell into a grave distemper. He daily became furious with those officials whom he had to meet, and as a result the prisons were over-crowded. At midnight on a kėng-tzu day in the first month of the fifteenth year (of the Yuan-Ho reign-period) Wang Shou-Chhèng and a Palace Attendant (nei chhang shih ), Chhen Hung-Chih, assassinated the emperor at the Chung-Ho Palace Hall.

And the Hsin Thang Shu tells us of Wu Tsung that:

on a chia-shen day in the sixth month of the fifth year of the Hui-Chhang reign-period d (the emperor) built a 'Tower of Waiting and Watching for the Immortals' (wang hsien lou<sup>8</sup>) at Shen-tshê<sup>9</sup>.e

Hsien Tsung and Wu Tsung, together with two of the other three intervening Thang emperors, i.e. Mu Tsung <sup>10</sup> (r. +821 to +824) and Ching Tsung <sup>11</sup> (r. +825 to +826), all suffered from the ill-effects of elixir poisoning, but the interest of the court in alchemy was apparently undiminished thereby.

# (iv) Chemical lexicography and classification in the Thang

The beginning of the +9th century saw the advent of two very important alchemical texts, the first a lexicographic handbook called Shih Yao Erh Ya<sup>12</sup> (Synonymic

f Against which many poets at this time warned and inveighed, e.g. Li Ho about +810 (tr. Frodsham (1), pp. xlvi, 65-6, 170-1, 193).

1 丹田	2 憲宗	3 武宗	+ 王守澄	5 內常
6 陳弘志	7 中和	8 望仙樓	9 神策	10 穆宗
11 敬宗	12 石蕊爾雅	13 泥丸	14 絳宮	15 命門

a On this subject see Sect. 43, and meanwhile Maspero (7), pp. 192ff., (13), pp. 92ff. There were three Red Regions, each consisting of nine vesicles or cavities, one in the head (ni wan 13), one in the thorax (chiang kung 14), and one in the lower abdomen (ming mên 15). The system was not at all without anatomical basis, for the head vesicles probably represented the ventricles of the brain, those of the thorax represented the auricles and ventricles of the heart, while the viscera have many cavities which ancient anatomists would have known. No doubt in the minds of Thang literary men the Red Regions had something of the mystical quality associated with the solar plexus by D. H. Lawrence and his readers.

b Ch. 575, (p. 6495.1), tr. auct.

c 14 Feb. 820.

d 16 July 845.

e Ch. 8, p. 10b, tr. auct.

Dictionary of Minerals and Drugs),<sup>a</sup> written by Mei Piao<sup>1</sup> in the year +806; and the other a compendium called *Chhien Hung Chia Kêng Chih Pao Chi Chhêng*<sup>2</sup> (Complete Compendium on the Perfect Treasure of Lead, Mercury, Wood and Metal),<sup>b</sup> compiled by Chao Nai-An<sup>3</sup> (otherwise known by the pseudonyms Chih I Tzu<sup>4</sup> and Chhing Hsü Tzu<sup>5</sup>) about the year +808.<sup>c</sup>

The Shih Yao Erh Ya gives a list of no less than 163 chemical substances together with their numerous synonyms, the names of 69 different elixirs (twenty-five with synonyms), and a bibliography of the alchemical texts which the author had seen. Since we have a firm date for this remarkable book we are provided with some clue to aid us in the dating of pre-ninth-century alchemical texts. Moreover, it is only with the help of Mei Piao's work that we are able today to identify many of the alchemical terms encountered in this literature. Even now it can be regarded as the most comprehensive dictionary of Chinese alchemical synonyms that we possess. It reminds one of nothing so much as the Lexicon Alchemiae of Martin Ruhland, published in +1612,d yet eight centuries had elapsed before the necessity for the same kind of thing was felt in Europe. This circumstance must give pause for serious thought to all those who accept without qualification the usual belief that alchemy in all ages and nations was essentially vowed to secrecy, and that the supersession of this by the 'plain naked natural manner of speaking' of the early Royal Society was one of the greatest steps in the beginnings of modern science.e Ruhland's work was doubtless connected with this movement, but what then was the environment in which Mei Piao sought for clarification and systematisation of 'chymical' experiments? Besides, as we have pointed out above, some of the alchemical books before his time were written in remarkably lucid language (pp. 107, 130). If, as we shall see, there was a return to obscurity and abstruse theorising after his time, then perhaps we are witnessing yet another instance of a truly scientific development which the social conditions of Chinese medieval culture did not permit to come to fruition.f

In saying that medieval Europeans felt no necessity for dictionaries like those of Mei and Ruhland we must not forget that there are extensive lists of technical terms in some of the Greek alchemical manuscripts. But they often do no more than define the shorthand symbols used. It is rather interesting to reflect that the Chinese alchemists never developed a special system of symbols for chemical substances and operations. They probably had no need to do so, because the ideographic language itself provided plenty of symbolic patterns, stylised drawings of high antiquity. A

a TT894. b TT912.

d Second edition, Frankfurt, +1661. Cf. Vol. 3, p. 645.

f For a glossary of cover-names used in Arabic alchemy, see Siggel (3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> The date of this text is not yet conclusively established, for there is a discrepancy in the cyclical characters given and the reign-period year. One of us therefore (N. S.) would prefer to place it in the Wu Tai or Sung. See further on this subject p. 158 below.

One must not attribute too much to Mei Piao's book. It gives only synonyms, not definitions, and was probably meant to assist memorisation. There may also be more in it than meets the eye, as some of his terms seem to belong to physiological rather than proto-chemical alchemy.

g E.g. Marcianus 299 of the +11th century, and Paris, Bib. Nat. 2327 of +1478. See Berthelot (2), pp. 92ff.; and especially Ruska (11), pp. 38off.

<sup>1</sup> 梅彪 2 鉛汞甲庚至饗集成 3 趙耐篭 4 知一子 5 清虚子

single character can carry great weight of meaning, signifying an element such as hung,1 mercury, or a compound such as chien,2 soda, or an alloy of a particular composition such as a kind of brass, thou.3 At the same time it is true that the great majority of chemical terms throughout the centuries were of multiple-character nature, generally doublets, sometimes triplets and occasionally quadruplets. Nevertheless the pictorial and symbolic quality was always there; a presumably the Chinese alchemists had plenty of time to write two or three symbols instead of only one, but as we show elsewhere (p. 157) multiple-character synonymic names were constantly abbreviated. Only in the latest stages of Chinese alchemy do we find any tendency to elaborate symbols of a form quite different from the classical spirit and line of development of the script itself, and paradoxically this occurred in the realm of the physiological-psychological nei tan school rather than in that of the chemical wai tan experimentalists, Fig. 1362 shows two pages from the Nei Chin Tan\* (Golden Elixir of the Inner World), written in +1622 by an unknown Taoist, and included in the nineteenth-century collection edited by Fu Chin-Chhüan<sup>5</sup> (Chi I Tzu). We shall try to explain these symbols in due course (Vol. 5, pt. 5 below).

Let us now reproduce two of Mei Piao's entries.b

Quicksilver (shui yin6) is also called mercury (hung7), 'essence of lead' (chhien ching8), 'magical glue' (shen chiao9), the 'elegant girl' (chha nü10), the 'mysterious liquid' (hsüan shui11), '(Master) Tzu-Ming' (tzu ming12), c the 'flowing pearls' (liu chu13), the 'mysterious pearl' (hsüan chu14), the 'flowing pearls of Thai Yin' (Thai Yin liu chu15), 'white tiger's brain' (pai hu nao16), the 'long-lived Master' (chhang shêng tzu17), the 'dragon fat of the mysterious liquid' (hsüan shui lung kao18), 'Master Yang-Ming' (Yang Ming tzu19), the 'elegant girl by the riverside' (ho shang chha nü20), the 'heaven-born' (thien shêng21), the 'mysterious girl' (hsüan nü22), d the 'Caerulean Dragon' (chhing lung23), e 'divine liquid' (shen shui24), the 'Great Yang' (Thai Yang25), 'red mercury' (chhih hung26), and 'granular mercury' (sha hung27)....

Cinnabar (tan sha28) is also called 'essence of the Sun' (jih ching29), the 'real pearl' (chen chu30), 'sand of the Immortals' (hsien sha31), 'mercury sand' (hung sha32), the 'Red Emperor' (chhih ti33), the 'Great Yang' (Thai Yang34), 'vermilion sand' (chu sha35), the 'Red Bird' (chu niao36), the 'red boy descending on the tumulus' (chiang ling chu erh37),

- <sup>a</sup> It was greatly elaborated in the Taoist talismans (fu<sup>38</sup>) such as we find in ch. 17 of the Pao Phu Tzu book (Fig. 1362a). These were used (until very recently) in all sorts of ways—fixed to doorways like the Jewish mezuzah, worn on the body, burnt to ashes and the ashes taken with water, etc., etc.
  - b Ch. 1, p. 1b, tr. auct.
  - c Cf. p. 12 above, on Lingyang (or Tou) Tzu-Ming, and immediately below,
  - d A famous legendary character or goddess in Taoist sexology; cf. Vol. 2, p. 147.
- e Presumably one of the symbolic animals of the four quarters, the East, more usually named tshang lung; 39 see Vol. 3, p. 242.
  f Again one of the symbolic animals, representative of the red South; see Vol. 3, p. 242.

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1 派	2 歳	3 論	* 內金丹	5 傅金銓
6水銀	7 汞	8 鉛精	•神膠	10 姹女
11 玄水	12 子明	13 洗珠	14 玄珠	15 太陰流珠
16 白虎腦	17 長生子	18 玄水龍膏	19 陽明子	20 河上姹女
21 天生	22 玄女	23 青龍	24 神水	25 太陽
26 赤汞	27 沙汞	28 丹砂	29 日精	30 复珠
31 仙砂	32 录砂	33 赤帝	34 太陽	35 朱 0
36 朱鳥	37 降陵朱見	38 符	39 蒼龍	1000

Fig. 1362. The development of symbolic notation in late Chinese alchemy, two pages (7b, 8a) from the Nei Chin Tan (Golden Elixir of the Inner World), written by an anonymous Taoist in the years just before + 1622. Strangely, these symbols relate, not to laboratory alchemy or proto-chemistry, but to physiological alchemy (see Vol. 5, pt. 5); the recycling and imagined re-combination of bodily juices and pneumata.

The text on the right is discussing the skill of recognising and collecting the *chhi* of primary vitality as it circulates, rising and descending in the machinery of the body, so that the preparation of the inner elixir (the enchymoma) can be achieved. The symbols have to do with the circulation.

The centre paragraph is an instruction on the principle of 'embryonic respiration'; the formation of the 'divine embryo' (i.e. the enchymoma) by the embodiment of the chhi of the four seasons, and the

encouragement of the play of dragon and tiger (Yang and Yin) in stillness and perfect psychosomatic calm. The symbols indicate the two forces.

Chapter 2, beginning on the left-hand page, explains what the physiological alchemists meant by 'chemical substances'. Just as the wai tan adepts extract 'true lead', i.e. silver, from (argentiferous) lead, for making outer elixirs, so the nei tan adepts extract the chhi of primary vitality from the juices of the reins (semen) for making inner elixirs. A symbol illustrates this. Lastly, the text goes on to say that while the wai tan adepts treat silver with cinnabar, the nei tan adepts treat the chhi of primary vitality and the metallous juice (saliva) with the spirit (shen) of primary vitality and original nature.

Since books of this kind have no keys for the symbols, they must have been explained by oral tradition.

the 'red boy of the crimson palace' (chiang kung chu erh<sup>1</sup>), 'seminal essence of the Red Emperor' (chhih ti ching<sup>2</sup>), 'marrow of the Red Emperor' (chhih ti sui<sup>3</sup>), and the 'red sparrow' (chu chhiao<sup>4</sup>).<sup>a</sup>

Mei Piao thus gives us twenty-two different names for mercury and fourteen for cinnabar. However, his list cannot be considered by any means complete, though the most comprehensive among extant Taoist alchemical texts. From the latter we can easily collect another sixteen synonyms for mercury to supplement Mei's list as follows:

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'leavings of the Count of the River b
                                                        (Ho Po viis)c
'son of the Chu Clan'
                                                         (Chu shih tzu6)d
the 'Great Yin'
                                                         (Thai Yin7)
the 'Red Emperor's flowing mercury'
                                                         (chhih ti liu hung8)
the 'red-blooded General'
                                                         (chhih hsüeh chiang-chün9)
'golden juice of the divine liquid'
                                                         (hsüan shui chin i10)
'elixir powder summoned from the vasty deep'
                                                         (chhou viin tan sha11)
'mysterious bright dragon fat'
                                                         (hsüan ming lung kao12)
'mercurial tiger alum'
                                                         (shui vin hu fan13)
'bone of the Sombre Warrior'
                                                         (hsiian wu ku14)e
'granular mercury'
                                                         (sha hung 15)
'golden mercury'
                                                         (chin hung16)f
the 'flowing pearls of Thai Yang'
                                                         (Thai Yang liu chu17)
'Master Ling-Yang'
                                                         (Ling Yang Tzu18) g
the 'mysterious bright dragon'
                                                        (hsüan ming lung19)
                                                         (chin yin hsi20) h
'gold-and-silver mat'
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It would easily be possible to enlarge the list of synonyms for cinnabar, but there is no necessity to do so here. For example, apart from alchemical writings, the above lists do not include some of the synonyms given in the pharmaceutical literature. Moreover there was 'coding redundancy' because some of the names were applied to two or more different substances. For instance, the 'Great Yang' in the passages just quoted from the Shih Yao Erh Ya is common to both mercury and cinnabar. The two synonyms 'mysterious liquid' (hsüan shui) and 'divine liquid' (shen shui) for

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a Again one of the symbolic animals, representative of the red South; see Vol. 3, p. 242.

b Cf. Vol. 2, pp. 103, 137 above.

c TT945, ch. 1, p. 7b.

d TT945, ch. 2, p. 1a.

e The symbolic tortoise of the black North; cf. Vol. 3, p. 242.
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f For all these ten synonyms see TT899, p. 6a to p. 7a.

g Again cf. p. 12 above.

h For these four synonyms see TT 902.

i A valuable service to the history of science would be rendered by a complete and annotated translation of the Shih Yao Erh Ya.

J An explanation of very obscure synonyms for twenty-four substances is given in YCCC, ch. 68, pp. 14ff.

k This may have been because some names were functional categories—like our oxidising or reducing agents.

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1 絳宮朱兒
            2 赤帝精
                         3 赤帝醯
                                     +朱雀
                                                 5河伯餘
            7太陰
                         8 赤帝流录
                                     9赤血將軍
                                                 10 玄水金液
6 朱氏子
                                                 15 砂頓
11 抽量丹砂
            12 玄明龍膏
                        13 水銀虎攀
                                     14 玄武骨
                                     19 玄明龍
16 金額
            17 太陽流珠
                        18 陵陽子
                                                 20 金銀席
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mercury were also terms for vinegar, according to the same writer. "Essence of lead' (chhien ching) is also the proper name for metallic lead, and according to another book the synonym given by Mei Piao for mercury, 'elegant girl by the riverside' (ho shang chha nü), is yet another name for metallic lead. "Real pearl' (chen chu) for cinnabar conflicts with its use as the common name for ordinary pearls. It is interesting, but at the same time confusing, to note that two synonyms with opposite meanings can refer to the same thing; for example the 'Great Yin' (Thai Yin) and the 'Great Yang' or 'flowing pearls of Thai Yin' and 'flowing pearls of Thai Yang' all refer to the same substance, mercury.

Apparently some of the synonyms were just abbreviated forms of others. One of the names for mercury not given above is 'Mr Lingyang Tzu-Ming' (ling yang tzu ming 1), d i.e. the name of an ancient adept, who according to Taoist hagiography became an immortal by drinking water boiled with the five siliceous clays (wu shih chih<sup>2</sup>).e By omitting the given name one gets Ling Yang Tzu, by omitting the family name tzu ming. The-Yin Chen-Chün Chin Shih Wu Hsiang Lei says that the name hsüan ming lung kao for mercury may be abbreviated to lung kao, 3 'dragon fat', giving us yet another term. Presumably then chha nii was derived from ho shang chha nii, liu chu from either Thai Yang liu chu or Thai Yin liu chu, and hsüan shui from hsüan shui lung kao in the same way. However, things may not have been quite so straightforward as this, for occasionally the alchemists did try to expound their allegorical terms. Here is an explanation of the synonym tzu ming, not as an abbreviation of the personal name Lingyang Tzu-Ming, but in punning derivation from the Yin and Yang and the Five Elements: "The essence of cinnabar is born from the Sun. Essence is bright; and the offspring of the sun is Fire.h Hence Fire is called the "son's brightness" (tzu ming). Mercury then is also known as the "son's brightness"."

Even after understanding all the synonyms in an alchemical procedure one has to face difficulties of perhaps yet greater magnitude in identifying correctly the nature of the chemical substances used. Of course they usually contained various amounts of impurities depending on the places they came from, so that the same name cannot always have meant exactly the same thing to two men working in different periods and at different localities. An excellent illustration of this would be the case of 'nitre', hsiao shih,4.5 phu hsiao6.7 and mang hsiao, 8.0 to which we shall return in detail at a somewhat later stage; J it is particularly important because of its bearing on the

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a These are given on p. 5b of TT894. b TT894, p. 1a.
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> TT945, ch. 1, p. 8b. d This is given in TT899, p. 7a. Cf. p. 12 above. e TT293, ch. 2, p. 29b, and of course the *Lieh Hsien Chuan* (tr. and annot. Kaltenmark (2), no. 67, pp. 183 ff.).

f TT899, p. 6b.

g TT945, ch. 1, p. 8b, tr. auct. h Cf. p. 216 below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Because it belongs to the (hot and sunny) south, as indicated by the *Li* trigram (cf. Vol. 2, p. 333 and Table 14), and the compass-points *ping* and *ting* (cf. Vol. 4, pt. 1, p. 298, Table 51). It is therefore instinct with the element Fire.

J Pt. 4 below.

<sup>1</sup> 雙陽子明 2 五石脂 3 龍膏 + 硝石 5 消石 6 朴硝 7 朴消 8 芒硝 0 芒消

discovery of the first mineral acid and the first explosive mixture. There we shall have to deal with the nitrates of sodium and potassium, sodium carbonate, magnesium sulphate (Epsom salt, the heptahydrate) and sodium sulphate (Glauber's salt or mirabilite, the decahydrate). Since we have to do with days before modern chemistry there is only one way of identifying what people were dealing with, and that is the systematic study of exactly what they said about their products. In any medieval literature we have to expect much confusion, and there were sometimes differences of opinion and usage between the alchemists and the pharmaceutical naturalists; in such circumstances we have to fall back on our own judgment.

Chao Nai-An's Chhien Hung Chia Kêng Chih Pao Chi Chhêng, whether of +808 or later, is a florilegium of alchemical writings in five chapters. In ch. 4 it quotes from a treatise called Tan Fang Ching Yuan<sup>1</sup> (The Mirror of the Alchemical Elaboratory; a Source-book), long confused with the +10th-century book of Tuku Thao,<sup>2</sup> the Tan Fang Chien Yuan<sup>3</sup> (The Mirror of Alchemical Processes (and Reagents); a Source-book).<sup>b</sup> It can be shown that the Chêng Lei Pên Tshao pharmacopoeia in +1249 quoted directly from Chao Nai-An's compendium, not Tuku Thao's book.<sup>c</sup>

Chêng Chhiao, in the bibliographical section of his Thung Chih, about +1150, included Tuku Thao's Tan Fang Chien Yuan, but wrongly used the word fang to (chamber or laboratory) instead of fang (procedure or formula) given in the Tao Tsang. The Sung Shih bibliography, about +1345, followed suit. Since chien and ching have much the same meaning (mirror), one could easily regard the two words as interchangeable, so it was not unnatural for Li Shih-Chen in his Pên Tshao Kang Mu about +1590 to alter the former to the latter. Almost certainly his only access was through the Chêng Lei Pên Tshao, which never quotes Tuku Thao's book, but instead of attributing the quotations to Chao Nai-An's Tan Fang Ching Yuan, as the Chêng Lei correctly does, he simply gave the name of Tuku Thao as the source. Thus

The whole case is demonstrated in the paper of Ho Ping-Yü & Su Ying-Hui (1).

1 丹房鏡源	2獨孤潛	3 丹方鐵源	* 房	1 方
6 鑑	7 鏡	8 伏	9 街1	
10 本	11 2	12 節		

a Cf. pp. 78-9, 137-8 above, and p. 159 opposite.

b TT918. See, for example, Yoshida (5), p. 223, which still says that the Tan Fang Ching Yuan was written by Tuku Thao.

c This can be proved by examples such as the three following:

<sup>(</sup>a) 'Mang hsiao is capable of subduing (fu<sup>8</sup>) orpiment' (i.e. reacting with it chemically and preventing it from subliming as usual). For example, when treated with sodium carbonate, CO<sub>2</sub> is evolved, arsenic disulphide precipitated and thioarsenite formed. This sentence comes from the Tan Fang Ching Yuan and the same words are quoted in the Chêng Lei Pên Tshao (TT912, ch. 4, p. 3b and CLPT, ch. 3, p. 18b). However, the Tan Fang Chien Yuan makes a different statement altogether, saying that 'mang hsiao subdues realgar' (TT918, ch. 2, p. 4a).

<sup>(</sup>b) 'Mica powder controls (chih<sup>9</sup>) mercury and subdues (fu <sup>8</sup>) cinnabar, and it can also be ingested.' This comes from the Tan Fang Ching Yuan and is repeated word for word in the Chêng Lei Pên Tshao (TT912, ch. 4, p. 3a and CLPT, ch. 3, p. 7b). The Tan Fang Chien Yuan has a similar entry, but without the two words i<sup>10</sup> and chih<sup>11</sup> (TT918, ch. 2, p. 4a).

<sup>(</sup>c) 'Sulphur is capable of drying up (kan<sup>12</sup>) mercury (i.e. the product of their reaction is no longer a liquid). It is noted that sulphur gives a black colour with the Five Metals (forms sulphides), but turns red with mercury.' This passage from the Tan Fang Ching Yuan is repeated fully in the Chêng Lei Pên Tshao (TT912, ch. 4, p. 4b and CLPT, ch. 4, p. 8a), whereas the Tan Fang Chien Yuan merely says, 'Sulphur is capable of controlling (chih') mercury' (TT918, ch. 1, p. 4a).

two men and two centuries were confused, and statements of +808 or a good deal before were all attached to a writer of c. +938.

In his collection Chao Nai-An furnished us with a list of twenty types of gold, saying that the majority of these were alchemical and not genuine. The list appears twice, once in ch. 1 and once in ch. 4 with minor textual variations, indicating that they came from different sources. The second oneb turns up in other texts also, for example the book entitled Pao Tsang Lun, datable at +918 and attributed to Chhing Hsia Tzu2.c We have dealt with these lists already, when considering what gold-like alloys could have been produced in medieval China, Chao's book also describes the properties of various substances such as malachite, realgar, orpiment, sal ammoniac, alum, vitriol, sulphur and mercury; and it contains three illustrations of alchemical apparatus. It is full of interesting things; it uses an empty hen's egg suitably supported as an aludel or 'chaos vessel' (hun tun's), it preserves an alchemical mantram in an Indian language, and most of its formulae include vegetable ingredients. For this reason it takes its place naturally as another of the earliest known records of a protogunpowder mixture, describing, under the heading Fu huo fan fa 4 (Method of Subduing Alum (or Vitriol) by Fire), a composition of sulphur, saltpetre and dried aristolochia (ma tou ling 5) as the carbon source, e This would have ignited suddenly, bursting into flames, without actually exploding. The exact sequence of these first accounts has yet to be determined, but if Sun Ssu-Mo was really the experimenter of the Chu Chia Shen Phin Tan Fa (pp. 137, 197) the middle of the +7th century would have seen that first beginning; and it does look like the most archaic procedure, for the carbon source in the shape of the soap-bean pods was doubtless added with far different intention. The Chen Yuan Miao Tao Yao Lüeh (p. 78), with its use of dried honey, is dated plausibly by Fêng Chia-Shêng between the mid +8th century and the end of the +9th. If our present text, which uses another kind of plant material for the carbon, is rightly placed at the beginning of the +9th, it could be the second oldest reference, but if it should turn out to be rather of Wu Tai or early Sung it could belong to the first or second half of the + 10th or even the first half of the + 11th. Yet in any case it must surely precede by some time the first regular gunpowder formulae in the military encyclopaedia Wu Ching Tsung Yao of + 1044.g And most probably it will also be older than +919, the first appearance of gunpowder (huo yao6) in a military context.h To speak further of all this would too much trespass on the survey in Sect. 30, yet here we could hardly dispense with some reference to the earliest

<sup>\*</sup> On the dating of Tuku Thao, and Li Shih-Chen's quotations, correct Vol. 3, pp. 671, 716.

h Ch. 1, p. 18a, b.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> See pt. 2, p. 273 above. The list is given from this book in CLPT, ch. 3, (p. 109.2).

d Cf. pt. 2, p. 276 above.

e Aristolochia sp. prob. debilis (R585; CC1559). This was recognised by Fêng Chia-Shêng, e.g. in (6), p. 10.

As Fêng Chia-Shêng was able to prove by a personal experiment, (1), p. 41.

<sup>8</sup> Cf. Needham (47).

h By implication. Wang Ling (1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>實藏論 <sup>2</sup>青霞子 <sup>3</sup>混沌 <sup>4</sup>伏火礬法 <sup>5</sup>馬兜鈴 <sup>6</sup>火薬

phases of so cardinal a chemical discovery. All in all, the Chhien Hung Chia Kêng Chih Pao Chi Chhêng is one of the alchemical texts that deserve careful study.a

Looking back at the four centuries between Ko Hung and Mei Piao one feels that they saw a steady advance in chemical and metallurgical experience and technique, not unaccompanied by promising beginnings of theory and hypothesis. There were many examples of clear exposition, hampered though understanding was by grave deficiencies of laboratory equipment on the one hand and the continuing mystifications of professional thaumaturgists on the other. The +9th century, full blossoming time of Thang culture, was also perhaps the apogee of Chinese proto-chemistry, for though there were many notable figures yet to come, they tended to be either commentators and disputants, or poetical theoreticians of the old school, or else-a growing development-advocates of the Nei Tan psycho-physiological sect, who made use of alchemical terms and symbols for their very different conceptions of an inner elixir prepared by control of the adept's own mind and body.

## (v) Buddhist echoes of Indian alchemy

The close relation of Taoism with alchemy and proto-chemistry in China needs no further emphasis, yet occasionally there were Buddhist monks who cultivated the Great Work, contrary though it might have seemed to their ethos of world-renouncing poverty.b Moreover there are a number of references to alchemy in the Ta Tsang 1 or Tripitaka, the Buddhist Patrology, and these are of considerable interest because they mark the entry into China of Indian ideas, not of course by any means necessarily new to the Chinese.d Some seem to belong to a common fund of early belief about alchemy which expressed itself in a dozen languages all the way from Alexandria via Taxila and Nalanda to Chhang-an, but we also know of special cases where Indian chemical practitioners with particular skills were welcomed at the Chinese imperial court—e.g. Nārāyaṇasvāmin about +649, who seems to have had some process for preparing strong mineral acids or alkalis. Moreover, in this or the previous century a number of 'Brahmin' books were translated into Chinese, as is shown by the Sui Shu bibliography (+636). The Po-lo-men Yao Fang (Brahmin Pharmaceutics), for example, may well have contained some alchemical material bordering on medicine, but all such texts were lost centuries ago, and we shall probably never have a sight of their contents.

Waley (24), browsing through the Tripitaka, found several references to alchemy, and recorded them for the benefit of his grateful successors. Most of them belong to

e Vol. 1, p. 212.

a Among other interesting things to be found in it are a solubilisation process using vinegar and an extract of sour white plums (malic acid, cf. pt. 2, pp. 250, 265), a mention of the use of bits of tile or lampwick to stop 'bumping' during boiling, and what seems to be a reference to metacinnabarite, green or black (cf. Gowland (9), p. 348).

b Cf. pp. 139, 193. On Buddhism in general see Sect. 15. c Cf. Vol. 2, p. 419. d Nor always readily accepted by them either. Indian atomism is a case in point (cf. Vol. 4, pt. 1, pp. 5, 13), though its relations with Indian alchemy remain very obscure. On Indian five-element theories, and concepts of chemical combination, see P. Ray (1) and Subbarayappa (1). f Vol. 1, p. 128.

<sup>1</sup>大藏 2 婆羅門藥方

the +6th, 7th or 8th centuries, the period which we have just been discussing, but there is one which comes from a distinctly earlier time, raising questions about the comparative development of alchemical thought and practice, so we may deal with it first.

The Mahā-prajāāpāramito-padeša Śāstra\* is known to have been translated into Chinese by Kumārajīvab in +406, and this text, entitled Ta Chih Tu Lun,¹ is now the only extant version. The putative author was Nāgārjuna (a name to conjure with), the great Buddhist philosopher and patriarch in South India who is usually placed in the +2nd century,c the founder too of the very sophisticated dialectical Mādhyamika logic,d but also associated with the beginnings of Tantrism.c Hence we are not altogether surprised to hear him say:f 'By drugs and incantations (chou shu²) one can change bronze into gold.' Or again:g 'By the skilful use of chemical substances, silver can be changed into gold and gold into silver.' And elsewhere:h 'By spiritual power a man can change even pottery or stone into gold.' And finally:i 'One measure of a (certain) liquid (prepared) from minerals (shih chih³) can change a thousand measures of bronze into gold.' Here we have a clear reference to projection, but nothing in any of these passages would have surprised a Chinese scholar of the early +5th century interested in such matters.

All this raises the vexed question of 'Nagarjuna' and alchemy, for there may have been half-a-dozen people of the same name during the centuries in India, and one at least was an outstanding alchemist. The question is, which one? We are certainly not in a position to exclude the Buddhist patriarch of the +2nd century, for a large body of semi-legendary tradition attributes just this quality to him, and he may well have been a polymath concerned with the study of Nature and 'natural magick' as much as with Buddhist philosophy and logic-besides, we remember how closely the family of Ko Hung was involved in the development of Taoism as an ecclesiastical institution. At the other end of the story is the alchemist Nāgārjuna whom al-Bīrūnī, writing on India in the +11th century, placed in the century immediately before his own. In between come more than one hypothetical Nagarjuna. What is probably the oldest surviving Sanskrit alchemical book, the Rasaratnākara, bears this name as author, but on internal evidence (one is not too sure how well founded) Ray (1) places it in the +7th or the +8th century.k Others assume an alchemist Nagarjuna almost as old as the patriarch, perhaps of the +3rd or +4th century, to account for the legendary corpus without involving him. The question is quite unsolved, but more light is to be expected, e.g. from further researches in Tibetan texts, which sometimes preserve crucial information lost from both Sanskrit and Chinese.

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a 'Commentary on the Great Sutra of the Perfection of Wisdom'; N 1169, TW 1509.
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e Vol. 2, pp. 425ff.

k 2nd ed. pp. 61, 116ff.

g Taisho Trip. vol. 25, p. 195.3.

1 Taishō Trip. vol. 25, p. 401.1.

b Cf. Vol. 2, p. 424.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Though a remarkable and important work, few believe that more than a small part of it originated with him, and it may have been mainly composed somewhere in Central Asia; cf. Zürcher (1), vol.1, p. 212.

d Vol. 2, pp. 404, 423.

<sup>1</sup> Taishō Trip. vol. 25, p. 178.1.

h Taishō Trip. vol. 25, p. 298.2.

J Cf. Filliozat (10).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> E.g. Tucci (4).

<sup>1</sup>大智度論

<sup>2</sup> 児術

<sup>3</sup>石汁

Stein (1), commenting on Waley, wanted to bring down the date of the Ta Chih Tu Lun to the +8th century to make the alchemical references agree with the probable date of the author of the Rasaratnākara, but this is absolutely impossible because of Kumārajīva, as was shown by the translator of the French version, Lamotte (1).<sup>a</sup> We have to do unmistakably with Chin and pre-Chin times. This leads one to have another look at the traditions that Nāgārjuna the +2nd-century patriarch and Bodhisattva was an alchemist. One person who certainly thought so was the pilgrim Hsüan-Chuang,<sup>1</sup> for there are two significant references in his Ta Thang Hsi Yü Chi² (Records of the Western Countries in the Time of the Great Thang Dynasty) written in the decade before +646. The first concerns longevity, the second aurifaction. Concerning the former he says:<sup>b</sup>

The Bodhisattva Nāgārjuna (Lung-Mêng Phu-Sa<sup>3</sup>)<sup>c</sup> was deeply versed in the techniques of pharmacy, and by eating certain preparations he had attained a longevity of several hundreds of years, without any decay either in mind or body. Sadvaha Raja (Yin Chêng Wang<sup>4</sup>) had also partaken of these mysterious medicines and had likewise reached an age of several centuries.

And a few pages further on he wrote:d

The Bodhisattva Nāgārjuna (Lung-Mêng Phu-Sa) scattered some drops of a numinous and wonderful liquid pharmakon over certain large stones, whereupon they all turned into gold,

much to the pleasure of the benevolent king when he returned the next day. Projection again.

It is convenient that King 'Sadvaha' introduced himself in the above passage because the corpus of traditions about the first Nāgārjuna has him intimately related to this (also somewhat shadowy) ruler. A King Sātavāhana of the +2nd century, heading a South Indian dynasty rivalling the Kushān empire of Kanishka in the North, c does seem to be a historical figure, however, f and the curious thing is that the Rasaratnākara contains dialogues of the alchemist with a king named Salivahana or Sadvahana who might be the person. This is why historians of Indian chemistry such as Ray are unable to exclude completely the identification of the alchemical writer with the Buddhist patriarch. No one indeed can as yet do this, and it is certainly interesting that many books on science and proto-science bore Nāgārjuna's name. Parallel passages to those of Hsüan-Chuang on alchemy occur in a text entitled Lung-Shu Phu-Sa Chuan, but although this is hagiographical rather than biographical,

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4 See pp. xi, 383.
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b Ch. 10, p. 11 a, tr. auct., adjuv. Beal (2), vol. 4, p. 416, St Julien (1), vol. 2, p. 98.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> The most usual name for Nägärjuna in Chinese was Lung-Shu<sup>6</sup> (cf. Vol. 2, p. 404), but Lung-Shêng<sup>7</sup> is also found.

d Ch. 10, p. 12a, tr. auct., adjuv. Beal (2), vol. 4, p. 419, St Julien (1), vol. 2, p. 103.

e Cf. Vol. 1, pp. 175, 182, 207. f Renou & Filliozat (1), vol. 1, pp. 244, 377.

g Interestingly, it also contains at least two descriptions of projection (Ray (1), 2nd ed., pp. 129, 133).

h The best account of what is known of Nāgārjuna's life is the paper of Walleser (3).

<sup>1</sup> 玄奘 2 大唐西城記 3 龍猛菩薩 4 引正王

<sup>5</sup> 龍樹菩薩傳 6 龍樹 7 龍勝

never gained a listing in the dynastic history bibliographies, and was assuredly written much later than the time of Kumārajīva to whom it was wrongly attributed, it may not be much later than the time of Hsüan-Chuang.<sup>a</sup>

The Sui Shu bibliography lists three books by Nāgārjuna, a Lung-Shu Phu-Sa Yao Fang (Pharmaceutics of the Bodhisattya Nāgārjuna), a Lung-Shu Phu-Sa Yang Shêng Fang<sup>2</sup> (Macrobiotic Prescriptions of the Bodhisattva Nāgārjuna), and a Lung-Shu Phu-Sa Ho Hsiang Fa 3 (Methods of the Bodhisattva Nāgārjuna for Compounding Perfumes, or Incense).d As all are lost, we shall never know much of their content, nor who was really responsible for them. Interesting also is his connection with ophthalmology. The Sung Shih bibliography names a Lung-Shu Yen Lun+ (Discourse of Nagarjuna on Eye (Diseases)),e and though it is lost, several derivatives of it from later dates are to be found. Since Wang Thao 5 does not quote it in his Wai Thai Pi Yao6 of +752 it may have been either translated or compiled between then and the beginning of the + 9th century, when Pai Lo-Thien (Pai Chü-I) mentions the title in a poem. Early in the +12th the syllable Shu collided with a word in one of the imperial titles of Ying Tsung so that Lung-Shu became thereafter Lung-Mu,8 and the ancient Bodhisattva was transformed into a spiritual prince as Lung-Mu Wang,9 From the beginning of the Sung dynasty this treatise was the chief textbook of those students in the Imperial Medical College who followed the ophthalmic speciality.f Among later redactions and expansions one could instance the + 16th-century Yen Kho Lung-Mu Lun 10 (Nāgārjuna's Discussions on Ophthalmology), with a chapter by the Taoist physician Pao-Kuang Tao-Jen 11 (probably of the Yuan), and prefaced by Wang Wên. 12 What is certain is that someone called Nagarjuna was regarded in post-Sung China as one of the founding fathers of the treatment of eye diseases. A connection with mineral remedies such as the salts of copper and silver would provide the obvious link. Finally, on the Indian side, there is a particularly interesting text attributed to Nāgārjuna, the Rasa-vaišeshika Sūtra, apparently a treatise on theoretical alchemy seeking to demonstrate the unity of all tastes or essences, and thus suggesting a parallel with the prima materia of the West, which could be deprived of certain forms and endowed with others by means of alchemical procedures.h

On the entire subject, opinions differ widely; Lamotte would not wish wholly to reject the traditions that make the +2nd-century Nāgārjuna an alchemist, Renou & Filliozat doubt very much whether any of the Indian alchemical texts go back to him, i Filliozat (10) admits at least two persons of the name, Tucci (4) inclines to believe in a +3rd- or +4th-century alchemist, and Ray is prepared to identify his +8th-century

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> TW 2047; see Zürcher (1), vol. 2, p. 340. b Cf. SIC, p. 771.

c Cf. SIC, p. 460. MSS of a Sanskrit work on the same subject attributed to Nagarjuna and entitled Yogasara still exist in India (Ray (1), 2nd ed., p. 118).

d Cf. SIC, p. 793.

Cf. SIC, p. 448.

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<sup>1</sup> Its content is excellently summarised by Pi Hua-Tê & Li Thao (1), who also unravelled the history given above.

g Cf. SIC, pp. 449, 450. h Renou & Filliozat (1), vol. 2, p. 168. l (1), vol. 2, p. 169.

<sup>1</sup> 龍樹菩薩樂方 2 龍樹菩薩養生方 3 龍樹菩薩和香法 4 龍樹眼論 5 王無 6 外臺祕婆 7 白樂天 8 龍木

<sup>9</sup> 龍木王 "限科龍木論 " 葆光道人 " 正問

one with the man referred to by al-Bīrūnī, assuming that the Arabic writer somewhat underestimated the time which had elapsed since his death.<sup>a</sup> Meanwhile evidence continues to accumulate associating the Buddhist patriarch with gold and gold-making, e.g. a text discovered by Lévi (8). And Indian alchemy may yet be traced back into the +1st or even the -1st century if anything historical can ever be established for names such as Vyāḍi, who is supposed to have antedated Nāgārjuna.<sup>b</sup> What we, at any rate, are left with, is the conclusion that clear statements of alchemical import came into China from India by +406. Since similar ideas had been current there, as we have seen, for some six centuries previously, the statements would presumably have passed as commonplaces.

Let us now look at some of the other passages that Waley found. The next oldest would be that in the Mahāyāna-samgraha-bhāshya, translated into Chinese about +650 by Hsüan-Chuang himself with the title Shê Ta Chhêng Lun Shih 1 (Explanatory Discourse to assist the Understanding of the Great Vehicle). c Referring to bodhisattvas this text says: d 'They can turn earth into gold or other precious substances just as they please.' As it is a commentary on a work of Asanga, whose date is unsure, one cannot fix it very well in time, but it can hardly be older than +300 nor later than +500.

The remaining two are of the +6th or +7th century. There is an interesting passage in the Avatamsaka Sūtra,e which Sikshānanda translated into Chinese in +699 with the title Ta Fang Kuang Fo Hua Yen Ching.2 It says: f 'The good man is like the chymical liquid called hataka,3 a single ounce of which, for whoever is so lucky as to obtain it, will turn one thousand ounces of bronze completely into genuine gold (chen chin4). But a thousand ounces of bronze are not able to effect any change whatever in this chymical liquid.' Since the chapter in which this occurs is absent from the earlier recension of c. +420, it was presumably composed at a later date than that. Lastly there is an evocative story in the Abhidharma Mahāvibhāshā (A-Phi-Than-Phi Po-Sha Lun5),g another of Hsüan-Chuang's translations (+659), to the following effect: h 'It took Sanaka and his minister Moon-lover (Huai-Yüeh 6) twelve years to learn how to make gold. At last they were able to produce a button of it, not larger than a grain of corn; but at once they said: "There is nothing now to prevent us from making a mountain of gold!".' The modern reader may be gratified to recognise the principle of the pilot plant in this early medieval account, but the identity of Sanaka is even more intriguing. There was no doubt a disciple of Ananda called Sanaka-vasin, but Stein (1) realised that 'Moon-lover' must be none other than King Chandragupta Maurya himselfi and that Sanaka, by an inversion of rôles, is Cānakya or Chanakya, the hakim Sānāq of the Arabs, i.e. Kautilya by another name; famous prime minister of Chandragupta c. - 300 and putative author of the

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a (1), 2nd ed., p. 118.
b See Filliozat (10); Renou & Filliozat (1), vol. 2, p. 168.
c N 1171 (4); TW 1597.
d Taishō Trip. vol. 31, p. 358.2.
f Taishō Trip. vol. 10, p. 432.2.
h Taishō Trip. vol. 28.
c N 88; TW 279.
f N 1263; TW 1546.
l Cf. Vol. 1, pp. 102, 172, 177.
l 攝大乘論釋
c 大方廣佛華嚴經
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Arthaśāstra, that wonderful account of ancient Indian government administration.<sup>a</sup> It is certainly fascinating to visualise Chandragupta and Kautilya hard at it in their alchemical elaboratory, but whether legend or no, the story was probably recent when Hsüan-Chuang incorporated it, for his recension is more than three times as long as the similar work translated in the +5th century.

The general upshot is, then, that proto-chemical aurifaction may well go back in India to the turn of the era, even perhaps to the —1st century, making it contemporaneous or almost so with the same complex of ideas and practices in Hellenistic Egypt. But by the time its echoes reached China through the Buddhist literature, Chinese alchemy, macrobiotic aurifaction, was already six centuries old there.

In our chronological survey we are now standing at the beginning of the +9th century, so this may be the place to look at certain curious facts recorded by the Japanese monk Ennin, who was in China between +838 and +847. He was unlucky in that his stay coincided with the purgation and even persecution of the Buddhist clergy under Thang Wu Tsung in +842, though he himself and those monks of well-known good life and learning were not greatly affected. In his diary entitled Nitto-Guhō Junrei Giyōki² (Record of a Pilgrimage to China in Search of the Buddhist Law), he wrote:

On the 9th day of the tenth month of the 2nd year of the Hui-Chhang reign-period, an imperial edict was issued (to the effect that) all (Buddhist) monks and nuns throughout the empire who understood the forbidden arts of alchemy, incantations and anathemas, talismanic exorcisms and the like (shao lien chou shu chin chhi³); all monks who had fled from the army, or bore on their bodies scars or tattoo marks from former judicial punishment; those also who were avoiding terms of hard labour, or who had formerly committed sexual offences or maintained paramours; all moreover who were not observing the Buddhist rules (of the vinaya); all should be unfrocked and obliged to return to lay life.

So far so good, but the interpretation remains a little uncertain. Shao lien<sup>4</sup> is at first sight alchemy, for lien<sup>5</sup> can often stand for lien,<sup>6</sup> chemical transformation by heating, but as Okada Masayuki, Ennin's editor, has pointed out, the two words may be a reference to the Buddhist practice of self-mutilation, so abhorred by Confucians. An edict of the Northern Chou emperor Shih Tsung, c. +559, had spoken of shao pei,<sup>7</sup> burning off one's arm, and lien chih,<sup>8</sup> incinerating one's finger,<sup>c</sup> so far had the ideas of self-sacrifice and altruistic compassion run mad by this time.<sup>d</sup> Moreover, the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Tr. Shamasastry (1). It is usually regarded as dating from the -1st century, but Kalyanov (1) shows that it cannot have reached its present form until the +3rd.

b Tr. Reischauer (2), p. 321, (3), p. 238, mod. auct. c The text is in Chhitan Thang Wên, ch. 125, p. 10 a. d Cf. Vol. 2, p. 413. And I myself, when visiting Buddhist monasteries during the second world war, saw photographs of monks and abbots who had mutilated themselves in just this way. The Tunhuang frescoes often represent the story of the compassionate king cutting off pieces of his own flesh to feed hungry animals, but that a symbolic legend should have turned into a quasi-liturgical practice was truly an aberration of religion. And still the fire-suicides go on, as in martyred Vietnam, political protest being one of the forms compassion takes today. On the general background of Buddhist suicide and self-mutilation in a non-persecuting society, see Welch (4), pp. 324ff., Needham (43), pp. 293ff.; and in relation to anthropophagic practices in famine times the elaborate monograph of des Rotours (3).

<sup>·</sup> 圓仁

<sup>2</sup> 入唐求法巡禮行記

<sup>3</sup> 熔線咒術禁氣

<sup>+</sup> 鴆練

<sup>5</sup> 線 6 金線

<sup>7</sup> 鴬臂

<sup>8</sup> 鍊指

chin chhi¹ of Ennin's edict echoes the fu chin tso tao² of the earlier one, i.e. 'exorcisms and Tantric vamacāra practices'.a

Another reason for doubting whether alchemy was intended arises from the fact that the arch-opponent of the Buddhists at this time was himself closely connected with elixir-making.<sup>b</sup> This was the Taoist Chao Kuei-Chen,<sup>3</sup> executed in +846 after the death of Wu Tsung. His address to the throne in +844 mentioned Lao Tzu's fei lien hsien tan<sup>4</sup> (elixir prepared by heating and sublimation or distillation), and asked for the erection of a 'Terrace of the Immortals' (Hsien Thai<sup>5</sup>) in the palace, for Taoist liturgies. This was done. In the following year the Taoists were ordered to compound elixirs, and Chao asked to be despatched to Tibet to find some of the ingredients, but he was not allowed to go. Thus the fact that the chief enemies of the Buddhists at this time were (at least in the broad sense) alchemists, makes it perhaps unlikely that alchemy was prominent in the misdeeds of which they were accused. There was plenty of scope for other criticisms.

While we are on this subject we may glance for a moment at the little which is known in the West about alchemy in Burma, a country where it was closely associated with Buddhism. If only from the brief account of Htin Aung,c it is quite clear that the Burmese tradition of 'work with fire' (aggiva) was a very syncretistic one, as might perhaps be expected from its geographical position. There was indeed aurifaction, with references to the 'stone of live mercury'; but the main current was elixiroriented, aiming at the attainment of the state of a zawgyi (=siddhi?), i.e. a hsien, enjoying longevity, immortality, invulnerability, impassibility, magical powers and eternal youth. Chinese influence may also be indicated by the division of chemical substances into male and female,d and a Tantric feature appears in the story of the trees bearing pure fruit-maidens with whom the zawgyi could couple. An Indian yogic trait occurs in the temporary death which the zawgyi must pass through, burial for seven days necessarily preceding permanent resurrection. Hellenistic influence might be traced in the prima materia beneath the four elements, an essence common to all metals from which the elixir could be formed. Alchemy seems to have been first cultivated by the Ari monks, but its great period was between the +5th and the + 11th centuries, ending with the imposition of Theravadin Buddhism by King Anawrahta in +1065. Finally, Arabic connections may be signified in the prominence of magic squares (cf. pt. 4), though this mathematical ploy reached its

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Including the worship of the feminine principles (saktis), with sexual intercourse (maithuna), ceremonies of feeding hungry ghosts in burial grounds (ko shen tan mo<sup>6</sup>), necromancy and the conquest of natural aversions, etc., etc.

b See Reischauer (2), pp. 351, 354ff., (3), pp. 243ff., 248ff.

<sup>(1),</sup> pp. 41 ff.

d Nine female metals and twelve male minerals; hence the 'marriage of contraries' which was required.

e Believed to have been Mahāyana Buddhists.

<sup>1</sup> 禁氣

<sup>&</sup>quot;符禁左道

趙歸江

<sup>5</sup> 仙臺

<sup>6</sup> 割身啖鷹

full development a good deal later, in the time of King Dhammazedi (r. +1460 onwards).<sup>a</sup> Thus Burmese alchemy was a coat of many colours, linked with all the surrounding civilisations.<sup>b</sup>

# (6) THE SILVER AGE OF ALCHEMY; FROM THE LATE THANG (+800) TO THE END OF THE SUNG (+1300)

## (i) The first scientific printed book, and the court alchemist Mistress Kêng

On a previous page we had occasion to note the penetration of Taoist alchemy into Vietnam from the Han period onwards (p. 75); here we may begin by recording the similar spread of the Art of the Yellow and the White in Liu Chhao times into Korea.c The principles of Pao Phu Tzu were propagated with royal support under the King of Silla, Chinhung1 (r. +540 to +575), while the well-developed state of preciousmetal metallurgy in Koguryŏ was mentioned in the Pén Tshao Ching Chi Chu. Frescoes of Taoist immortals and Jade Girls gathering magic mushrooms occur in +6thand +7th-century Koguryŏ tombs. Many Koreans went to China to study under the adepts, as for example Kim Kagi 2 in the middle of the + 9th century, and the Ishinhō later recorded special pharmaco-sexual techniques of the Silla masters.d Thus there was a very long background of alchemical medicine behind Ho Chun's 3 Tongui Pogam<sup>4</sup> (Precious Mirror of Eastern Medicine, +1610) which we quote elsewhere in this Section.e In the + 16th century physiological alchemy was particularly studied in Korea, as a life like that of Yun Kunphyong shows. Only slowly did the belief in the holy immortals die out, upheld by Yi Su-gwang<sup>6</sup> in the +14th century but criticised by King Sŏnjo<sup>7</sup> (r. + 1568 to + 1608) in spite of the advocacy of Yi Chunmin.8 But we are still in the +9th century, and must attend to events of that time in China.

Towards the middle of it we come upon an event which must always remain a landmark in the history of chemistry, indeed of science as a whole, the first printing of a book on a scientific subject; as it happened, the life and work of a particular alchemist. We know about it mainly from a book written not long afterwards, the Yün Chhi Yu I<sup>9</sup> (Discussions with Friends at Cloudy Pool). In this, about +870, the scholar and poet Fan Shu<sup>10</sup> wrote:<sup>f</sup>

A certain minister named Hokan Chi<sup>11</sup> had given more than fifteen years' arduous study to the preparation of the dragon-and-tiger elixir. When he was in charge to the right of the

a Htin Aung (1), pp. 54ff.

b And it is still very much alive. Dr Laurence Picken writes to us from Rangoon (April 1972) of his visit to the laboratory of a Buddhist adept (one of many hundreds). Transmutation (gold amalgams), elixirs (effective against diseases as well as for longevity, and even rejuvenating on plants), and ascetic self-purification of the operator — all are prominent.

c See further in the book of Chon Sangun (1), pp. 257ff. On alchemy in Tibet cf. Beyer (1), pp. 252ff., 261ff.

d Ch. 28, (p. 655). e Vol. 5, pt. 5.

f Ch. 10, p. 6a, tr. auct. adjuv. Carter (1), 2nd edn ed. Goodrich, p. 59; Pelliot (41), p. 35.

<sup>\*</sup> 直興王 \* 金可紀 \* 許俊 \* 東醫寶鑑 \* 尹君平 6 李晬光 \* 7 宣祖 \* 李俊民 \* 雲溪友職 \* 10 范堰

<sup>11</sup> 統干泉

River (i.e. Governor of Chiangsi), a he sent invitations to a large number of magiciantechnicians (fang shu chih shih) (to join his entourage). He also composed a 'Biography of Liu Hung' 2 and had several thousand copies of it printed (tiao yin, 3 with blocks), which he sent out to all those who were devoting themselves to alchemy (ching hsin shao lien4), whether at court or scattered in other places within the Four Seas.

This passage is important not only for the history of chemistry but for that of printing, since it still constitutes the second oldest clear reference to the typographical art in any civilisation. It is gratifying to know that the printer and the practical experimentalist joined hands at such an early date. Fan Shu goes on immediately afterwards, however, to a general statement against projective aurifaction and argentifaction (tien hua chin yin 5), b not on nei tan grounds but rather on the basis of Confucian morality, opposed to the acquisition of inordinate private wealth and estates.c More interesting is the question of the identity of Hokan Chi and Liu Hung. The Hokan family was of Eastern Mongolian origin; sinified in Northern Wei, it contributed a number of quite eminent officials during the Thang period, Hokan Chie was Governor of Chiangsi between +847 and +850, so the printing of the 'Life of Liu Hung' must have occurred between those years. But who was Liu Hung? Even Pelliot could only suggest a Liu Sung prince, Liu Hung,6 but neither he nor others of the same or similar names were known to have had any interest in alchemy. One there was, nevertheless, who fills the bill, namely Liu Hung,7 an alchemist ascribed to the Later Han period (fl. + 122) and appearing in a Thang alchemical dialogue prefaced anonymously in +855, the Hsüan Chieh Lu8 (Mysterious Antidotarium). The special relevance of this is that it gives warnings against elixir poisoning and recommends the use of plant drugs as well as minerals and metals.g Thus the object of the use of the new method of mass documentary reproduction may have been a humanitarian one, to

b Cf. on this term, pp. 38, 100.

4 Pelliot conjectured Organ as the original form, Kan was sometimes mis-written as yil, 11

f TT921, also in YCCC, ch. 64, pp. 5aff. Authorship unknown. Conceivably Hokan Chi himself?

g One of Liu Hung's elixirs consisted of five plants, including the wild raspberry and the dodder, all their names ending with the character tsu. 15 Hence the name Shou Hsien Wu Tzu Wan. 16 This was essentially a detoxicant for avoiding the dangers of certain elixirs containing the heavy metals. According to the Hsüan Chieh Lu, Liu Hung inscribed the formula on a stone stele which was found again before the Khai-Yuan reign-period of Thang (+713 to +741) when Chang Kuo (cf. p. 141) presented it to the throne. See YCCC, ch. 64, pp. 11b, 12a. All plants rich in oxalic acid (e.g. spinach, PTKM, ch. 27, (p. 92), Schafer (13), p. 147) or selenium (e.g. milk-vetch, Benfey (3), cf. Vol. 3, p. 678) would detoxicate mercury.

1 方術之士	2 劉 弘	3 開催 日1	4 精心燃煉	5點化金銀
6 劉 宏	7 劉 泓	8 玄解錄	9 李商隱	10 養山雜纂
11 于	12 泉	13 衆	14 象	15 子
16 守仙五子丸				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> This curious phrase described the country south of the Yangtze as the emperor would see it looking south from his throne. As Chiangsi was beyond and to the right, so Chiangsu was beyond and to the left.

c Others about the same time had no confidence that alchemical processes could ever bring such results. Li Shang-Yino (+813 to c. +858) left an amusing collection of epigrams entitled I-Shan Tsa Tsuan to which is available in translation by Bonmarchand (1). For example, among 'things which it is better not to know' (ix, 5)—alchemy, for it will bring young men to ruin; and 'deceptive ideas' (xv, 2)—that one can get rich by alchemy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> There was exceptional confusion about the Governor's name, which appears in various sources as Chhüan,<sup>12</sup> Chung<sup>13</sup> and even Hsiang.<sup>14</sup>

alert as many adepts as possible about the dangers of some of the paths they were pursuing.

It may indeed be that the Hsüan Chieh Lu itself was the book that Hokan Chi printed. The bibliography of the Chiu Thang Shu has a Thung Chieh Lu<sup>1</sup> prefaced by him, including his correct date and title. The Thung Chih bibliography lists a Hsien Chieh Lu,<sup>2</sup> again with the preface by Hokan Chi.<sup>b</sup> So quite probably the 'Life of Liu Hung' (Liu Hung Chuan<sup>3</sup>) was only Fan Shu's casual way of referring to the book properly entitled Hsüan Chieh Lu.

Just while Hokan Chi was publishing in Chiangsi the first of all printed books on a scientific subject, another curious and interesting character was occupying the imperial attention far away in the north-west at the capital Chhang-an. Her story is worth reading in full, for it illustrates a notable feature in Chinese alchemy, the number of remarkable women who became adepts in it. From what we know of Taoist philosophyc this is not surprising theoretically, but the fact that it was possible within Chinese society is what is striking. In his Chiang Huai I Jen Lu+ (Records of (Twenty-five) Strange Magician-Technicians between the Yangtze and the Huai River, during the Thang, Wu and Southern Thang Dynasties) Wu Shu<sup>5</sup> wrote, about +975:<sup>d</sup>

Teacher Kêng (Kêng hsien-sêng 6) was the daughter of Kêng Chhien. 7 When she was young she was intelligent and beautiful and liked reading books. Fond of writing, she sometimes composed praiseworthy poetry, but she was also acquainted with Taoist techniques, and could control the spirits. She mastered the 'art of the yellow and the white' (alchemy), with many other strange transformations, mysterious and incomprehensible. No one knew how she acquired all this knowledge.

In the Ta-Chung reign-period (+847 to +859) the emperor, being fond of the elegant and fascinated by the strange, summoned her to the palace to observe her techniques. She was not added to the pool of palace ladies but was given special lodgings and called 'Teacher'. When having an audience she always wore green robes and held a tablet and when she spoke it was with brilliant eloquence and confident bearing. Her hands were so small that she relied upon others at meals, and she walked in the palace grounds very little, being rather carried about by attendants. Sometimes she would write poems on the walls, calling herself the 'Great Teacher of the North', but nobody knew what this signified. The Teacher did not often demonstrate her (divination) techniques, but when she did so the results always came out as she predicted. For this the emperor valued her all the more.

When she first entered the palace the emperor enquired about her alchemical procedures; and upon tests being made, all her experiments proved successful. When she repeated (some of) them, it was seen that they were simple and not difficult. Once in a leisure hour the emperor said to her: 'All these processes have been accomplished by the use of fire. Is it possible that something might be done without heating?' She answered, 'Let me try. It might be.' So the emperor took some mercury and enveloped it in several layers of beaten bark-cloth, closing it with the (imperial) seal; this she placed forthwith in her bosom. After a long time there suddenly came a sound like the tearing of a piece of silk. The Teacher

3 劉弘傳

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Cf. Chhen Kuo-Fu (1), vol. 2, p. 406, and Hsin Thang Shu, ch. 59, p. 4a. Thung can be a tabu replacement for hsüan.

<sup>b</sup> Ch. 67, (p. 793.1).

c Cf. Vol. 2, pp. 57ff.

d Pp. 7bff., tr. auct.

<sup>1</sup> 通解錄

<sup>5</sup> 吳淑

<sup>6</sup> 耿先生

<sup>□</sup> 賢解錄

smiled and said: 'Your Majesty did not believe in my methods, but now you will see for yourself. Ought you not to trust me ever hereafter?' Then she handed the packet back to the emperor, who saw that the seal was unbroken, and upon opening it found that the mercury had all turned to silver.

On another occasion during heavy snow the emperor asked her if she could turn that into silver also. Saying that she could, she cut up some hard snow into the form of an ingot and threw it into a blazing charcoal fire. The ashes rose up and all was covered over with charcoal; then after about the time required to take a meal she said it was done, and taking out the red-hot substance, put it on the ground to cool, whereupon it brightened and took the form of a silver ingot, with the same knife-marks still on it. The under-surface, which the fire had reached first, looked like stalactites. Later the Teacher made a lot of 'snow-silver', so much that she presented vessels made of it to the emperor on his birthday.

She also had many other ingenious ideas, and what she made always exceeded other products in quality. (People from the) South Sea regions once paid tribute to the court of things rare and strange, such as distilled attar of roses (chhiang wei shui1) and Borneo camphor (lung nao chiang2). The former had a fragrance most pure and fresh, while the latter had aphrodisiac properties. Thus the emperor valued it very much, and often drank wine flavoured with it, finding that the fragrance lasted in his mouth for several days. He also bestowed (samples of) it on the officials about him, However, the Teacher said that there was something much better than this, and when the emperor asked if she could make it she replied that she would try, and that it should be possible. So she wrapped the camphor in a silk bag and hung it in a glass vessel (liu-li phing3). The emperor personally sealed the vessel, and then watched it (the process), with wine beside him. After a space of time sufficient for a meal, the Teacher said that the camphor had already been (transformed into) a liquid (chiang4). The emperor rose from his seat, put his ear to the vessel and listened; he heard, indeed, the sound of dripping (ti li sheng 5), then he returned to his seat and went on drinking. After another interval, he observed some liquid like water within the glass vessel. On the following day he opened it and it was half full of liquid with a fragrance far stronger than before (i.e. than the original flavoured wine).

Later on the Teacher appeared to be pregnant, and told the emperor that she would give birth that night to a baby who would be a great sage. The emperor caused everything to be prepared, but towards midnight there came a violent thunderstorm, and the next morning she had regained her normal size, but no baby was to be seen. She said that the gods had taken it away and that it could not be got back.

The Teacher was fond of wine, and just like other people in love affairs and sexual relations. Moreover in the course of time she fell ill and died. Formerly the holy immortals often mixed with human beings—perhaps she was one of them. I myself often heard talk about her, but the rumours of the palace were various. Finally I was told the true story by Hsü Shuai, 6 the grandson of Hsü I-Tsu, 7 who had himself been (on duty) in the palace, and knew all about it. a

From this vivid picture of a woman adept at the Thang court the chemist will retain with interest the impression of a Chinese emperor watching what was essentially a Soxhlet continuous extraction process, the formation of a strong solution of camphor in hot alcohol. The connection of this with the distilling of essential vegetable oils, which Teacher Kêng certainly knew all about, is also evident enough. But of course

5 滴瀝聲

The last two paragraphs are here slightly abridged.

<sup>1</sup> 薔薇水 2 龍腦漿 3 琉璃瓶

<sup>6</sup>徐率 7徐義祖

she was obviously skilled, like other Taoist alchemists encountered in these pages, in what we should now call conjuring tricks; besides possessed, no doubt, of a hypnotic personality (cf. p. 186). At any rate she got away with it, and died in her bed, which was more than every one of her colleagues was able to achieve.

#### (ii) From proto-chemistry to proto-physiology

During and after the +9th century there seems to have been a general trend in alchemical writings from originality to compilation, from clarity in style to obscurity, and from proto-chemical techniques (wai tan1) to psycho-physiological exercises (nei tan2). We have just seen that both Mei Piao and Chao Nai-An were essentially compilers, one producing a dictionary and the other a florilegium. But there are three interesting alchemical texts definitely traceable to the second half of the +9th century. The first is the Hsüan Chieh Lu3 (Mysterious Antidotarium) already mentioned, the work on elixir poisoning by the anonymous writer of +855. A version with another title, Yen Mên Kung Miao Chieh Lu4 (The Venerable Yen Mên's Explanations of the Mysteries), b is essentially the same text as this, but without the formula for the 'Five-Herbs Immortality-Safeguarding Pills' (shou hsien wu tzu wan<sup>5</sup>). We shall have occasion to refer to this book again in the discussion of elixir poisoning.c

The second book is the Thung Hsüan Pi Shu<sup>6</sup> (Secret Art of Penetrating the Mystery), d written by Shen Chih-Yen soon after +864. This is mainly a treatise on the medical prescriptions used by the alchemists,e but it contains an interesting method for the preparation of lead acetate, with which the 'Imperial Baldachin elixir' (hua kai tan8) was made.f This method will be described in Section 34 on chemical technology.

The third book is the Huan Tan Chou Hou Chüeh9 (Oral Instructions on Handy Formulae for Cyclically-Transformed Elixirs), g compiled by writers mostly anonymous probably during the period +874 to +879 or not much later. This book has been attributed to Ko Hung, but wrongly.h It deals mainly with cinnabar, mercury and lead, employing many synonyms and using the proto-scientific theories in its explanations; it mentions heating times, and gives one alchemical diagram. The following passage may serve to illustrate the difficulties of Five-Element theory in coping with the facts:1

The Oral Instructions say: 'red lead' (hung chhien10) is cinnabar. The liquid extracted from cinnabar indicates the presence of the (element) Water. This is the Yin within the Yang,

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<sup>a</sup> P. 168. The Hsüan certainly stands for Hsüan; <sup>II</sup> cf. Chhen Yuan (4), p. 153.
                                c See Vol. 6 below.
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> It is interesting to learn that elixirs containing heavy metals were never to be given to pregnant women, as the foetus could be harmed.

f On this constellation-name see Vol. 4, pt. 3, pp. 567, 571, 583. It was highly important in navigation. h Cf. p. 110 above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ch. 1, p. 5a,b, tr. auct. In understanding it, Vol. 2, p. 257, will be useful.

<sup>1</sup> 外丹 2 內丹 3 縣解錄 + 鴈門公妙解錄 5 守仙五子丸 6 通玄秘循 7沈知言 8 華蓋丹 11 玄

<sup>9</sup> 還丹肘後訣 10 紅鉛

a TT016.

that is to say, mercury. What comes out of cinnabar indicates the presence of Yin. Yet when the Yang combines with the (element) Metal, it gives mercury. Hence this cannot be endured by the (element) Wood, which is controlled and conquered by the (element) Metal. Now the (element) Metal holds the (element) Water within its womb. To keep the (element) Water at ease one has to maintain the (element) Metal. The (element) Wood holds the (element) Fire within its womb. The (element) Water is needed to control the (element) Fire. Hence the (element) Water within lead answers to the same (element) Water within mercury, while the (element) Fire within lead also answers to the same (element) Fire within mercury. (Therefore amalgamation occurs.) The (element) Wood is embodied in their nature and the (element) Fire combines their form.

The Oral Instructions say: The (element) Water within lead (chhien shui¹) implies (an affinity for) mercury. What is found in nature (disseminated as ores), cinnabar, contains Yang mercury (Yang hung²). Yet mercury belongs to the (element) Water, so mercury extracted from cinnabar is Yin mercury (Yin hung³)....

Anyone who feels that this kind of thing is less illuminating than it might be is invited to reflect that exactly the same sort of argumentation was going on among the Aristotelian proto-chemists of late Renaissance Europe, and that Robert Boyle's 'Sceptical Chymist' of +1661 was written primarily to show that neither the Four Elements of scholasticism nor the Tria Prima of Western alchemy could ever hope to do justice to the volume of new chemical knowledge. But here we are in the +9th century, not the +17th, and the writer of the Huan Tan Chou Hou Chüeh was doing his best for a rational explanation.

Three other Thang alchemical texts in the Tao Tsang are worthy of mention here; (a) the Ta Tan Chhien Hung Lun<sup>4</sup> (Discourse on the Lead and Mercury of the Great Elixir)<sup>a</sup> by Chin Chu-Pho,<sup>5</sup> (b) the Huan Chin Shu<sup>6</sup> (Account of the Cyclically (-Transformed) Metallous Enchymoma)<sup>b</sup> by Thao Chih<sup>7</sup>,<sup>c</sup> and (c) the Tan Lun Chüeh Chih Hsin Chien<sup>8</sup> (Elucidation of Secret Teachings concerning Elixirs)<sup>d</sup> written by Chang Hsüan-Tê,<sup>9</sup> It is not possible to give any of them an exact date. All three are more concerned with physiological than with proto-chemical alchemy, and urge great caution about the danger of poisoning by elixir preparations.

The Ta Tan Chhien Hung Lun is a small tractate purporting to deal with lead amalgamation, as its title implies. The following passage goes to show the mutationist style of Chin Chu-Pho's writing:

Lead is a Yin (substance), black in colour and corresponding to the Sombre Warrior (hsüan wu 10).c Its trigram is Khan, 11 which belongs to the North, and its cyclical characters are jen and kuei.f The (element) Water is born from the (element) Metal, so that there is

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b TT915. The text is also excerpted in YCCC, ch. 70, pp. 13aff.
c See further on him in pt. 5 below.
d TT 928. The text is also to be found in YCCC, ch. 66. Tr. Sivin (5).
e Symbol of the North (cf. Vol. 3, p. 242).
Compass-points adjacent to due north (Vol. 4, pt. 1, Table 51).
                 2陽汞
                               3 陰汞
                                                        4 大丹鉛汞論
                                                                             5金竹坡
1 鉛水
                               8 丹論訣指心鑑
                                                       9 張玄德
                                                                            10 玄武
6 還金述
                 7陶植
11 坎
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Water within Metal.<sup>a</sup> The colour of Metal (as such) is white, corresponding to the White Tiger.<sup>b</sup> Its trigram is *Tui*,<sup>t</sup> which belongs to the West, and *kêng* and *hsin* are its cyclical characters.<sup>c</sup> This is gold.<sup>d</sup>

Mercury is a Yang (substance), blue-green in colour and corresponding to the Caerulean Dragon.<sup>e</sup> Its trigram is Chen,<sup>2</sup> which belongs to the (element) Wood in the East, and has *chia* and *i* as its cyclical characters.<sup>f</sup> Now the (element) Wood can give birth to the (element) Fire.<sup>g</sup> Hence mercury can give rise to cinnabar. The colour (of cinnabar) is red. It is the Red Bird,<sup>h</sup> and its trigram is Li,<sup>3</sup> which belongs to the South. Its cyclical characters are *ping* and *ting*,<sup>1</sup> and it is associated with the (element) Fire.

Hence Khan corresponds to the (element) Water and to the moon, (denoting) lead, while Li corresponds to the (element) Fire and to the sun, (denoting what can be made from) mercury,

The Huan Chin Shu makes frequent reference to Wei Po-Yang's Tshan Thung Chhi, emphasising however that the mercury and lead mentioned therein must not be regarded as real metals. To quote from Thao Chih; the 'Those who say that mercury can be made into a "gold elixir" are deceiving others, (and those who) claim that cinnabar can arrest the process of ageing do not understand the Tao.'

In Chang Hsüan-Tê's Tan Lun Chüeh Chih Hsin Chien the number of substances used for elixir-making (if that was what it was) is much reduced. It talks of lead and mercury only, again in a way reminiscent of the time of Wei Po-Yang. It also warns of the danger of poisoning if such things as alum, sulphur and sal ammoniac are used. All these marks are characteristic of the nei tan school.

From the late +9th and early +1oth centuries come many stories of projective aurifaction and argentifaction (often involving conscious deception), as well as of successful longevity or preservation of youth by means of elixirs. Chhen Yün-Shêng (fl. +904 to +943) was one who achieved all these, Sometimes the production of purple sheen gold (tzu mo chin ) is mentioned, curious in view of Hellenistic iōsis. Tshai Thien could make this, about +875, though later exposed as 'incompetent' and executed. The same source tells us of another alchemist, Tsung Hsiao-Tzu, who used to foretell the success or failure of his operations by the use of a diviner's board when in exile in Szechuan about +880. Ho Fa-Chhêng got artificial silver

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a See Vol. 2, p. 257.
                                                   b Symbol of the West.
  c Compass-points adjacent to due west.
  d One would have expected yellow gold to belong to yellow Centre.

    Symbol of the East.

  f Compass-points adjacent to due east.
  g See Vol. 2, p. 257.
                                                   h Symbol of the South.
  1 Compass-points adjacent to due south.
  J TT 916, p. 1 a, b, tr. auct. Slight emendations to the text as it has come down to us have been
necessary in order to make sense of it.
  k TT915, p. 5a, tr. auct.
  1 See, e.g., Tu Hsing Tsa Chih (+1176), ch. 6, p. 11 b; Kuei Yuan Tshung Than, in Lei Shuo, ch. 52,
p. 5a.
 m Chiang Huai I Jen Lu (c. +975), p. 15a.
                                                  n Cf. the discussion in pt. 2, pp. 23, 253 ff. above.
  o Pei Mêng So Yen (c. +950), ch. 11, p. 4a. Cf. Miyakawa Hisayuki (1).
  P Ibid. p. 5b; we have mentioned him before in Vol. 4, pt. 1, p. 269.
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9 桂苑叢談

8 何法成

6 蔡畋

7宗小子

(yao yin¹) from a Buddhist monk who eventually under duress taught him a misleading method, with which he nearly came to grief at the Szechuanese court of Wang Yen² (r. +918 to +925). A general, Chang Chih-Fang, successfully demonstrated a 'method of concreting mercury by projection' (kan shui yin tien chih+) before an assembly of scholars, saying that he himself did not pretend to understand it, but had forced a Taoist to give him the materials and instructions. Again, about +875 Shenthu Pieh-Chia<sup>5</sup> was practising 'the gilding of tiles by a projection method' (tien chuan wa pan yeh<sup>6</sup>) but became involved with greedy and unscrupulous officials and so lost his life, though his son Shenthu Ssu-Ma<sup>7</sup> kept some of the mercury-projection chemicals (tien hung yao<sup>8</sup>).d

## (iii) Alchemy in Japan

Standing now at the very end of that Thang period during which Japanese culture crystallised into its permanent form, one is naturally moved to ask questions about the role of alchemy there. On previous pages we have said something on the penetration of Chinese spagyrical art and knowledge southwards to Vietnam and Burma, northwards to Korea—what of its spread eastwards to Japan?

When one surveys medieval Japanese alchemy and early chemistry one notes first of all a general similarity to China in simple chemical and metallurgical technology. But then there appears a distinct difference in that elixir alchemy was just as prominent as in China though aurifiction and aurifaction were hardly known or practised at all. It seems that ancient Japan was relatively rich in natural gold, both mineral and alluvial, as well as being able to get still more of it from the Siberian tribes; h for this

Bid. p. 4a.
On the term tien see pp. 38, 100.
Ibid. p. 3b.
Ibid. p. 5a. Cf. Miyakawa Hisayuki (1).

<sup>e</sup> This can readily be seen by leafing through the inorganic chapters (59-61) of Terashima Ryōan's <sup>o</sup> Wakan Sanzai Zue<sup>10</sup> of +1712, translated by de Mély (1). Names of Japanese localities where mines and chemical industries existed are often given.

f The Shoku-Nihongi 11 records an edict by the emperor Mommu 12 about gold-mines in +698. One famous medieval source was the island of Kinkazan, 13 off the coast north-east of Sendai, 14 where the works must go back at least to +725, for in that year the emperor Shōmu, 15 pleased at their rich tribute, changed the reign-period name to Tempyō-Kampō 16 in its honour. I visited the beautiful Shinto temple on Kinkazan in 1971 with Dr Yoshida Tadashi, Dr Lu Gwei-Djen and Dr Dorothy Needham.

g Cf. de Mély (1), text, pp. 12-13, tr., pp. 14-15; Tsunoda & Goodrich (1), pp. 50, 83, 120.

h Evidence for the richness of medieval Japan in gold can be adduced from the Kitāb al-Masālik wa'l-Mamālik of Ibn Khurdādhbih, c. +885. 'In the eastern parts of al-Sīn (China)', he wrote, 'is the country of al-Wāqwāq, which is so rich in gold that its people make the chains of their dogs and the neck-rings of their apes from gold, and they bring to market shirts woven with gold (threads) for sale' (from Bibl. Geogr. Arabicorum, ed. de Goeje, vol. 6, p. 69, tr. Dunlop (6), p. 158). Marco Polo four centuries later emphasised the same thing (ch. 159 on Çipingu, Moule & Pelliot tr., vol. 1, pp. 357-8). And after yet another four centuries the readers of the Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society learnt from 'an ingenious Person that hath many years resided in that country' how Japan was 'exceedingly stored with gold-mines' (Anon. (105), p. 985).

We are able to illustrate the Arabic accounts by a picture (Fig. 1363) from an illustrated manuscript (Roy. Asiat. Soc. 178) of Zakariyā ibn Muḥammad ibn Maḥmūd al-Qazwīnī's world geography, 'Ajā'ib

1 葉銀 2 王衍 3 張直方 4 乾水銀點側 5 申屠別駕 6 監販瓦半葉 7 申屠司馬 8 監永薨 9 寺島良安 10 和漢三才圖會 11 續日本能 12 文武 13 金華山 14 仙台 15 聖武 16 天平感寰

reason artificial 'gold' was not particularly interesting.a In the great collection of poetry assembled in +759, the Manyoshu (Anthology of a Myriad Leaves), there are many references to gold and to gilt objects; moreover we know that such works as the gilding of the colossal Buddha image in the Todaiji2 temple at Nara about +770 were done on a lavish scale. Thus when the novelist Takizawa Bakin 3 about 1820 wrote a story of aurifactive alchemy in his Kinsei-setsu Bishonen-roku,4 based on the early + 17th-century Chinese collection Chin Ku Chhi Kuan (see p. 213 below), the idea was quite strange to Japanese readers, some of whom afterwards supposed that aurifaction was a modern art which had originated as late as that time.

But with the 'chemo-therapeutic' element of Chinese alchemy the case was quite otherwise; drugs of longevity and immortality, whether plant or mineral by origin, were accepted with eagerness. How far Taoist ideas penetrated into Japan, influencing the beginnings of Shintoism, is a very moot point—certainly no recognisable Taoist Church ever developed there, though similarities between the two religions and their history strike every observer.b In any case the conception of the holy immortals (hsien5), men persisting eternally deep in the forests or among the clouds, is to be found in Japanese culture fairly early, even though mixed already with Buddhism as soon as we can discern it. The Nihon Ryo-iki6 (Record of Strange and Mysterious Things in Japan), written in +823, has several accounts of thaumaturgists and apotropaists who were believed to be able to fly through the air like hsien and to exist without food, or at the very least without cereal food. One of these we have already met with (pt. 2, p. 299), En-no-Shōkaku 7 (or En-no-Gyōja 8), a quite historical character who was born in +634 and died after +70r, undoubtedly a mountain magician but whether really the founder of the shugendo cult or not remains still uncertain.c Another recluse, Kume no sennin, 10 in the +oth century, besides communicating with spirits, al-Makhlūqāt (Marvels of Creation). The book was written about + 1275, and the MS dates from some two centuries later (cf. B. W. Robinson (1), p. 206, who identifies the painter; and Massé (1) illustrating Bib. Nat. Suppl. Pers. 332). Al-Qazwini echoes Ibn Khurdādhbih verbally, attributing the account however to Muḥammad ibn-Zakarīyā al-Rāzī, but adds that all Japan's seventeen hundred islands are ruled by a queen (tr. in Ethé (1), pp. 217, 221-2, cf. 420; Ferrand (1), vol. 2, pp. 300-1). One Mūsa ibn al-Mubarraq al-Shīrafī says that he went there and saw her sitting on her throne in naked perfection, with a great golden crown on her head, and four thousand beautiful serving-maids around her similarly attired. This was either a reminiscence of +4th- or +5th-century Japan before the time of Chinese and Buddhist influence, or a confusion with some hotter country, possibly inspired by paintings or carvings of Indian apsaras or yoginis-but the gold is what is relevant here. Clearly the Japanese never lacked it. As for all the girls, there might be some connection with the voluminous legends of 'Kingdoms of Women', on which see Pelliot (47), vol. 2, pp. 671ff., 681ff.

Such at any rate is the view of Yoshida Mitsukuni (6), pp. 206 ff., one of the few scholars who have investigated medieval Japanese alchemy. What follows in the next few paragraphs is based to a large extent on his researches.

b Cf. Kubo Noritada (1); Tamburello (1). Of the legendary (or semi-legendary) coming of Hsü Fu, Chhin Shih Huang Ti's - 3rd-century macrobiotic explorer, to Shingū in Japan, we have said something at the appropriate place (p. 18 above).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Biography in Nihon Ryo-iki, ch. 1, no. 28. The Shoku-Nihongi (+797) says that he had contact in +699 with a physician Karakuni Hirotari 11 who from his name could have been a Korean. Similar significant contacts earlier in En-no-Shōkaku's life would have been possible, even likely.

<sup>1</sup>萬葉集

<sup>2</sup> 東大寺

<sup>3</sup> 瀧澤馬翠

<sup>+</sup> 近世 脱美少年錄

<sup>5</sup> 仙

<sup>6</sup>日本置異記

<sup>7</sup>役小角

<sup>8</sup> 役行者

<sup>9</sup> 修驗道

<sup>10</sup> 久米仙人

<sup>11</sup> 韓國廣足

was adept at flying, raising and quelling storms, etc.; and similar powers were ascribed to Yōshyō sennin¹ (fl. +9o¹). Self-mummification is reported of a foreign magician in +854. The Taoism latent in all these affairs is evidenced rather clearly by the broad spectrum of yamabushi² ('mountain monk') practices which have continued down to our own time, on the one hand asceticisms going much beyond the normal celibate community life of mainstream Buddhism, and on the other the almost Tantric valuation of sex which made it right for yamabushi to marry (often shamanesses) and to be Shinto priests as well.d

Again, the literature of the +9th century contains some markedly Taoist elements. The oldest text written in the katakana syllabary, the Taketori Monogatari³ (Tale of the Bamboo-Gatherer), probably dates from about +865.e Set in an atmosphere of sennin⁴ (immortals) and tennin⁵ (deities, jade girls, etc.), it describes the finding of a baby in a thicket, and her growth into an outstanding beauty. Kaguyahime,6 however, though very dear to the old man and his wife, is really an immortal exiled from the moon.f She is courted by five distinguished suitors,g and eventually by the emperor himself, but when the time is ripe, upon a night of full moon, a heavenly host descends to conduct her home. She leaves with them, but not before sending a letter and a poem to the mikado, together with a vessel containing some of the elixir of immortality. These daring not to keep he later causes to be burned upon Mt Fuji no Yama. Thus in +9th-century Japan we find a legend profoundly Taoist in character witnessing to the great influence of Chinese culture.h

Many other signs of it can be found. The lore of lucky and unlucky days, for example (shou kêng shen?), and a great use of talismans (fu lu8) in the style of Ko Hung, written e.g. with cinnabar ink on white paper, permeated the Nara and Heian courts. At the same time the Taoist theory of the 'three corpses' (san shih9) in the body, and the Taoist respiratory exercises (fu chhi fa10), figure prominently enough not

b See the Nihongi Ryaku,13 and the Fusō Ryakuki14 of +1198.

d Cf. Hori Ichiro (2), p. 78.

f On the relation of the moon to alchemy and elixirs cf. p. 63 above.

g These, it is thought, probably symbolise the five elements.

1 Yoshida Mitsukuni (6), pp. 189ff.

J Cf. Kubo Noritada (2).

k See our account of physiological alchemy in Vol. 5, pt. 5.

1 陽勝仙人	2 山伏	3 竹取物語	+ 仙人	5 天人
6かじゃ姫	7 守庚申	* 符錄	*三尸	10 服氣法
11 今昔物語	12 徙然草	13 日本記畧	14 桑扶畧肥	15 文德實錄

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> His deeds are recorded in the Konjaku Monogatari, <sup>12</sup> a collection of traditions compiled in + 1107, and in the later miscellany Tsurezuregusa <sup>12</sup> (+ 1338), Porter tr., p. 14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Montoku-Jitsuroku<sup>15</sup> (+879), one of the six classical histories of Japan. On self-mummification cf. Ando Kosei (2); Anon. (103); and pt. 2, pp. 299ff. above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> The outside limits are +810 and +955. There is a noteworthy German translation by Matsubara Hisako (1). Cf. Yasuda Yuri (1), an abridged version in English.

h On the book and its background see the monograph by Matsubara Hisako (2), which includes a less literary translation more suitable for scholars. The *Taketori Monogatari* is full of alchemical echoes—one of the suitors has to bring asbestos cloth (see Vol. 3, pp. 655ff.), another is sent to the Isle of Phêng-Lai for a branch of the tree made of precious metals and jewels (cf. p. 19), a third must fetch the night-shining jewel (Vol. 1, p. 199), and finally Kaguyahime dons a cloak of feathers before taking off (cf. Vol. 2, p. 141).

only in 'esoteric' or Tantric shingon<sup>1</sup> (mikkyō<sup>2</sup>) Buddhism,<sup>a</sup> but also in the great medical work I Hsin Fang<sup>3</sup> (Ishinhō<sup>3</sup>) compiled by Tamba no Yasuyori<sup>4</sup> in +982.<sup>b</sup>

The fact is that almost from the beginning of the +6th century Chinese protoscientific influence had been pouring into Japan, both directly and through Korea. The despatch of the first Japanese ambassador, Ono Imoko,5 to the Sui court in +607,c is often taken as the focal point of such intercourse, but it had begun long before. Already in +554 a Korean Professor of Medicine, Wangyu Rungtha,6 accompanied by two Pharmacognostic Masters, Pan Yungphung7 and Chong Yutha,8 had brought Chinese medicine (and naturally the iatro-chemistry of the time) from Paekche to Japan. In + 562 the Chinese monk Chih-Tshung (Chisō) brought many books on pharmaceutical natural history (yao tien 10), anatomy and acupuncture (ming thang thu 11); while in +602 the Korean monk Kwölluk 12 (Kwanroku 12) introduced from Paekche not only the first of the learned calendrical systems, f together with geography, divination and natural magic, but also further medical knowledge and practice (including apotropaics), which he taught to one of the pioneer Japanese students, Hinamitachi 13. g Similarly, just after the first China embassy there came from Koguryō in Korea in +610 the priest Tamjing,14 skilled in all kinds of technology, among which some chemical industry must certainly have figured as well as the millwright's art which the chronicle records.h Again, in +685 the Paekche priest Popchang 15 appeared presenting tribute of drugs, notably pai shu, 16 that characteristically Taoist longevity medicine (cf. pp. 11, 40 above). In the following century the flow continued, for the great Buddhist Chien-Chen 17 (Kanshin, 17 + 688 to +763),

i Nihongi, ch. 29 (vol. 3, p. 394), tr. Aston (1), pt. 2, pp. 371-2. The plant is a Composite, Atractylis ovata (R14). A lay Japanese collaborator Kinshö<sup>28</sup> (Masuda no Atahe<sup>29</sup>) was trained in making the preparation.

1 質質	2 密数	3 隆心方	* 丹波の康頼	5 小野妹子
6 王有陵陀	7 潘量豐	8 丁有陀	9 知聰	10 薬典
11 明堂圖	12 勸 勒	13 日並立	14 機徹	15 法藏
16 白朮	17 鑑賞	18 王房秘訣	19 玄女經	20 服石論
21 延壽赤書	22 裴煜	23 🛨	24 日本記	25 裝 世 清
26 山背臣	27 法定	28 金鐘	29 益田直	

a Cf. the monograph of Sawa Ryüken (1).

b This collection preserved excerpts from many Chinese texts which would otherwise have become completely lost. The Yü Fang Pi Chüch 18 and the Hsüan Nü Ching 19 (cf. Vol. 5, pt. 5, and meanwhile Vol. 2, p. 147) are well-known examples, but there is also the Fu Shih Lun 20 (Treatise on the Consumption of Mineral Drugs) listed in the Sui dynastic bibliography, and the Yen Shou Chhih Shu 21 (Red Book on the Promotion of Longevity) by Phei Yü 22 (or Hsüan 23). Both these titles are indicative of elixir alchemy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Nihongi,<sup>24</sup> ch. 22 (vol. 3, pp. 130ff.), tr. Aston (1), pt. 2, pp. 136ff. A return embassy of twelve persons, headed by Phei Shih-Chhing,<sup>25</sup> accompanied him home in the following year, and when Phei went back to China after some months' stay eight Japanese students (of whom four were priests) went with him. Cf. Wang Chi-Wu (1), pp. 52ff.

d See Miki Sakae (1), p. 26; Kimiya Yasuhiko (1).

e Miki Sakae, loc. cit.; Shirai Mitsutaro (1).

f Cf. Vol. 3, p. 391, as also Rufus (2). See Nihongi, ch. 22 (vol. 3, p. 120), tr. Aston (1), pt. 2, p. 126.

g Also called Yamashiro no Omi,26 Miki Sakae (1), p. 27.

h Nihongi, ch. 22 (vol. 3, p. 135), tr. Aston (1), pt. 2, p. 140. Tamjing's companion Popchong 27 seems also to have been a technician.

builder of the 'Tōshōdaiji¹ temple at Nara, a had a reputation for pharmaceutical learning which earned him the appellation of 'the Shen Nung of Japan'. And elsewhere (pt. 2, p. 161) we have seen something of the Chinese drug specimens deposited in the Shōsōin Treasury in +756 and preserved there to this day (cf. Fig. 1364 a-d). As for books, we are fortunate that there still exists a Japanese bibliography drawn up about +895 which notes many works of Chinese origin extant at that time, the Nihon-koku Ganzai-sho Mokuroku² compiled by Fujiwara no Sukeyo. Among sixty-three Taoist titles and sixty-eight on medicine there are at least six clearly concerned with alchemy in one form or another.

It is thus not surprising that throughout the whole of the Heian period, from about +795 to +1185, the imperial court and the nobility were consistently devoted to longevity medicines, at first primarily of plant origin but later more and more mineral and metallic. In the +8th century general *chhang shêng* tonics, powders compounded from plant materials alone, were widely used; but from the reign of the emperor Saga (+809 to +823) more daring elixirs supervened. He himself took, contrary to the advice of his physicians, powdered quartz (pai shih ying ) and a potable gold

d E.g. tosusan, 20 shinmeihokusan 21 and doshiyōsan; 22 the composition of all of which can be found in the Chhien Chin Yao Fang (c. +655), and similarly in the Ssu Shih Tsuan Yao, 23 a technical encyclopaedia for farming families put together by Han O24 about a century later (pp. 47, 82, 168, 169).

i	唐招提寺	2 日本國現在	書目錄 3 藤原佐世	4 長生
5	嵯峨	6 白石英	7 太清諧草木方集要	8 太清神丹經
9	太清金液丹經	10 太清金液河	丹經 "太清神丹中都	蓝
11	神仙芝草圖	13 仙草圖	14 神仙玉芝瑞草圖	15 陶弘景
16	神仙服食靈芝菖蒲	丸方	17 芝草圖	18 孫思邈
19	太上靈賓芝草品		20 屠蘇散	21 神明白散
22	廖 献 粉 23 p	d除實施	24 直於 駅下	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> This still exists in full use and preservation. The name commemorates the Chinese origin, and the words chao-thi transliterate Skr. caturdiśa, the four directions of space, whence would congregate the monks of the temple. Grateful thanks are due to the Rev. Endo Shōen, Sub-Dean, for his hospitality and tireless explanations on the occasion of our visit in the summer of 1971, accompanied by Prof. Yabuuchi Kiyoshi, Prof. Shimao Eikoh, Dr Hashimoto Keizō and other friends.

b See the biography by Ando Kosei (1).

c These are as follows. (1) A Thai-Chhing Chu Tshao Mu Fang Chi Yao? (Collection of all the Important Plant Drug Prescriptions; a Thai-Chhing Scripture); this is in both Thang dynastic bibliographies but was afterwards lost. (2) A Thai-Chhing Shen Tan Ching,8 and (3) a Thai-Chhing Chin I Tan Ching. These may have been parts of TT873, the still existing Thai-Ching Chin I Shen Tan Ching 10 (on which see pp. 96, 99); though the Sui and both the Thang bibliographies list also a Thai-Chhing Shen Tan Chung Ching,11 which does not seem to have been preserved, at least under that title. (4) A Shen Hsien Chih Tshao Thu 12 (Illustrations of the Mushrooms of the Holy Immortals), and (5) a Hsien Tshao Thu 13 (Illustrations of the Drug-Plants of the Immortals). Both these probably had some connection with the Shen Hsien Yü Chih Jui Tshao Thu14 ascribed to Thao Hung-Ching 15 in the Sung bibliography but lost long since. There still exists, however, as TT837, the Shen Hsien Fu Shih Ling Chih Chhang Phu Wan Fang 16 (Prescriptions for making Pills from Numinous Mushrooms and Sweet Flag, as taken by the Holy Immortals), which may be a related text. Lastly (6), the Chih Tshao Thu17 (Illustrations of Mushrooms and Plants) may have been identical with the treatise of the same title in the Sui and both Thang bibliographies, and attributed to Sun Ssu-Mo18 in the Sung one. A presumably related work still exists, the Thai-Shang Ling-Pao Chih Tshao Phin 10 (TT 1387). We shall return to these interesting texts in Section 38, when dealing with botanical iconography and mycology. In the meantime the Taoist flavour of all this is so obvious that it needs no emphasis.

elixir' (chin i tan¹).ª Towards the end of his reign the imperial physician Mononobe Kōsen² produced a treatise with the significant title Shê Yang Yao Chüeh³ (Setsuyō Yoketsu³), i.e. 'Important Instructions for the Preservation of Health conducive to Longevity'. The court was always ready to listen to herbalists as well as to metallurgical alchemists, and under Montoku⁴ (r. +851 to +858), a pharmaceutical adept Takada Chitsugi⁵ was authorised to plant special physic gardens full of kou chhi⁴.b So also, during the later + 10th century there was a great vogue for black myrobalans.c The admiration of the Heian court for everything foreign, and its propensity for continual medication, can be seen in the life of the Regent Fujiwara no Tadahira,7 who died in +949 after chronic illness of long duration. In his diary he reports the taking of elixirs also by the emperor Daigo³ (r. +897 to +930). Besides chin i tan, there were 'stalactite pills' (chung ju wan²), 'red snow', i.e. powder (hung hsüeh¹¹¹) and 'purple snow' (tzu hsüeh¹¹¹); both these last complex mixtures containing mercuric sulphide.d

During the centuries of upheaval and civil strife after the Heian period interest in elixirs lessened, though it would be possible to follow much further the fortunes of mineral therapy and alchemical medicine in Japan. But enough has been said to suggest that of all the countries within China's intellectual field of force Japan was the

<sup>a</sup> This was almost certainly the *chin i hua shen tan*<sup>12</sup> described in slightly later books. It appears almost simultaneously in the *Ishinhō* (+982) and in the *Thai-Phing Shêng Hui Fang* <sup>13</sup> of +992 (now rare), by Wang Huai-Yin, <sup>14</sup> Chêng Yen <sup>15</sup> et al. A complex preparation, it started with magnetite and sulphur, and involved heating such inorganic substances with the urine of youths—if the total solids of this remained, the result could perhaps have contained some of the urinary steroid hormones. As we shall see in Vol. 5, pt. 5, procedures of this kind appear to go back at least as far as the latter part of the +8th century; meanwhile see Lu Gwei-Djen & Needham (3). *Thai-Phing Hui Min Ho Chi Chü Fang* <sup>16</sup> (p. 104) adds red bole clay but does not mention the urine (+1151).

The 'potable gold' preparation was favoured also by one of Saga's successors, Nimmyö<sup>17</sup> (r. +833 to +850), who supplemented it by 'pills of the seven *chhi'* (*chhi chhi wan* <sup>18</sup>). Full details are in the *Shoku-Nihonkoki*, <sup>19</sup> a history concerned only with this reign.

b I.e. Lycium chinense (R115, Stuart (1), p. 250). The account is in the Montoku-Jitsuroku.

<sup>c</sup> These are fruits of the Combretaceous vine *Terminalia chebula* (R247, Khung et al. (1), p.1120.1; Anon. (109), vol. 2, p. 988.1), essentially an Indian medicinal product. Jap. karirokugan corresponds to Chinese ho-li-lê<sup>20</sup> (cf. Skr. haritaki, Tam. kadukai); cf. Burkill (1), vol. 2, p. 2134; Ainslie (1), vol. 2, p. 128.

d The formulae are in the Ishinhō, the Wai Thai Pi Yao, and the Ssu Shih Tsuan Yao (pp. 161-2). Red snow contained nine plant drugs, two kinds of animal horn, Glauber's salt (sodium sulphate) and powdered cinnabar. Purple snow was still more complicated, comprising besides powdered metallic gold five other minerals (among which potassium nitrate), five plant drugs (including three perfume aromatics) and three animal substances (including one perfume, musk). These were veritable East Asian theriacs.

According to Yoshida Mitsukuni (6), p. 203, there are descriptions of six types of pharmaceutical preparations in the Wamyō  $Ruij\bar{u}sh\bar{o}$ ,  $^{22}$  an encyclopaedia produced by Minamoto no Shitagau  $^{22}$  in +934. One of the types is tan yao,  $^{23}$  and under this head sixteen elixir preparations are described, including 'potable gold elixir', 'jade juice' ( $y\bar{u}$   $i^{24}$ ), red snow and purple snow. Minamoto's source for this seems to have been a Ta Thang Yen Nien  $Ching^{25}$  (Great Thang Dynasty Manual of the Promotion of Longevity). No such title exists in the Chinese dynastic bibliographies themselves, but a Yen Nien Pi Lu,  $^{26}$  though now lost, is in both the Thang lists and the Sung one.

1金液丹 2	物部廣泉	3 摄	養要訣 4	文德 5	竹田干繼
9 枸杞 7	藤原忠平	8 配	西湖 9	鐘乳丸 10	紅雪
11 紫雪 11	金液華神丹	12 太	平聖惠方 4	王慎隱 15	郧彦
"太平惠民和卿局	方	17 仁	明 18	七氣丸 19	續日本後記
40 詞黎勒	11 倭名類聚抄	22 源	順 23	丹薬 24	玉液
25 - 上斯新年級	26 THE ST ST. OFF.				

one where the elixir idea developed in purest culture, almost free from the preoccupations of aurifiction and aurifaction so often elsewhere associated with it.

## (iv) Handbooks of the Wu Tai

Some of the rulers of the Five Dynasties also took an interest in elixirs. The emperor Thai Tsu of Later Liang (r. +907 to +914) became seriously ill as a result of elixir poisoning, and fell a ready victim to a plot of assassination. Li Shêng, the founder of the Southern Thang kingdom, also died from elixir poisoning. The official history Wu Tai Shih Chi tells us about the alchemists Wang Jung<sup>2</sup> (+873 to +921) and Chêng Ao<sup>3</sup> (+866 to +939). It says:<sup>a</sup>

Wang Jung was fond of unorthodox arts (tso tao +) and prepared elixirs for the achievement of immortality. Together with the Taoist Wang Jo-Na, 5 he dwelt at Hsi-shan 6 and roamed about among the mountains....

Chêng Ao (Chêng Yün-Sou<sup>7</sup>) failed in the imperial examinations, which he took during the time of the Thang emperor Chao Tsung (+889 to +903).... He went to live in Hua-yin<sup>8</sup> to search for an elixir said to have been formed by five pine-seeds buried in the ground among the Hua-shan<sup>9</sup> Mountains for a thousand years.... One of his friends, Li Tao-Yin,<sup>10</sup> could fish successfully without using bait, and also knew how to turn minerals into gold (nêng hua shih wei chin<sup>11</sup>).

Three notable works, including two handbooks of considerable importance, were produced during the Five Dynasties period. These were (a) the Pao Tsang Lun<sup>12</sup> (Discourse on the Precious Treasury of the Earth), b a treatise on minerals and metals produced in the close neighbourhood of +918 by an alchemist who adopted the pseudonym Chhing Hsia Tzu, 13 (b) the Ta Huan Tan Chao Chien 14 (An Elucidation of the Great Cyclically-Transformed Elixir), c written by an anonymous author in +962, and (c) the Tan Fang Chien Yuan 15 (Mirror of Alchemical Processes and Reagents) written by Tuku Thao, 16 who seems to have flourished during the time of the Later Shu emperor Mêng Chhang 17 (+938 to +965).

Alchemical interest in exotic products is shown again by the Hai Kho Lunzt (Guests from Overseas), TT1033, written by Li Kuang-Hsüanza a century or more later. This short book deserves study.

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1 李昇
           3 王鎔
                       3 鄭遨
                                 4 左道
                                          5 王若納
                                                      。西山
7 鄭雲叟
          8 華陰
                                 10 李道殷
                       0 華山
                                          II 能化石爲金
                                                     12 實職論
11 青霞子
          14 大燙丹照鑑
                      15 丹方鑑源
                                16 獨孤滔
                                         17 孟昶
18 軒轅寶蔵論 19 李珣
                      20 海藥本草
                                 21 海客論
                                          22 李光玄
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a Ch. 39, p. 1a and ch. 34, p. 2a.

b Often quoted as Hsien-Yuan Pao Tsang Lun.<sup>18</sup> We no longer possess the full work, but there are a fair number of quotations in the pharmaceutical natural histories and related literature.

TT919.

The dating of Tuku Thao to the time of Mêng Chhang d

c The dating of Tuku Thao to the time of Mêng Chhang derives from an opinion of our friend Dr Li Hsiang-Chieh (cf. Vol. 1, p. 12), privately communicated. In any case he must have lived before +1150, when Chêng Chhiao put him in the Thung Chih Lüch bibliography. If he lived in Szechuan under the Later Shu, he must surely have known the Li family of Earlier Shu, since both dynasties were very short. In Vol. 6 we consider at some length Li Hsün 19 and his brother and sister, prominent between +919 and +925. Of Persian origin, they were all excellent Chinese scholars, and Li Hsün produced in +923 his Hai Yao Pên Tshao 10 (Natural History of Drugs from Overseas), now lost as such but quoted frequently enough in later books. The brothers were merchants of drugs and perfumes, local and exotic, and skilled in the distillation of the essential oils, Arabic, Persian, Indian and Malayan.

Of the value of the *Pao Tsang Lun* we have occasion to speak in other contexts.<sup>a</sup> The *Ta Huan Tan Chao Chien* is a tractate, rather short and seemingly obscure unless one is familiar with the theories and terminology of the *nei tan* (physiological alchemy) school.

Take the following example:

Oral instructions of (the Adept) Yen Chün-Phing.1

Lead is lead, mercury is mercury. Only these two are lead and mercury. The Dragon is the Dragon, the Tiger is the Tiger, and only these two share the same ancestors. If one can understand this (one can next proceed to consider) the positions of the trigram Khan and (the trigram) Li. Under Li is found 'yellow earth' (huang thu²), and from 'yellow earth' comes forth the 'yellow sprout' (huang ya³), which bears the 'golden flower' (chin hua⁴). When the 'golden flower' is formed under (Li) the 'purple essence' (tzu ching⁵) will congeal. When the golden flower comes into being the 'white metal' (pai chin6) will form below it, for white metal sinks, while 'yellow metal' (huang chin7) floats. The part that sinks is taken as the most important constituent of the elixir (tan thou³), (but) a search has to be made for the 'red marrow' (chhih sui9). After mixing they have to be sown. There is a proper time for sowing as well as a proper time for reaping. The muscles of the aspirant are transformed and his bones are strengthened so that he may live as long as the immortals of Heaven and Earth. Do not contemplate the transmutation of lead, iron and fragments of broken tile. One, Two, Three, Four, Five; Water, Fire, Wood, Metal, and Earth. To understand just this one secret essential is the (sovereign) Way to the achievement of immortality.c

Here we seem to approach rather closely the style of writing of late medieval European alchemists, with their elliptical allusiveness and oracular pronouncements not meant to be understood too readily. At the same time one may note the role of the symbolic correlations supplementing the Five Elements and the Book of Changes, features of course exclusively Chinese.

The Tan Fang Chien Yuan details the properties of many alchemical reagents, including metals, minerals, plants and other organic substances such as urine.<sup>d</sup> It describes only one alchemical process, in connection with a formula for preparing the 'Five yellow (substances) pill' (wu huang wan<sup>10</sup>), in which equal weights of realgar (hsiung huang<sup>11</sup>), orpiment (tzhu huang<sup>12</sup>), arsenious oxide (phi huang<sup>13</sup>), sulphur (liu huang<sup>14</sup>), and yellow alum (huang fan<sup>15</sup>) are fused together, mixed with vinegar and common salt, and heated in a closed reaction-vessel until a sublimate is formed under the cover.<sup>e</sup> The book consists of three short chapters, the first of which has been translated into English in a pioneer work by Fêng Chia-Lo & Collier (1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See pt. 2, p. 273 and here, pp. 130, 211.

b Here the cosmogonic enumeration order will be recognised (cf. Vol. 2, pp. 253 ff.). It must have been prevalent among the alchemists, as we find it clearly set forth in *Tshan Thung Chhi*, ch. 34, p. 11 a. c P. 23 a, b, tr. auct.

d This is particularly interesting in view of the work of the iatro-chemists which will be considered in Vol. 6, Sect. 45; meanwhile see Lu Gwei-Djen & Needham (3).

e In ch. 3, pp. 6b, 7a.

 <sup>1</sup> 数君平
 2 黄土
 3 黄芽
 4 金花
 5 紫精

 6 白金
 7 黄金
 8 丹頭
 9 赤髓
 10 五黄丸

 11 雄黄
 12 雄黄
 13 砒黄
 14 硫黄
 15 黄藜

Chinese alchemy seems in a way to have reached its peak of development between the time of Ko Hung early in the +4th century and that of Mei Piao at the beginning of the +9th. This can be seen in the lucid style of many of the alchemical writings of this period (a great departure from the abstruse language used by Wei Po-Yang), in the adventurous experimentation with ever greater numbers of inorganic substances for elixir recipes, and in the development of alchemical theory. The majority of the most important proto-chemical writings we now possess belong to this period. From the + 9th century onwards there was a tendency to revert to the gnomic and theoretical style, a marked decrease in the number of substances used in clixirs, and a growing interest in substances of plant and animal origin. Alchemical writings took the form of compendia like the Yün Chi Chhi Chhien collection and the Kêng Tao Chi (Collection of Procedures of the Golden Art); b or else of commentaries, such as the many annotations of the Tshan Thung Chhi already mentioned (p. 53). It now becomes difficult to decide whether a writer belonged to the wai tan or the nei tan school. Such changes may have been in part a direct consequence of elixir poisoning, for from the beginning of the +9th century onwards one Thang emperor after another, Hsien Tsung (r. +806 to +820), Mu Tsung (r. +821 to +824), Ching Tsung (r. +825 to +826), Wu Tsung (r. +841 to +846), and Hsüan Tsung (r. +847 to +859), died as a result of taking elixirs in the hope of becoming immortal. Many alchemists themselves, especially the more brilliant ones who had the most faith in their own preparations, must also have perished in the same way. Other alchemists must have been much alarmed at the numerous cases of elixir-poisoning, so they changed their approach; giving their allegiance rather to the relatively new school of nei tan (physiological) alchemy, subjecting the ancient texts to a 'modernist' exegesis, and turning away from minerals towards plant and animal products. Another factor for the decline of alchemy may be sought in the loss of Taoist writings during the successive upheavals of the last two centuries of the Thang, e.g. the uprisings of An Lu-Shan<sup>2</sup> and Shih Ssu-Ming<sup>3</sup> in the +8th century and that of Huang Chhao<sup>4</sup> in the +9th; then the great chaos during the transitional period of the Five Dynasties in the +10th century.

# (v) Theocratic mystification and the laboratory in the National Academy

We shall now find that the continuation of the gradual decline of alchemy during the Sung was due neither to lack of enthusiasm on the part of the emperors nor to opposition from the literati. On the contrary, the Sung emperors were great supporters of Taoism.<sup>c</sup> We have already mentioned the effort made by the second Sung ruler Thai Tsung to search for Taoist writings (p. 115), and we need only say something of some of his successors. We are also told that certain scholars and high officials, like Fan Chung-Yen<sup>5</sup> (+989 to +1052) and Su Chhê,<sup>6</sup> were acquainted with the alchemi-

a TT 1020. b TT 946. See p. 197 below.

c This period has already been discussed by Ho Ping-Yü (14).

<sup>1</sup> 庚道集 2 安祿山 3 史思明 4 黃巢 5 范仲藤 6 蘇轍

cal art, and we have already seen that the great neo-Confucian scholar, Chu Hsi himself, did not disdain to write a commentary on the Tshan Thung Chhi.

Earlier on the Thang emperors had found it convenient to adopt as their patronal ancestor Lao Tzu, the putative founder of Taoism, because of the common surname Li. In the year +667 the Thang emperor Kao Tsung (r. +650 to +682) conferred upon Lao Tzu the posthumous title of a past emperor, Thai-Shang Hsüan-Yuan Huang Ti, thus claiming him as the forbear of the reigning family.

During the Sung period it was thought expedient to select another figure from among the imperial clan to take the place of Lao Tzu. Hence the third emperor, Chao Hêng,<sup>3</sup> whose temple name is Chen Tsung (r. +997 to +1022), created a new putative founder of Taoism and a new ancestral patron in the person of one Chao Hsüan-Lang,<sup>4</sup> conferring upon him the brief title Thai-Shang Khai-Thien Chih-Fu Yü Li Han-Chen Thi-Tao Yü-Huang Ta-Thien Ti.<sup>5</sup> Chen Tsung was either a real lay Taoist in the Mao Shan revelatory tradition (pt. 2, p. 110) or a man prepared to use it for his own purposes—perhaps both. The Sung Shih reports many revelations vouchsafed to him in dreams,<sup>8</sup> and describes how he first received a letter from Heaven in the year +1008. This missive was supposed to have been fastened to a piece of yellow silk suspended from a corner of the roof of a palace-gate. Another message arrived engraved on a piece of jade and the Prime Minister was requested to read it aloud at the palace audience. The following extracts from the Sung Shih regale us with more information about Chen Tsung's activities:<sup>b</sup>

On a jen-shen day in the ninth month of the 1st year of the Hsien-Phing reign-period (+998) he gave (the adept) Chhung Fang<sup>6</sup> gifts of grain, cloth and money. . . . On a tingchou day in the third month of the 4th year (+1001) he sent for Chhung Fang, (but the latter) could not come, saying that he was ill. . . . On an i-ssu day in the seventh month of the 5th year (+ 1002) he again sent for Chhung Fang, the adept of the Chung-nan 7 Mountain, and received a memorial (from him). . . . During the ninth month of the same year he met Chhung Fang at the palace, and after making him one of his advisers, offered him living quarters there. . . . On a ting-yu day in the second month of the 4th year of the Ching-Tê reign-period (+1007) he gave a gift of silk to the recluse Yang Phu8.... On an i-chhou day in the first month of the 1st year of the Ta-Chung Hsiang-Fu reign-period (+1008) a piece of yellow silk (with a letter) was found hanging from a fish-tail-shaped roof-ornament (chhih wei9) at the south corner of the left palace gate. This was reported to the authorities by Thu Jung 10 the gate-keeper. The emperor asked some of the officials to bring it back from there with great reverence to the Chao-Yuan 11 palace-hall, where it was opened (and read). He then pronounced it a 'Letter from Heaven' (thien shu12). . . . On an i-wei day in the sixth month another 'Letter from Heaven' appeared north of Li-chhüan 13 in Thai-shan Mountain. . . . On a chi-yu day in the eighth month Wang Chhin-Jo<sup>14</sup> presented to the emperor over eighty thousand magic mushroom plants (chih tshao15)... On a hsin-mao day in the tenth month the emperor set out from the capital, asking those who accompanied

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b Sung Shih, ch. 6, pp. 5aff., tr. auct.
a Cf. Vol. 2, p. 159; Eichhorn (12).
           2 太上玄元皇帝
                              3 銷價
                                          4 趙玄朗
5太上開天執符御歷含眞體道玉皇大天帝
                                           6種放
                                                        7終南
                              10 塗藥
                                         "朝元
                                                        12 天書
8楊璞
           。 鴟尾
           4 王欽若
                              15 芝草
13 醴泉
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him to lead the procession displaying the 'Letter from Heaven'.... On a ting-chhou day in the eleventh month the emperor returned to his palace from Thai-shan Mountain bringing back with him the 'Letter from Heaven'.... On a ting-ssu day in the twelfth month of the 3rd year (+1011) Li Tsung-O,¹ a Fellow of the Han-lin Academy (Han Lin Hsüch Shih²), and others, presented to the throne an illustrated treatise on the geography of the empire.<sup>a</sup>... On a ting-yu day in the first month of the 4th year (+1011) (the emperor) left the capital, taking along with him the 'Letter from Heaven'.... On a ting-ssu day in the second month, a yellow cloud was seen following the 'Letter from Heaven'.... On a kêng-wu day in the second month of the 4th year (+1011) the emperor gave audience to (the adepts) Chêng Yin³b and Li Ning.⁴... On a hsin-wei day he gave audience to the Taoist Chhai Yu-Hsüan.⁵... On a hsin-chhou day in the first month (+1012) he visited the Thai-Chhing Kung6 temple.... On an i-wei day in the fifth month another 'Letter from Heaven' was found engraved on a piece of jade.... On an i-mao day in the first month of the 1st year of the Thien-Hsi reign-period (+1017) the Prime Minister read out publicly the new 'Letter from Heaven' at (an audience in) the Thien-An² palace-hall.

All this nonsense may seem as meaningless as it is amusing, but one's estimate of Chen Tsung and his time is somewhat altered if one realises that it was exactly at this juncture that a number of important military inventions were made, notably the development of gunpowder bombs thrown by trebuchets, and the first appearance of rocket weapons.c If Chen Tsung preferred to govern by means of theocratic mystification rather than by military might that should be considered civilised of him rather than the reverse. Moreover, it looks as though his Taoists, when consulting with their military colleagues, were capable of suggesting something more serious than magic mushrooms. It is interesting too to note that Chen Tsung had earlier enquired of the Taoist Holan Hsi-Chen<sup>8</sup> (d. +1010) about the transmutation of base metals into gold, but received the reply that the art of transmutation practised by an emperor should be that of transforming the chaotic world into one of peace and prosperity.d The emperor conferred upon this adept the title Thung-Hsüan Ta Shih9 (Great Mystery-Penetrating Teacher). Chen Tsung died in +1022, and his son, who succeeded him as the emperor Jen Tsung, buried the 'letter from Heaven' with him.e Only twenty years afterwards Tsêng Kung-Liang 10 was to produce his military encyclopaedia, the Wu Ching Tsung Yao, 11 with its practical formulae for gunpowder, the first published in any civilisation.

It is interesting indeed to find, as a background for such discoveries, that under Chen Tsung and later an alchemical elaboratory was actually maintained for seventy

b This Chêng Yin must not be confused with Chêng Ssu-Yüan, Ko Hung's teacher, who was also known by the same name.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> We know that this is what it was, because his Chu Tao Thu Ching <sup>12</sup> (the same words) appears as a book in ninety-eight chapters, in the Sung Shih bibliographical register under geography. It has long been lost. We are grateful to Prof. Yabuuchi Kiyoshi for drawing our attention to this.

c See Sect. 30.

d Sung Shih, ch. 462, p. 1a and Lu Huo Chien Chieh Lu, p. 1b.

<sup>·</sup> Sung Shih, ch. 9, p. 2b.

李宗諤
 \* 翰林學士
 \* 鄭騰
 \* 李寧
 \* 樂又玄

 6 太清宮
 7 天安
 5 賀蘭模眞
 \* 通玄大師
 \* 0 曾公亮

<sup>11</sup> 武經總要 12 賭道圖經

years in the Imperial Academy itself.<sup>2</sup> In his Mo Chuang Man Lu<sup>1</sup> (Recollections from the Estate of Literary Learning), written in +1131, Chang Pang-Chi<sup>2</sup> tells us that:

in the time of Chang-Shêng (part of one of the memorial titles of the emperor Chen Tsung) a furnace laboratory for making elixirs was installed in the Han-Lin Academy, under the name of the Hall of the Golden Elixir (Chin-Tan Ko³). It was supplied daily with five loads of charcoal, and down to the 1st year of the Hsi-Ning reign-period (+1068) the fire was continually kept going. But then the father of Liu Jou<sup>4</sup> (Liu Yen-Chung⁵) received an imperial order which cut down the size of the civil service establishment, so that the upkeep expenses (of the laboratory) were cancelled. The elixir which had been produced looked dark like iron. The emperor ordered that it should be kept in the Thien-Chang Ko⁶, b

Chang Pang-Chi follows this up by relating a story intended to warn people of the danger of ingesting metallic and mineral elixirs. This is a matter to which we have to refer again and again.c

When Chang An-Tao<sup>7</sup> (Chung Ting Kung<sup>8</sup>) was living at Nantu he also kept a furnace laboratory for transmuting elixirs, but it was only after several dozen years of maintaining the fire that any were achieved. He himself, however, did not dare to eat any of them. At that time Chang Chhu<sup>9</sup> (Chang Shêng-Min<sup>19</sup>), the prefect of Nantu, was very thin and debilitated, so when he heard about this he importuned (Chang) An-Tao to be allowed to take some. But the latter said: 'I do not want to be miserly, but this elixir has been heated in the fire for a very long time, so it is either very efficacious or extremely poisonous. It must not be taken rashly.' But as (Chang) Shêng-Min kept on begging for it, he finally gave him a piece the size of a millet-grain, warning him once more to treasure it and not to take it lightly. He swallowed it as soon as he got it, however, and before a few days were out, he went down with an effusion of blood, all his viscera becoming rotten, and death shortly ensuing. These two affairs I heard about from Liu Yen-Chung himself,<sup>b</sup>

The most important circumstance about the reign of Chen Tsung was that it saw the definitive redaction of the Taoist Patrology (the Tao Tsang) in +1019, and the preparation of the Yün Chi Chhi Chhien a few years later.<sup>d</sup> Not only did these great collections preserve many books on alchemy, but just at this time several important individual treatises on the subject were written.<sup>e</sup> For example, this was the period of activity of Li Pi<sup>11</sup> and his great pupil Tshui Fang,<sup>12</sup> the author of the Wai Tan Pén Tshao<sup>13</sup> (Iatro-chemical Natural History), c. +1045, men who may perhaps be regarded as the initiators, five centuries before Paracelsus, of the long movement

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> This is reminiscent of the laboratory maintained at the Northern Wei court between +386 and +409; see p. 118 above. It also calls to mind the activities of the College of All Sages in horological engineering between +720 and +750 (cf. Vol. 4, pt. 2, pp. 471ff.).

b Ch. 3, p. 11b, tr. auct. c Pp. 74, 182 above, 194, 212 below. d See p. 115 above. e See p. 197 below.

f We possess the remains of this book only in the form of quotations in later works. Those in the Pên Tshao Kang Mu (probably transmitted through the Kêng Hsin Yū Tshê, cf. p. 210) have been collected by Ho Ping-Yū & B. Lim (1). The postscript of the Wai Tan Pên Tshao, quoted in Kêng Tao Chi (cf. p. 197 below), gives +1043 as a firm date when Tshui Fang (Tshui Hui-Shu, 14 or Wên Chen Tzu 15) took up an official appointment in Hunan.

away from elixir-making towards the preparation of substances organic as well as inorganic genuinely useful in medicine. But they were also skilled in metallurgy, as we have noted already in connection with the different kinds of artificial gold (pt. 2, p. 281).

## (vi) The emperor's artificial gold factory under Metallurgist Wang Chieh

This is the place at which we may pause to consider the career of an eminent alchemist who had, like Teacher Kêng, a peaceful and successful career at court, and died in the odour of sanctity. From the quotations which follow it is possible to build up a rather clear picture of what a man could accomplish who performed what he promised, i.e. the making of reasonably gold-like alloys—surrounded though this had to be in those times with strange behaviour, hypnotic powers, mystifications and abracadabra. The activities of Wang Chieh <sup>1</sup> ranged from about +980 to +1020, precisely under the patronage of Chen Tsung, and from the number of accounts of him which have been preserved in the writings of notable scholars he must have impressed his personality very thoroughly on his contemporaries. Beginning as a merchant, he was taught the chymical arts by an un-named Taoist, acquiring other uncanny techniques into the bargain; then feigning madness, he secured protectors of steadily increasing official rank until he finally won the confidence of the emperor himself. The gold-like alloys were a matter of hard fact, which nobody could deny, and Wang Chieh went on producing them until he died, after which he received high posthumous honours.

One of our oldest sources, the Chhing Hsiang Tsa Chi<sup>2</sup> (Miscellanous Records on Green Bamboo Tablets), written about +1070 by Wu Chhu-Hou,<sup>3</sup> reads as follows:<sup>a</sup>

In the time of the emperor Chen Tsung (+997 to +1022) Wang Chieh of Tingchow (Chhangting in Fukien), when travelling in his younger days near the Yangtze (as a merchant) and staying overnight at Hsing-tzu Hsien, met a Taoist who taught him the 'art of the yellow and the white' (alchemy), though he could not comprehend quite all of it. He met the Taoist again in Mao Shan4, b and when they both went to Liyang the Taoist showed him numinous herbs (ling tshao5) and taught him secret methods of mixture and combination (ho ho mi chüeh6). These, when tested, all proved to be effective (shih chieh yu yen7). The Taoist also gave him numinous recipes (ling fang 8) which were sealed and closed with the warning that he should not tell anyone about them unless it were the emperor personally. Afterwards Wang Chieh was exiled because of (assumed) madness to Ling-nan, where he managed to see the official Hsieh Tê-Chhüano who appreciated his extraordinary knowledge and looked after him in his own home. There he made artificial silver (yao yin 10) and artificial gold (yao chin 11), and presented it to the emperor, who gave him an audience and asked a high official named Liu Chhêng-Kuei 12 to see about his affairs. Wang said that his teacher had strictly enjoined him never to reveal his art except to the emperor, but Liu (believed in him and) changed Wang's given name to Chung-Chêng. 13 Then from first to last Wang produced and presented to the throne artificial gold and silver amounting to many tens of thousands (of cash), brilliant and glittering beyond all ordinary treasures. Later he manufactured the

5 體草

10 葉銀

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Ch. 10, p. 1a, tr. auct. <sup>b</sup> The famous centre of Taoist techniques (cf. pt. 2, sub voce).

<sup>\*</sup> 子捷 \* 青箱雜記 \* 吳處厚 \* 茅山 \* 初合密訣 \* 類皆有驗 \* 雙方 \* 鄭得權

<sup>11</sup> 概金 11 劉承珪 11 中正

Golden Badge decorations. He was never spendthrift, but laid out his riches on the poor and needy, and for worshipping the Taoist immortals and Buddhas. He it was who built the Khai-Yuan temple at Tingchow. When he died he was given the posthumous title of Legate of Chen-nan<sup>a</sup>—such a thing had never been heard of before.

This account can be supplemented by another written a little later, c. +1090, in Wang Phi-Chih's I Shêng Shui Yen Than Lu² (Fleeting Gossip beside the River Shêng), from which we learn that a votive temple was built to Wang Chieh after his death, b 'Even now', wrote Wang Phi-Chih, 'there is still in the Treasury some of the (artificial) gold that Wang Chieh made and presented, and they also have some of his remaining chemicals, together with his crucibles, tongs and furnace.'c

The next spotlight on him brings up a point of particular interest, namely that he seems to have been assisted by an artisan destined to be much more illustrious than Wang Chieh himself, Pi Shêng,<sup>3</sup> the inventor of all movable-type printing. This we learn from the book so often quoted in these pages, the *Mêng Chhi Pi Than* of Shen Kua, finished about + 1086. Here we read:<sup>d</sup>

In the (Ta-Chung) Hsiang-Fu reign-period (+1008 to +1016) there was an alchemist (lit. magician-technician, fang shih<sup>4</sup>) who was able to make gold. Originally he had been a branded convict banished to Monks' Island (Sha-mên Tao<sup>5</sup>).<sup>e</sup> An old craftsman named Pi Shêng<sup>3f</sup> who had formerly worked for (Wang) Chieh, casting gold in the imperial palace, said: 'His method was to station the men who blew the bellows in a separate room from the furnace (with the tuyère coming through a hole in the wall), because he did not want them to see what was going on, especially during the filling and emptying of the crucibles. His gold was made from iron. When it came out of the furnace it was still black.<sup>g</sup> More than a hundred ounces went to make an ingot, and each one was cut into eight pieces. This was called

a Other sources say Ling-nan. b Ch. 10, p. 6a, tr. auct.

<sup>c</sup> These accounts seem to have been conflated in very full form in the +13th-century Sung Chhao Shih Shih<sup>6</sup> of Li Yu.<sup>7</sup>

d Ch. 20, p. 12a (para. 19), tr. auct., adjuv. Vacca (2) who first drew attention to the passage more than fifty years ago. Cf. Hu Tao-Ching (1), vol. 2, pp. 667ff.

e Doubtless at the time of his assumed madness.

The element of doubt here is that the given name of Pi Shenga the printer is written in a slightly different way (MCPT, ch. 18, pp. 7aff., para. 10, cf. Hu Tao-Ching (1), vol. 2, pp. 597ff.; and our Vol. 4, pt. 2, p. 33). But as the dates agree so well (the invention of movable-type printing would have taken place about +1045), it is almost certain that we are dealing with the same person. This was also

the opinion of Vacca (2).

E These statements are very curious. A black metal such as lead might have been mistaken for iron, but certainly not by a craftsman such as Pi Shêng. One might conceive that zinc was an important constituent and that Wang Chieh's gold was some bright form of brass. On the other hand, although iron does not amalgamate, you can plate it with amalgams, though generally they do not stick very well unless copper has been deposited first, so possibly all his products were mercury-gilded (cf. C. S. Smith (7), p. 122). Alternatively, he was using some ion exchange method (cf. pp. 104, 129) such as the coating of iron surfaces by the sulphates of copper or silver, or the cyanide of gold—if he could have made it. Haschmi (5) quotes al-Bīrūnī as referring to the deposition of copper on silver by rubbing with copper acetate; this will not in fact work with silver, but it does with lead. Finally it is curious that one of the books of the Jābirian Corpus (cf. pt. 4 below) speaks of the transformation or iron into gold and silver, without making very clear, however, how to do it. This is the Kītāb al-Naqd (Book of Testing, or, of Coinage), Kr156; cf. Kraus (2), p. 53. Since this would date from the second half of the +9th century or the first half of the +1oth, it might have been transmitted eastwards—assuming that the process was really a workable one.

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2 滙水燕談錄

3 方士

+沙門島

5 显升

6 宋朝事實

7 李攸

8 平昇

"crow's-beak gold (ya tsui chin¹)".' Nowadays there are still people who have some of this. The emperor ordered the imperial workshops to cast it into gold tortoises and gold medals, several hundred of each. First he distributed the former to the high officials who were closest to him, one to each, and then, apart from the imperial family itself, seventeen other court personalities received them. The remainder were buried under the foundations of the Yü-Chhing Kung and the Chao-Ying Kung (palaces) and also the Pao-Fu Hall, as a talismanic protection. As for the golden medals he despatched one each to all the district prefects and military inspectors throughout the empire. This was called the Precious Golden Badge (Chin Pao Phai²). At the home of Li Chien-Fu³ at Hungchow one of these gold tortoises is still preserved, because his great-uncle (Li) Hsü-Chi⁴ was one of the seventeen recipients. (They say that) this tortoise goes out and wanders about at night, giving off a phosphorescent glow, but if you touch it there is nothing peculiar about it. Anyway, it is still kept as a precious treasure in the (Li) family.<sup>a</sup>

In a different place we come across another assistant of Wang Chieh's. In the entry for gold dust (chin hsieh's) in his Pên Tshao Yen I6 of +1116, Khou Tsung-Shih's says:b

Chang Yung-Tê<sup>8</sup> of the present dynasty, whose tzu name was Pao-I,9 was a man from Pingchow. In the Five Dynasties period he was a local commander in Shansi, but in the 2nd year of the Shun-Hua reign-period (+991) he was posted (back) to Pingchow, and lived at Suiyang; there he had occasion to cure successfully a neighbour who was bedridden and in pain. One day (long afterwards) this scholar came and begged Chang to provide him with five ounces of mercury, which being done the visitor put it into a reaction-vessel and heated the contents until it all became silver (chung chin 10), c Chang Yung-Tê then earnestly asked him for the chemical technique, to which the scholar replied: 'You are one fated to be wealthy, so I do not mind giving you the secret. Yet I fear it may injure your blessings.' After the work of transformation (of the precious metal) was quite finished, he rose and explained that in the Hsiang-Fu reign-period (+1008 to +1016) he had been in the palace workshops making gold by transformation for the magician-technician (fang shih 11) Wang Chieh. In his process iron was used, and they obtained large round flat pieces like cakes each weighing 100 ounces; these were cut like the spokes of a wheel into eight segments. Since in the early stages of the process the material was black in colour, the result was named 'crow's-beak gold'. Thus this kind (of metal) was made from mercury and iron and various chemicals, not being the product of Nature herself (fei tsao-hua so chhêng12); how could its curative powers not be different (from those of natural gold)? So, for example, when the National Dispensaries (Hui Min Chü,13 of this dynasty)d compound their 'purple powder' (tzu hsüeh14)e they

a Shen Kua's usual note of scepticism comes in here.

b Ch. 5, p. 1b, cit. CLPT, ch. 4, (p. 110.1), tr. auct. Parallel passage in Lung Chhuan Pieh Chih, ch. 1, p. 2b. c Cf. p. 38 above.

d See Sect. 44 in Vol. 6, meanwhile Lu Gwei-Djen & Needham (2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> What 'purple powder' was is known from the surviving formulary of c. +1106, Thai-Phing Hui Min Ho Chi Chii Fang, <sup>15</sup> ch. 6, (p. 113). It was a pale purple powder resulting from a complicated preparation involving eight mineral substances (including gypsum, cinnabar, saltpetre and gold), four plant extracts, three aromatic ingredients and two sorts of powdered animal horn. Conceivably some gold chloride or cyanide was present in the final product. For a Plinian parallel see Nat. Hist. xxxIII, xxv, 84, on which Berthelot (2), pp. 14, 15; Bailey (1), vol. 1, pp. 105, 204.

 <sup>1</sup> 強劈金
 2 金管牌
 3 李簡夫
 + 李虚已
 5 金屑

 6 本草衍義
 7 窓宗夷
 8 張永德
 9 抱一
 10 中金

 11 方士
 12 非造化所成
 13 惠民局
 14 紫雪

<sup>38</sup> 太平惠民和劑局方

start with some gold (dust or leaf) in order to take advantage of the *chhi* of natural gold; they do not like (components such as) tin (or iron). Moreover, gold from the South-east is deep in colour, while that from the South-west is pale, so that different regions vary in what is proper to them. When (natural gold) is incorporated into medicines there is nothing so good as the dark-coloured variety. Besides, when (artificial 'golds') come into contact with (the juice of the) yü-kan-tzu (fruit) they turn soft by a reaction of mutual response.

Here the interesting thing is Khou Tsung-Shih's clear recognition of the artificial or counterfeit nature of the 'gold' and 'silver' made by Wang Chieh and his assistants. Writing as a pharmaceutical naturalist he was convinced that such things could not possibly have the medicinal value of natural gold, c

In all this Wang Chieh's secretive and yet successful ways are well portrayed. Other aspects of his personality were noted and preserved independently, as we see from an entry in the *Tu Hsing Tsa Chih*<sup>2</sup> (Miscellaneous Records of the Lone Watcher), written by Tsêng Min-Hsing<sup>3</sup> in + 1176. He says:<sup>d</sup>

In the Hsiang-Fu reign-period (+1008 to +1016) Wang Chieh possessed alchemical techniques for producing artificial gold (yu shao chin chih shu+). Through Tsêng Hui5 he met Liu Chhêng-Kuei6 who introduced him to the Rt. Honourable Wang Chi,7 through whom he got an audience with the emperor. His contemporaries called him 'Mr Wang the Alchemist' (Shao Chin Wang hsien-sêng). He could make people see anything that he chose to think about, so that many were astounded and perplexed. This is in general one of the magical arts of the South. . . .

And he goes on about ways of collecting the saliva of foxes, which was really something to conjure with. But the reference to hypnotic powers seems clear.

We can thus build up a rather clear picture of the kind of man that Wang Chieh was. He must have been essentially a level-headed metallurgical chemist, keenly observant and well acquainted with the properties of many minerals and inorganic substances. How much of medieval theory he used for guidance is perhaps what we should most like to know, for he certainly 'delivered the goods' in producing alloys, perhaps like pinchbeck, or gold-plated iron, and continued to do so till the end. Part of his success probably lay in making no claim to produce real gold, i.e. gold that could resist cupellation in the Imperial Workshops; as long as one had an emperor who was willing to accept as 'gold' anything that looked rather like it, one had nothing to fear. At the same time it is interesting that although Wang Chieh kept well clear of all entanglement with Taoist elixirs, he had to use much mystification and charisma in order to gain and keep his high position; such were the necessities of the age.

<sup>a</sup> Perhaps because alloyed naturally with silver, as electrum, cf. pt. 2, p. 18 et passim.

Note the radical opposition of this doctrine to that of Ko Hung (p. 2 above),

d Ch. 7, p. 3b, tr. auct.

b This is *Phyllanthus Emblica* = *E. officinalis*, of the Euphorbiaceae (R330; CC875; Anon. (109), vol. 2, p. 587.2), another kind of myrobalan, the Indian gooseberry. The fruit is medicinal but used also for dyeing and tanning (Burkill (1), vol. 1, p. 920); possibly its organic acids could have had some corrosive action on metals such as tin, copper or iron in the artificial 'golds' (pt. 2, p. 250). Cf. da Orta (1), Markham ed., p. 320.

<sup>「</sup>餘甘子 2 獨醒雜志 3 曾敏行 4 有燒金之循 5 曾繪 6 劉承珪 7 王寬

As a pendant to the story of Wang Chieh, it may be interesting to add (though it interrupts momentarily our chronological thread) some mention of a successor a century later who must have been a very similar sort of man. In his Lao Hsüeh An Pi Chi<sup>1</sup> (Notes from the Hall of Learned Old Age), written about +1190, Lu Yu<sup>2</sup> said:<sup>a</sup>

In the Thien-Hsi reign-period (+1017 to +1021) the emperor bestowed as decorations all over the empire the Precious Golden Badges (Chin Pao Phai³) made by Wang Chieh. Towards the end of the Hsüan-Ho reign-period (+1119 to +1125) the reigning emperor similarly bestowed Golden Mandalas (Chin Lun⁴) transmuted by the magician-technician (fang shih⁵) Liu Chih-Chhang⁶ upon the Numinous Empyrean Temples (Shen Hsiao Kung⁷) all over the country. They were called the Precious Mandalas of the Numinous Empyrean (Shen Hsiao Pao Lun⁶). Liu Chih-Chhang said that in his method the gold was formed by the transformation of mercury (shui (yin) lien⁶). These discs could be used as a talismanic protection in the various astrological provinces of the empire against war, famine and calamities. This was in the autumn of the 7th year of the Hsüan-Ho reign-period (+1125). But no sooner had the emperor sent out his commissioners to deliver the discs all over the empire, and just as the Court of Imperial Sacrifices was about to draft the edict on the ceremonies to be observed at their reception—the (barbarian) enemies attacked across the (Yellow) River.

This, as we know, was the death knell of the Northern Sung dynasty.<sup>d</sup> We are back again at the old Confucian criticism of all magic and nonsense, all trusting in 'golden mandalas' and Taoist liturgies rather than arming the troops and ensuring their loyalty. The Confucians had right on their side, but so in a way had Wang Chich and Liu Chih-Chhang, for if we now have powder metallurgy, beryllium alloys and liquid oxygen steel, it is due to them and their successors, not to the Confucian apostles of common-sense.

# (vii) Social aspects, conventional attitudes and gnomic inscriptions

During the reign of the emperor Hui Tsung (Chao Chi, 10 r. +1101 to +1126) the Tao Tsang, as we have seen, was printed for the first time. Many Taoist texts were written under imperial aegis, for example the Yü Chieh Tao Tê Ching 11 (Imperial Commentary on the Canon of the Virtue of the Tao). Hui Tsung even enthroned himself in the Apostolic See of the Taoist religion, assuming the title Chiao-Chu Tao-Chün Huang Ti. 12 Official ranks were created for the Taoist hierarchy to give them status equal with civil officials. Taoists and magicians thronged the imperial vestibules. In +1105 Chang Chi-Hsien, 13 claiming to be the twenty-sixth descendant of Chang Tao-Ling, received the title Hsü-Ching hsien-sêng, 14 in +1111 Wang Tzu-Hsi 15

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a Ch. 9, p. 5b, tr. auct.
b Or perhaps (without interpolation), 'by a wet method'.
c On the fên yeh 16 system, see Vol. 3, p. 545.
d Cf. Vol. 4, pt. 2, pp. 497ff.
                                            e See p. 115 above.
1 老學庵筆記
                    2 陸游
                                        3金資牌
                                                            + 金輪
                                                                         5 方士
                   7神霄宫
                                        8 神霄賓輸
6劉知常
                                                            * 水(銀)鍊
10 趙佶
                   11 御解道德經
                                                           13 張繼先
                                       12 数主道君皇帝
4 虚靜先生
                   15 王仔昔
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was created Chhung-Yin Chhu Shih,<sup>1</sup> and in +1118 Lin Ling-Su<sup>2</sup> obtained the title Thung-Chen Ta-Ling hsien-sêng<sup>3</sup> while Chang Hsü-Pai<sup>4</sup> became Thung-Yuan Chhung-Miao hsien-sêng.<sup>5</sup> By +1119 the Taoists were even undertaking the absorption of Buddhism, the patriarchs being turned into Taoist immortals by suitable changes of title, and many temples with their monks and nuns receiving new names of Taoist flavour.<sup>a</sup> All this should be viewed in conjunction with the background of interest in natural phenomena and mechanical invention which led us at an earlier stage to call Hui Tsung's court an 'entourage of virtuosi'.<sup>b</sup>

At this time we meet once again with a woman alchemist, whose story is worth giving as a picture from the life of medieval China. Though not successful like Teacher Kêng (p. 169 above), great strength of will evidently lay behind her lonely life, and the mention of quantitative measurements hints at a beginning of true science.<sup>c</sup> It is inspiring to realise that women have participated with men in the growth of the sciences from the beginning, from Mary the Jewess onwards, as they do in experimental research today, though as yet we do not know all the details of what in the past they contributed. The following account is a first-hand one from the pen of Hsü Yen-Chou<sup>6</sup> whose book on poetry was written about +1111. In this he says:<sup>d</sup>

There was a certain woman named Li Shao-Yün<sup>7</sup> who came of a scholarly family (and was happily married) but her husband died, and having no children she left home, put on Taoist robes, and wandered about (from one temple to another) in the region between the Huai and the Yangtze. I often used to meet her in (and around) Chinling (Nanking). She (was fond of) writing poems, one of which, (I remember) ran:

'The wind turns over the snow among the willow catkins And there are rosy clouds of peach petals on the water below.'

She used no feminine arts of paint and powder—what really interested her was the transformation of cinnabar. (At one time) I obtained (some of) her procedures from her, and found that in general they were like those of Wei Po-Yang, only with much more detail and with precise statements of weights and measures. Once she said to me, 'My destiny is insufficient, I fear I shall never be able to bring this elixir to completion.' Two years later I saw her again, and she had become so thin that the bones were showing; indeed Shao-Yün was ill, and yet the elixir was not achieved. I said, jokingly, 'Surely your elixir is done; are you not about to become an immortal? You are so thin that a crane bird could come and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Late Taoist hagiography includes accounts not only of Buddha, but also of Jesus and Muḥammad, telling how they each in their several ways attained to the Tao. See, for example, *Shen Hsien Thung Chien*, ch. 5, section 1, pp. 7b to 9b, and ch. 9, section 2, pp. 4b to 5b.

b Vol. 4, pt. 2, pp. 501 ff.; cf. Needham, Wang & Price (1). It invites comparison with the courts of Alfonso X of Castile (+1252 to +1280), and of Rudolf II at Prague (+1576 to +1612), on which we now have the illuminating book of Evans (1). Our own Charles II, founder of the Royal Society, could certainly also be thought of in this connection.

c Cf. Vol. 3, pp. 150ff. above.

d Hsü Yen-Chou Shih Hua, ch. 1, p. 4b, tr. auct.

<sup>1</sup> 冲隱處土

<sup>2</sup> 林雙案

<sup>3</sup> 通貨達靈先生

<sup>4</sup> 張虚白

<sup>5</sup> 通元冲妙先生

<sup>6</sup>許彥周

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carry you away.' She smiled and said, 'How can you have the heart to make fun of me?' While she was ill she had made a poem on the winter apricot, saying,

'Purity, beauty, brightness in the snow, Purity, fragrance, in the morning breeze, But pitiful too, the girl who wanders alone, Lost in the mazes of the mountain mists.'

Not long after, she died. Later I carefully studied her alchemical books. I read the accounts of the procedures, and I found this poem, therefore I record it here.

Some of the great Sung scholars and civil servants were also acquainted with the art of alchemy. Fan Chung-Yen¹ (+989 to +1052) had a book of secret formulae for converting mercury into silver which had been given to him by a dying classmate at the Imperial University who had at the time a very young son. However, Fan never made any use of it, and returned it to the boy when the latter became old enough.<sup>a</sup> Hu Su² acquired from a certain Buddhist monk the art of turning tiles and stones into gold, yet never put it into practice.<sup>b</sup> A striking story is told of the austere Chang Yung,³ who bore rule in Szechuan at the time when Wang Chieh was so prominent at court.<sup>c</sup> In his *Tung Hsien Pi Lu*<sup>+</sup> (Jottings from the Eastern Side-Hall), written towards the end of the +11th century, Wei Thai⁵ says:<sup>d</sup>

After the rebellion of Wang (Hsiao-Po<sup>6</sup>) and Li Shun<sup>7</sup> (+995),<sup>e</sup> most of the officials posted to Szechuan did not bring along their families, and even at the present time this regulation still holds good. When Chang Yung was made Governor of I-chou he went there on his own. At that time everyone was afraid of Chang's severity, so nobody dared to keep slave-girls or other women servants. However, not wishing to strain human nature too far, he himself (set the example by) buying a slave-girl to look after him; consequently all the other officials gradually acquired maids and concubines. After Chang had been there four years he was recalled to the capital, so he summoned the parents of the slave-girl and bestowing money and property on her arranged a suitable marriage. It was then found that she was still a virgin.

One day when Chang was in Szechuan he was visited by an alchemist (shu shih 8) who said that he was able to transmute mercury into white metal (i.e. silver). Chang asked him whether he could transform 100 oz at one time, and he replied that he could. So Chang sent out to buy this amount, and the alchemist duly transformed it in a single heating without any loss. Chang Yung sighed and said: 'Indeed you have reached the pinnacle of art. However such things should not be used in private families.' So he immediately called in metal-workers, instructing them to cast a large (incense-)burner with it, having the inscription on its belly 'Presented to the Temple of Great Loving-Kindness for public use.' After the vessel had been sent to the temple, Chang entertained the alchemist with wine and sent him on his way. Thus Chang's upright character was admired by everyone.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The story is found in many places, e.g. Lu Huo Chien Chieh Lu, p. 3b; Hou Tê Lu, ch. 2, p. 16b; Yün Chai Kuang Lu, cit. in Lei Shuo, ch. 18, p. 26b; and Sun Kung Than Phu, ch. 2, p. 11b. The last of these is the oldest, dating from not much more than thirty years after Fan Chung-Yen's death.

b Lu Huo Chien Chieh Lu, p. 3b.

<sup>Chang Yung's biography will be found in Sung Shih, ch. 307, pp. 3bff.
Ch. 10, p. 2b, tr. auct.
Cf. Vol. 4, pt. 2, p. 23.</sup> 

<sup>1</sup> 范仲藩 2 胡撒 3 張雜 4 東軒筆錄 5 魏泰 5 王小波 7 李順 8 術士

The great poet Su Shih<sup>1</sup> (Su Tung-Pho,<sup>2</sup> + 1036 to + 1101) undoubtedly had a considerable knowledge of alchemy. This is seen in the book of his friend Ho Wei<sup>3</sup> written about + 1095, Chhun Chu Chi Wên<sup>4</sup> (Record of Things Heard at Spring Island).<sup>a</sup> A whole chapter (ch. 10) of this is devoted to accounts of successful chemical and metallurgical experiments which Ho Wei and Su Tung-Pho had seen or heard of, mostly concerned with aurifaction, however, rather than the making of elixirs. That some of these were very valid processes for gold- and silver-like alloys we have seen in a quotation already given (pt. 2, p. 233) where cupro-nickel was almost certainly produced. Evidence of Su Tung-Pho's interest in iatro-chemical operations is to be found in the book of pharmacal procedures which bears the name Su Shen Liang Fang<sup>5</sup> (Beneficial Prescriptions collected by Su Tung-Pho and Shen Kua), published about + 1120. This was not the result of direct collaboration between the two great men, but a conflation of their writings under the supervision of the Taoist Lin Ling-Su.<sup>6</sup>

In his Lu Huo Chien Chieh Lu,7 Yü Yen8 (c. +1285) says:b

Su Tung-Pho was conversant with aurifaction and argentifaction, and demonstrated his skill to his (elderly) friend Chhen Hsi-Liang, a great enthusiast for the art. This was expressly recorded by his brother, Su Chhê, in the book Lung Chhuan Lüch Chih. He said in a letter to a friend, Wang Ting-Kuo: I have recently been given some cinnabar elixir which shows a very remarkable colour, but I do not dare to eat it. I only admire its brilliance.

When Su Tung-Pho first took up appointment in the civil service at the age of 26 at Chhi-hsia 12 a strange monk obliged him to accept a formula for the transmutation of gold. After receiving it he sealed it (in a container). Later he passed it to his younger brother (Su) Ying-Pin, 13 who kept it (likewise). However, when Ying-Pin later went to live at Wu-chhang, 14 some old friend or relative came to know of this and called upon him to enquire about the art. Ying-Pin said 'I have, it is true, kept the formula carefully for many years since my late brother Tung-Pho gave it to me, and I will try to find it as soon as I have time.' After a long while he sent for the enquirer and showed him the container with the seal made by Su Tung-Pho himself still intact. Then he immediately threw it into the fire in a stove, saying: 'Poverty is something which man must learn to endure. Why go so far beyond the bounds as to want to try to make (artificial gold)?' So the enquirer left in shame, knowing not where to hide himself.

Another story, from a contemporary source, again shows Su Tung-Pho in relation with a Buddhist monk who practised alchemy. In his Sun Kung Than Phu<sup>15</sup> (The Venerable Mr Sun's Conversation Garden), written about + 1085, Sun Shêng <sup>16</sup> says:<sup>d</sup>

When (Su) Tzu-Chan <sup>17</sup> (Su Tung-Pho) was an official in Fêng-hsiang the local Prefect, Chhen Chung-Liang, <sup>18</sup> was an admirer of the 'art of the yellow and the white'. <sup>e</sup> Now in the district there was a spagyrical monk who gave the impression of being quite out of the ordinary. (Chhen) Chung-Liang many times pressed him to tell his secrets, but he always

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<sup>a</sup> Cf. Lin Yu-Thang (5), pp. 212ff., 353, 359.

<sup>b</sup> Pp. 7b, 8a, 9a, tr. auct.

<sup>c</sup> D. c. +1067; admired for his uprightness, however.

<sup>d</sup> Ch. 2, p. 1a, tr. auct.
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            3蘇東坡
                         3何蓬
                                      * 春渚紀開
                                                   5 蘇沈良方
                         8 俞琰
                                                   10 蘇蘭
6 林靈素
            7 爐火監戒鉄
                                      9 陳希亮
                         13 蘇顯(類)濱
11 龍川略志
           12 岐下
                                      14 武昌
                                                   15 孫公談團
16 孫升
            17 蘇子鵬
                         18 陳仲亮
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e Possibly a younger brother or cousin of the Chhen Hsi-Liang just mentioned. But there are versions of the story which name the latter instead (e.g. Wu Li Hsiao Shih, ch. 7, p. 2a, b).

made excuses, avoiding the Prefect or refusing to come out. But (Su) Tzu-Chan found an opportunity to visit the temple, and opening a door, found the monk inside, so he asked him what it was all about. The monk replied: '(Chhen) Chung-Liang is a covetous man and therefore is not worthy to be taught the art', but he was willing to impart his knowledge to (Su) Tzu-Chan. His procedure was to take 1 oz of gold and 1/10th of an oz of cinnabar and heat them together, then very soon the mixture turned into purple gold worth many times the original (ingredients) in value. Afterwards (Su) Tzu-Chan went away and told (Chhen) Chung-Liang, who called the monk before him and had the matter verified; it turned out just as he said. Then (Chhen) Chung-Liang made a lot of (the purple gold) and built himself a residence (out of the proceeds). But soon his official career came to a disastrous end, and it was not long before he died.

Once again, then, we have the curious parallel to *iōsis*, and a tale of the retribution that overtook a man whose attitude to alchemy was dictated by the desire for wealth and riches. Yet the overt content was only a gold amalgam with mercury in low proportion.<sup>a</sup> Su Chhê (Su Ying-Pin, +1039 to +1112), the younger brother of Su Tung-Pho, and author of the *Lung Chhuan Lüeh Chih* as well as a commentary on the *Tao Tê Ching*, also knew something of alchemy, though declining, as we have seen, to use it. According to the *Lu Huo Chien Chieh Lu*:<sup>b</sup>

Su Tzu-Yu<sup>1</sup> (i.e. Su Chhê) once intended to practise alchemy. He set aside a room closed to the outside world, and installed a stove in it. When he was about to light the fire for the first time he saw a large cat approach the stove and piss against it; then the animal disappeared. Tzu-Yu gave up. He said: 'The art of the adepts is meant by Heaven for the relief of the poor. This art should be passed on to the right persons, but I am not one of them.' After that he never spoke about the art again.

Evidently this was a bad omen, but in general stories of the kind we have given, of which there are many more, illustrate typical Confucian moralistic attitudes towards alchemy.

Attitudes of caution and restraint were by no means confined to the Confucians, as we can see from the study of the Taoist adepts of the +10th and +11th centuries. The danger of elixir poisoning may well have been the main reason why the adept Chhen Thuan<sup>2</sup> gave negative advice to two emperors on two different occasions, first Hsi Tsung of the Later Chou dynasty in +956, and then Thai Tsung of the Sung between the years +976 and +984. Like Holan Hsi-Chen, Chhen Thuan said that they should not worry about elixirs but direct their minds to improving the administration of the State. The Sung Shih says that Chhen Thuan wrote a book called Chih Hsüan Phien<sup>3</sup> (On the Demonstration of the Mystery), which dealt with the techniques of nourishing life and of the cyclically-transformed elixir.<sup>c</sup> It was said that before

b Pp. 8b, 9a. The same story appears in other, more contemporary, sources, notably Sun Kung Than Phu, ch. 3, p. 1a.

a On purple gold cf. pt. 2, pp. 257ff. above.

c Sung Shih, ch. 457, p. 3b. We have already had a good deal to say about Chhen Thuan's role in the history of Chinese philosophy, especially in the interpretation of the Book of Changes, the fixation of the Ho Thu and Lo Shu diagrams, and the origins of the Thai Chi Thu (Vol. 2, pp. 442ff., 467, Vol. 4, pt. 1, p. 296). See on him I Thu Ming Pien, ch. 1, pp. 2bff.

<sup>1</sup> 蘇子由 2 陳摶 3 指玄篇 4 易圖明辨

Chhen Thuan died in +989 he passed his arts to Chang Wu-Mêng<sup>1</sup> (also called Chang Ling-Yin<sup>2</sup> and Hung Mêng Tzu<sup>3</sup>), who practised the art of immortality but never spoke about aurifaction and argentifaction though he knew how to do it.<sup>a</sup>

This may be the place to record that the adepts of medieval Chinese alchemy had a penchant, like their Arabic and European counterparts, for enigmatical epigrams analogous to the *Tabula Smaragdina*<sup>b</sup> and the gnomic sentences of natural philosophy embedded in the Hellenistic Corpus.<sup>c</sup> One can find a good example in the book of Hsü Yen-Chou<sup>+</sup> on poetry, written about +1111. There he says:<sup>d</sup>

In a Taoist temple in Szechuan province (not long ago) a stele was discovered in the ground when a well was being dug. There was an inscription on it resembling a rhapsodic ode  $(fu^5)$  or an eulogy  $(tsan^6)$  which read as follows:

'There is a thing, which contains another thing, It can be augmented, it can be prolonged, It must be plucked before it is gnawed by silk-worms And used after being transformed by fire. Thang the Completer showers down from above, Khua-Fu7 being empty can receive his fill. The chhi responds to the light of the morning. The process accords with the night clepsydra. White flowers accumulate, putting the snow to shame, Yellow flakes solidify, surpassing gold in beauty. The cyclical process continuously goes on, Now there is rapid steaming and gassing, Now there is drastic solidifying shrinkage. What is it that appears, gold or jade? It brings longevity, eternal as the heavens. All this must never be recorded in writing, Only oral instruction can transmit it.'

Afterwards a certain recluse averred that this was what Yin Chen Jen<sup>8</sup> had written in the Han period on the alchemical process.<sup>e</sup> Subsequently it was copied on the Stele of Tzu-Yü<sup>9</sup>.<sup>f</sup> I myself regret that I cannot understand these words, so I simply record them here.

Perhaps Hsü Yen-Chou was right to be a bit puzzled. By way of elucidation it is clear that the first two lines might refer to the preparation of chemical substances from minerals (e.g. mercury from cinnabar), or sal ammoniac from animal substances; g and to the artificial prolongation of the human life-span. Perhaps the third line

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a See Thien-thai Shan Fang Wai Chih,10 ch. 9, p. 15a.
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g Cf. pt. 4 below.

1 張無夢	2 張靈麗	3 鴻濛子	+ 許彥周	5 賦
6 🕎	7 夸父	8 陰紅人	9 子玉碑	10 天台山方外志
11 险 E 件	12 元 6 元			

b Cf. Steele & Singer (1); Holmyard (1), p. 95; and pt. 4 below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Cf. pt. 4 also.

<sup>d</sup> Hsü Yen-Chou Shih Hua, ch. 1, p. 34a, tr. auct.

<sup>e</sup> Presumably Yin Chhang-Shêng, <sup>11</sup> the teacher of Wei Po-Yang; see p. 77 above.

f Perhaps this has something to do with Yü Pei Tzu<sup>12</sup> (the Jade-Stele Master), whose name appears in the title of one of the books in the Tao Tsang (TT920), unknown in date and authorship. It consists of dialogues between Chêng Yin and Ko Hung, so it must be later than the Chin period.

has to do with catching the right point in the natural development of minerals in the earth. a and the fourth could allude to the artificial acceleration of such processes by the Chinese philosophi per ignem. Next comes the legendary emperor Chhêng Thang,1 who established a bond with his great minister, I Yin2, b in a ceremony like that of marriage which included a lustration or aspersion (fei, 3 fo 3),c hence a symbol here for the descending streams of reflux condensation or chhi circulation.d He is followed immediately by a mythological being, Khua-Fu the Boaster, who wanted to eat the sun and for whom all the rivers did not suffice for his drink; this spherical 'bellyimage' must thus symbolise the round reaction-vessel, aludel or still, whether real or figurative. The next lines (seven and eight) appear to concern the 'fire-times' (huo hou4) in a cycle of heating which runs continuously through many days and nights.f Lines eight and nine hint at the colours appearing in chemical operations, the white of sublimates or crystals deposited from solutions, the yellow of gold-like alloys or mosaic gold, There follows a reference to the cyclical processes so often described in huan tan5 methods; and then at lines twelve and thirteen we can recognise under the old terms shen6 and kuei7 a Neo-Confucian contrast between expansion-dispersion and condensation-aggregation.h At the end the goal of the entire process is plainly revealed, and the usual adjuration to oral transmission (khou chüeh8) completes the epigram. And yet the entire inscription would be interpretable purely in terms of physiological alchemy, without any reference to laboratory operations at all. Let us now turn to examine some of the most important books on alchemy which were produced during the Sung period.

## (viii) Alchemical compendia and books with illustrations

Chang Wu-Mêng, mentioned a page or two above, was the teacher of the voluminous Taoist writer Chhen Ching-Yuan<sup>9</sup> (fl. early + 11th century, also called Chhen Ta Shih<sup>10</sup> and Pi Hsü Tzu<sup>11</sup>). The Tao Tsang contains seven treatises by this Chhen, among them one on alchemy called Pi Yü Chu Sha Han Lin Yü Shu Kuei<sup>12</sup> (Cold Forest Jade-Cinnabar Casing Process). This book refers to the use of a number of chemicals such as borax, ammonium chloride, copper sulphate, saltpetre, sodium chloride, sulphur, etc., in elixir formulae, with lead and mercury or cinnabar alone as the principal ingredients. The uses of gold, organic substances like honey, and various plants are also mentioned.

The Yün Chi Chhi Chhien<sup>13</sup> (Seven Tablets of the Cloudy Satchel)<sup>k</sup> compiled under Chen Tsung by Chang Chün-Fang<sup>14</sup> between +998 and +1022 is a miniature Tao Tsang in itself; we have had occasion to quote it often. It reproduces a number of

<sup>a</sup> Cf. Vol. 3, p. 640, and Vol. 5, pt. 4 below. b Mayers (1), no. 233. c See Granet (1), pp. 418ff.

d Alternatively this line could refer simply to the placing of the substances or solutions in the reactionvessel. But the comparison of reflux condensation within it is as old as the Tshan Thung Chhi itself, cf. ch. 32, p. 5a, tr. Wu & Davis (1), p. 259.

See Granet (1), pp. 361 ff.

Cf. pp. 60 ff. above, and pt. 4 below. g Cf. p. 103 above. i See Wieger (6), p. 328. h Vol. 2, p. 490. k TT 1020. 3 被 2 伊尹 1 成温 +火候 5 還丹 7鬼 8口缺 9 陳景元 10 陳大師 11 碧虚子 12 碧玉朱砂塞林玉樹價 13 雲笈七籤 14 張君房

alchemical texts that are now no longer extant elsewhere. Among these are Sun Ssu-Mo's Thai-Chhing Tan Ching Yao Chüeh, and the Chin Hua Yü Nü Shuo Tan Ching 1 (Elixir Manual according to the Teaching of the Jade Girl on the Golden Flower). This consists of dialogues between Huang Ti and Yü Nü or Hsüan Nü on the principles of chemical reactions and changes.2 While Chang Chün-Fang was doing his compiling work there appeared the Tan Fang Ao Lun2 (Subtle Discourse on the Alchemical Elaboratory), written by Chhêng Liao-I3 c. + 1020. It seems to speak about amalgamation, stressing the importance of distinguishing genuine materials from false in elixir-making, and the proper control of temperature; but it is really a treatise on physiological alchemy, hiding the interactions of organs and the regaining of the primary vitalities of youth under the terminology of proto-chemistry. The Kêng Tao Chi+ (Collection of Procedures of the Golden Art), consisting of nine chapters and over 60,000 words, is the most voluminous Sung (or even post-Sung) alchemical treatise in the Tao Tsang. As for its date we only know that it was compiled after the year + 1144. Yuan Han-Chhing rightly suggests that such detailed descriptions as are given in the text could only have been written by one who had carried out the experiments himself, and that from the style of writing the book must have been written by more than one such person.d It will be remembered that this was just after the time (+1117) when Lu Thien-Chi wrote his commentary on the theories of the Tshan Thung Chhi Wu Hsiang Lei (cf. p. 145).e

Another important compendium probably put together during the Sung is the Chu Chia Shen Phin Tan Fa<sup>5</sup> (Methods of the Various Schools for Magical Elixir Preparations). There is nothing in the book to indicate the name of its author or compiler, nor the date when it was written. In the second of its three chapters, however, one finds the name Mêng Yao-Fu, also called Hsüan Chen Tzu. Yuan Han-Chhing suggests that Mêng wrote one of the constituent parts of the book, and that the date of the compilation could not have been earlier than the beginning of the Sung (+960) nor later than its end (+1280). The book contains many formulae for the transmutation of base metals and minerals into gold, and claims that most of the products when taken orally would enable one to attain hsien-ship. The collections mentioned in these two paragraphs are likely to yield important results in future research. As the proverb says: 'He who enters the mountain of treasures will never come back empty-handed,'h

On the Jade Girl and the Mysterious Girl as interlocutors see Vol. 2, p. 147 above, and pt. 5 below. b TT913.

d Yuan Han-Chhing (1), p. 199.

e It may be interjected here that interest in alchemy, proto-chemical as well as physiological, continued to flow strongly among scholarly amateurs during this period of the Southern Sung. For example, many of the poems of the eminent writer Lu Yu<sup>8</sup> (+1125 to +1209) were devoted to alchemy, as may be seen in the recent study with translations by Ho Ping-Yü, Ko Thien-Chi & Lim (1).

g Yuan Han-Chhing (1), p. 199.

h Ju pao shan shou pu khung hui.9

<sup>·</sup>金華玉女說丹經 5 諸家神品丹法

<sup>2</sup> 丹房奧論

<sup>3</sup>程了一

<sup>\*</sup> 庚道集

<sup>9</sup> 入餐山手不空回

<sup>6</sup> 孟要甫

<sup>7</sup> 玄紅子

<sup>8</sup> 陸游

The Ling Sha Ta Tan Pi Chüeh¹ (Secret Doctrine of the Numinous Cinnabar and the Great Elixir),¹ by an anonymous writer, is regarded by Chhen Kuo-Fu as also of Sung origin.¹ The preface says that the secret of success was to practise simultaneously elixir-making (wai tan) and respiratory exercises (nei tan).¹ Besides dealing with the cyclical transformation of sulphur and mercury, the author gives a method of manufacturing 'gold' from substances like realgar, orpiment and cinnabar. It is interesting to observe that the weight of 'gold' derived in the latter procedure far exceeds the total weight of the raw material used, contrary to the fundamental laws of chemistry (unless he was bringing in other metals or minerals which he forgot to mention).

The Hsiu Lien Ta Tan Yao Chih2 (Essential Hints on the Preparation of Powerful Elixirs),d again by an anonymous author, was written before the +14th century but after the time of Lü Tung-Pin,3 so it is reasonably considered by Yuan Han-Chhing as of Sung origin.c A special feature of this book lies in the conservative amounts of ingredients in its alchemical formulae as compared to the lavish quantities employed in well-known texts like the Pao Phu Tzu, the Thai-Chhing Tan Ching Yao Chüeh and the Thai-Chhing Shih Pi Chi. One of its elixir recipes, for example, requires the use of 2 oz of purified calomel, 1 oz of arsenious oxide, two-tenths of an oz of borax, onetenth of an oz of sal ammoniac, three-tenths of an oz of ju hsiang4,f and one-tenth of an oz of saltpetre. This is much more plausible than the almost industrial specifications of the Chin and Thang periods; one wonders whether it is not a significant index of increasing refinement of the available apparatus. Yet another text by an anonymous writer probably of the Sung period is the Kan Chhi Shih-liu Chuan Chin Tan 5 (The Sixteen-fold Cyclically-Transformed Gold Elixir prepared by the 'Responding to the Chhi' Method), This is a rather small tractate dealing with the transformation of mercury into 'gold'. It illustrates several pieces of alchemical laboratory equipment, such as the aludel (or closed reaction-vessel) and the platform for the stove.

One of the great characteristics of Sung alchemical texts is the presence of many illustrations of alchemical apparatus. A number of such pictures and diagrams can be found in Wu Wu's 6 Tan Fang Hsü Chih 7 (Chymical Elaboratory Practice) h dated + 1163. They include a still for distilling mercury, pestles and mortars, and the stove platform. Wu Wu also wrote another text called Chih Kuei Chi 8 (Pointing the Way

a TTROO

b See Chhen Kuo-Fu (1), p. 391. The text was received by Chang Shih-Chung in +1101.

c Cf. Vol. 2, pp. 143ff.; Vol. 4, pt. 3, p. 674, and further in pt. 5 below.

d TT 905. e (1), p. 199.

f This is a tree of the *Pistacia* genus (Anacardiaceae, like the mango), either the Bombay mastic or terebinth tree *P. Khinjuk* (= *Terebinthus*), R313, or the Mediterranean species *P. lentiscus*, CC838. See Burkill (1), vol. 2, p. 1756. All the species are very resinous and aromatic, containing also, of course, tannins, essential oils and steroids. Presumably the nuts were used in the formula given.

g TT904. h TT893.

¹ This book also gives much curious information on the choice of companions, the proper location of a laboratory, water-sources, furnace clays, and exorcisms against ghosts and malevolent spirits.

<sup>「</sup>靈砂大丹祕訣

<sup>3</sup> 修鍊大丹要旨

<sup>3</sup> 呂洞賓

<sup>+</sup> 乳香

<sup>5</sup> 感氣十六轉金丹

<sup>6</sup> 吳懊

<sup>7</sup> 丹房須知

<sup>\*</sup>指鷗集

<sup>\*</sup> 張侍中

Home to Life Eternal)<sup>a</sup> in which he expressly advocated the elixir, and said that respiratory exercises (nei tan) only served the purpose of maintaining one's health to enable the experiments to be accomplished. The most interesting Sung alchemical text from the point of view of equipment is the Chin Hua Chhung-Pi Tan Ching Pi Chih<sup>1</sup> (Confidential Hints on the Manual of the Heaven-Piercing Golden Flower Elixir)<sup>b</sup> written in +1225. The book consists of two parts, the first containing material transmitted to Phêng Ssu<sup>2</sup> by his master Pai Yü-Chhan,<sup>3</sup> while that in the second came from Lan Yuan-Lao<sup>4</sup> to Mêng Hsü<sup>5</sup>. c Illustrations found in this book include reaction-vessels, stoves, an ambix called the 'pomegranate' vessel (tzhu shih liu kuan<sup>6</sup>) used in descensory distillation, and an elaborate series of different types of cooling system or water-jackets.

All this will of course be discussed in its place (pt. 4 below). Unfortunately some of the best illustrated texts present difficulties in dating. An example of this is the Thai Chi Chen-Jen Tsa Tan Yao Fang (Tractate of the Supreme-Pole Adept on Miscellaneous Elixir Recipes),d which has diagrams of furnaces and aludels. We have placed this in the Sung mainly on account of the philosophical significance of the pseudonym,e though it was given (at dates uncertain) to at least three adepts of various historical periods, one in semi-legendary antiquity,f and one at Han Wu Ti's time;g but in content the material could easily be Thang or even Chin. The same applies to another book, the Thai Chi Chen-Jen Chiu Chuan Huan Tan Ching Yao Chüeh8 (Essential Teachings of the Manual of the Supreme-Pole Adept on the Ninefold Cyclically-Transformed Elixir).h Without the last two characters, the Manual itself must be pre-Sui because it is listed in the Sui Shu bibliography,i and again the contents could reasonably be of Chin or Liang date. Minute directions are given for the firing cycle of an aludel containing all the five minerals (cf. p. 96) together with quartz and mercury (cf. Fig. 1359); this recalls the firing cycles adumbrated in the Tshan Thung Chhi (pp. 60 ff.). The process ends with projections for gold and silver which seem to imply the formation of alloys of copper, arsenic, mercury and lead. In its combination of projection with elixir-making this text has distinct resemblances to what was done in Ko Hung's time, and might in essence really be as old as that. J

A very similar process is described in TT873.

1 金華冲碧丹智	部旨 2 彭耜	3 白玉蟾 4 欄元老	5 盂腹
6 磁石榴艦	7太極質人雜丹藥	方 8太極眞人九轉還丹經要訣	
9 杜冲	10 杜仲	** 王搩	

a TT914.

b TT907.

c Meng Hsu also edited and prefaced the whole. The second part is much longer than the first, and more clearly concerns practical laboratory alchemy. Lan Yuan-Lao was thought to be an avatar of Pai Yü-Chhan, and the title of the whole was taken from the name of his alchemical elaboratory.

d TT939, writer unknown.

e Cf. Vol. 2, pp. 459ff.

f Tu Chhung,º ascribed to the — 10th century, according to TT293, ch. 9, pp. 1 aff. One wonders ifthere could have been any connection with Tu Chung,<sup>10</sup> also of semi-legendary times, who gave his name to the tree Eucommia ulmoides and will be met in the botany Section in Vol. 6.

g Wang Than, 11 – 198 to – 123, according to TT 293, ch. 9, pp. 11 bff. Little else is known of him. h TT 882, writer unknown. There is a preliminary study by Ho Ping-Yü (9).

i Sui Shu, ch. 34, p. 33b.

15 張紫陽

16 紫陽質人

#### (ix) The Northern and Southern Schools of Taoism

While we can leave the laboratory equipment of the alchemist for the moment, we can hardly proceed further without noting the development of two important Taoist groups during the + 11th and the + 12th centuries, the Southern School (Nan Tsung1) and the Northern School (Pei Tsung2). Many of the later Taoist alchemical writings can be traced to the first of these, a and the Chin Hua Chhung-Pi Tan Ching Pi Chih is one of them. The founder of the Southern School, Liu Tshao3, b flourished early in the + 11th century, claiming himself a friend of the adepts Chhen Thuan, Chhung Fang and Chang Wu-Mêng, and a disciple in the art of immortality of the two teachers Chêng Yang Tzu and Lü Tung-Pin. The reputation of Liu Tshao was surpassed by his disciple Chang Po-Tuan<sup>5</sup> (d. + 1082), the author of the Wu Chen Phien<sup>6</sup> (Poetical Essay on Realising the Necessity of Regenerating the Primary Vitalities), f the Chin Tan Ssu-Pai Tzu7 (Four Hundred Word Epitome of the Metallous Enchymoma) g and the Yü-Chhing Chin-Ssu Chhing-Hua Pi-Wên Chin-Pao Nei-Lien Tan Chüeh8 (The Green-and-Elegant Secret Papers in the Jade-Purity Golden Box on the Essentials of the Internal Refining of the Enchymoma, the Golden Treasure).h All these three texts have been translated into English and studied by Davis & Chao Yün-Tshung.1

Chang Po-Tuan's poetical style of writing long concealed from Western scholars the fact that he was talking almost exclusively about physiological alchemy, not protochemical operations at all. Nevertheless the Wu Chen Phien had been considered by Taoists in later times almost as important as the Tshan Thung Chhi itself. The book is cast in poetic verse form and divided into three chapters, which are again subdivided into short paragraphs, or stanzas, ninety-nine in all. It opens with a call to the unworldly life:

If (one) does not seek for the great Tao, leaving the paths of error, how can (one be called) wise even though highly talented? A hundred years of living is (as transient as) a spark (struck) from a stone, and the course of life (is like) a bubble floating on water. (Those who) only think of profits and emoluments, seeking worldly prosperity and glory, will soon find their faces turning pale and their bodies withering. Even if they have piled up riches mountain-high, may I be allowed to ask whether they can buy off the Messenger of Death (wu chhang<sup>9</sup>), (with their wealth)?

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a On this school see Liu Tshun-Jen (1, 2). It was devoted to 'dual-cultivation' (cf. pt. 5).
  b Also called Liu Tsung-Chhêng, 10 Hai Chhan Tzu, 11 Hai-Chhan Ti Chün 12 and Hsüan-Ying Yen
Shan Jen. 13
  c Cf. p. 194 above.
                                              d Cf. p. 147 above.
  e Also called Chang Phing-Shu, 14 Chang Tzu-Yang 15 and Tzu-Yang Chen Jen. 16
  f TT138. See pt. 5 below.
  g TT 1067. See pt. 5 below.
                                            h TT 237.
  i (2, 5, 7). They also translated three alchemical poems by this writer (3). Unfortunately, they were
under the misapprehension that these texts concerned proto-chemical alchemy,
  Wu Chen Phien, stanza I (ch. I, p. 5b), tr. auct., adjuv. Davis & Chao Yün-Tshung (7).
 南宗
                   2 北宗
                                                                                5 張伯端
                                                                                9無常
。悟質篇
                   7金丹四百字
                                      8 玉清金笥青華祕文金賓內鍊丹訣
 10 劉宗成
                  11 旋蟾子
                                      12 海蟾帝君
                                                   13 玄英燕山人
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A typical passage clearly shows that Chang Po-Tuan's conception of alchemy was that of the psycho-physiological exercises rather than the work of the laboratory with its minerals, metals and drugs.<sup>a</sup>

Compound not the three yellow (substances, san huang¹), (i.e. sulphur, orpiment and realgar), neither the four magical (things, ssu shen²), (alum, cinnabar, lead, and mercury); and make no search for particular plants (as elixir ingredients), for they are still further from the genuine (medicine). When Yin and Yang things are of the same category, they will resonate and fall spontaneously into conjunction (Yin Yang tê lei kuei chiao kan³).... People in this world should understand that true lead and true mercury are not at all the same things as common cinnabar and common quicksilver.<sup>b</sup>

Here Chang Po-Tuan evidently has partly in mind the category theory which developed so much during the Thang period (cf. p. 145 above and pt. 4 below), emphasising that reactions occur only between substances having properties of similitude, yet differing in Yin-Yang status. This idea is again reflected in another passage:

When a bamboo (utensil) is broken it has to be repaired by using bamboo. For a hen to hatch chickens, eggs are required. You may bring together ten thousand substances, but if they are of disparate categories (fei lei\*) all your labour will be wasted. One must strive for that union (within oneself) which, by a marvellous natural mechanism, will produce true lead.<sup>d</sup>

One remembers that eloquent passage of Wei Po-Yang (p. 69 above).

Although translators have so far numbered Chang Po-Tuan's works among those on experimental (or at least theoretical) elixir alchemy, they are in fact far more concerned with the enchymoma. Of course, writings of this kind were meant, we suspect, to be susceptible of several parallel and distinct interpretations—protochemical, mutational, meditational, respiratory, sexual, etc., in accordance with the interests, knowledge and mood of the reader; who was probably expected to practise them all. For example, a reference to the numbers 2 and 8 in one of the stanzas might be taken to be concerned either with the *kua* of the 'Book of Changes' or with the timing of a heating cycle, or with the rhythm of respiratory techniques, or (when multiplied) to the proper age of the girl ideally fitted to be the adept's partner in the practice of the sexual arts leading to immortality.

The descent of the Southern School is shown in Table 113.e Chang Po-Tuan's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ibid., stanza 8 (ch. 1, p. 9b), tr. auct., adjuv. Davis & Chao Yün-Tshung (7).

b At first sight this sentence calls to mind the 'sophic mercury' and 'sophic sulphur' of Western alchemy, but in fact there is no parallel at all, as we shall explain in the sub-section on physiological alchemy, where we shall return to this same text and give a fuller exegesis of it.

c Wu Chen Phien, stanza 25 (ch. 2, p. 2b), tr. auct.; adjuv. Davis & Chao Yün-Tshung (7).

d The Adept Thao comments that the 'mother'-chhi of true lead and the 'child'-chhi of the semen are of the same category, hence the natural mechanism or reaction can go on. It is not possible to elucidate this further here, but our sub-section on physiological alchemy (pt. 5 below) will explain it at length. Wu Chen Phien San Chu, stanza 8 (ch. 2, p. 6b).

e After Chhen Kuo-Fu (1).

other name: Wang Chhêng-An 王誠庵

# Table 113. The Southern School of Taoism, in Sung and Yuan (+10th to +14th century)

FOUNDER Liu Tshao 劉操 (d. bef. +1050) ---- Chhen Thuan 陳摶 (d. +989) (personal name later changed to Liu Hsüan-Ying 劉文英) courtesy name: Liu Chao-Yuan 劉昭遠 (courtesy name later changed to Liu Tsung-Chhêng 劉宗成) philosophical name: Hai Chhan Tzu 海號子 Chang Po-Tuan 張伯端 (d. +1082) (personal name later changed to Chang Yüng-Chhêng 張用成) courtesy name: Chang Phing-Shu 張平叔 temple name: Tzu-Yang Chen Jen 紫陽貿人 Shih Thai 石茶 (d. +1158) courtesy name: Shih Tê-Chih 石得之 literary name: Shih Hsing-Lin 石杏林 philosophical name: Tshui Hsüan Tzu 翠文子 Hsüch Tzu-Hsien 游紫賢 (d. +1191) other personal names: Hsüeh Shih 译式 Hsüeh Tao-Kuang 薛道光 Hsüeh Tao-Yuan 醉道源 Chhen Nan 陳楠 (d. +1213) courtesy name: Chhen Nan-Mu 陳南木 literary name: Chhen Tshui-Hsü 陳翠虚 also called Chhen Ni-Wan 陳泥丸 Chū Chiu-Ssu 胸九思 Pai Yü-Chhan 自王蟾 (fl. +1209 to +1224) [Lan Yuan-Lao 開元老] Sha Chê-Hsü 沙發虛 other name: Ko Chhang-Keng 以長块 philosophical name: Hai Chhiung Tzu 游瓊子 Chu Chü 朱橘 (d. +1242) temple name: Tzu-Chhing Chen Jen 紫清質人 other appellations: Chhiung-Shan tao jen 瓊山道人 Pin-An 蠖庵 I san jen 夷散人 Shen-Hsiao san li 弹符散吏 Wang Chin-Chhan 王金蟾 Phêng Ssu 巡報 Mêng Hsü 孟啟 courtesy name: Phêng Chi-I 彭季益 Li Tao-Shun 李道純 appellation: Hao-Lin yin shih 鶴林縣士 other name: Li Chhing-An 李清耀 philosophical name: Ying Chhan Tzu 禁憶子 Hsiao Liao-Chen 滿了眞 Miao Thai-Su 苗太素 other name: Miao Shih-An 苗實庵 Wang Chih-Tao 王志道

disciple, Shih Thai (d. + 1158), has been thought responsible for two treatises in the Tao Tsang. These are the Hsiu Chen Shih Shu2 (A Collection of Ten Books on the Regeneration of the Primary Vitalities) and the Huan Yuan Phien3 (Book of the Return to the Source), but Shih Thai was not the editor of the first, and neither is concerned with laboratory alchemy. Shih Thai then imparted his knowledge to Hsüeh Tzu-Hsien4, d who added a commentary to Chang Po-Tuan's Wu Chen Phien and wrote also the Huan Tan Fu Ming Phien5 (Book on the Restoration of Life by the Cyclically-Transformed Elixir),e which again is not very alchemical in nature.f Hsüeh Tzu-Hsien became the teacher of Chhen Nan<sup>6</sup>, g the author of the Tshui Hsii Phien (Book of the Emerald Heaven), h purely concerned with Taoist religion. Chhen Ni-Wan then taught the famous adept Pai Yü-Chhan8 (fl. +1209 to +1224), 1 a prolific writer of many Taoist canons. Thus all the writings of the Southern School after the time of Chang Po-Tuan seem to have had very little bearing on proto-chemical alchemy, the Wu Chen Phien being perhaps a partial exception. But then we suddenly come across the Chin Hua Chhung-Pi Tan Ching Pi Chih, that very important text on alchemical procedures and apparatus by two of Pai Yü-Chhan's disciples, Phêng Ssu<sup>9</sup> & Mêng Hsü 10 (see p. 199 above). This suggests that we can never say for certain that a particular adept was not a practical alchemist when all we know is that he only wrote on religious Taoism or physiological alchemy (nei tan). Such men were probably versed in all these fields, and probably practised both proto-chemical and physiological alchemy even though they might have some preference for one or the other.

We must now turn our attention to the other important Taoist school, that of the North, founded by Wang Chung-Fu<sup>11</sup> (+1113 to +1170) who claimed that he had himself been a disciple of the famous Thang adept Lü Tung-Pin (p. 147 above). Like Liu Tshao, his origins are obscure. Known under a number of different names, this mage contributed several tractates to the *Tao Tsang*, including the *Chhung-Yang Chhüan Chen Chi*<sup>12</sup> (Wang Chhung-Yang's Records of the Perfect-Truth School), 1

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a Also called Shih Hsing-Lin 13 and Tshui Hsüan Tzu.14
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wai tan.

1石泰	2 修眞十書	3 還源篇	* 薛紫賢	5 還丹復命篇
6 陳楠	7 翠虚篇	8 白玉蟾	9 彭耜	10 孟煦
11 王中孚	12 重陽全紅集	13 石杏林	14 翠玄子	15 薛道光
16 紫賢	17 毗陵禪師	18 陳泥丸	19 泥丸質人	20 海瓊子
31 紫清眞人	22 王嘉	23 王允卿	* 王世雄	25 重陽子
26 平電器	27 電陽帝君			

b TT260. We treat of this extensively in pt. 5 below.

c TT 1077. It occurs also as ch. 2 of the Hsiu Chen Shih Shu, hence the mis-attribution.

d Also called Hsüch Tao-Kuang.<sup>15</sup>
Tao-Kuang are given in Davis & Chao Yür
Accounts of Shih Hsing-Lin and Hsüch Tao-Kuang are given in Davis & Chao Yür

f Accounts of Shih Hsing-Lin and Hsüeh Tao-Kuang are given in Davis & Chao Yün-Tshung (4). The latter has a special interest because he had previously been a Buddhist philosopher of note, with the monastic name of Tzu-Hsien 16 and the title Phi-Ling Chhan Shih. 17

g Also known as Chhen Ni-Wan 18 or Ni-Wan Chen Jen, 19 h TT 1076.

Otherwise called Hai Chhiung Tzu<sup>20</sup> or Tzu-Chhing Chen Jen.<sup>21</sup>
J In this particular case it looks as if Phêng Ssu was more interested in nei tan and Mêng Hsü in

k Such as Wang Chê,<sup>22</sup> Wang Yün-Chhing,<sup>23</sup> Wang Shih-Hsiung,<sup>24</sup> Chhung Yang Tzu,<sup>25</sup> Wang Chhung-Yang,<sup>26</sup> and Chhung-Yang Ti Chün,<sup>27</sup>

<sup>1</sup> TT 1139.

28 譚通正

33 葉夢得

38 邱通密

20 麗玉

34 水雲鉄

19 邱長春

the Chhung-Yang Chiao Hua Chi<sup>1</sup> (Memorials of Wang Chhung-Yang's Preaching),<sup>a</sup> the Chhung-Yang Fên-Li Shih-Hua Chi<sup>2</sup> (Writings of Wang Chhung-Yang (to commemorate the time when he received a daily) Ration of Pears, and the Ten Precepts of his Teacher),<sup>b</sup> the Chhung-Yang Chin-Kuan Yü-So Chüeh<sup>3</sup> (Wang Chhung-Yang's Instructions on the Golden Gate and the Lock of Jade),<sup>c</sup> and the Chhung-Yang Li-Chiao Shih-Wu Lun<sup>4</sup> (Fifteen Discourses of Wang Chhung-Yang on the Establishment of his School).<sup>d</sup>

Wang Chung-Fu's disciples, the 'Seven Perfect-Truth Masters' (chhüan chen chhi tzu5), were all well known. Ma Yü6 (+1123 to +1183), the most senior member, was responsible for the Tan-Yang Chen Jen Yü Lu7 (Precious Records of the Adept Tan-Yang), f the Chien Wu Chi8 (On the Gradual Understanding (of the Tao)), g the Tzu-Jan Chi<sup>o</sup> (Collected (Poems) on the Spontaneity of Nature), h the Tung-Hsüan Chin Yü Chi (Collections of Gold and Jade; a Tung-Hsüan Scripture), and the Tan-Yang Shen Kuang Tshan 11 (Tan Yang (Tzu's Book) on the Resplendent Glow of the Numinous Light); I all in the Tao Tsang. The second master was Than Chhu-Tuan 12 (+1123 to +1185).k He wrote a Than hsien-seng Shui Yün Chi 13 (Mr Than's Records of Life among the Mountain Clouds and Waterfalls). Liu Chhu-Hsüan 14 (+1147 to +1203),m the third of the Seven Masters, wrote the Hsien Lo Chi15 (Collected (Poems) on the Happiness of the Holy Immortals) and a commentary on the Huang Ti Yin Fu Ching 16 (The Yellow Emperor's Book on the Harmony of the Seen and the Unseen).º The fourth and most celebrated master was Chhiu Chhu-Chi<sup>17</sup> (+1148 to +1227), widely known as Chhang-Chhun Chen Jen 18 (the Adept of Eternal Spring). He wrote the Chhiu Chhang-Chhun Chhing Thien Ko 19 (Chhiu Chhang-Chhun's Song of the Blue Heavens), and a Hsüan Feng Chhing Hui Lu<sup>20</sup> (Record of

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the Auspicious Meeting of the Mysterious Winds), which contained the answers
  a TT 1140.
                        b TT 1141. This was a fasting diet during his first initiation.
  c TT1142.
                       d TT 1216.
  <sup>e</sup> Known variously as Ma Chhu-Yü,<sup>21</sup> Ma Hsüan-Pao,<sup>22</sup> Ma Thung-Pao,<sup>23</sup> Ma Tshung-I,<sup>24</sup> Ma
I-Fu,25 Tan Yang Tzu26 and Tan-Yang Ti Chün.27
  f TT 1044.
                                    h TT1130.
                                                      1 TT 1135.
                                                                       j TT1136.
                   g TT 1128.
  k He was known by different names, Than Thung-Cheng, 25 Than Yü, 29 Than Po-Yü, 30 Chhang
Chen Tzu,31 and Chhang-Chen Chen Chün.32
  1 TT 1146. The book describes the ascetic life of the Taoist hermit. The similarity of its title to that
of Yeh Meng-Te's 13 book, Shui Yiin Lu, 34 which gives us one of the oldest accounts of the sublimation
of steroid hormones, may be noted. Yeh (+1077 to +1148) was of a rather older generation than that
of the Seven Masters. See Lu Gwei-Djen & Needham (3).
 M Also called Liu Thung-Miao, 35 Chhang Sheng Tzu 36 and Chhang-Sheng Chen Chun, 37
                                     o TT119. See Vol. 2, p. 447.
 n TT1127.
 p Also called Chhiu Thung-Mi,38 Chhiu Chhang-Chhun.30
                                                           9 TT 134.
                                                                         r TT 173.
  「重陽数化集
                     2 重陽分梨十化集
                                             3 重陽金陽玉鎖訣
                                                                      + 重陽立数十五論
                     6馬缸
 5 全質七子
                                   7 丹陽質人玉錄
                                                                             9自然集
                                                           8 漸悟集
 10 洞玄金玉集
                    11 丹陽神光燦
                                             12 潭魔端
                                                                     13 譚先生水雲集
 14 劉成玄
                    15 仙樂集
                                   16 黄帝陰符經
                                                           17 邱威機
                                                                            18 長春眞人
 19 邱長春青天歌
                    投會變風左 02
                                            21 馬處鈺
                                                                     22 馬玄賓
 四馬通寶
                    24 馬從義
                                   25 馬宜甫
                                                           26 丹陽子
                                                                            27 丹陽帝君
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10 20 伯玉

35 劉通妙

31 長缸子

16 長生子

32 長質質君

37 長生質君

given by Chhiu Chhu-Chi to Chingiz Khan when consulted by him about the way of immortality, a Chhiu also wrote a Ta Tan Chih Chih<sup>1</sup> (Direct Hints on the Great Elixir), and the Chhang-Chhun Tzu Phan-hsi Chi<sup>2</sup> (Chhiu Chhang-Chhun's Collected (Poems) at Phan-hsi), The fifth of the Seven Masters, Wang Chhu-I<sup>3</sup> (+1142 to +1198), was the author of the Hsi Yo Hua-shan Chih<sup>4</sup> (Records of Huashan, the Great Western Mountain) and the Yün Kuang Chi<sup>5</sup> (Collected (Poems) of Light (through the Clouds)). The sixth master, Ho Ta-Thung (+1140 to +1212), contributed the Thai-Ku Chi<sup>7</sup> (Collected Works of (Ho) Thai-Ku) to the Tao Tsang. Finally it is pleasant to record that the seventh and last divine, Sun Pu-Erh<sup>8</sup> (+1119 to +1183), was a woman, and in fact the wife of Ma Yü.

The Northern School laid emphasis on self-cultivation (hsiu ming) by the leading of an ascetic life and the suppression of desire for earthly things, so much so that its priests took to celibacy. Practical alchemy seemed to be outside its concern, but the physiological alchemy of respiratory and other exercises was very much cultivated. On being given an audience by Chingiz Khan in +1222 and consulted about the way of achieving immortality, Chhiu Chhu-Chi told him that as an emperor he would automatically become an immortal when his reign ended if he had accomplished the mission of bringing peace and happiness to the world. In order to achieve this, however, it was necessary that he should conserve his health by exercising more restraint in his sexual life, especially as he was over forty and had more than one consort. The greatest single contribution made by the Northern School to alchemy was no doubt the collection of the Taoist Patrology made by some of the disciples of Chhiu Chhu-Chi, under the leadership of Sung Tê-Fang, from +1237 onwards, culminating in the printing of the Hsüan Tu Pao Tsang Collection in +1244. Among Sung's disciples was Li Chüeh<sup>12</sup>, the teacher of Chang Mu<sup>13</sup>, who in turn taught

b TT241. c TT1145. d Also called Yü Yang Tzu<sup>17</sup> or Yü-Yang Chen Chün. 18 c TT304. f TT1138.

g Also called Ho Ta-Ku,<sup>10</sup> Ho Thai-Ku,<sup>20</sup> Ho Lin,<sup>21</sup> Thien Jan Tzu,<sup>22</sup> Kuang Ning Tzu,<sup>23</sup> and Kuang-Ning Chen Chün.<sup>24</sup>
h TT1147.

1 Also known as Chhing-Ching San Jen 25 and Chhing-Ching Yuan Chün. 26

<sup>1</sup> This was such a departure from the general tendencies of early Taoism (cf. Vol. 2, pp. 57, 137, 146) that one can hardly fail to suspect the influence of Buddhist asceticism.

k The whole of TT 173 is devoted to the advice given by Chhiu Chhu-Chi on this occasion.

1 See p. 116 above.

m Also called Li Shuang-Yü,27 Li Hsi-Chen,28 and Thai-Hsü Chen Jen.20

n Also known by the names Chang Chün-Fan,30 Chang Tao-Hsin31 and Tzu-Chhiung Chen Jen.32

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1大丹直指
           2 長春子磻溪集
                                         8 孫不二
           6 郝大頭
5 囊光集
                        7太古集
                                                 0 修命
10 朱德方
           11 玄都餐廠
                        12 李珏
                                   13 張榄
4 長春眞人西遊記
                        15 李志常
                                   10 通玄大師
                                                17 玉陽子
                                   21 郝璐
                                                22 恬然子
18 玉陽眞君
                        20 郝太古
           19 郝大古
23 國寧子
           24 廣寧眞君
                        25 清靜散人
                                   26 清靜元君
                                                27 李學玉
28 李栖質
           20 太虚紅人
                        30 暖君節
                                   31 强流心
                                                32 紫瓊質人
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a Chhiu Chhu-Chi was summoned to the court of the Mongolian conqueror, then in Afghanistan, and travelled to Samarqand and back from Shantung between +1219 and +1224. Cf. Vol. 3, pp. 522 ff. A disciple's account of the journey has been translated by Waley (10) under the title 'Travels of an Alchemist'. This was Chhang-Chhun Chen Jen Hsi Yu Chi<sup>14</sup> (Journey of the Eternal-Spring Adept into the West), written by Li Chih-Chhang, <sup>15</sup> also called Thung-Hsüan Ta Shih. <sup>16</sup>

Chao Yu-Chhin 1, a Chao Yu-Chhin then became the teacher of the greatest Taoist writer of the Yuan period, Chhen Kuan-Wu,2 also called Chhen Chih-Hsü3 and Shang Yang Tzu. About +1331 Chhen Chih-Hsü wrote the Chin Tan Ta Yaos (Main Essentials of the Metallous Enchymoma; the true Gold Elixir), also called Shang Yang Tzu Chin Tan Ta Yao6;b compiling for it also a Chin Tan Ta Yao Thu7 (Illustrations for the 'Main Essentials...').c These are important books on physiological alchemy (cf. pt. 5 below) using many technical terms in common with the laboratory alchemists. This is why one cannot but feel that practical experimentation had remained a continuing, if esoteric, activity of Taoists who seemed primarily interested in the psycho-physiological techniques. Chhen Chih-Hsü also wrote commentaries on the Tshan Thung Chhi and the Wu Chen Phien, called respectively Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Fên Chang Chu8 and Wu Chen Phien San Chu9 (Three Commentaries on the 'Essay on Regenerating the Primary Vitalities').d Although we shall have occasion in due course to quote from the text and diagrams of Chhen Chih-Hsü, who certainly knew the practical techniques of chemical operations, his own interests lay mainly in the field of psycho-physiological alchemy.

This sub-section may suitably be ended by a quotation from a scholar of about +1230 who knew both wai tan and nei tan but greatly preferred the latter. Chhu Yung 10 (Chhu Hua-Ku 11) was, as we noted at an earlier stage, one of the commentators on the Tshan Thung Chhi, but he also produced an interesting work entitled Chhü I Shuo Tsuan 12 (Discussions on the Dispersal of Doubts) which we have often quoted already in these volumes. In the course of this he wrote in the following vein:

Those who practise the 'Art of the Yellow and the White' are deceitful and treacherous; they are called 'sooty empiricks' (jê kho¹³) or 'furnace firemen' (lu huo¹⁴). The lesser (artists) refine and thin down gold and silver to form cupel cakes (san chih¹⁵); the greater (ones) work to compose and perfect an 'elixir-mother' (tan mu¹⁶). Both results are called 'casing-process ingredients' (kuei thou¹⁷). (According to the old saying): 'swallows and sparrows do not lay phoenix eggs, nor are horses suckled by foxes and rabbits'; this, they say, supports the theory of (elixir-)mothers. Sometimes they steal the genuine (elixir-)mother and substitute another substance for it; sometimes they make (the metal) absorb (mercury), and expect to be profoundly thanked (and rewarded). When the mercury enters the absorbent (metal) (ju kuei¹¹8) it necessarily eats up the (elixir-)mother, thus forming the precious substance.

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a Otherwise known as Yuan-Tu Chen Jen. 19
b TT 1053. c TT 1054. d TT 139. c Cf. e.g. Vol. 2, p. 387, Vol. 3, p. 323, Vol. 4, pt. 1, p. 307.
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f Ch. 1, pp. 11b, 12a, tr. auct.

g This seems to be a distinction between the humble assayers and the more prestigious Taoist alchemists, but the products of both could be amalgamated. A technical term for just this follows in the next sentence. The 'elixir-mother' was evidently some precursor-substance of the product desired.

h Because they would form amalgams with mercury?
 i A quotation from the Tshan Thung Chhi, ch. 12, p. 25b.

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1 趙友欽
             2 陳觀吾
                        3 陳致虚
                                   +上陽子
                                                5金丹大要
                                    8 周易譽同契分章註
                   7金丹大耍圖
6 上陽子金丹大要
             10 儲泳
                        " 儘華谷
                                   12 祛疑說息
。悟眞篇三註
14 爐火
             15 榕制
                        16 丹母
                                   17 匯頭
                                               18 入置
19 緣督眞人
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When this has been repeated several times the chhi of the (elixir-)mother becomes exhausted. When the gold and silver is quite finished, all the mercury goes off in fume and flame." Others again use mercury to collect the body of the silver, and various chemicals to eat up the colour of the gold, then on long heating the precious product is seen; this process is called 'collecting the (elixir-)mother through a window in the wall (ko chhuang chhu mu1)'.b Others yet again use reaction-vessels (ting chhi2) actually made of gold and silver, putting mercury in them with various chemicals derived from plants, then after transformation by heating another precious material is obtained; this process is called 'inverting the body of the Jade Girl (Yü Nü fan shen3)'. Still others heat mercury with vitriol in iron vessels, gaining the result in a very short time. A product may look like silver but more yellow in colour and of a harder substance, or it may look like gold but also harder and paler, or it may look like copper though smoother in texture and brighter in hue, c This is because mercury eats up the formative essence (ying hua4)d of the iron to form a (new) substance, and vitriol changes the colour of iron to yellow. This is what they call 'instant transformation into a true precious substance (lit. before you can turn round, chuan shen pien chhêng chen pao<sup>5</sup>). There is hardly anyone in the world who is not deceived by these things.

(On the other hand) there is, for example, the getting of mercury from lotus plants (ho yeh6), and the preparation of lead and tin from the ash of the purslane (hui hsien7); fall this is described in (the texts) concerning the 72 kinds of 'dragon sprouts' (lung ya8). These are the kinds of things that are worth looking into in the chymic art (lu huo chung chih kho kuan chih9). All the things more vulgar than these are really not worth talking about, and I do not intend to discuss them. I sincerely hope that scholars who wish to understand the Tao will not pay any attention to them,g

One may feel that Chhu Yung showed some discrimination in rejecting as vulgar both the making of metallic and mineral elixirs (now no longer convincing), and the alleged triumphs of aurifaction, while pointing to the presence of metals in plant tissues as a real and elegant natural wonder. If only he and his contemporaries could have found some way of breaking out of the charmed circle of practical alchemical procedures in which the 'sooty empiricks' had revolved for so long, and finding the road to a developed chemical science, we should be ready to give him far higher praise.

- This would seem to be a reference to gilding and silvering by the use of amalgams.
- b This could well be a reference to surface enrichment processes,
- c Doubtless these were all alloys resembling gold and silver in appearance, like those produced by Wang Chieh (p. 186 above).
  - d See the remarks in pt. 4.

e This must be an allusion to the precipitation of copper from copper sulphate solutions in the presence of iron scrap (the 'wet copper method') on which see p. 129, and pt. 4 below.

f Here Chhu Yung is clearly talking about the finding of metals in plants, a subject we have already discussed under the head of bio-geochemical prospecting (Vol. 3, pp. 675 ff.). Plant accumulators, which store astonishingly large amounts of metal elements in their bodies, are now well known, and as early as the +18th century it was appreciated in Europe that the Chinese had discovered this phenomenon long before. What evidence Chhu Yung had for his statement about mercury in the lotus (Nelumbo) we do not know, but it certainly accumulates in the purslane (Portulaca oleracea, R 554, more often called ma chhih hsien (1), which he mentions immediately afterwards (cf. Vol. 3, p. 678).

g 'The whole passage seems to be an inventory of 'casing' and 'irrigation' processes. For an attempt to elucidate what these were, see pt. 4 below.

<sup>「</sup>隔窗取母

<sup>2</sup> 鼎器

<sup>4</sup> 英華 5 轉身便成價資

<sup>0</sup> 荷葉

<sup>9</sup> 爐火中之可觀者

<sup>10</sup> 馬齒草

But neither the needs of society nor the nature of the traditional natural philosophy permitted, and instead Chhu Yung followed the path of gentlemanly meditational and discreet physiological nei tan practices. One can sense in him the class-distinction between the clerkly administrator familiar with polite literature on the one hand and the quasi-artisanal manual operator on the other. The writ of Taoist religious sanction for the latter way of life was now fast running out. 'In general', Chhu Yung wrote, a 'those who are interested in the "art of the yellow and the white" are not really scholars of refinement and distinction (fei chhing kao chih shih 1). How can they qualify as learned students of the Tao?'

## (7) ALCHEMY IN ITS DECLINE; YUAN, MING AND CHHING

After its heyday in the Thang dynasty alchemy continued to flourish, as we have seen, during the Sung period. However, the dangers of elixir-poisoning had clearly manifested themselves since no less than six Thang emperors and a number of court officials died from this cause. By the time of the Sung more caution was exercised in the general approach to elixir-making, not only in the composition of the elixirs themselves, but also in attempts to elaborate pharmaceutical ways and means of counteracting the toxic effects. The number of ingredients used in elixir formulae was reduced and there was a tendency to return to the ancient and difficult theorising of the Tshan Thung Chhi, perhaps to conceal the processes from rash and ignorant operators. Psycho-physiological alchemy (nei tan) became steadily more popular than laboratory alchemy (wai tan). This can be seen from the works of Chang Po-Tuan and the numerous commentaries on the Tshan Thung Chhi. The Northern School founded by Wang Chê seems to have paid (at least on the surface) very little attention to alchemy, while in the Southern School we find only one treatise that can be said to be truly concerned with chemical operations: the Chin Hua Chhung-Pi Tan Ching Pi Chih of Phêng Ssu & Mêng Hsü.

When the empire fell into the hands of the Mongols towards the end of the +13th century Taoism lost favour, since it was suspected of subversive (and nationalist) political ideas. As a result of the confrontation with Buddhism at this time there was a great loss of alchemical texts when the Taoist patrology was committed to the flames. Taoist alchemy was now down to its lowest ebb. The most important text outwardly dealing with alchemy, namely the Chin Tan Ta Yao (with its associated Chin Tan Ta Yao Thu), by Chhen Chih-Hsü, c. +1331, must be considered primarily a work on psycho-physiological alchemy rather than practical proto-chemistry. On the other hand certain popular cyclopaedias continued to give details about alchemical operations and apparatus, e.g. the Mo O Hsiao Lu² (Secretary's Commonplace-Book) put together by an anonymous compiler about this time. Equally, certain emperors had

a Ch. 1, p. 12b, tr. auct. b Cf. Vol. 2, pp. 100, 115, 138.

c At this time a great number of writers were composing tractates and poems on physiological alchemy—to take one example Kao Hsiang-Hsien, whose verses induced Davis & Chao Yün-Tshung (1), cf. (6), p. 397, to attempt a translation.

<sup>1</sup> 非清高之士 2 号

<sup>2</sup> 墨娥小母

dealings with alchemists, and certain sceptical Confucian scholars condemned them as of old. An example of the former might be found in Shih Tsu<sup>1</sup> (Khubilai Khan) himself, who ruled China from +1280 to +1294, and to illustrate the latter we could refer to the *Pien Huo Phien*<sup>2</sup> (Disputations on Doubtful Matters),<sup>a</sup> written by Hsieh Ying-Fang<sup>3</sup> in +1348. Here the writer runs through the whole story of alchemy and elixir-poisoning (cf. pp. 135, 185) through the ages, consigning it entire to the dustbin of charlatanry and religious superstition.<sup>b</sup>

The idea of the clixir of life lingered on in China for a few more centuries, though there was never any sign of a general revival of alchemy. Indeed it caught the fancy of some of the Ming emperors.c The official history (Ming Shih) informs us that the emperor Ming Thai Tsu granted audience to the adept Liu Yuan,4 and sent messengers in + 1391 to search for an alchemist called Chang San-Fêng.5 He also graciously greeted Chang Chêng-Chhang,6 descendant of Chang Tao-Ling in the 24th generation.d The emperor Chhêng Tsu was still looking for Chang San-Fêng during the Yung-Lo reign-period (+ 1403 to + 1424), and in + 1450 Ying Tsung at last honoured Chang by giving him the title Thung-Wei Hsien-Hua Chen Jen7.e The name of Chang San-Fêng is nowadays generally associated with one of the schools of Chinese boxing called thai chi chhiian8,f and we know very little about his history.g A number of books are however attributed to him and one of them, the San-Fêng Tan Chüeh9 (Chang San-Fêng's Instructions about Enchymomas), talks of psycho-physiological alchemy in terms of lead amalgamation. While his books do not suggest that Chang was practising any alchemy, we are told that one of his disciples, Shen Wan-San, 10 was an experimental alchemist, familiar with the properties of lead and mercury, and able to transmute copper and iron into 'gold' and 'silver' by the application of mercury which had been previously treated. We are also told that Shen Wan-San's daughter, Shen Yü-Hsia,11 was an alchemist too.h

# (i) The Emaciated Immortal, Prince of the Ming

During the first half of the +15th century the imperial house of the Ming itself contributed several outstanding names to the history of Chinese science. Prince Chu Hsiao 12 (Chou Ting Wang, 13 c. +1380 to +1425) gained imperishable renown for his Chiu Huang Pên Tshao 14 (Natural History of Emergency Food Plants) printed in

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" This work has already been described in Vol. 2, p. 389.
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h See Chang San-Féng Chuan, p. 4b (in Fu Chin-Chhuan's Chêng Tao Pi Shu Shih Chung 15).

1 世祖	2 辯惑調	3 歐應芳	4 劉 洲	5 張三峯
6 强正常	7 通機顯化質		*太極拳	9 三峯丹訣
10 沈萬三	11 沈玉霞	12 朱恤	13 周定王	** 救荒本草

<sup>15</sup> 證道秘書十種

b Ch. 4, pp. 4b to 10b.

c A brief survey of alchemy during the Ming period has been given by Ho Ping-Yü (13).

d Ming Shih, ch. 202, p. 23a, and ch. 299, p. 8a.

e Ming Shih, ch. 202, p. 23a.

f A kind of physical exercise, part self-defence, part medical eurhythmics. We shall say more about it in connection with physiological alchemy in Vol. 5, pt. 5, and also in the sub-section on physiotherapy and remedial gymnastic techniques in Vol. 6, Sect. 44. It goes back at least as far as Hua Tho.

g An analytical study of his hagiography has been made by Seidel (1).

+1406, a work which, together with others of the same kind, we shall discuss in detail in the botanical Section of Vol. 6.ª But here it is his younger brother, also a prince. Chu Chhüan 1 (Ning Hsien Wang, 2 + 1300 to + 1448), who attracts us more, for he was greatly interested in the proto-chemistry of the alchemists, chiefly from the medical and technological angle.b Just as his brother maintained a great botanical garden at Khaifeng with many gardeners cultivating the plants which were safe to use for food in times of famine or scarcity, and some assistants studying methods of detoxicating the dangerous ones, so Chu Chhüan must have had an elaboratory in which he carried out or supervised experiments on iatro-chemistry, pharmacy and metallurgy. About +1421 he produced a book which we should dearly like to see today, the Kêng Hsin Yü Tshê3 (Precious Secrets (lit. Jade Pages) of the Realm of Kêng and Hsin),c i.e. all things connected with metals and minerals, symbolised by these two cyclical characters, which also constitute an alchemical synonym for gold.d It enumerated under 541 entries the substances employed in chemical preparations. According to Li Shih-Chen,e it was divided into the following sections: (a) metals and inorganic materials, (b) 'subtle sprouts' (ling miao+), i.e. ore indications, or perhaps products of chemical reactions, (c) plants with active principles of remarkable properties. (d) feathers and hair, f (e) carapaces and hides, g (f) substances and liquids which may be eaten and drunk, (g) iatro-chemical and alchemical apparatus. Chu Chhüan drew largely upon a literary tradition which is tantalisingly obscure, not exactly alchemical, not exactly pharmaceutical, connected rather with mining and metallurgy, and perhaps because of its specialised interest not widely copied, hence now lost, or extant only in quotations. Among such sources Li mentioned the Wai Tan Pên Tshaos (Iatro-chemical Natural History) of Tshui Fang6 in the early Sung,h and the Thu Hsiu Chen Chün Tsao-Hua Chih Nan7 (Guide to (lit. South-pointing Compass for) the Creation,1 by the Earth's Mansions Immortal), a valuable work on mining,

a Sect. 38.

b His philosophical name was Han Hsü Tzu,8 the Full-of-Emptiness Master, but he also called himself Chhü Hsien, the Emaciated Immortal, and others named him the Teacher of the Elixir Mound, Tan Chhiu hsien-sêng.10 His biography is found in Ming Shih, ch. 117, p. 4a.

c Already referred to in Vol. 1, p. 147, Vol. 3, p. 678.
d The book was certainly available to Li Shih-Chen. Bretschneider (1), vol. 1, p. 53, spoke as if he had seen it, but in our own time Ching Li-Pin (1) characterised it as 'introuvable'. If it still exists at all it must be extremely rare, but China has so many provincial libraries that one should not give up hope of encountering it one day.

e PTKM, ch. 1A, p. 12b.

f Important in relation to sal ammoniac, a key substance in chemical history. It is formed by the destructive distillation of keratin. Cf. pt. 4.

g No doubt Chu Chhüan was interested in the process of tanning. Cf. Vol. 6.

h A very important book (cf. Vol. 5, pt. 2, pp. 201, 209, and p. 185 above), written about +1045. 1 On this phrase, tsao-hua, the Author or Foundation of Change, and its parallel locution, tsao-wu chê,11 the Author of Things or Nature, see Vol. 2, pp. 564, 581 and Vol. 3, p. 599. More recently Schafer (17) has argued that these phrases did imply some kind of personal deity in ancient and medieval China, but since the concept of creation ex nihilo was so foreign to Chinese thought, we adhere to our view that the Author of Change was not a person, but rather a numinous poetical allegory of the Tao of all things.

<sup>2</sup> 寧獻王 1 朱檀 3 庚辛玉册 + 霞苗 5 外丹本草 6 偿助 7 土宿眞君造化指南 8 涵虚子 9 臘仙

<sup>10</sup> 丹丘先生

<sup>11</sup> 造物者

mineralogy, assaying, mineral remedies,<sup>a</sup> and probably alchemy, so far quite impossible to date, but hardly earlier than the Thang or later than the beginning of the Ming. One at any rate of the books prized and quoted by Chu Chhüan we still have available, namely the Tan Fang Chien Yuan<sup>1</sup> (Mirror of Alchemical Processes and Reagents) written about +950 by Tuku Thao;<sup>2</sup> on this see p. 180 above. Two others we know only by quotations, the Hsien-Yuan Pao Tsang Lun<sup>3</sup> (Discourse of the Yellow Emperor on the Contents of the Precious Treasury of the Earth), obscure in date and authorship but probably finished by +918;<sup>b</sup> and the Tan Thai Hsin Lu<sup>4</sup> (New Discourse on the Alchemical Laboratory), which must be early Sung or pre-Sung because mentioned in Sung bibliographies,<sup>c</sup> but attributed to an even earlier date because attributed to Chhing Hsia Tzu<sup>5</sup> (see pp. 159, 180). All in all we have here a fascinating Paracelsian realm where alchemy joined hands with practical mining and metallurgy as well as with medicine; and it is exasperating that fate has deprived us of so many of the documents concerned.

The Kêng Hsin Yü Tshê was far from being Chu Chhüan's only book. He wrote one on geriatric medicine, which hardly concerns us here, though mineral remedies were assuredly involved,<sup>d</sup> and another which must have been chemical or metallurgical since it was entitled Tsao-Hua Chhien Chhui<sup>6</sup> (The Hammer and Tongs of Creation).<sup>e</sup> So also some theoretical proto-chemistry was assuredly contained in two other books, Chhien Khun Pi Yün<sup>7</sup> (The Hidden Casket of Yin and Yang Opened) and Chhien Khun Shêng I<sup>8</sup> (Principles of the Coming into Being of Yin and Yang), now almost wholly lost. These were never very well known, and rarely quoted, but much greater prominence was given by the Chhing bibliographers to another work, the Chhü Hsien Shen Yin Shu<sup>9</sup> (Book of Daily Occupations for Scholars in Rural Retirement, by the Emaciated Immortal); this dealt with botanical and horticultural subjects, fermentation technology, fruit preservation and veterinary medicine, again doubtless emphasis-

a Hence it was sometimes known as Thu Hsiu Pên Tshao<sup>10</sup> (The Earth's Mansions Pharmaceutical Natural History).

b Chang Tzu-Kao (2), p. 118, considers that this book reached its final form in the Wu Tai period (+10th cent.), and speaks as if he thought that Hsien-Yuan was a name or pseudonym of a person living at that time. But, as we saw on p. 130 above, the book seems to have a connection with Su Yuan-Ming in the Chin (+4th cent.), who perhaps wrote the first recension of it. It may be of interest that there seems to have been in the late Thang an adept with a double family name, Hsienyuan Chi; 11 he was active under Wu Tsung and Hsüan Tsung in the middle of the +9th century. So far the Lo-fou Shan Chih, ch. 4, p. 17b, but the subject of this biography was more of a magician than a metallurgical chemist and mining expert.

c Sung Shih, ch. 205, p. 18a, Thung Chih Lüeh, ch. 43, p. 24a. The latter gives the author as Hsia Yu-Chang, 12 a person not otherwise known. This may be a convenient place to refer to the value of the Thung Chih bibliographies, compiled about +1150, much earlier than those in the dynastic history. Of wai tan books it lists 203 and of nei tan books 40; not to speak of 31 on metals and minerals, 56 on Taoist dietary regimen, 9 on sexual techniques, 107 on respiratory exercises, 20 on gymnastics and 74 on macrobiotics in general. These totals by themselves may afford some estimate of the extent to which the several specialities had been cultivated during the preceding centuries.

d Shou Yu Shen Fang 13 (Magical Prescriptions of the Realm of the Old).

e Cf. Vol. 3, p. 599.

1 丹方鑑流	2 獨孤滔	3 軒轅蜜藏論	+ 丹臺新錄	5青霞子
6 造化鉛鎚	7 乾坤秘韞	* 乾坤生意	9 臘仙神隱書	
10 土宿本草	11 軒轅集	12 夏有章	13 籌城神方	

ing mineral remedies.<sup>a</sup> Besides these it is thought that Chu Chhüan's interests included the knowledge of distant lands, e.g. those of the Arabs, and their products, so that he seems to have been associated, perhaps as patron, with the *I Yü Thu Chih*<sup>1</sup> (Illustrated Record of Strange Countries), a geographical encyclopaedia compiled just before +1430. This we have already described in Sect. 22.<sup>b</sup>

The Ming emperor Shih Tsung (r. +1522 to +1567) showed great interest in the art of the immortals, and Chang Yen-Phien, a descendant of Chang Tao-Ling, took advantage of this to gain his favour.c In fact it brought Shih Tsung to his death, for in his last years he put much confidence in Taoist physicians, magicians and alchemists. There was one especially, named Wang Chin,3 who had been a protégé of the high official and favourite Thao Chung-Wên,4 and the amateur alchemist Yin Ying-Lin,5 a country magistrate.d In spite of various frauds Wang Chin was appointed a Physician-in-Attendance in the Imperial Academy of Medicine (Thai I Yuan<sup>6</sup>), but his ministrations brought about the emperor's last illness. Eventually Wang's overbold iatro-chemical therapy caught up with him and he was exiled to the frontiers, lucky to escape execution, in +1570. The whole story, which involved a number of other dubious characters, is particularly interesting because of the persistence of the belief still recorded by the historians here that eating and drinking from vessels made of alchemical gold and silver would bring about immortality (cf. pp. 31, 49 above). For another protégé of Thao Chung-Wên, Tuan Chhao-Yung,7 averred that 'the product of his transmutation was all silver of the immortals, and that anyone who supped off it would never die'. He actually presented ten thousand pieces of gold to the throne, but later his art 'could not be verified (shu pu yen8)', and a disciple revealed his secrets, so they both came to grief. But the idea had by then had a run of some sixteen centuries.

# (ii) Ben Jonson in China

Meanwhile throughout this time the usual stories about alchemical charlatans and gullible scholar-officials continued to proliferate, paralleling closely enough indeed the oft-repeated tales in European culture. Since the Ming was a famous period for novels and plays, the elaboration of this particular theme is not at all surprising. It was frequently worked out in different forms by the prolific writer Fêng Mêng-Lung (d. +1646), partly in his Chin Ku Chhi Kuan (Strange Tales New and Old),

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a See SKCS/TMTY, ch. 147, p. 9a.
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b Vol. 3, pp. 512ff.

c Ming Shih, ch. 299, p. 22a.

d See Ming Shih, ch. 307, pp. 25a to 31a. Thao was a magician-technician himself.

e So hua yin chieh hsien wu, yung wei yin shih chhi tang pu ssu.11

f Cf. pp. 168, 170, 194, 206 above.

g See, for instance, Read (1); Holmyard (1) and many other histories of Western alchemy.

h A good account of him will be found in Chhen Shou-Yi (3), pp. 48off., and there are several references in Lu Hsün (1), pp. 257, 267, 418 for example.

 <sup>1</sup> 異域圖志
 2 張彥頨
 3 王金
 4 陶仲文
 5 陰應麟

 6 太醫院
 7 段朝用
 8 循不驗
 9 馮廖龍
 10 今古奇觀

<sup>11</sup> 所化銀皆仙物用爲飲食器當不死

partly in his Tsêng Kuang Chih Nang Pu<sup>1</sup> (Additions to the Enlarged Bag of Wisdom). Fêng was also responsible for three widely read collections called the San Yen,2 in which again plausible projectors and holy deceivers prominently figure. Another writer of the same period who liked this pseudo-scientific gambit was Chang Hsüan,3 the author of the Hsi Yuan Wên Chien Lu4 (Things seen and heard in the Western Garden).

The story in the Chin Ku Chhi Kuan about the alchemists is entitled 'Khua Miao Shu Tan Kho Thi Chin',5 a phrase best translated perhaps in couplet form;

> How Spagyrists with vaunted occult Art Cozen the Host and with his Gold depart.

Comparison with the well-known and almost exactly contemporary English play, "The Alchemist' by Ben Jonson (+1572 to +1637), acted in +1610 and printed two years later, springs to the mind. We cannot forbear from comparing the plots as a momentary recreation from the business of this book. In Jonson's play a London gentleman, Mr Love-Wit, leaves his town house on account of the plague, with his servant, Face, in charge, whereupon Face and the alchemist Subtle make use of the premises for cheating a number of characters. These include a wealthy citizen, Sir Epicure Mammon, a clerk and a shopkeeper, also two puritans, Mr Tribulation-Wholesome and Ananias, together with a quarrelsome young man, Kastril, and his sister Dame Pliant—only Surly, a gamester, disbelieves in the proceedings. In his text Jonson shows considerable knowledge of the technical terms and concepts of alchemy.b Then Love-Wit returns unexpectedly, Subtle decamps with his consort Doll Common, and Face arranges a marriage for Love-Wit with Dame Pliant, The 'Khua Miao Shu Tan Kho Thi Chin' is quite comparable. A learned and wealthy scholar named Phan, living at Sungchiang, becomes so infatuated with alchemy that he travels to Hangchow to seek out adepts. There he falls in with a grave stranger who consents to perform projection in Phan Fu-Ong's home, bringing his beautiful wife with him. The process is always a diplosis (cf. pt. 2, p. 193) or multiplication, meaning that much silver or gold has to be provided to start with, but needless to say Phan never gets any of it back; a failure which the alchemist is able to attribute to a love affair between Phan and his wife, conducted in the laboratory during a temporary absence of the alchemist. On another occasion Phan is persuaded by a group of alchemists to shave his head and pose as their monastic teacher, but this plan also goes awry and the others all decamping Phan is left to bear the brunt of the wrath of a rich merchant, also their dupe. Finally while begging his way back to Sungchiang he passes a beautiful courtesan sitting in a boat-none other than the 'wife' of the first alchemist who had defrauded him. With the usual angelic kindness of such characters in Chinese novels

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> These were Hsing Shih Hêng Yen<sup>6</sup> (Stories to Awaken Men), Yü Shih Ming Yen<sup>7</sup> (Stories to Enlighten Men) and Ching Shih Thung Yen8 (Stories to Warn Men). b Cf. pp. 24, 166.

<sup>\*</sup>增廣智囊補

<sup>2</sup> 三首

<sup>3</sup> 張萱

<sup>+</sup>西園開見錄

<sup>5</sup> 誇妙術丹客提金

<sup>6</sup> 醒世恆言

<sup>7</sup> 喻世明言

<sup>8</sup> 點世通言

she gives him money with which to get home, and after that he meddles with alchemy no more.a

Elsewhere we note several striking parallels between Ben Jonson's synopsis of European alchemical practice and features which were characteristic of the Chinese alchemical tradition,<sup>b</sup> but here it may be added that the similarities between the plots of Jonson and Fêng are especially striking where the relationship between alchemy and sex is concerned. There must be a certain ascesis on the part of the operator, yet the consumer of the elixir is expected to achieve sexual hyperactivity. In a long passage Mammon describes the paradise of concubines he will create, enjoying luxurious baths and feeding on nectar and ambrosia.

Surly: And do you think to have the Stone, with this?

Mam: No, I do think t' have all this, with the Stone.

Surly: Why, I have heard, he must be homo frugi,
A Pious, Holy, and Religious Man.

One free from mortal sin, a very Virgin.

Mam: That makes it, Sir, he is so. But I buy it.

My venture brings it me....c

Here the language of nascent capitalism joins with the most ancient hopes of Chinese emperors and high officials. Later on Mammon becomes enamoured of Doll, who feigns to be attractively mad, and just as Phan Fu-Ong's dalliance with the 'wife' from Hangchow is made the excuse for the total failure of the Great Work, so Subtle, discovering Mammon and Doll together, arranges an explosion in the laboratory, so that equally all is lost, and for the same reason.<sup>d</sup>

Sub: How! What sight is here!

Close deeds of darkness, and that shun the light!

Bring him again. Who is he? What, my Son!

O, I have liv'd too long. Mam: Nay, good dear Father,

There was no unchaste purpose. Sub: Not? And flee me,

When I come in? Mam: That was my error. Sub: Error?

Guilt, guilt, my Son. Give it the right name. No marvel,

If I found check in our great work within,

When such affairs as these were managing!

Mam: Why, have you so?

Sub: It has stood still this half hour

And all the rest of our less works gone back....

This'll retard the work, a Month at least....

Mam: Our purposes were honest. Sub: As they were, So the reward will prove. How now! Aye me. God and all Saints be good to us.

[A great Crack and Noise within]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The story has many times been translated into Western languages; see in French d'Hervey St Denys (3); in English Douglas (2); and in German Strzoda (1), Rudelsberger (1), Kühnel (1), Kühn (3).

<sup>b</sup> In pt. 4.

<sup>c</sup> P. 377.

<sup>d</sup> P. 430.

Sub: What's that?

Face: O Sir, we are defeated, all the works
Are flown in fumo; every Glass is burst.
Fornace and all rent down! As if a bolt

Of Thunder had been driven through the House.

Retorts, Receivers, Pellicanes, Bolt-heads, All struck in shivers! Help, good Sir! Alas....

Mam: O my voluptuous mind! I am justly punish'd. . . .

Sub: O the curst fruits of Vice and Lust! . . .

Etc., etc.

It will hardly be believed that a third similar play exists, though it is much later—
'Mullah Ibrahim Khalil the Alchemist', written in Azeri Turkish by Mirza Fath-ali
Akhunzadé in 1851. From the translation of Barbier de Meynard (3) we find that it also
ends with an explosion, and that the attempt at argentifaction by the projection of an
iksir fails. Neither author nor translator seems to have known anything about Ben
Jonson or Fêng Mêng-Lung.

Alchemy, or at least aurifiction, continued to figure in novels of the +18th century. For example, the Ju Lin Wai Shih¹ (Unofficial History of the World of Learning), that famous satire on the life of the literati in the Ming period written by Wu Ching-Tzu² between +1736 and +1749, has an incident of this kind.a An impecunious scholar, Ma Shun-Shang,³ meets a strange adept in a temple and goes with him to his dwelling. The charlatan, Hung Han-Hsien,⁴ who is posing as a Taoist immortal, gives Ma some black powder (yin mu⁵) which later on proves indeed to yield silver when heated according to the directions of the method (shao yin chih fa⁶). But eventually Ma finds that he is only a pawn in the early stages of an elaborate hoax on a wealthy patrician family, and Hung suddenly dying, it transpires that the powder was but chemically disguised silver all the time.

Besides the stories of ordinary life in the late Ming period, alchemy figured also, as would be expected, in the novels which concerned themselves with gods and spirits. Here the obvious example is the *Hsi Yu Chi*<sup>7</sup> (Pilgrimage to the West) written by Wu Chhêng-Ên<sup>8</sup> about +1570.<sup>b</sup> As readers of Waley's celebrated translation, 'Monkey', will remember, this contains a diverting scene in the alchemical laboratory of Lao Tzu in the Thirty-third Heaven.<sup>c</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Ch. 15, (pp. 154ff.); tr. Yang & Yang (1); Tomkinson (2), pp. 130ff.

b Based on the historical pilgrimage of Hsüan-Chuang to India in search of the sūtras (+629 to +645, cf. Vol. 1, p. 207), but embellished with a wealth of mythological and allegorical characters, including a monkey-spirit perhaps derived from Hanuman and symbolising the restless instability of genius. There had been an earlier version by Yang Chih-Ho; cf. Lu Hsün (1), pp. 199, 203, 209.

c (17), pp. 196ff.

<sup>1</sup> 儒林外史

<sup>2</sup> 吳敬梓

<sup>3</sup> 馬純上

<sup>+</sup> 洪憨仙

<sup>5</sup> 銀母

<sup>6</sup> 炒銀之法

<sup>7</sup>西遊記

<sup>8</sup> 吳承恩

<sup>。</sup> 楊志和

#### (iii) Chinese alchemy in the age of Libavius and Becher

Perhaps the greatest contribution to alchemy during the Ming period was the printing of the Taoist patrology, first the Chêng-Thung Tao Tsang<sup>1</sup> (Taoist Patrology of the Chêng-Thung reign-period) in +1444, and then the Wan-Li Hsü Tao Tsang<sup>2</sup> (Supplementary Taoist Patrology of the Wan-Li reign-period) in +1607. These we have already mentioned (pp. 116-7). Almost all the Taoist alchemical texts described so far in this sub-section come from the Ming Taoist patrology. A few further alchemical texts have however emerged since then, and it may not be amiss to say a few words about them, though they are of no great significance for the history of chemistry.

Before doing this, however, some reference must be made to the great compendia of pharmaceutical natural history produced during the Ming period. We must not anticipate what will have to be said about them in Vol. 6, but since they incorporated a considerable amount of material chemical or proto-chemical in nature derived from the alchemical tradition they cannot be overlooked here. The Pên Tshao Phin Hui Ching Yao3 (Essentials of the Pharmacopoeia Ranked according to Nature and Efficacity), imperially commissioned, was produced in +1505 by Liu Wên-Thai,4 Wang Phan<sup>5</sup> and the physician Kao Thing-Ho.<sup>6</sup> It was not printed, however, until 1937, nor was its supplement of +1701, and even now the illustrations have never been made available, more's the pity, since from existing MSS they are known to be excellent. We shall draw further from this work in the Section on chemical technology. Also of the Ming, it may go without saying, so often have we referred to it in these volumes, was the Pên Tshao Kang Mu7 (Great Pharmacopoeia) of Li Shih-Chen,8 the 'uncrowned king' of Chinese naturalists. To the present day this great work remains an inexhaustible quarry for the history of chemistry, as of other scientific disciplines, in Chinese culture.

Many of the later books and tractates which seem at first sight to be concerned with chemical or elixir alchemy are really expositions of psycho-physiological alchemy. This can be illustrated by a couple of quotations from the *Huang Pai Ching* (Mirror of Alchemy), written by Li Wên-Chu 10 in + 1598. He says: a

(The Mirror) Reflecting Lead and Mercury. Within lead there is a small amount of the (element) Water, associated with the (cyclical character) jen. 11 The nature (of lead) belongs to Yang, but among the five elements its Water matches only with the (element) Fire associated with the (cyclical character) ting. 12 Within cinnabar is enclosed a little speck of the (element) Fire associated with the (cyclical character) ting. The nature (of cinnabar) belongs to Yin, but among the five elements its Fire matches only with the (element) Water associated with the (cyclical character) jen. At the time when cinnabar and lead come into conjunction, if the (element) Water (jen) arrives first and the (element) Fire (ting) comes later, then the Yang will surround the Yin and (the trigram) Li (——) will be formed. The (broken) line in

a Ch. 13, in Wai Chin Tan, 13 ch. 2, p. 50 a, b, tr. auct. This is part of the Chéng Tao Pi Shu Shih Chung just mentioned.

<sup>1</sup> 正統道藏 2 萬歷續道藏 3 本草品彙精要 4 劉文泰 5 王弘 6 高廷和 7 本草榈目 8 李時珍

<sup>°</sup> 黃白鏡 10 李文燭 11 壬 12 丁 13 外金丹

the middle of the Li (trigram) is the underworld of the 'prior to Heaven' (hsien thien,¹ system of arrangement of the kua).¹ But if by chance the (element) Fire (ting) arrives first and the (element) Water (jen) follows later, then Yin will enclose Yang, forming (the trigram) Khan (==). The single solid line within the Khan (trigram) is the heaven of the 'prior to Heaven' (arrangement system). Just these two lines, one solid (denoting Yang or male) and one broken (denoting Yin or female) form the roots of Heaven and Earth in the 'prior to Heaven' (system), and the Gateway of the Mysterious Feminine (hsüan phin chih mên²).b Hence they are called real lead and real mercury. Other things like ordinary cinnabar and ordinary mercury, and the five metals together with the eight minerals, are all mere residues belonging to the 'posterior to Heaven' (system). How could they ever be called real? Hence the Sung people used to say: 'Those of our age who wish to understand (the meaning of) real lead and mercury (should know that) these are not common cinnabar and mercury.'c

### Elsewhere he says:d

(The Mirror) Reflecting the Mysterious Feminine.<sup>e</sup> The two things within the Mysterious Feminine occupy the main thrones of Heaven and Earth, and hide within the middle line of the Khan and Li (trigrams). The line in the middle of the Khan (trigram) is a solid one, therefore the (element) Earth with the (cyclical character) wu,<sup>3</sup> the metal lead, the male Yang, and the real father. Hence it is said, 'The Khan (trigram's) wu, being male (element) Earth, is the father of (element) Metal.' The broken line in the middle of the Li (trigram) is the (element) Earth with the (cyclical character) chi,<sup>4</sup> mercury of the (element) Wood, the female Yin, and the real mother. Hence the saying, 'The Li (trigram's) chi, being the female (element) Wood and mercury, is the mother.'f

To the uninitiated this is likely to seem incomprehensible gibberish, 'rhapsodical' writing inspired by the *I Ching* and the *Tshan Thung Chhi*—unworthy of the +16th century, when modern science was already being born. In actual fact it makes very good sense, but only if one understands the principles of physiological alchemy, and these take quite a deal of explaining. The reader may like to return to Li Wên-Chu's words after following our account of these principles in Sect. 33 (h). We give them here only as a good example of what can make nonsense if taken unwittingly to be late chemical alchemy.

Since the terminology of physiological alchemy employed only a few names of metals and minerals, and so long as its different system remained unrecognised, historians were naturally struck by a decline in the number of substances mentioned in Ming alchemical works. Thus the tale of those mentioned in the *Huang Pai Ching* is even less than those in the *Tshan Thung Chhi*, being limited only to lead, mercury, cinnabar, and silver. The trend of Ming and post-Ming alchemical writing of both kinds may well have been to explain the real meaning of the words lead, mercury and

b See Vol. 2, p. 58. The classic phrase of the Tao Tê Ching, ch. 6.

d Ch. 14, in Wai Chin Tan, ch. 2, p. 50b, tr. auct.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> See Vol. 4, pt. 1, p. 296. The real meaning of these mysterious expressions will be explained in pt. 5 below.

c He is quoting the actual words of Chang Po-Tuan on 'sophic lead and mercury', in Wu Chen Phien; see p. 201 above.

e The commentary says that this includes the true or real Yang and Yin.

f This sentence seems to lack the final words 'of Fire (element)'.

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cinnabar in an abstruse manner, leaving the teacher to give further details or make his own interpretations when oral instructions were given. An example of this might be found in the tractate entitled Hsüan Shuang Chang Shang Lu<sup>1</sup> (Mysterious Frost on the Palm of the Hand)<sup>a</sup> of unknown authorship and date, but roughly assignable to late Yuan or early Ming. This gives only one clixir formula using nothing but lead, mercury and vinegar,<sup>b</sup> and the 'mysterious frost' was presumably nothing but the mixed nitrates and acetates of the two metals, crystallised, precipitated or thrown down on evaporation. The tendency to simplify at this late date might reasonably be interpreted as a sign of the bankruptcy of traditional chemistry, lacking the infinite elan which the distinctively modern conceptions and methods soon to arise in the West would bring. For we have now reached approximately the time of Libaviuse and Becher,<sup>d</sup> and the stage was set for Boyle, Priestley, Lavoisier and Dalton. In the next sub-section something will be said of the coming of modern chemistry to China.

Just as in the +14th century, when the Mo O Hsiao Lu (p. 208) was published, so at the beginning of the +17th alchemy still counted among the things which writers of encyclopaedic handbooks expected to discuss. The Ko Chih Tshao<sup>2</sup> (Scientific Sketches) of Hsiung Ming-Yü<sup>3</sup> would be a case in point; it deals with astronomy, astronomical instruments, the sphericity of the earth, the magnetic pole and the compass, and many other curious natural phenomena not excluding those seen in alchemical laboratories. This was first finished by +1620, but by the time it was printed in +1648 it had acquired a certain amount of wider information through Jesuit channels, reproducing for instance one version of Ricci's world-map.<sup>e</sup> The same applies to another excellent book, the Wu Li Hsiao Shih<sup>4</sup> (Small Encyclopaedia of the Principles of Things) completed in +1664 by Fang I-Chih.<sup>5</sup> This contains quite a lot of chemical knowledge, now rather free from alchemical preoccupations, and we have quoted it often in these volumes.<sup>f</sup>

In the early 19th century Min I-Tê<sup>6</sup> edited the Tao Tsang Hsü Phien Chhu Chi<sup>7</sup> (First Series of a Supplement to the Taoist Patrology), a collection of some thirty small Taoist works composed largely between the end of the +17th and the early 19th centuries. Min I-Tê was a pupil of Shên I-Ping<sup>8</sup> (+1708 to +1786), who claimed to be a descendant of the Southern School of Taoism founded in early Sung, but none of the books included in the series is truly chemical in nature. An early 19th-century authority on Taoist physiological alchemy appeared in the person of Fu Chin-Chhüan, also known as Chi I Tzu, who punctuated both the Tshan Thung

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a TT 038.
  b On the uses of strong acetic acid see pt. 4.
  c +1540 to +1616, cf. Partington (7), vol. 2, p. 244.
  d +1635 to +1682, cf. Partington (7), vol. 2, p. 637; Leicester (1), p. 121.
  c See Hummel (6).
  <sup>f</sup> E.g. Vol. 4, pt. 2, pp. 432, 524. On Fang I-Chih, a particularly interesting character, see Hou Wai-
Lu (3, 4).
  1 玄精掌上錄
                                          3 能明週
                                                            4 物理小職
                         2格致草
                                                                                 5 方以智
  6 閱一得
                         " 道殿總篇初集
                                                            8沈一炳
                                                                                 9 傅金銓
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Chhi and the Wu Chen Phien, together with Chhen Chih-Hsü's commentaries on these works, and also produced the Chêng Tao Pi Shu Shih Chung¹ (Ten Types of Secret Books on the Verification of the Tao). Most of the tractates included by him deal with physiological alchemy and its techniques, but a few of the others have some connection with proto-chemical alchemy. Once again the substances involved in these texts hardly go beyond lead, mercury, cinnabar, gold, and silver, and one of these books is Li Wên-Chu's Huang Pai Ching, which we have just discussed.

### (iv) The legacy of the Chinese alchemical tradition

Standing now at the conclusion of the story, before modern science came surging in, one is moved to wonder who exactly inherited the wealth of practical technical knowledge accumulated by men such as Wang Chieh and Mêng Hsü, and secondly how it was that the adherents of psycho-physiological alchemy came to preponderate so vastly over the 'sooty empiricks' of the Taoist elaboratories. The latter question is the easier to answer. Surely the trend towards physiological manipulations was connected with the age-old Confucian disdain for artisanal technology,a one more indication of the preference of the literati for book-learning and self-cultivation rather than doing anything with their hands.b Taoism and all its works naturally suffered when Buddhism was in the ascendant under the Yuan, and could hope for no advancement once a Neo-Confucian orthodoxy had established itself under the Ming; but perhaps there was also an instrinsic core of frustration since Chinese society could not permit the appearance of a radically original scientific revolution. By the end of the Sung period a mass of facts, accumulated since the time of Ko Hung, Thao Hung-Ching and Sun Ssu-Mo, had become known and was recorded, but there arrives at length a limit to what can usefully be done without the illumination of a coordinating theory of modern type, and Mêng Hsü's successors could not go on indefinitely repeating with variations the experiments which had been started in the Han. But the liberating theory never came.

In these circumstances what then happened to the chymical lore accumulated in this tradition? At first sight it seems to disappear, but if we look more closely we shall see that it flowed strongly into other channels, the metallurgical, the industrial and (with particular finesse) the pharmaceutical, all of which benefited by the solid technical work of the alchemical ages. Since alchemy had started with a kind of metallurgy, aurifaction and argentifaction, it was natural for the knowledge of alloys and amalgams to pass over to the professional metal-workers, and indeed one particular reign-period in the Ming became famous for the subtlety of the special bronzes which it produced. So also, as we shall see in another Section, the production of many industrial chemicals reached a high degree of excellence. But it was pharmaceutics which drew most,

a Cf. Vol. 2, p. 9. b Cf. Vol. 2, p. 122, and especially the discussion on pp. 89ff.

c Hsüan-Tê, +1426 to +1435; we shall return to this in Sect. 36.

d Here is the place to recall the Thien Kung Khai Wu² of + 1637 (The Exploitation of the Works of Nature), by China's Diderot, Sung Ying-Hsing,³ so often quoted in these volumes.

<sup>1</sup> 證道秘書十種 2 天工開物 3 朱應星

perhaps, from alchemy, generating what at a later stage we shall not hesitate to call a school of iatro-chemists, utilising the techniques of the alchemists to prepare medicines in the spirit of Paracelsus (though without any one particular leading figure), and scoring such extraordinary successes as the preparation of crystalline mixtures of steroid sex-hormones long before the end of the Ming.a The attitude of the greatest of the pharmaceutical naturalists, Li Shih-Chen, towards the close of the +16th century, was perhaps typical; he regarded the aurifaction and the macrobiotics of the alchemical tradition as nonsense but was prepared to use to the full, with the greatest interest, all the techniques which in the course of their odyssey they had developed.b After all, many of the greatest names in the past, such as Thao Hung-Ching and Sun Ssu-Mo, had belonged fully to both traditions, and in the early Sung work Wai Tan Pên Tshao<sup>2</sup> of Tshui Fang,<sup>3</sup> about + 1045, we have them combined in a single booktitle. Revealing, too, is his other production, the Lu Huo Pên Tshao + (Pharmaceutical Natural History of the Stove and the Furnace). Thus when the psycho-physiological meditations and exercises of the Confucian-Buddhist gentlemen took possession of the field, Taoist practical alchemical technique, not yet ready to join the universal ocean of modern science, flowed underground in a number of powerful currents giving new life to the master-craftsmen, the ta chiang and chhiao kung,6 in many different directions, the metal-workers, the distillers and chemical artists, and the learned pharmacists. Such was one of the ways in which the Chinese technicians earned the reputation which they had among Arabs and Westerners alike in the late Middle Ages as being the greatest master-craftsmen in the world.

# (8) THE COMING OF MODERN CHEMISTRY

This last phase of the history of Chinese chemistry has to begin with the time of the early Jesuit mission (+1580 onwards), but modern chemistry did not come to China through that intermediation because modern chemistry had not yet been born. The services of the Jesuits in bringing modern science to China almost as soon as it arose—with Kepler and Galileo—in Europe have often been hymned; and in these volumes we have devoted a good deal of space to their activities in the Sections on mathematics and astronomy.<sup>c</sup> These activities were indeed highly important, and deserve much of the praise which they have received. But astronomy, mathematics and physics are far from being the whole of natural philosophy, and now for the first time we reach a science which the Jesuits could not transmit, because it had not as yet 'found itself'. The fundaments of modern theoretical chemistry, with its atomic and molecular sub-structure, and its rational nomenclature (as opposed to empirical practice and chaotic terminology), were laid, as everyone knows, during the later

a See Section 45 in Vol. 6, and meanwhile Lu Gwei-Djen & Needham (3).

b Cf. his biography by Lu Gwei-Djen (1), and Sect. 38 in Vol. 6.

c Vol. 3, pp. 114, 437ff.

<sup>\*</sup> 李時珍 \* 外丹本草 \* 崔昉 \* 爐火本草 \* 大匠

<sup>6</sup> 巧工

+ 18th and early 19th centuries; with the exploration of the nature of gases by Priestley and others (+1760 to +1780), the 'revolution in chemistry' effected by Lavoisier (+1789), and then the atomic theory of Dalton (1810). The second wave was introduced by the far-reaching insights of Justus von Liebig (1830 to 1840), founder of organic chemistry. In the days of Ricci and Adam Schall von Bell, all this still lay in the womb of time, and even Collas and Cibot in the following century could not do much more. By the time that modern chemistry could have been transported quickly to China the Jesuit mission had been dismantled, and a new generation of mission-aries was no longer interested in contacts of so high an intellectual level. Moreover, what is true of chemistry is equally true of botany and zoology. There was a Jesuit transmission in all these sciences, but it was westwards, not eastwards, as we shall see.

## (i) The failure of the Jesuit mission

During the second half of the + 18th century there were still Jesuits in China, and one may ask why they could not have transmitted the discoveries of Black, Priestley and Cavendish; Scheele, Fourcroy and Vauquelin; Lavoisier and even Dalton; just as their predecessors brought joyously news of Kepler and Galileo, Vieta and Boyle. In the early + 17th century mathematics and astronomy got through, in the late + 18th century chemistry did not. The reason was that the Jesuit mission was now in complete disarray. What does it mean to say that it was being dismantled, and that there were to be no more contacts at high intellectual level until the Protestant period in the second half of the 19th? The role of the Jesuits as transmitters of scientific knowledge had been so outstanding that it is worth while to pause for a moment to consider the tragic story of their collapse. We saw their rise and now must see their fall.

The Rites Controversy was the heart of the matter, nothing to do (at first sight) with science and chemistry, but hardly to be ignored by historians of science.<sup>c</sup> The Jesuits (or the great majority of them) took the view that the veneration of Confucius as a sage and the honours universally paid to family ancestors throughout Chinese culture were both perfectly compatible with Catholic Christianity, and that the rites which expressed these principles were theologically unexceptionable. But this was fiercely contested by other parties in the Church, notably the Franciscans and Dominicans in China and the Jansenists in France and Italy; deventually they gained the ear of the Papacy and events took an inevitable course. Two papal legates were sent to China in  $\pm 1705$  and  $\pm 1720$ , and both had audiences with the Khang-Hsi emperor, who issued several edicts defining the Chinese position (which was just

a For reasons which will shortly become clear Lavoisier's work reached China only after nearly a century's delay. On its reception in Japan a little sooner see Shimao Eikoh (1).

b On the whole movement reference may be made to the usual accounts: Thorpe (1); Lowry (1); Partington (4, 7). On Dalton see the new study of Greenaway (4), and the lecture of Hartley (1). There are a number of good accounts of the history of modern chemistry in Chinese, e.g. Chang Tzu-Kao (1); Tsêng Chao-Lun (2).

c Cf. Vol. 2, pp. 498ff.

d The machinations of the Jansenists at Rome have been brilliantly revealed in the monograph of Hay (1), and much other information can be gathered by burrowing through the gingerly-written biographies of Pfister (1). A luminous résumé is to be found in Cordier (1), vol 3, pp. 318ff.

what the Jesuits said it was), all to no effect.<sup>a</sup> A Bull of +1707 against the rites was followed by a stronger one, Ex illa die, in +1715, and the final decree, which condemned the Jesuit position, was the Bull Ex quo singulari, of +1742. Complex political causes now added to the growing storm, and a Brief, Dominus ac redemptor, suppressing the Society completely, was promulgated in +1773, though it did not reach China till a year or more later.<sup>b</sup> This was the time when Lavoisier's quantitative chemical experiments were at their very height, but it is hardly surprising that the Jesuits had no chance to assimilate and expound them.<sup>c</sup>

It is interesting to see who was there when the blow fell in +1774. Out of about fifty Jesuits the majority were engaged in purely pastoral or religious work, but there was a strong minority of scholars and scientific men, if few as distinguished as the leading lights of the +17th century. J. J. M. Amiot (Chhien Tê-Ming¹) was probably the most remarkable among them, a philologist, historian, geographer, anthropologist, physicist and meteorologist. Most relevant to our present interests were J. P. L. Collas (Chin Chi-Shih²) and P. M. Cibot (Han Kuo-Ying³), writers of many papers on subjects in Chinese chemistry and natural history. Besides these there were five capable representatives of the old astronomical expertisee and four engineering specialists, besides at least one physiciang and three painters employed at court. The last Jesuit to arrive in China (before modern times) was the greatest botanist of them all, João Loureiro, a man who had spent most of his life in Indo-China (Cochin-China¹ or South Vietnam) and did not reach Canton till +1779. His Flora Cochin-

<sup>a</sup> Both the legates were bishops who had obtained Latin patriarchal titles. Charles Maillard de Tournon, who died in Macao in +1710, was Latin Patriarch of Antioch, but for the Chinese he had the much less high-sounding name of To Lo.<sup>4</sup> He was very anti-Jesuit and anti-Chinese so that his visit had no conciliatory value whatever. Carlo Mezzabarba, Latin Patriarch of Alexandria, in China from +1720 to +1722, was a much more understanding man, and did his best to explain matters at Rome when he returned there, but fruitlessly.

b The best account of the Suppression in China is still that of Cordier (13). There is also the interesting monograph of de Rochemonteix (1), not so much a life of Amiot, as its title might lead one to

believe, but a detailed description rather of these unhappy events.

c Later on, however (p. 242 below), we shall describe a fragment of what may have been a Jesuit

attempt to explain the discovery of oxygen in Chinese.

d He gained permanent renown for his elaborate monographs on Chinese music and Chinese military technology (see Sects. 26 (h) and 30). The other philologist was J. F. M. D. Ollières (Fang Shou-I<sup>5</sup>),

outstanding as linguist and translator in Manchu as well as Chinese.

<sup>e</sup> Felix da Rocha (Fu Tso-Lin<sup>6</sup>), the eighth Director of the Astronomical Bureau; José d'Espinha (Kao Shen-Ssu<sup>7</sup>), the ninth; J. B. d'Almeida (So Tê-Chhao<sup>8</sup>), the tenth and last Jesuit Director (d. 1805); André Rodrigues (An Kuo-Ning<sup>9</sup>), a Vice-Director and perhaps for a short interregnum Director; and J. J. de Grammont, whose Chinese name we do not know. It was Grammont who transmitted a copy of the *Tao Tê Ching* to the Royal Society (cf. Vol. 2, p. 163).

f Michel Benoist (Chiang Yu-Jen<sup>10</sup>); the two horologists J. M. de Ventavon (Wang Ta-Hung<sup>11</sup>) and Hubert de Méricourt (Li Chün-Hsien<sup>12</sup>); and an Italian gem- and glass-worker Luigi Cipolla.

g Louis Bazin (Pa Hsin-Mou 13), a lay brother.

h Giuseppe Panzi (Phan Thing-Chang<sup>14</sup>), Louis de Poirot (Ho Chhing-Thai<sup>15</sup>), and the Czech Ignatius Sichelbarth (Ai Chhi-Meng<sup>16</sup>).

A name derived from the ancient Chinese appellation Chiao-chih 17 for Annam.

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6 傅作霖	7高城思	8 索德超	9 安國寧	10 蔣有仁
11 王達洪	12 李俊賢	13 巴新懋	4潘廷璋	15 賀清泰
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chinensis of +1790, published after his return to Portugal in +1782, remains to this day one of the greatest landmarks in the taxonomy of the area. On the whole however it is clear that the mission had no one qualified to bring modern chemistry to China in the way in which Renaissance mathematics and astronomy had been brought in earlier days.

In many great human social organisations there occur from time to time processes which recall the autotomy seen in comparative physiology, occasions when the main body turns against a militant part of itself and amputates it to the accompaniment of untold anguish both physical and mental suffered by its most faithful supporters. The suppression of the Society can be compared only with the gruesome story of the extinction of the Knights Templars earlier and the liquidation of the Old Bolsheviks later, True, the Chinese Jesuits were so fortunate as not to have to undergo the long years of imprisonment in dungeons which befell many of their brothers; they just lived on in Peking and a few provincial cities as a disorganised remnant, trying to hold together what remained of the past.b When in 1814 the Society was fully restored there was only one left to see it, Louis de Poirot, then in his last year aged eighty, but a few years earlier five Peking fathers had re-joined as members of the West Russian province, which had been able to persist throughout the persecution. But when in 1939 the Rites judgment itself was at last revoked by the Papacy and the compatibility of Confucianism with Christianity recognised, those most concerned had been in their graves for two centuries or more.

Let us turn now to the minor part played by the later Jesuits in transmitting to the West knowledge of proto-chemistry in China. To begin with, the Chinese ideas about elixirs of immortality gradually became known.<sup>d</sup> In their influential Confucius Sinarum Philosophus of + 1687, Prosper Intorcetta,<sup>e</sup> Philippe Couplet<sup>f</sup> and two other Jesuits published the first translation of the Confucian classics into a Western language, together with some of the commentaries, and further explanations of their own.<sup>g</sup> Here reference was made to the elixirs in the course of a discussion of ancient and traditional Chinese ideas on ancestors and immortality, ideas which Couplet and his colleagues were anxious to assimilate as much as possible to those held in the Christian West. Speaking therefore of the thirst for an after-life, they wrote:

Qui appetitus quam vehemens in quibusdam illorum fuerit, argumentum possunt esse pretiosae potiones illae seu Ambrosiae vitae immortalis quas Imperatores quoque fabulis

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> One might instance also the dismantling of the Jesuit communities in Paraguay in the interests of Spanish colonial exploitation of the Indians (see Gide, 1).

b There were some painful internal disputes about the mission's property, until the Lazarists were designated as the inheritors of it in +1781.

c De Poirot had been a considerable linguist as well as a painter, and had translated much of the New Testament into Manchu as well as Chinese.

d They had of course exercised, as we emphasise elsewhere (pt. 2, pp. 14-15, and pt. 4), an overwhelmingly important influence on European alchemy and chemistry from the +12th century onwards, but their original provenance was not then, or for long afterwards, understood or recognised.

e Yin To-Tsê1 (+1625 to +1696).

f Po Ying-Li2 (+1624 to 1692).

g Cf. Vol. 2, pp. 163,

<sup>1</sup> 股蟬澤

impostorum, aliquot post Christum saeculis, delusi spe, immortalitatis hauriendae, sumebant.<sup>a</sup>

Among later readers of this passage was Nicolas Fréret, whose notes on the whole work we still possess.<sup>b</sup> Writing about +1737, he said:<sup>c</sup>

The desire for immortality has been shared by the Chinese with other men, and history tells us of the ardour with which they sought for the Potion which was supposed to be able to give it to them. Those who searched the most assiduously for this Potion, however, were the Taoists or sectaries of Laokiun (Lao Chün), who maintain that the soul is mortal. With this in mind they are right to seek to prolong a life beyond which there is nothing in store for them. But the Fohists (the Buddhists), who do believe in another life, do not so greatly fear death.

He then went on to examine all the other Jesuit arguments for ancient Chinese belief in the immortality of the soul, and naturally found them not convincing.<sup>d</sup> But of course at this early stage the question was confused by the European inability to conceive of the Taoist idea of material immortality, a wraith-like duration not in heaven but on or above the earth.<sup>e</sup>

It is rather remarkable that the Jesuits themselves were at the beginning very often thought to be alchemists. The fine scientific scholar Chhü Thai-Su, who definitively accepted Christianity in +1605, had originally made friends with Matteo Ricci because he believed that he could get help from him in his alchemical work. At an earlier stage we have related, in the original words, an account of the lamentable occasion when at this time a large library of valuable books on the sciences and protosciences was sent by Chhü Thai-Su to the Jesuits to be burned. A good many writings on alchemy and early chemistry must have been among them. It was not an isolated example, for there had been an even greater holocaust three years earlier, and for every similar auto-da-fé which was written about, when the convert was sufficiently distinguished, there must have been several others, records of which have not come down to us. Our judgment on these aberrations was rightly severe, yet they were strangely paradoxical in view of the exceptionally scientific character of the Jesuit

A P. 95. 'How vehement was this desire (for immortality) among certain of them can be seen from those potions or precious Ambrosias of immortal life which the emperors took in several centuries of the Christian era, thirsting for immortality but deluded in their hopes by the fables of charlatans.'

b In Pinot (2), p. 115. We have met this polymath before (Vol. 3, p. 182) in connection with the clash between Chinese and biblical chronology, in which he was much interested. Fréret (+1688 to +1749) is regarded as the founder of French sinology; a friend of Arcadius Huang, who came to Paris in +1703, he explained the radical system, and composed a Chinese grammar while imprisoned in the Bastille in +1714. On Huang see Cordier (10), p. 15; Huard & Huang Kuang-Ming (5), p. 138.

c Pinot (2), p. 122, eng. auct. d Cf. Vol. 2, pp. 490ff.

<sup>e</sup> A long account of the Taoists by Amiot (9) appeared in +1791, and this had more to say about their ideas on the prolongation of individual existence, yet there is little concerning alchemy in it.

f See, for example, Ricci (in d'Elia (2), vol. 1, pp. 107, 240ff., 278, 313, 347, 359, 375; vol. 2, pp. 29, 108, 117 etc.). Cf. Mish (1), p. 76.

g Ricci (in d'Elia (2), vol. 1, pp. 296ff.).

h Vol. 4, pt. 1, p. 244, based on Ricci himself (in d'Elia (2), vol. 2, p. 342). Cf. Trigault (Gallagher tr.), p. 468. Parallel activities on the part of the Jesuits relative to Sanskrit writings took place in India; cf. Lach (5), p. 438.

<sup>1</sup> 職太素 2 黄

mission, and doubtless if chemistry at that time had been as advanced a science as astronomy the Jesuits might not have acted as they did. It was a strange fate for a science to suffer on account of its backwardness, but nothing can modify our condemnation of book-burning in whatever cause. It will of course have been obvious from the preceding sub-sections that alchemy had for many centuries been closely related to the 'illicit' magical arts of enchanters and wonder-workers—heterodox pseudoscience for the Confucians as much as for the Jesuits. But the Confucians would never have burnt the rules of the art, for in traditional China the written word had a sacredness of its own, and the supposed example of Chhin Shih Huang Ti was execrated throughout Chinese history.<sup>a</sup>

If the Jesuits were assumed now and then to be alchemists and magicians there is some reason for believing that they had only themselves to thank. This is illustrated in a fascinating letter addressed from Peking in the autumn of +1735 by Dominique Parennin (Pa To-Ming, + 1665 to +1741) to one of the Academicians in Paris, the physical chemist J. J. Dortous de Mairan. b After thanking him for a further sending of copies of his publications to the Jesuit library in Peking, Parennin recalls an earlier dissertation of his in +1716 on the freezing of water and salt solutions which had won a prize at Bordeaux and by which the Jesuit had been much impressed. Parennin then goes on to say that in the same year, being in attendance on the Khang-Hsi emperor during a winter hunting expedition, he had found himself drawn on to convince a group of scholars, including two Ministers of State and ten Han-Lin Academicians, that one could make water freeze near a hot brazier, Parennin's discourse on congelation in the President's tent, if we may judge from his account of it, was, though corpuscular, hardly less vague than that of the Chinese, and equally erroneous,c But when the experiment was tried with a bowl of snow standing in a dish of water, he managed to slip some saltpetre surreptitiously into the cup, so that the temperature of the melting snow dropped to -20° C or so and induced the water in the saucer to freeze solid although quite close to the fire.4 The platter then remained suspended by

a Cf. Vol. 1, p. 101. It is interesting that even in the Chhin 'burning of the books', all science and technology, including pseudo-sciences such as divination, were exempted.

b +1678 to +1771; cf. Partington (7), vol. 3, p. 153. Continuing to work on freezing mixtures, he published his most important paper on them in +1749.

c They spoke of course of the 'occult qualities' of Yin and Yang. He said that the liquid state of water was due to air mixed among the particles, and that in order to freeze it 'il ne s'agissoit que de la déranger', extracting the most subtle particles which prevented the others from mutual attachment, and introducing new ones capable of bringing about fixation and immobility.

d Knowledge of freezing mixtures goes back at least to the beginning of the +16th century, as may be seen from the special study of the subject by von Lippmann (8). One of the best-known mentions was that of della Porta in +1589, who used, in fact, ice and crude nitre, but it was not by any means the earliest. About +1550 a Spanish physician at Rome, Blasius Villafranca, published a tractate entitled Methodus Refrigerandi ex vocato Salenitro Vinum Aquamque ac Potus quodvis aliud Genus; in this he described the cooling of cold water by the addition of saltpetre. The endothermic effect of dissolving certain salts and crystalline hydrates had been mentioned even earlier (c. +1530) by the Italian physician Zimara in his Problemata. At this time the procedure seems to have been quite widely used for cooling wine in summer.

The depression of the freezing-point by salt and saltpetre added to ice and snow aroused the keen attention of Francis Bacon in +1623, and Robert Boyle wrote a special communication (4) on freezing mixtures for the *Philosophical Transactions* in +1666 (cf. Partington (7), vol. 2,

<sup>1</sup> 巴多明

itself, and after the contents of the bowl had been thrown into the glowing charcoal the Academicians were able to verify that the ice was pure and normal. The success of his demonstration was complete, but he neither told nor explained what he had done.<sup>a</sup>

Next day they fell to talking of hailstorms and thunder and lightning, which they said often exerted its effects downwards, rather than upwards like gunpowder; Parennin accordingly promised to show them a powder which would likewise blow a hole downwards through an iron spoon. Having the materials for making some fulminateb he did just this the following evening, awakening still further the admiration of the company, one of whom remarked that thenceforward he would feel compelled to believe anything Parennin said, and feared that he might therefore be deceived. 'I am incapable of deceiving anyone,' said Parennin, 'and on the contrary would be only too happy to be able to undeceive you from the religious errors which you are in, and which are of far greater consequence for your happiness than the ignorance of a few natural phenomena.' Another day the conversation turned to the formation of minerals in the bowels of the earth, and the Jesuit promised to show them, when they should all have returned to Peking, a solid white mass formed by the combination of two liquids-first there would be a violent effervescence or combat of the two, ending only with their mutual destruction and the formation of a white 'stone' at the bottom of the vessel.c 'But', he went on, 'you must remember that

pp. 21, 400, 539; vol. 3, pp. 64, etc.). Aggiunti before him (+1635) had been perhaps the first to try the effects of a variety of different salts, and this work was much followed up once the +18th century had begun. Dalence's attempt to fix a thermometric zero by the aid of freezing mixtures in 1688 led later to the well-known experiments of Fahrenheit in +1724 and Reaumur in +1734. The invention of 'ice cream' is also part of the story, beginning with Procope Couteaux in Paris in +1660. Thus Parennin's parlour-trick had a considerable background.

But it seems unlikely that the refrigeration effects of salt solutions were really a European discovery. The great historian of medicine Ibn Abū Uṣaybi'a (cf. Hitti (1), 2nd ed. p. 686; Mieli (1), p. 168) has a passage in his Kitāb 'Uyūn al-Anbā' fī Tabaqāt al-Atibbā (Book of Sources of Information on the Classes of Physicians), in which he speaks of the making of artificial ice or snow by the addition of saltpetre to cold water. As he lived from +1203 to +1270 he long preceded the +16th-century Europeans, but even he ascribes the process to an older author, Ibn Bakhtawayhī, of whom nothing is known. The Muslims of Spain could have been the transmitters, but possibly the first observations were Indian, for the +4th-century Pancatantra has a verse saying that water can become really cold only if it contains salt (Fritze tr., p. 160). The evaporation of water at night in flat porous earthen vessels set on layers of straw in shallow pits is an ancient Indian custom, and might have facilitated the discovery. In pt. 4 below we shall return to these cryological topics in connection with alcohol in East Asia.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Unless it was to the Han-Lin President, a particular friend, who divulged it no further at that time. <sup>b</sup> Fulminating gold or aurum volatile was, it seems, the earliest of these compounds to be discovered. A complex formed from ammonia and gold chloride or hydroxide, the exact nature of which is still a little obscure (cf. Mellor (1), p. 390, Partington (10), p. 358), it is mentioned already in the late +16th-century 'Basil Valentine' Corpus, c. +1604, then by Croll in +1609. This was doubtless what Parennin made, for the silver compound (probably the nitride, Ag<sub>2</sub>N, Durrant (1), p. 594), and the much more important mercury one (apparently Hg(ONC)<sub>2</sub>), were not described until the work of Kunckel in +1716. On these developments see Partington (7), vol. 2, pp. 176, 197, 246, 377. It was in 1867 that Alfred Nobel introduced the use of mercuric fulminate in detonators for high explosives (Sherwood Taylor (4), p. 254), and I have vivid memories of visiting the fulminate plants in Chinese arsenals

during the second world war. It is a tricky substance to work with.

<sup>c</sup> He did not say what he intended to use, but one could easily imagine a saturated solution of calcium hydroxide mixed with strong sulphuric acid. Some further light on the background of this demonstration may be gained from Debus (16, 17); attempts to reproduce geological and pedological phenomena in the laboratory had been a feature of the iatro-chemical movement of the preceding century.

you are giving me your word that you will hereafter listen to me with greater docility when I speak to you of a subject far more elevated and of infinite advantage to you, since it will gain for you eternal felicity.' And he concluded his account to de Mairan by saying that in dealing with Chinese scholars 'one must gain their esteem by a knowledge of natural things, which mostly they lack, but about which they are curious to learn—nothing better disposes them to attend to our preaching of the sacred truths of Christianity'.

Dominique Parennin was an outstanding linguist, an estimable man and a devoted priest, yet his action in using physico-chemical knowledge to perform tricks with the object of inducing belief in the body of religious dogma which he represented, and without explaining the meaning of his demonstrations to his listeners, was something we may find it hard to forgive today. Missionaries of all religions everywhere have sought to accredit themselves by signs and wonders, whenever they could contrive to do so, but seen in the light of the ethic of the scientific world community of today there was something almost sacrilegious in Parennin's attitude. Thaumaturgy was in bad taste, to say the least, when what was called for at that particular time and place, in eighteenth-century China, was the transmission of true chemical knowledge and understanding.

Ricci himself had a good deal to say on the Taoist alchemists.<sup>a</sup> In the chapter of his diary on superstitions and bad customs he wrote as follows;<sup>b</sup>

We may conclude all these distressful things by speaking of two rather fantastic obsessions common in all the fifteen provinces of China, where there are many who give themselves over to them. One is the claim that from mercury and other substances it is possible to make true silver. The other is the belief that by means of various medicines and exercises it is possible to attain perpetual life without ever dying. Ancient tradition holds that these two systems have been handed down by those who have been considered saints [i.e. the holy immortals], men who having, they say, accomplished many good works, flew up body and soul together at last into the heavens. At the present time the books on these two sciences circulate in ever-increasing and enormous numbers, some printed, and others, more greatly prized, in manuscript form.

He then continues with two long paragraphs very much as in the later recension of Trigault, ending with a somewhat garbled version of the story in the Han Fei Tzu book already quoted (p. 7 above). His testimony must be of some value in any estimate of the prevalence of the different forms of alchemy in the late Ming (cf. pp. 208-9 above).

In the following century an interesting exchange on Chinese alchemy took place between a Dutch philosopher de Pauw and a Chinese scholar who had become a

a And on the Taoists themselves, cf. d'Elia (2), vol. 1, pp. 129, 131.

b D'Elia (2), vol. 1, pp. 104ff.; cf. Trigault (Gallagher tr.), pp. 90ff. eng. auct.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> The first on the wai tan, the second on the nei tan, schools. Of the latter (in Trigault's words): 'Here in the province of Peking, in which we are living, there are few if any of the magistrates, of the eunuchs, or of others of high station, who are not addicted to this foolish pursuit.'

Jesuit, Aloysius Ko (Kao Lei-Ssu, 1 + 1734 to c. + 1790). De Pauw we have come across before; he was one of the leaders of the movement against the sinophilism which the Jesuits had inspired. In his Recherches Philosophiques sur les Egyptiens et les Chinois of + 1774 he set out to deny all connections between them, and to 'debunk' the claims which had been made on behalf of Chinese culture. Almost the only writing of Kao Lei-Ssu which ever saw print was a long and detailed reply to de Pauw's criticisms, partially published in the Jesuit Mémoires for + 1777. Here are two of the remarks of the Netherlander to which the Chinese took exception. In each case (nos. 70 and 71) the Chinese Jesuit first quotes de Pauw's words, and then gives his opinions on them.

No. 70. 'The Jesuits have tried to depict the Chinese for us as determined chymists' (p. 356).

If the Missionaries have written only a portion of what he attributes to them, or even all of it, it is because—apart from the fact that our Annals speak in many places of the ridiculous mania of some emperors and scholars who believed they could obtain by means of chymistry a universal panacea—they (the Missionaries) had a thousand questions of the Chinese on this matter to answer, questions so full of conviction that they were obliged to reply to them in many of their books, and to state quite clearly that people in the West did not know the secret of the transformation of metals, nor any universal panacea either. If there is a copy of the Tay-y-pienc in the Royal Library (at Paris), as we think there is, one can see that the Author, writing more than a hundred and fifty years ago, took occasion of the superiority of Europeans in chymical knowledge to disabuse his compatriots of a chimaera with which they continued to be infatuated. If anything more were needed to offer to those who should think as our Author (de Pauw) does, we can quote to them from the Sung Annals the article on Yang-kiai<sup>d</sup> and that on Tchang-yong.e Of the first it says that in the belief that it was possible to change tiles and stones into gold (Hoa-oua-che-ouei-hoang-kin),f he left his

<sup>a</sup> He had been educated in France, and was, with Yang Tê-Wang,<sup>2</sup> one of the two Chinese commissioned under the minister Bertin to study physics, chemistry and industrial technology there before returning home with a view to subsequent liaison in these subjects between China and the West. They both took orders in +1763 and travelled widely throughout France, but once back in China no opportunity offered for using their knowledge, and they spent their lives in pastoral work in the provinces, not much affected, apparently, by the Suppression.

b Vol. 1, p. 38.

c Undoubtedly a reference to a small work entitled Tai I Phien³ (On Replacing Doubts by Certainties), written and published in + 1621 by a Christian apologist, Yang Thing-Yūn⁴ (Dr Michael), with a preface by Wang Chêng,⁵ the engineering friend of Johann Schreck (Terrentius) whom we met so often in Vol. 4, pt. 2, e.g. pp. 170, 171. Our present text of it, however, says little to support Kao Lei-Ssu's interpretation. The only reference to chemistry occurs in ch. 1, p. 36a, where in a moralistic context we read: 'Brass looks like gold, but if it be tried in the fire it will produce nothing but ashes.' Since cupellation had been known and practised for many centuries in China, this did not say much for the superiority of European chemistry. On 'Dr Michael' and his book see Pfister (1), p. 109 and app. p. 15.

d Clearly identifiable as Yang Chiai, whose biography is in Sung Shih, ch. 300, p. 1a. This says, however, that after an alchemist had demonstrated to him the art of turning tiles into gold, and offered to reveal the technique to him, he declined to accept it. He is also mentioned in Wu Li Hsiao Shih, ch.

7, p. 12a.

<sup>e</sup> Clearly Chang Yung,<sup>7</sup> whose story we have told on p. 192 above. His biography is in Sung Shih, ch. 307, p. 3b.

f Hua wa shih wei huang chin.8

1高類思 2楊德鋆 3代疑篇 4楊廷筠 5王黌

6 楊偕 7 張雅 8 化瓦石属黄金

official employments to go and carry on the Great Work. And the second believed that he had seen silver changed into gold by means of the vapour of some composition. It is remarkable that Tchang-yong was impressed by the antiquity of this secret. And indeed one finds in the ancient book Tsay-y-chi<sup>a</sup> that a certain person of olden times had changed roots and earth into gold by calcining them in a vessel shaped like the head of a bird.<sup>b</sup> Let us add one interesting fact. The lodging which the Kang-hi (Khang-Hsi) emperor gave to the French Jesuits, within the first (outer) enclosure of the Palace, had been, under the preceding Dynasty, a house set apart for the prosecution of the Great Work, and what doubled the value of the gift was that we found among these old walls and subterranean vaults much excellent material which was made use of to build a church. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

The passage throws several interesting sidelights upon alchemy on the threshold of the chemical age. Kao Lei-Ssu is concerned to refute de Pauw's scepticism about Chinese chemical knowledge while at the same time not defending the belief in aurifaction which had previously been so widespread in China and which the Jesuits regarded as a superstition. At the same time he reveals the existence of what looks like an imperial alchemical elaboratory attached to the Palace in Ricci's own time, the late + 16th century. In the second passage he points out against de Pauw that there is nothing about alchemy in the Confucian classics:

No. 71. 'This superstitious craze came to them from their Tartar ancestors' (p. 357).

In this case, the further one went back into antiquity, or, if you will, the nearer the time of our supposed descent from the Scyths, the more one would find this 'superstitious craze' evident, general and clearly stated. Unfortunately there is not a single word about it in our ancient King (Ching, classics) and suchlike books. True, the Chan-hai-king (Shan Hai Ching), Kouan-tsée (Kuan Tzu), Lié-tsée (Lieh Tzu) and other books and Authors of later antiquity, speak touching this matter of a garden of delights in which the herb of immortality grew, though some thought it was a tree, others a fountain, some a mushroom and others again a plant. Tsin-chi-hoang (Chhin Shih Huang Ti, the first emperor), who would very much have liked to escape death, consulted all his Geographers but no one could tell where this garden of delights was to be found; it was only then that recourse was had to alchemy with the object of preparing a potion that might substitute for the herb in the garden of delights. For the rest, if our Author wishes to think in this way of the garden of delights, we shall readily come to agreement with him, averring there can be no doubt but that the Tartars of the plain of Senaar, our first ancestors, handed down this tradition to us, distorted and disfigured though it afterwards was by the Tao-sée (Taoists).\*

Thus Kao explained, with considerable perspicacity, that the idea of the plant of immortality was assuredly a good deal older than that of a chemical elixir. But all these exchanges gave Europeans no idea of the real state of empirical chemistry and chemical technology after two millennia of development in China.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> This book we have so far been unable to identify. The last two characters are surely I Chi, <sup>1</sup> but there are a great many books the titles of which end in this way,

b This description evokes an apparatus for distillation, of which we would like to know more.

c Kao (1), p. 492.

d Surely the Sunggari Ula (Milk River), Sung-hua Chiang,<sup>2</sup> the principal river of Manchuria, cf. Gibert (1), p. 820. Kao speaks as if himself a Manchu, as perhaps he was.

e Kao (1), p. 494.

<sup>1</sup> 異肥

<sup>\*</sup> 松花江

Very little more was made available in the essay 'Des Sciences Chimiques des Chinois' which formed part of Grosier's seven-volume book on China completed by 1820. In this somewhat light-weight section a Grosier made rather generous remarks on traditional Chinese chemical technology but went widely astray in supposing that mineral remedies had been absent from Chinese pharmacy; the case was precisely the opposite, for there had been no Galenic herbalism in China, In the usual Jesuit style he was hostile to alchemy (not unreasonably, at this date), mentioning Yang Chiai and Chang Yung again, and reporting information he had had from F. X. d'Entrecollesb that some Chinese had adopted Christianity because they thought it would help them in their alchemical experiments. He ended, entertainingly, by repeating as a 'fait historique' obtained from d'Entrecolles the novelette from the late Ming Chin Ku Chhi Kuan which we have sketched on p. 213 above.c

D'Entrecolles' letter, however, had shown the enlightened spirit in which some of the eighteenth-century Jesuits aimed at transmitting to Europe knowledge of Chinese discoveries and inventions,d

I have been hesitating for some time [he wrote] as to whether or no I ought to acquaint you with certain secrets and other rather curious observations which I have found in Chinese books, because I have had neither the leisure nor the facilities for making any tests which could verify them; but I have been reassured by an ingenious reflection made by a celebrated Academician in a similar situation. This is how he expresses himself in the volume of the History of the Academy for the year 1722.

'The physicists, who ought naturally to be the most incredulous about these sorts of marvels, are nevertheless those who show the least contempt in rejecting them, and have the most favourable inclinations for examining them. For they know better than the majority of men how vast is the extent of what is still unknown to us in Nature.'

This encourages me much in venturing to entertain you with some of the Chinese discoveries, based upon the accounts only of their own writers. Even if these should serve but to exercise the sagacity of our learned artists, they will not be altogether useless.

And he went on to describe the production of artificial pearls, e several porcelain techniques, the surface coloration of metals by inorganic and organic substances, and the thermo-remanent magnetisation of steel needles heated (with a complex mixture of chemicals) and then cooled in the earth's magnetic field.f

During the sixties and seventies of the + 18th century Cibot and Collas, armed with Macquer's Élémens de Chymie, made a real effort to find out something about the

a Grosier (1), vol. 6, pp. 94ff.

b Yin Hung-Hsür (+1662 to +1741). D'Entrecolles was the Jesuit who settled at the great porcelain centre of Ching-tê-chen in Chiangsi, and played an important part in transmitting knowledge of the technology to Europe (cf. Sect. 35).

All this had come through Duhalde, in a letter from d'Entrecolles to him dated 4 November 1734, the original of which can be read in Lettres Edifiantes et Curieuses, vol. 22, pp. 120ff.

d (1), pp. 91 ff. e Cf. Vol. 4, pt. 3, p. 675.

f Cf. Vol. 4, pt. 1, pp. 252ff. and W. A. Harland (1) who observed the same process in 1816. D'Entrecolles was particularly puzzled by this process because the ingredients were all unnecessary and what mattered was the orientation during the cooling, a point no doubt omitted in the texts.

<sup>1</sup> 殷弘緒

Chinese chemical manufactures and the knowledge implicit in them. The results were reported in the *Mémoires concernant les Chinois*... during the eighties, after the deaths of the two naturalists in +1780 and +1781 respectively; writings neither extensive nor very professional, yet a unique attempt to convey to Europeans that in China also an empirical chemistry had equally developed all ready to be incorporated into the new synthesis. Judging from the dates, Cibot and Collas probably had only one of the earlier editions of Macquer's book (+1749 to +1756), which did not contain the new discoveries, but the revised edition of +1775, which did, could have reached them just in time. In reading their accounts one is impressed by the difficulties under which they laboured, they had no proper laboratory at their disposal, they had no means of travelling to the localities where chemical industries were at work, and apparently they could not even go out to chat with the apothecaries and ransack the drugstores in person.

Nevertheless, Cibot (5) led off with an interesting account of the fermentation industries, the distillation of spirits from the cereal wines characteristic of China, and the making of vinegar.<sup>b</sup> His next paper (11) was devoted to that ancient central substance, cinnabar. He described the various colours of the natural compound in commerce, told how the pharmacists made preparations of it evaporated to dryness with plant extracts, and expounded its use (as well as that of metallic mercury) in intestinal and external affections, not forgetting to say something of the danger of poisoning. He thought that the synthesis by subliming mercury and sulphur must be as old as the Thang period, but doubted whether it went back (as we think now that it did, cf. pp. 67–8) as far as the Han. He struck one note of particular interest in connection with what has been said on pp. 208, 217 above, namely the recognition of a progressive diminution during late times of the number of constituents of elixir-like medicines.

Since, according to Chinese philosophy, [he wrote] the treatment of diseases is a need common to all men, the case must be as it is with food and clothing, universal needs which it should be very easy to satisfy.... Imbued with this great principle, and fortified by the beliefs and practice of the ancients, it has succeeded in convincing the public mind that only few remedies suffice, and that a multitude of them would be a luxuriousness as absurd, unjust and ill-omened as that of banquets and rich apparel.... And indeed it is a fact that Chinese culture, which in the past revelled in multitudes of materia medica, and even the most subtle and learned of chymical remedies, has in the end come back to reliance upon very few, almost as if by a return to the primitive ages.

Hence the importance which cinnabar and mercurial preparations retained. Another point in Cibot's paper concerns the report of the isolation of mercury from plant tissues—well justified in fact.c

We are aware [he went on] that certain Chymists have sought to divert the public at the expense of the Missionaries who sent to Europe the news of the extraction of mercury from

<sup>The point is important, as we shall shortly see (p. 247). On Macquer and his books see Partington (7), vol. 3, pp. 80ff.; Coleby (1).
See Further in Sect. 40.
See Vol. 3, p. 679. D'Entrecolles (1), pp. 111ff., had reported it in +1734.</sup> 

plants, but that has not prevented us from mentioning it.<sup>a</sup> The Chinese books from different centuries are so unanimous in their accounts of this kind of mercury that we have preferred to rely upon their testimony in a factual matter, rather than to believe in the infallibility of a science which, after all, may well be backward on many points of the technical arts and natural history of East Asia. Since mercury is so common in many places among the different Provinces, why should it be impossible to find it in the water-lentils and other aquatic plants of the marshes?

He was quite right, for we know today that metal elements can be obtained in surprising amounts from particular plant species which act as accumulators for them, often serving as signposts in bio-geochemical prospecting. In a third paper Cibot (12) took up the question of borax in China. He knew that most of the sodium borate came from the Tibetan border (the regions around Lake Kokonor), and some from Hainan (but it was more probably Kuangsi). Although the information which he drew from them was somewhat vague—'nitre and arsenic can substitute for borax in solders, smelting fluxes and the purification of metals', or, 'certain plants (named) can dissolve and decompose borax'—his words show that he read the relevant authors quoted in the Pên Tshao literature quite carefully, and his datings of the books in question, e.g. the +10th and the +13th centuries, were perfectly correct. He also dwelt briefly on the possible significance of the different ways of writing the characters of the Chinese name, phêng sha.

About the same time Collas (3) was devoting himself to the naturally-occurring 'soda', nitron or natron, of China, a mixture of salts called chien. This soil-surface incrustation is, as Schlegel (11) reported, a mixture of some 60% sodium sulphate, 30% sodium chloride, and 10% sodium carbonate, analogous to the tequesquite of Chile. The carbonate and sulphate were traditionally separated in China by fractional crystallisation, filtration and decantation, the former being used as a bleach and mordant, and for baking-powder, the latter for medicinal and industrial uses. The carbonate tends to be accompanied by organic pigments, hence its name tru chien² or 'purple' soda; this was described by Collas, who noted its employment in soap-making, especially in the north, where the soap-bean saponin detergent was less common. Collas found that the natural alkali tended to lose its water of crystallisation rather than show any deliquescence, and he tried to analyse it with the inadequate means at his disposal, obtaining 'quadrangular nitre' (sodium nitrate) after treatment with nitric acid, and Glauber's salt (sodium sulphate) using a rough titration

b See below, sub voce, in Sect. 34. From an aside in Cibot (11) we learn that the Jesuits had access to the great Pên Tshao Phin Hui Ching Yao, a pharmaceutical natural history which was still at that time in MS. form, and only to be consulted in the Imperial Library. On this, see further in Sect. 38.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> He must have been thinking of some more recent writers, but the preparation of mercury from plants had been strongly denied as early as +1661, when Werner Rolfinck listed it among the 'non-entia' of chemistry in his *Chimia in Artis Formam Redacta* (cf. Partington (7), vol. 2, p. 313). J. F. Henckel in +1760 recognised the reasonableness of the Chinese reports (*Flora Saturnisans*).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> The old term chien finds use in contemporary chemical nomenclature as a general appellation (chien shih,<sup>3</sup> chien hsing<sup>4</sup>) for basic salts, slags, etc. See further, pt. 4 below.

d See Sect. 44, and in the meantime Needham & Lu Gwei-Djen (1).

e Cf. Crosland (1), p. 76.

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with ferrous sulphate by taste. He concluded therefore that it contained the basic principle of marine salt, or, as we should say, sodium,

The other papers of Cibot and Collas were somewhat more metallurgical. Collas (5), however, discussed huang fan1 and nao sha2; a the former, he thought, resembled white vitriol (zinc sulphate),b though it must have been either vellow iron alum or ferric sulphate; as for the latter (sal ammoniac), several different varieties were circulating in commerce, some of which appeared to be forms of rock-salt and not ammonium chloride at all. Then an interesting paper on the coal industry around Peking was written by Collas (6). In another (4) he described a kind of 'black chalk' which was used for cement, sketched the making of incense, and expatiated on the beautiful coloured glaze frits used for the tiles of the great buildings in Peking-a subject also dealt with by Cibot (14). The characteristic Chinese alloy, paktong (pai thung3), was the subject of a note of Collas (7). As we have seen already in pt. 2, pp. 225 ff., this attractive metal, consisting of copper, zinc and nickel in the proportions 50%, 30%, and 20% approximately, with small amounts of tin, lead, iron and cobalt on occasion, is essentially what the West has called argentan or 'German silver',c but the Chinese manufacture long antedated the European, What chiefly puzzled Collas was whether the alloy, which he knew came largely from Yunnan, was the product of a mixed ore or not; in fact the Chinese used both pentlandite and nickel arsenides,d Of course Collas could not have guessed the most interesting constituent, nickel, for although the metal had been isolated first by A. F. Cronstedt in +1751 and named by him three years later, the full investigation of it was only now proceeding, by Collas' contemporary T. Bergman (+1775).e Finally Cibot (13) wrote well on the iron and steel industry, while Collas (8) contributed an account of a kind of gilt paper much used in the Peking of his time, as also of the gold paint used on furniture and buildings, apparently some golden substance finely divided and suspended in tung oil, certainly not gold leaf, as he satisfied himself in trials by fire. g As a pendant to all this, one can read a curious paper by Collas (9), 'Sur la Quintessence Minérale de M. le Comte de la Garaye'. There was question of trying out this newly-found remedy in China as well as France. De la Garaye, Partington tells us, was a philanthropist and fanatic who converted his castle in Brittany into a hospital, using there curious preparations of his own, especially medicines made by long maceration of minerals with neutral salt solutions, and a mercurial tincture which took months to mature. In +1750 Macquer was charged by the court to investigate, and found that the tincture was only corrosive sublimate (HgCl<sub>2</sub>) dissolved in alcohol, but he reported favourably and the king bought the secrets for a high price.h This, alas, was no 'Jesuits' bark', and if it had been taken to China would have been no great advertisement for European chemistry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See pt. 4. b Cf. Crosland (1), p. 84. c Cf. Hiscox (1), p. 70.

d Pt. 2, p. 232. c Cf. Partington (7), vol. 3, pp. 173, 190.

See further in Needham (31, 32) and Sects. 30, 36 below.
Very probably it was stannic sulphide (cf. pp. 99, 103 above).

h Cf. Partington (7), vol. 3, pp. 88, 215; Coleby (1), pp. 59ff. De la Garaye seems not, however, to have been entirely useless as an experimenter, for he was one of the first to use hydrofluoric acid for etching graduations on glass,

<sup>1</sup> 黄礬 2 磁沙 3 白銅

Thus during the latter part of the +18th century we find a halting westward transmission of news about the chemical substances and processes of China, carried on under great difficulties by a handful of devoted amateurs. It was totally insufficient to give any idea of what the history of chemical discovery in China had been, but it can at least be set beside the more successful efforts of the botanists Michel Boym and João Loureiro. The only observations comparable, perhaps, to those of Cibot and Collas were those made a little later (+1793) by Hugh Gillan, the physician attached to the Macartney Embassy. His MS. 'Observations on the State of Medicine, Surgery and Chemistry in China' were written down at the request of Lord Macartney and attached to the MS. of the latter's 'Journal', so that they did not see the light until the publication of Cranmer-Byng's edition in 1962, Gillan's studies were rather superficial, as they could hardly fail to be seeing that he was only six months in the country, yet they were not as supercilious as what he wrote on medicine. He never came into any contact with the complexities of the millennial alchemical tradition, and must have depended for the most part on what could be seen in the shops, but internal evidence shows that he visited workshops and manufactories whenever he could. He naturally had a good deal to say about paktong, and gave a description of the preparation of zinc metal from natural calamine or zinc-bloom (zinc carbonate), a product in his time preferred by Europeans to their own because of its superior purity. He noticed the greatness of the iron and steel industry, and the special art the Chinese had for casting exceedingly thin-walled iron vessels; he noted also the relatively slight use of lead, and the abundant production of tin and tin-foil, Another thing which interested Gillan was the coal industry and the manufacture of coke, The porcelain industry he had no opportunity of seeing, but he gave an interesting description of the preparation of camphor at Hangchow. On the other hand he made many mistakes; he thought that chien alkali, saltpetre and common salt were the only salts known in China, that all Chinese wine whether distilled or not was fermented from some kind of fruit, and that all the paper was made from the 'thin filmy membranes that line the interior cavities of the bamboo'. In any case it did not matter, for what Gillan said was known only to the Embassy's staff and a few friends later on, not in any way enlightening contemporary Westerners in general. The next step will be to see what happened in the nineteenth century, but before looking at this we must return to the beginning of the seventeenth in order to see what fragments of European chemistry or chemical technology were conveyed to China through Jesuit channels.c

One could start, perhaps, with the introduction of the Greek Four-Element theory. The first indication of it at this timed seems to be in the Thai Hsi Shui Fa<sup>1</sup> (Hydraulic

<sup>a</sup> See Cranmer-Byng (2), pp. 291ff., 311.

c Cf. Ho Ping-Yü (13).

b What justification for this there was may be appreciated by the discussion in Needham (59).

d We say advisedly at this time, because there is always speculation that the Empedoclean-Aristotelian quadruple elements or humours were introduced to China in various obscure forms at a much earlier date. They would have come then by means of Buddhist intermediation, as in the medical sutras translated by Chih-Chhien<sup>2</sup> between +225 and +250 which explain disease as caused by imbalance

<sup>1</sup>泰西水法

Machinery of the West),<sup>a</sup> the book on the Archimedean screw and other water-raising devices produced in + 1612 by Sabatino de Ursis (Hsiung San-Pa¹) and Hsü Kuang-Chhi.<sup>2</sup> Not much more than a bare reference, it occurs in connection with water-tanks.<sup>b</sup> Much more elaborate explanations were given by another Jesuit, Alfonso Vagnoni (Kao I-Chih³),<sup>c</sup> His Khung Chi Ko Chih⁴ (Treatise on the Material Composition of the Universe)<sup>d</sup> was printed in + 1633, and four years later he produced a second book, Huan Yu Shih Mo⁵ (On the Beginning and End of the World), which gave the Hebrew-Christian account of creation and explained the four Aristotelian causes as well as the four elements.<sup>c</sup> None of this had, so far as we know, any perceptible influence on indigenous Chinese thought, and perhaps it was just as well, for only three decades were to elapse before Robert Boyle was to publish his Sceptical Chymist, the doubts and paradoxes of which were a very land-mine that blew the four-element doctrine sky high.<sup>f</sup>

A more solid contribution was a copy of the +1556 edition of Agricola's De Re Metallica, which is still to be found in the Jesuit library at Peking.<sup>8</sup> This had almost certainly been brought out by Johann Schreck (Têng Yü-Han<sup>6</sup>) and Nicholas Trigault (Chin Ni-Ko<sup>7</sup>) who travelled together and arrived in +1621. Among the intense scientific activities of the former during the ensuing decade was, it seems, a Chinese translation of several chapters of Agricola,<sup>h</sup> never printed, though presented to the throne by Li Thien-Ching<sup>8</sup> for Adam Schall von Bell in +1639 or +1640. This was surely the Khun Yü Ko Chih<sup>9</sup> (Investigation of the Earth), a treatise on

of the elements earth, water, fire and wind (cf. Satiranjan Sen, 1). Many medical historians have suspected Indian influences about this time (e.g. Chhen Pang-Hsien (1), p. 98; Jen Ying-Chhiu (1), pp. 42ff.); and long ago Hsü Ta-Chhun 10 in his I Hsüeh Yuan Liu Lun 11 (+1757) remarked that he thought Thao Hung-Ching's ideas on the ssu ta 12 were of foreign origin. This reference is due to our colleague Nathan Sivin. Cf. Chhen Kuan-Shêng (6), p. 482. On Chih-Chhien see Zürcher (1), pp. 23, 36, 48ff. We return to the subject in pt. 4 below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Cf. Vol. 4, pt. 2, pp. 170, 211ff.

b In NCCS, ch. 20, p. 2a.

c +1556 to +1640. His original Chinese name had been Wang Fêng-Su, 13 but he changed it to avoid recognition when he re-entered China from Macao in +1624. A Chinese account of him is in CJC, pt. 2, app. no. 9.

d Cf. Wylie (1), p. 140; Pfister (1), p. 94; no. 227 in Bernard-Maître (18), who conjectures that it was an adaptation of the Coimbra work In Libros Meteorum of Aristotle (Lisbon, +1593, Lyon, +1594). It was prefaced by Han Lin and Chhen So-Hsing. Note the wording of the title (cf. Vol. 1, pp. 48-9). Cf. Chang Tzu-Kao (2), p. 183.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> Pfister (1), p. 93; no. 283 in Bernard-Maître (18). A third work of Vagnoni's, printed in +1636, the Fei Lu Hui Ta<sup>14</sup> (Questions and Answers on Things Material and Moral), no. 272, probably also dealt with the same subjects.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>f</sup> The parallel of the crystalline celestial spheres (Vol. 3, p. 439) will be remembered.

g V730; Bernard-Maître (4). On the vicissitudes of the four Jesuit libraries there, now reduced to one, see Verhaeren (1)

h So Bernard-Maître (4), pp. 226, 230. Pfister (1) did not notice this, but we know of Schreck's chemical interests from him, since he tells us that the library at Montpellier possesses a MS. of Paracelsian commentary and glossary written by Schreck before his departure for China.

<sup>1</sup> 熊三拔

<sup>2</sup> 徐光啓

<sup>3</sup>高一志

<sup>+</sup> 空際格致

<sup>5</sup> 寰宇始宋

<sup>6</sup> 鄧玉函

<sup>7</sup>金尼閣

<sup>8</sup> 李天經

<sup>•</sup> 坤舆格致

<sup>10</sup> 徐大栋

<sup>11</sup> 醫學源流論

<sup>12</sup> 四大

<sup>13</sup> 王豐廟

<sup>14</sup> 斐錄彙答

mining with the methods of the West.<sup>a</sup> Fang I-Chih,<sup>t</sup> who knew Schall personally,<sup>b</sup> tells us that Ni Hung-Pao<sup>2</sup> was Minister of Agriculture at the time and held several discussions with him about it, but nothing was done, doubtless owing to the imminence of the Manchu invasion.<sup>c</sup>

In any case this must have been to some extent a work of supererogation, for the Chinese had perfectly adequate smelting methods of their own, their metallurgy was in some respects in advance of Europe (notably as concerned with zinc and nickel), the European ores were different in many cases, and although Agricola belonged to the old assay tradition rather than the alchemical, there is not a word of the new chemistry in him. It might have been better to start with Andreas Libavius' Alchemia of +1597, a copy of which had also been brought by Schreck and Trigault.4 Libavius has been called the first modern chemical writer; his Alchemia is an excellent practical textbook, clear, concise and sensible, entirely different from the rambling, bombastic and obscure verbosity of Paracelsus and the earlier alchemists.c Libavius put new wine into old bottles by defining alchemy as 'the art of perfecting magisteries (i.e. technical methods and reagents), and of extracting pure essences by separating bodies from mixtures'. To have translated and expounded Libavius systematically would have been a real contribution to traditional Chinese chemistry and chemical technology, analogous to the transmigration of Kepler and Galileo, though in its way of course less immediately revolutionary than they-but alas, the only man who could have done it, Johann Schreck, was cut off after barely ten years of work in China, a time in any case already filled with scientific achievement. A third book in this select library dealing with chemistry was Oswald Croll's Basilica Chymica of + 1600, but this, though truly scientific in its practical part, describing silver chloride, antimonic acid, tin and calcium acetates, succinic acid and fulminating gold, was impregnated with Paracelsian theosophy which the Chinese might well have been spared, as indeed they were, for Croll lay ignored among the Jesuit books through the following three centuries. It was a tantalising twist of history that such works could get as far as Peking yet fail to penetrate the language barrier.h

a Cf. Hummel (2), vol. 1, p. 489; Chang Tzu-Kao (2), pp. 188ff.

b There is now a new biography of Fang I-Chih by Yu Ying-Shih (1), though dealing only with his later years.

c Wu Li Hsiao Shih, 3 ch. 7, p. 10a.

d V2043. It is, or was, bound up with two tractates of Agricola; Bernard-Maître (4), p. 228. Libavius' dates are c. +1540 to +1616. See Leicester (1), pp. 98ff.; Partington (7), vol. 2, pp. 247ff.

f Apart from initiating the calendar reform which led to the institution of the Jesuit Directorate in the Bureau of Astronomy (cf. Vol. 3, pp. 444ff.), Schreck collected before his death in +1630 a great number of plants new to Western science and described them in a two-volume *Plinius Indicus* (long since unhappily lost); he produced the remarkable work with Wang Cheng on mechanics and mechanical engineering, *Chhi Chhi Thu Shuo* (cf. Vol. 4, pt. 2, pp. 170ff.); and in +1626 wrote a book of modern anatomy (pr. +1643), the *Jen Shen Shuo Kai*, based on Caspar Bauhin's *Theatrum Anatomicum*, also among the books he himself had brought out.

g Cf. Partington (7), vol. 2, pp. 175ff. Croll died in the year of publication of his book, but it was highly regarded for long afterwards, and went into many editions. V1403.

h Nor were they the only ones, There were some of the books of the Lullian Corpus (cf. pt. 4) dating from the +14th century but printed in the +16th, e.g. Mercuriorum Liber (Cologne, +1567) and Libelli Aliquot Chemici (Basel, +1572); V2537-8; Ferguson (1), vol. 2, p. 54. On the Lullian

### (ii) Mineral acids and gunpowder

During this period there are two examples of some chemical contact between Europeans and Chinese. The first concerns the mineral acids, and the second that curious incident in the forties when Adam Schall von Bell was 'drafted' to cast cannon and organise the making of gunpowder for the Ming dynasty against the invading Manchus. Both were essentially practical matters with no lasting effects. The first concerns Ricci's friend Hsü Kuang-Chhi. As we shall explain presently (in pt. 4 below), weak nitric acid had been widely used in early medieval Chinese alchemical practice for getting inorganic substances into solution, though no one then recognised it for what it was; and some kind of mineral acid may have been known and used in the +7th century by an Indian alchemist at the Chinese court,a Furthermore there is evidence (cf. Sect. 34) for the employment of an acid which was probably hydrochloric in the + 15th-century ceramics industry. In the West, nitric acid, aqua fortis, made by distilling saltpetre with alum and ferrous sulphate (copperas, green vitriol), dates from Vital du Four, c. + 1295, not earlier, b and aqua regia, the mixture with hydrochloric acid, used for dissolving gold, first appears in the early +14th-century Geberian Corpus, Pure hydrochloric acid (aqua caustica), made by distilling common salt with ferrous sulphate, comes in the 'Basil Valentine' writings (datable to the last years of the + 16th century).4 Sulphuric acid was first known at an intermediate time,

Corpus in general see Sherwood Taylor (3), pp. 109ff.; Leicester (1), p. 87; Thorndike (1), vol. 4, pp. 35ff. In the context of +17th-century China these were deservedly neglected. So also the Geber, De Alchemia (Strasburg, +1598), V1669; Ferguson (1), vol. 1, p. 302. Francis Kieser's Cabala Chymica (Mulhouse, +1606), V3935, judging from Ferguson (1), vol. 1, p. 464, was Paracelsian and therefore not very promising. There was also Joachim Tancke's Promptuarium Alchemiae (Leipzig, +1610), a rather traditional work with much symbolism which would have been no use at all in China (cf. the descriptions in Ferguson (1), vol. 2, p. 427 and Partington (7), vol. 2, p. 189). Tancke is one of the alchemists suspected of the authorship of 'Basil Valentine's' Triumphal Chariot of Antimony. V3988.

But besides these there were some other books which could have been very useful if there had been someone to expound them and take them through the language barrier. We find listed the *De Destillatione* of Geronimo Rossi, a papal physician (see Partington (7), vol. 2, p. 87), V2623, which described the best methods of preparing vegetable essential oils. It is interesting to note another work of Oswald Croll's, the *Tractatus de Signaturis Rerum Internis* (cf. Partington (7), vol. 2, p. 176; Ferguson (1), vol. 1, p. 185), marked in the catalogue 'prohibetur donec emendatur'. Much more important was Biringuccio's *Pirotechnia*, V3201, the Bologna edition of +1678, though again like Agricola its use would have been limited in Schreck's China. But one book about which no such reservations need be entertained was Antonio Neri's *l'Arte Vetraria* (Florence, +1612), V3375; cf. Partington (7), vol. 2, p. 368; Ferguson (1), vol. 2, p. 135. An up-to-date treatise on glass-making would have interested the Chinese.

<sup>&</sup>quot; Cf. Vol. 1, p. 212; and pt. 4 below.

b Partington (4), p. 40; Sarton (1), vol. 3, p. 531; Multhauf (5), p. 207. Another name was scheidewasser, 'parting acid', because it dissolved silver but not gold; Sherwood Taylor (4), p. 92.

c Sal ammoniac (ammonium chloride) was simply added to the mixture in the retort; De Inventione Veritatis, ch. 23 (Russell tr., p. 223).

d Partington (4), p. 56, (7), vol. 2, p. 200. But della Porta in +1589 described an oily water produced by strongly heating bricks, quenching them in concentrated brine, and then distilling very hot from a retort (Partington (7), vol. 2, p. 23; Multhauf (5), p. 208). Jerome Cardan in the De Rerum Varietate of +1557 has something very similar (Partington, op. cit. p. 15). Now 'oil of bricks' (oleum de lateribus) goes a good deal further back. It seems to have developed from the distillation of essential oils mixed with brick fragments and salt (cf. Multhauf (5), pp. 204-5, 207-8, 210). It was mentioned, not very clearly, by Abū al-Qāsim ibn-'Abbas al-Zahrāwi of Cordoba (Abulcasis, d. +1013; Mieli (1), 2nd ed., p. 181), whose Liber Salvatoris, the Latin translation of +1471, was a very popular pharmaceutical book throughout the +16th century. It also comes in the materia medica of Mesue, the so-called

early in the +16th century; it was obtained in two ways, by the distillation of green vitriol (ferrous sulphate) alone, and by the collection of the condensate from a bell suspended over burning sulphur. The former was called oleum vitrioli, the latter oleum sulphuris, and their identity was not recognised until the following century.<sup>a</sup> Mention of the first occurs for the first time in Antonio Brasavola's Examen Omnium Simplicium . . . (+1534), and of the second in P. A. Mattioli's commentary on Dioscorides (+1535).<sup>b</sup> After that there are soon frequent mentions and descriptions of the technique.<sup>c</sup> Elsewhere we remark on the central importance of potassium nitrate both for the oldest mineral acid and for gunpowder (pt. 4); here one cannot help noting the key historical position of a seemingly most commonplace salt, ferrous sulphate, which figured in the preparation of all the three chief mineral acids. And further noteworthy, whatever it may mean, is the fact that the oldest procedure involved the most complicated mixture of substances in the retort. Perhaps this mirrors that other slow trend away from 'theriac' or 'polypharmacal' alchemy in China (cf. pp. 208, 217).

Now it is clear that Ricci and his colleagues did sometimes discuss chemical matters with their Chinese friends. An extant MS. of Hsü Kuang-Chhi shows that he must have heard about the sulphur-mercury theory of the metals (cf. pt. 4), and also the making of nitric acid, from the Jesuits. For example, he wrote:

Among the Five Metals those that are too brittle are so because of (excess of) the *chhi* of sulphur. When this sulphur is removed they become malleable. Those that are too soft are so because of (excess of) the *chhi* of mercury, and they harden when this mercury is taken away.<sup>d</sup>

Grabbadin, also of +1471 and also popular during the same period. Here the evidence is more significant, for Giovanni Costeo (d. +1603), one of Mesue's commentators, says that he himself saw the acid distillate instantly penetrate a marble or metal plate. John of Rupescissa (fl. c. +1345) had said something very similar (Multhauf (5), p. 213). The identity of Mesue (Măsūya) is not known; he may have been Māsawayah al-Mardinī of Baghdad (d. +1015; Mieli (1), 2nd ed., p. 121), but recent opinion is more inclined to the view that the book was a European work of the +13th century with no Arabic original. Graphidion ( $ypa\phi(8107)$ ) means tractate, so a Byzantine origin might be suspected.

Since bricks are made of aluminous clays they could have substituted to some extent for the ferrous sulphate used in the perfected processes. In later times oil of bricks came to mean simply the evil-smelling 'empyreumatic oils' prepared by the partial destructive distillation of vegetable oils such as olive oil.

Of course, by the time of Oswald Croll (+1609) and J. B. van Helmont (+1648), all the chief mineral acids were clearly known (Partington (7), vol. 2, p. 225; Multhauf (5), p. 225). What appears from the curious story of 'oil of bricks' is that hydrochloric acid in half-recognised form may go back as far as the +10th century, in which case it would have anticipated nitric. It may well be earlier, for al-Zahrāwī said that this acid oil was known to the alchemists. We should bear this in mind when considering the case of the Indian (p. 237).

Finally, Reti (11) has adduced fairly strong evidence that the distillation of hydrochloric acid did not wait for the end of the +16th century, but was practised already in the +15th. This appears from a technical MS. preserved at Bologna. In that case hydrochloric would have preceded sulphuric but not nitric.

R Certainly by the time of Glauber, c. + 1650.

b See Partington (7), vol. 2, p. 96; Sherwood Taylor (4), p. 96.

c E.g. Biringuccio (+1540), Valerius Cordus before +1544, Jerome Cardan in +1550, Conrad Gesner (+1552), J. B. della Porta (+1556), and in Gerard Dorn's Clavis Totius Philosophiae Chymisticae (+1567). See on these Partington (7), vol. 2, pp. 14, 23, 35, 37, 160, 166; Sherwood Taylor (4), p. 96.

This is shown in Fig. 1365.<sup>a</sup> Another manuscript note, giving the method for making nitric acid by distilling green vitriol and alum together with saltpetre, is shown in Fig. 1366.

Fang I-Chih, in his Wu Li Hsiao Shih (Small Encyclopaedia of the Principles of Things) of + 1664, mentioned that he had heard personally from Tao Wei Kung <sup>1</sup> (Adam Schall von Bell) about a strong acid, which he called nao shui<sup>2,3</sup> and that this had the property of etching metal plates.<sup>b</sup> It was distilled, he said, from a retort of earthenware or glass, and collected in a receiver at the end of a long tube. His actual words are as follows:

There is a remarkable liquid known as nao shui, which will quickly dissolve silver foil if this is put into it. When the precipitate has been formed (silver chloride) it can be poured out into a container and will take whatever shape the latter has. The nao shui can be decanted and returned to its bottle. The method of preparing nao shui is to obtain a long tube (retort) from the glass-blowers and heat nao sha (sal ammoniac) in it to collect its vapour. It was the Venerable Tao Wei himself who informed me about this.

Also, in another place, Fang I-Chih acutely noted that the fumes produced in the neighbourhood of places where copperas (ferrous sulphate, lii fan, chhing fan, cf. pt. 4) was being manufactured, destroyed the clothing of the workers and killed plants and bushes. He suspected no doubt that this effect was due to some other kind of vitriolic acid. The name nao shui, derived from sal ammoniac, suggests that it was aqua regia, the mixture of nitric and hydrochloric acids. Hsü Kuang-Chhi had called nitric acid chhiang shui (lit. strong liquid), and so did Chao Hsüeh-Min later on in his Pên Tshao Kang Mu Shih Is (Supplementary Amplifications for the Great Pharmacopoeia) begun about +1760 and finished in the last years of the +18th century. From the fumes observed during the process of distillation Chang Tzu-Kao concludes that the term chhiang shui found in Chinese writing between the 1620s and the 1780s meant only nitric acid, though in present everyday usage it refers to aqua regia. Forty years ago Mikami Yoshio (16) considered all these points in an interesting study of mineral acids in China, and added that the production of a weak sulphuric

a It is ironical that he did not recognise for what it was a theory which may well have been developed by Chinese medieval alchemists in the first place (cf. pt. 4).

b Ch. 7, p. 10a. There is a new study of Fang I-Chih by Yü Ying-Shih (1).

c As Wang Chin (2) points out, it was a matter of common knowledge that sal ammoniac easily decomposed into ammonia and an acid substance. By +1590 Li Shih-Chen was noting that sal ammoniac had a corrosive or sometimes a brightening effect upon the metals gold, silver, copper and tin (shan lan chin yin thung hsi\*). PTKM, ch. 11, (p. 59).

d Ch. 7, p. 20a.

e He also said that Schreck & Schall von Bell's version of Agricola (+1640) showed how the winning and isolation of the five metals could be facilitated by the strong acids, but the government did not take it up. With the Manchus at the door, it could hardly have been expected to do so.

f Ch. 1, p. 6a. It is worth noticing that this admirable pharmaceutical natural history (cf. Vol. 6, Sect. 38), which contains much chemical knowledge, was being produced just during the couple of decades when revolutionary discoveries in chemistry were being made in Europe. How much information about these reached the Jesuits in Peking is not really clear, but they were certainly too distracted to have been able to pass it on; moreover Chao Hsüeh-Min worked at Hangchow and so far as we know had no Jesuit contacts. How sad such barriers were.

g (5), pp. 190ff.

<sup>7</sup> 道未公 2 礦水 3 磁水 4 续攀 5 青礬 6 强水 7 越學 版 8 本草綱目拾遺 9 寶爛金銀銅錫

acid may have been current much earlier in the Ming. For Li Shih-Chen wrote about +1580 that a 'sulphur juice' or 'liquor' (liu huang  $i^{\rm T}$ ) was made by placing saltpetre with sulphur in a closed bamboo tube and heating it at the temperature of burning horse dung<sup>a</sup> for a month, after which a liquid was obtained.<sup>b</sup> He does not however mention the uses of it; they were probably medicinal,

An exchange about mineral acids took place in the polemic between Kao Lei-Ssu and de Pauw (cf. p. 228 above). It runs as follows:

No. 76. 'They know neither aqua fortis nor aqua regia' (p. 357).

If by the term 'they' one is supposed to understand the peasants, the artisans and the merchants, nothing could be more true. One could find only a couple out of ten thousand who have heard about them, but in fact aqua fortis and aqua regia are so well known here that people do not much like making them. If the pharmacists of Europe had been willing to manufacture all that which is needed by the Imperial Palace, we should have been most willing to yield them that honour, and indeed have often proposed it.

This was the eighteenth-century equivalent of our oft-repeated remark about fishwives and morris-dancers.c

Now a word about the military chemistry and metallurgy of Joh. Adam Schall von Bell (Thang Jo-Wang<sup>2</sup>). In view of the threat of Manchu invasion, he and other Jesuits were called upon by the emperor in +1636 to advise the general staff about the state of the fortifications of the capital.<sup>d</sup> Then in +1642 the emperor sent the Minister of War, Chhen Hsin-Chia,<sup>3</sup> to discuss the art of gun-founding with Schall, who, showing some theoretical knowledge of the subject,<sup>e</sup> was surprised to be presented suddenly with the imperial order that he should set up a bronze cannon foundry. There was no getting out of it, and all that Schall could obtain was a reduction of the specification from iron-ball 75-pounders to 40-pounders. The work of casting twenty such guns was accordingly carried out in the same year, not without a thousand vexations from the jealousies and peculations of eunuchs, and in the midst of a severe epidemic of plague.<sup>f</sup> In the following year Schall superintended (much against his

a Or fermenting? Less likely.

b PTKM, ch. 11, (p. 63). The presence of the nitrate is significant, because this was the ingredient added by Joshua Ward in +1749 to increase greatly the yield of sulphuric acid 'by the bell' (Sherwood Taylor (4), p. 97), and so presaged the oxides of nitrogen essential in the classical chamber process (Mellor (1), pp. 430ff.). The similarity with the shui fa methods (pt. 4) will be noted.

e Cf. Vol. 4, pt. 1, p. 309.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Fuller accounts of what follows here will be found in Bornet (2); Vāth (1), pp. 111ff. and Duhr (Attwater adapt.), pp. 60ff., but it is best to have recourse to Schall von Bell's own words as given in his Historica Relatio, written before + 1661 and published with a French translation in 1942 by Bornet (3). On the fortifications see this work, p. 34.

e Probably no more than would have been the common property of educated men interested in the scientific and technical culture of the period. But there was in one of the Jesuit libraries at Peking an up-to-date work by Luigi Colliado, Prattica Manuale dell' Artigliere (Milan, +1641), which no doubt proved useful to Schall. See Bornet (1), p. 82; V3249.

f We pass over the details, but one scene is unforgettable, Schall inducing the foundrymen, with the emperor's approbation, to worship at a Christian altar instead of making their customary sacrifice to the Spirit of the Furnace (huo shen\*); cf. pp. 29, 31. Constrained by circumstances he was, but no one with a spark of Christian pacifist feeling can fail to regret the symbolism of this particular manifestation of Jesuit missionary zeal in Asia. Bornet (1), p. 84.

### PLATE CDLXII



Fig. 1343. Tomb of Hsü Fu (Jofuku) of the Chhin dynasty, in the coastal town of Shingū south of Kyoto (orig. photo., 1971). Hsü Fu was the adept sent to sea by the First Emperor in -219 with a host of young people to search for the isles of the immortals where the plant of immortality grew (see p. 18). Japanese tradition preserves the belief that he landed at Shingū with a remnant of followers, and died there.

### PLATE CDLXIII



Fig. 1344. The votive shrine of Hsü Fu at the Asuka Jinja, a Shinto temple on the outskirts of Shingū (orig. photo., 1971). The conical forested hill behind it is known as Hōraisan (Phênglai Shan).



Fig. 1345. Main hall of the Asuka Jinja itself, with the usual offerings of sake piled up outside (orig. photo., 1971).



Fig. 1346. A bush of the drug-plant tendai wuyaku (Lindera strychnifolia) growing in the garden of the Asuka Jinja. According to Japanese tradition, this plant, with its tonic and tranquillising properties, was what Hsü Fu came to seek (orig. photo., 1971).



Fig. 1353 a. On the tracks of Ko Hung; the Chhung-Hsü Kuan (Temple of the Vast Inane), a Taoist sacred place in the Lo-fou Shan mountains east of Canton (from Lo-fou Shan Chih, +1716, ch. shou, pp. 10b, 11a). The site is that of Ko Hung's southern hermitage-laboratory, and we are looking southeastwards. The central building is the Hall of the Three Pure Ones (San Chhing, the Taoist Trinity, cf. Vol. 2, pp. 154, 158, 160), and just in front of it stands a pavilion honouring an imperial tablet of dedication dated +1419. On the left of the pavilion is the dwelling of the hermit Huang (one of Ko's disciples, cf. Table 112), and to its right a large alchemical furnace (tan tsao). At the back on the left is the votive chapel of Ko Hung himself, and in the centre the Phèng-Lai Hall, flanked by the Gallery of the Forgotten Shoe (left behind by one of the holy immortals). Here there were iron statues of Yü Huang Ti (the second, incarnate, person of the Taoist Trinity), and two attendants cast at some time during the S/Han dynasty (+917 to +971). In the foreground, outside the gate in the boundary wall, is the Bridge of Meeting with the Immortals, and to the left the Tomb of the Empty Clothes and Cap—i.e. Ko Hung's because he achieved shih chieh (cf. Vol. 5, pt. 2, pp. 297, 301). Here a materia medica market was held from time to time. Further details are given in ch. 3, pp. 2b ff., and biographies of Ko, Huang and other alchemists in ch. 4, pp. 7a ff., 9a ff.



Fig. 1354. The image and altar of Ko Hung in the votive temple dedicated to him, the Chhu-Yang Thai (Terrace of the Arising of the Yang) on the Ko Ling, one of the highest points of the low ridge of hills protecting the West Lake at Hangchow from the north (orig. photo., 1964). The significance of the name of the temple can be appreciated from Fig. 1352 above. There is a well in its grounds from which Ko Hung is supposed to have drawn pure water for the experiments which he carried out at this place.



Fig. 1357. Sublimation of calomel, mercurous chloride, shui yin fên; an illustration from a MS. copy of the Pên Tshao Phin Hui Ching Yao (+1505). Photo. Dr S. D. Sturton (1959), cf. Bertuccioli (1). This work (Essentials of the Pharmacopoeia ranked according to Nature and Efficacity) was edited by Liu Wên-Thai for the Imperial Library, and not printed at all until our own time. The picture comes from one of a family of MSS all having fine illustrations in rolour, and preserved in various parts of the world.

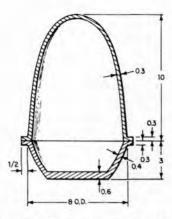


Fig. 1359a. Cross section of an aludel or reaction-vessel drawn according to the specifications of Sun Ssu-Mo (see Sivin (1), p. 167). Dimensions in Chinese inches (tshun), 10 fên going to the inch and 10 inches to the foot (chhih).



Fig. 1359b. Sealed two-part reaction-vessels after heating in the experimental reconstruction of Sun Ssu-Mo's 'Scarlet Snow and Flowing Pearls Elixir' (after Sivin (1), p. 182). Purified realgar and rice wine vinegar were heated to 900° C, within an aludel formed of two nickel crucibles luted together. It was not possible to make the system air-tight, so that water-vapour could have left and air entered later. The sublimate turned out to be pure metallic arsenic, which badly corroded the crucibles. These experiments were performed by Dr Nathan Sivin at the University of Singapore in 1962; and one may hope that his example will be more widely followed, for without attempts at reconstruction the procedures of the medieval alchemists must necessarily remain obscure.



Fig. 1360. Bronze statue of the celebrated Taoist alchemist Lü Tung-Pin (fl. +8th and +9th centuries) in the central shrine of his votive temple at Thaiyuan in Shansi (orig. photo., 1964). The statue is of late Ming date, probably cast on the occasion of the foundation of the Lü Thien Hsien Tzhu (Oratory of the Heavenly Immortal Lü) in +1575. The temple (now the Provincial Museum) has also been called Lü Tsu Miao and, significantly from the alchemical viewpoint, Shua-Yang Kung (Palace of the Pure Yang). At the time of the Boxer Uprising the fleeing Empress Dowager Tzu-Hsi was lodged in this temple late in 1900, and wrote an epigram still preserved there: 'Like endlessness of days is the world of the Tao.'



Fig. 1361. Lü Tung-Pin's image and altar, the central one of three, in the Chhing-Sung Kuan (Taoist Temple of the Green Pine), near Castle Peak in the New Territories, Hongkong (orig. photo., 1972). Here Lü Tsu is venerated as Shun-Yang Ti, Emperor of the Pure Yang, the title of his deification.

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Fig. 1362a. Four of the eighteen alchemical talismans (fu) in the Pao Phu Tzu book, ch. 17. These magical devices of the early +4th century were believed to ensure safety for the Taoist alchemists in the depths of the mountains and forests, and success in preparing their elixirs there. They felt great need for protection, psychologically against the gods and spirits of the ravines and wildernesses, physically against noxious animals and plants, falling trees, landslides and the like. They entered the mountains (ju shan) only on propitious days, they danced a special step from time to time, the famous 'Pace of Yū' (Yū pu, cf. PPT/NP, ch. 17, p. 5a, tr. Ware (5), p. 286, cf. Granet (1), vol. 2, pp. 549 ff.), they wore mirrors on their backs to ward off evil spirits, and carried with them diagrams like the Wu Yo Chen Hsing Thu (cf. Vol. 3, pp. 546, 566 ff.) or bunches of plants which gave invisibility or dispelled apparitions. For an insight into the 'other world' as it appeared to the ancient Taoist believers nothing serves better than the descriptions of Castaneda (1, 2, 3) of the ideas and powers of the Yaqui Indian 'sorcerers' of Mexico today.

(a) No. 1, a design to be carved on peach-wood plaques and fixed over the door, on the four sides, and the four corners, of the hermitage-laboratory (p. 14a). The lower part of it resembles the standard

way of drawing constellations in star-maps (cf. Vol. 3, p. 276).

(b) No. 6, also for the pillars and beams of the house (p. 17a). One can make out the characters wang (king), po (count) and part of tien (lightning), doubtless all apotropaic. The constellation might be the Great Bear (cf. Vol. 3, p. 241).

(c) No. 10, the perfected immortal Chhen An-Shih's amulet for carving on a small plaque of jujubetree pith, and wearing on the body; good against gods, ghosts, tigers, wolves and serpents (p. 19b). The character for woman is clear, perhaps one of the Taoist goddesses like Hsüan Nü (cf. Vol. 2, pp. 147–8).

(d) No. 11, anthropoid in character, for wearing at one's belt when travelling, or for protecting the stables of the hermitage against wolves and tigers (p. 20h).

From the Ssu Pa Tshung Khan edition. Cf. pp. 152-3 above.

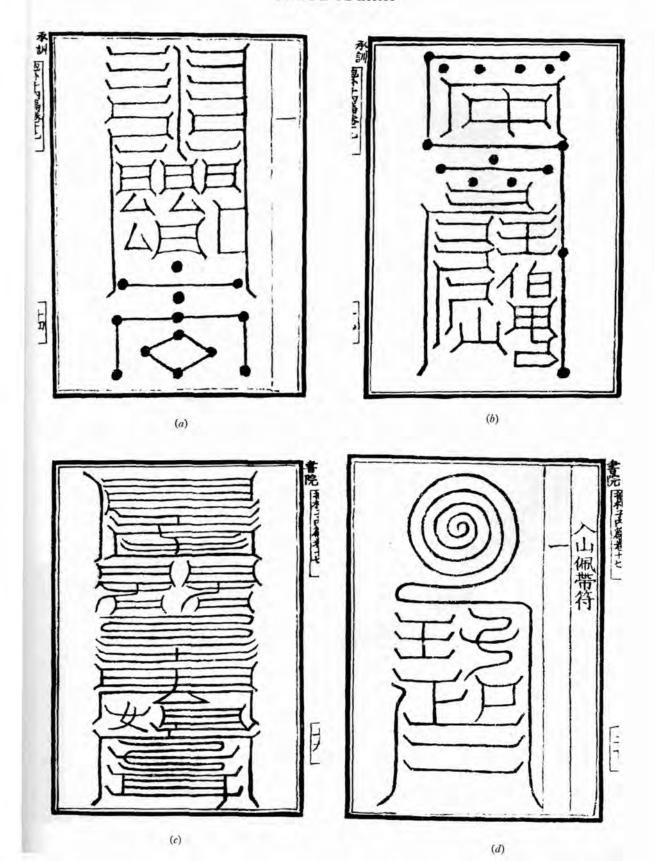




Fig. 1363. An indication from an Arabic source of Japan's richness in gold; the Queen of Wāqwāq and her court depicted in a coloured illustration from al-Qazwīnī's world geography 'Ajā'ib al-Makhlūqāt (Roy. As. Soc. MS. 178). Apart from earlier accounts of Japanese gold abundance, one Mūsa al-Shīrafī reported that he had seen the queen and her four thousand ladies wearing gold crowns and necklaces above their sarongs, otherwise their only dress. This was perhaps a confusion with some hotter country, but the queen's crown in the picture is curiously Taoist. Also it is interesting that among the names for Japan and her scattered islands given in the San Kuo Chih (Wei Shu), ch. 30, pp. 26a, b, 28b, 29a, are Queensland (Nü Wang Kuo) and Nakedland (Lo Kuo); cf. Pearson (1). Al-Qazwīnī was writing about +1275, and the date of the MS., copied by Muḥammad al-Baqqāl, is about +1475. But the story of the sorceress queen and her regiment of serving-maids was a very old one, going back to the Han (c. +160), as can be seen in the Hou Han Shu (ch. 115, pp. 12a fl.); and it was repeated in the Sui Shu (ch. 81, pp. 13a fl.) as well as the San Kuo Chih. Her name, Pimihu (Pimiko), is thought to conceal the Japanese term himeko, princess. In some accounts she was succeeded by a girl named I-Yū (Iyo). Cf. Tsunoda & Goodrich (1).

#### PLATE CDLXXIII



(a)



(c)



Fig. 1364. Specimens of pharmaceutical chemicals from the +8th century preserved in the Shōsōin Treasury at Nara in Japan

- a, b Crystals of mang hsiao (here magnesium sulphate, Epsom salt). Asahina
   (1), pl. 27 B; p. 290, fig. 1.
- c Specimen of hua shih (talc, soapstone), magnesium silicate, halloysite. Asahina (1), pl. 31 A.
- d Bag containing red lead oxide (minium). Though labelled shang tan, 'superior quality red', it has only 26:2% of this oxide. Asahina (1), pl. 37B.

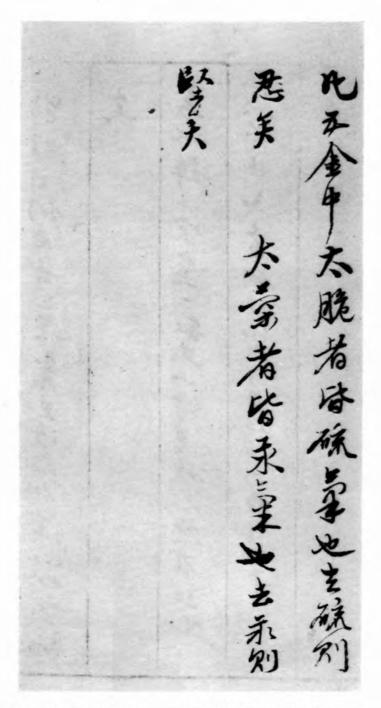


Fig. 1365. Passage from a manuscript of Hsü Kuang-Chhi (+1562 to +1634), eminent scholar and friend of Matteo Ricci and other Jesuits, on the mercury-sulphur theory of metals. See p. 238.

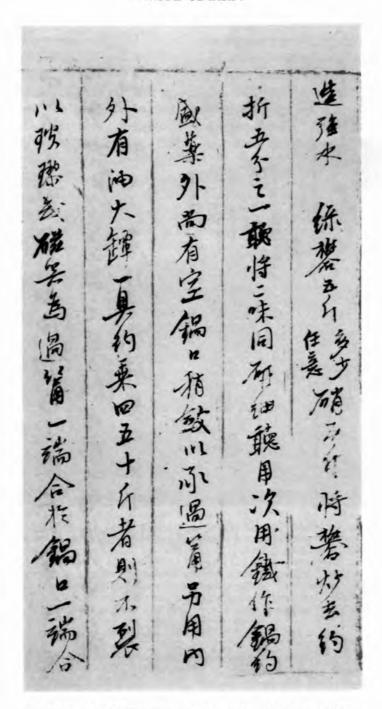


Fig. 1366. Another passage in the handwriting of Hsü Kuang-Chhi, describing (about + 1620) the preparation of nitric acid (*chhiang shui*) by the distillation of green vitriol and alum together with saltpetre. See p. 239.

### PLATE CDLXXVI



Fig. 1367. A corner of the Pai Yün Kuan (Temple of the White Clouds), a Taoist religious centre of great renown at Peking (orig. photo., 1964). Cf. p. 250.

will) the casting of some 500 hand-guns or portable culverins weighing 60 lb each; a and before they were finished he was called upon to demonstrate better designs of redoubts or ravelins, which he did with the aid of a triangular model, but this was rejected for astrological reasons. In the following year the capital fell to the Manchus. Of great chemical interest is the fact that in + 1643 Schall collaborated with a Chinese gunner, Chiao Hsü<sup>1</sup>, in producing a book on gunpowder manufacture, the casting and boring of cannon, and artillery tactics. This was entitled Huo Kung Chhieh Yao<sup>2</sup> (Essentials of Gunnery). It was not the first Chinese book on modern artillery, but it became the most widely known and used. Schall's gunpowder formulae<sup>4</sup> were of course not essentially different from those which had been given in the Wu Ching Tsung Yao<sup>3</sup> of +1044, the oldest in any civilisation, but they certainly contained a higher proportion of nitrate, as was necessary for a propellant charge of modern type rather than rocket compositions, carton bomb fillings, and quasi-incendiary mixtures. But nothing in all this involved any serious transmission of nascent modern chemistry.

A short while ago we mentioned Robert Boyle, and it has to be recorded that he also got through to Peking (in the letter) towards the end of the century, though not in the spirit, for no one introduced his work into the realm of Chinese scientific discourse. In + 1685 five Jesuit Mathematicians-Royal of the King of France, led by the Breton missionary Jean de Fontaney (Hung Jo-Han4), set out for China, bringing with them large acquisitions of books for the libraries at the capital. These included four works of Boyle, all in Latin editions, one of which was the Sceptical Chymist itself. They also included another work of Biringuccio, and Otto von Guericke's Experimenta Nova Magdeburgica of + 1672. But none of the Jesuit scientists of the early + 18th century, greatly taken up as they were with astronomical work, had the

<sup>2</sup> Bornet (1), p. 88, b Ibid., pp. 90ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> One wonders whether he was a descendant of Chiao Yü,<sup>5</sup> the gunner of the early Ming (fl. c. +1345 to +1412), who had been concerned with the writing of an earlier book on gunpowder and artillery, the *Huo Lung Ching* (Fire-Drake Manual). For further information on this important work, the bibliography of which is rather complicated, see Sect. 30.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> No. 334 in Bernard-Maître (18). An alternative title, the *Tsê Kho Lu*<sup>7</sup> (Methods for Victory), has sometimes been attributed to the +17th-century edition, but it seems to belong rather to the reprints which were made at the time of the Opium Wars, in 1841 and several subsequent years. See on this Pfister (1), p. 182 (app.), addenda, p. 25\* and Pelliot (55, 56); Liu Hsien-Chou (1), p. 84.

Pfister (1), p. 182 (app.), addenda, p. 25\* and Pelliot (55, 56); Liu Hsien-Chou (1), p. 84.

e In or shortly before +1625 there had been a previous tractate, the Hsi-Yang Huo Kung Thu Shuo<sup>8</sup> (Illustrated Treatise on European Gunnery), written by Chang Tao<sup>9</sup> and Sun Hsüeh-Shih, 10 of whom otherwise very little is known. This was not connected with the Jesuit mission, but rather with the detachment of Portuguese gunners who went up to Peking to succour the Ming about that time.

<sup>1</sup> Huo Kung Chhieh Yao, ch. 2, pp. 9bff. (pp. 3off.).

g The full story is given in Section 30.

h Much has been written on Boyle's part in the birth of modern chemistry, but here it may suffice to refer to the book of Boas (2).

1 They arrived in + 1687, see Pfister (1), p. 422.

j Chymista Scepticus (Geneva, +1677), Introductio ad Historiam Qualitatum Particularium (Geneva, +1677), Opera Varia (Geneva, +1680), and Experimentorum Novorum Physico-Mechanicorum Continuatio Secunda (Geneva, +1682). On these see Partington (7), vol. 2, pp. 492, 493, 495, 497. V1112-16.

k V3400.

<sup>1</sup>焦品 2

<sup>2</sup> 火攻黎要 3 武經總學

<sup>+</sup> 洪岩翰

<sup>5</sup> 焦玉

knew at Lanchow.

chemical bent to carry on the work of Johann Schreck and really do something to combine the chemistries of East and West. We hear indeed that two of the Mathematicians-Royal, Joachim Bouvet (Pai Chin¹) and J. F. Gerbillon (Chang Chhêng²), about +1689 'installed in the imperial palace a complete chymical elaboratory, with all the instruments (and vessels) needed for operating in it . . .', but nothing whatever seems to have come of this.ª In sum, enough has now been said to establish that for various reasons European chemistry of the +17th century failed to exert any influence in China. And perhaps it was because there was so much leeway to make up, quite apart from the growing disorder in the Jesuit mission after +1750, and moreover the paucity of capable men who could understand and interpret it, that nothing at all was done to bring the 'chemical revolution' to China either. Or almost nothing, for there is a strange story to tell about one possible attempt to put the discovery of oxygen into Chinese.

### (iii) A Chinese puzzle-eighth or eighteenth?

This confronts us indeed with one of the most singular literary puzzles which has presented itself in the whole course of these studies.b In 1810 Julius Klaproth published in the Mémoires of the Academy of Sciences of St Petersburg a short paper (5) 'on the chemical knowledge of the Chinese in the 8th century'. Introducing this, he said that 'as we have so few exact notions about the state of chemistry among the Ancients, and especially among the asiatick peoples, it seems to me that the following extracts, taken from a Chinese book treating of this science, might offer some interest, for they demonstrate that this people already had, several centuries ago, certain ideas, inexact though they might be, on the effects of oxygen'. He went on to relate that in 1802 he had copied and translated some passages from a Chinese manuscript of sixtyeight pages, one among those which had been brought back from China by the late Mons. Bournon, and (presumably) deposited in one of the libraries of the Russian capital. The title of this 'small collection of chemical and metallurgical experiments' was Phing Lung Jen,3 a phrase which Klaproth translated as 'Confessions of the Peaceful Dragon'.c It had been written, he said, according to the MS. itself, by one Maò hhóad in a ping-shen year, the first of the Chih-Tê+ reign-period, i.e. + 756. He

a See Pfister (1), p. 434.
 b Considered also in a separate paper, Needham (71).
 c More probable interpretations are suggested on pp. 247-8 below.

d Judging from Klaproth's other romanisations, this could hardly be anything else than Mao Hua, since Hs- would be inadmissible here. One could however think of Mao Kua or Mao Khua. Chang Tzu-Kung,<sup>5</sup> in his 1952 translation of Weeks (1), very naturally presumed Mao Hua,<sup>6</sup> though in earlier translations Huang Su-Fêng<sup>7</sup> & Yü Jen-Chün<sup>8</sup> (1936) had adopted Ma Ho,<sup>9</sup> much less likely though retained by Yuan Han-Chhing (1); and Chu Jen-Hung 10 (1937) had suggested Mao 11 as the surname. The Japanese translation (1941) chose Mêng Kao,<sup>12</sup> very improbable; and as Yuan points out, Mao-Hua could be a hao or literary name, giving no clue to the family name at all. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Dr Chang Tzu-Kung again most warmly for much help and many talks during my time in China during the war years (Vol. 1, p. 11), as also Dr Yuan Han-Chhing, whom I

<sup>1</sup> 白晉 2 張誠 3 平龍記 + 至態 5 張資珙 6 毛華 7 黄素封 8 兪人鞍 9 馬和 10 朱任宏 12 孟誥

failed to give the characters for the author's name, but said that he had searched for him in the Wan Hsing Thung Phu<sup>1</sup> and the Wên Hsien Thung Khao without success. Klaproth then went on to give his partial translations of ch. 3 and ch. 9, the first on the oxygen of the air and its significance for the calces of metals, the second on the metals themselves and some of their derivative compounds, prefacing these by a discussion of the leading ideas in the work.<sup>a</sup>

Klaproth thought he could recognise them as Taoist.

It is easy to see [he wrote] that his [the author's] system is similar to that of the Dáo-chè  $(Tao \, shih^2)$ .... In his first chapter the author says: 'All that man can perceive and observe by the senses, and all that he can conceive with his mind and imagination, is composed of two fundamental principles, the Yānn (Yang) and the  $\overline{Y}$ ne (Yin), which designate the perfect and the imperfect.' This system is represented in the Eight Goúa (kua) of Foǔ-hhy (Fu Hsi). The Yang is the powerful and the perfected, the Yin is the diametrically opposite. Our author however often diverges from this definition in the course of his work, and one can clearly see that he assumes infinite modifications of these two principles, which manifest themselves in the forms of the world. In this he differs from the system of the  $Tao \, shih$ , which explains the difference in forms of visible objects by continual changes in the proportions of Yang and Yin.

Then he plunges in to the supposedly Thang account of oxygen,

Ch. 3. The Atmosphere. The Hhiá-chēnn-ki (hsia shêng chhi³)b is the chhi which rests on the surface of the earth and which rises up to the clouds. When the proportion of Yin, which forms part of its composition, is too great, it is not so perfect (or full) as the chhi beyond the clouds. We can feel the hsia shêng chhi by the sense of touch, but the elemental fire with which it is mixed makes it invisible to our eyes. There are several methods which purify it and rob it of a part of its Yin. This is done first by things which are modifications of the Yang, such as the metals, sulphur (lieôu-hhouânn, liu huang\*) and charcoal (táne, than5). When these substances burn they amalgamate with the Yinc of the air, and give new combinations of the two fundamental principles.

The Yin of the air (Ký-ȳne, chhi Yin6) is never pure, but by the aid of fire one can extract it from Tchîne-chě, d from saltpetre (Hhò-siaō, huo hsiao7) and from the stone called Hhé-tânn-

<sup>a</sup> The nature of the Chinese language is such that without having the original text before one it is impossible to be sure how far Klaproth understood its true meaning. Accurate recognition of the dictionary equivalents of characters will not always faithfully interpret the true sense, and it is only too easy to introduce ideas which were not originally there.

b Literally 'underneath rising-up vapour or pneuma', i.e. air. This interpretation is a conjecture of Muccioli (1), for Klaproth gave no characters. Huang Su-Fêng & Yū Jen-Chūn supposed han chen

chhi,8 impossible on Klaproth's romanisation. Could he have mis-punctuated?

c The original has Yang, but this must have been a slip of Klaproth's pen, as Muccioli also saw. d This has puzzled everyone. Klaproth gave no characters, but thought it was a mineral having something to do with grindstones. So perhaps it was (hsi) chen shiho or (fan) ching shihio (RP76, 100), both meaning magnetite or black iron oxide. It could also have been zinc carbonate, kan shihii (RP 59), wrongly read as chhien shih. And chiin shihii (RP 87) is a synonym for copper sulphate. Yuan Han-Chhing wrote chhing shih, is lapis lazuli, a complex aluminium-sodium sulphate-silicate, which would not make sense here; cf. Partington (10), p. 426. But he took it to mean some form of calcium carbonate, with what authority we do not know.

1 萬姓統譜	2 道士	1下升氣	+ 硫黄	5 炭
6 氣陰	7 火硝	8 含質氣	9 吸針石	10 反經石
11 旅石	12 君石	13 雷石		

chě.a It enters also into the composition of water, where it is so closely bound with the Yang that (its) decomposition becomes very difficult. The elemental fire hides the Yin of the air from our eyes, and we recognise it only by its effects.

For Klaproth this was important, since it showed that the Chinese of the +8th century 'had rather clear ideas about oxygen, which they called *chhi Yin*,<sup>1</sup> or the imperfect (part) of the air'. What else could combine with heated metals, sulphur and carbon, forming new compounds with them? He added that it was 'very interesting that they thought water to be a composite (body), since in Europe it was so long regarded as an element'.

Klaproth's excerpt from ch. o was less sensational,

Ch. 9. The Metals. There are five principal metals apart from gold; silver, copper, iron, tin and lead.

Gold is the most perfect (Yang), and in general the symbol of the perfection of matter because it contains no Yin whatever; this is why it dominates the four quarters of the world. Silver contains already a little, copper more, and finally lead is the most impure of all the metals. Gold never amalgamates with the Yin of the air, and is always found native. The greatest heat does not change it.

If one purges the silver of its Yin it becomes gold, but as it is always bound to its sulphur, this operation becomes very difficult. Only the silver of Ssī-lôunn-chāne (mountain) in Tiēne-dschou (Thien-chu,² India)<sup>b</sup> lends itself to this change. Lao Tzu knew how to change any kind of silver into gold, but did not do it as he himself possessed the golden mountain.<sup>c</sup>

Copper is found native in mountains, or mineralised with the Yin of the air, or with sulphur.<sup>d</sup> When repeatedly melted it loses much of its redness.<sup>e</sup> It is too tightly bound to the Yin to be detached from it. It also readily attracts the Yin of the air, of water, and of alum (Bĕ-fâne, pai fan³), the resulting composition being (a kind of) verdigris (Toúnn-sieóu, thung hsiu, 4.5 basic copper carbonate).<sup>f</sup>

To get a fine green pigment from copper one must calcine the rust of this metal, g and then boil it with white alum in a sufficient amount of water. After it has cooled it will be green,

<sup>a</sup> Hei tan,<sup>6</sup> hei than,<sup>7</sup> is coal, but no remotely likely oxygen-containing substance has been found to fill this bill. Klaproth gave no characters for any of his substances, but commented upon this one as 'a black stone found in marshes', conceivably hei tan shih.<sup>8</sup> But no such term, or anything like it, appears in even the greatest Chinese encyclopaedias. Yuan Han-Chhing supposes hei than shih,<sup>9</sup> equally meaningless, unless coal, which won't do.

b This reference is obscure, though it may well be an allusion to Ceylon.

c Of spiritual perfection, no doubt. But of course the Logos of Taoism was always regarded in later times as an alchemist (cf. p. 215).

d Ores of copper certainly do include oxides and sulphides. But could this really have been said by anyone in the +8th century?

e Perhaps a reference to the making of high-tin bronzes.

<sup>1</sup> The patina and corrosion product of copper is at least as likely to be the basic sulphate (and in sea air the chloride) as the basic carbonate (Partington (10), pp. 330, 333; Mellor (1), p. 378). The term verdigris ('Greek green') also means the acetate, prepared as a pigment and for medicinal use by exposing copper to the fumes of warm vinegar (PTKM, ch. 8, (p. 11); TKKW, suppl. to ch. 16, Sun & Sun tr., p. 287; cf. Yü Fei-An (1), p. 5). This was called thung lü, <sup>10</sup> or better thung chhing. <sup>11</sup> Ko Hung already knew (in PTKM, loc. cit.) that applying it to wood would prevent rotting.

g Presumably this means heating to obtain oxides, Sulphates would be formed in the next step,

1 氣陰 2 天竺 3 白馨 4 銅绣 5 銅鱧 6 黑丹 7 黑炭 8 黑連石 9 黑炭石 10 銅綠 11 銅青

and one must add some natron solution (Guiēne-choùy, chien shui¹) a which will precipitate the green colour called Siaò-loŭ-chě (hsiao lü sê²). b This is used in painting for the colour of plant and bamboo leaves.

To get a blue pigment from copper one must mix three tçánc of the rust of red copper with seventeen tçán of sal ammoniac (Naó-chã, nao sha³) and boil this mixture with pure water. Hhiéne-pann,d who lived in the Han dynasty, was the inventor of this pigment.c

If one melts copper with the stone Yann-chef it takes a greenish colour and becomes harder. The utensils made from this copper in the Sung dynasty are much esteemed. It is said that the Eight Kua of Taí-hháo-foú-hhỹ were engraved on a plate of this kind of copper.

Klaproth, who found some difficulty in identifying the substances mentioned in this passage, had less to say about it than about the other. But it merits a word or two. The opening seems to betray a knowledge or half-knowledge of the sulphur-mercury theory of metals (cf. pt. 4), though in the light of what went before a reader might have understood them to be all composed of nitrogen and oxygen; as for 'perfection', it also has a European flavour, though not quite excluded from the classical Huai Nan Tzu tradition (cf. p. 24). The explanation of the corrosion of copper is interesting and not ill-phrased, while the making of green and blue pigments from copper salts indicates some practical knowledge. Finally there seems to be a clear mention of brass manufacture.

What is one to make of this curious text? No notice was taken of it for close on eighty years after Klaproth's first presentation in 1807, but then it was disinterred by Duckworth (1) who put the oxygen part into English and taking the date at its face value called for further information. Naturally no one had anything to say. Klaproth was translated into Italian by Guareschi in 1904, and after that wider interest was aroused. Passing mentions were accorded by Moissan<sup>1</sup> and Mellor, J while von Lippmann dismissed the whole matter as a late forgery. The most serious discussion was that of Muccioli (1), who concluded that the MS. text was of the +18th rather than the 8th century, Chhing not Thang in date, regarding it as an effort to put into Chinese the

b This must be the carbonate, verditer, the same as thung lü,5 properly so called, or shih lü.6

c Presumably chhien,7 mace, or tenths of an ounce,

d Neither Klaproth nor anyone since has been able to pin down this individual,

e Perhaps this was the preparation of cupric chloride, unless it was a conversion of the basic to the regular sulphate,

f Not certainly identifiable, but one suspects some zinc ore.

g This is surely a reference to the making of brass.

h How was a Thang writer referring to the Sung? Huang Su-Fêng & Yü Jen-Chün were so upset by this that they transliterated Shang, which was absurd, for brass does not go back that far. Yuan Han-Chhing corrected them but did not offer the obvious escape route that he might have been speaking of the Liu-Sung (+420 to +477). For early brass-making this is not implausible, but one would like some supporting evidence.

i (1), vol. 1, pp. 191, 238.

j (2), vol. 1, p. 347. He said merely that there could have been no connection between Mao Hua and the definitive later discoveries in Europe.

k (1), p. 460. But von Lippmann was so intemperate and so wrong in his general estimate of Chinese alchemy and proto-chemistry that the force of his remarks is now long spent.

3 硇砂

+太昊伏羲

5 銅絲

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> A naturally occurring mixture of the carbonate, sulphate and chloride of sodium, as Klaproth recognised. Cf. pt. 2, p. 181 (the character below is an alternative orthograph), and especially pt. 4.

ideas of the new chemistry, after Priestley and after + 1774; the work therefore of one or other of the Jesuits or of their scholarly Chinese friends. This is why we have placed our account of it here. The idea of a late date, in this case the Ming, was also proposed by Chinese chemists and historians of chemistry, notably Huang Su-Fêng (with Fu Wei-Phing 1 and Su Chi-Chhing 2) in his preface to the 1936 Chinese translation of Weeks' book on the discovery of the chemical elements; a but Yuan Han-Chhing was reluctant to accept this, pointing to the general decay of alchemy and chemistry in the Ming period. Yuan Han-Chhing himself inclines to believe in a Thang dating for the document, Some of Muccioli's reasons why 'Mao Hua' could not be pre-Priestley were rather unconvincing, such as the vagueness and sexuality of the Yin-Yang theory, but he was certainly justified in pointing out that the discoveries of Priestley's time would not have been possible without good apparatus of glass, high-temperature equipment, the electric current, and all the other inventions which permitted pneumatic chemistry such as the collection of gases over mercury. But does the 'Mao Hua' MS, pretend to be a document of this kind? The real problem is that its obscurity and naïveté could arise either from its speculative (though penetrating) nature, based on only very rough experiments, if it is Thang, or from the difficulties of Jesuits and Chinese scholars in the Chhing attempting to render some idea of the new chemistry into the traditional idiom of that language.

Yuan Han-Chhing, who has considered the matter at length, reviews what 'Mao Hua's' ideas comprised. He was sure that some change occurred in atmospheric air after the combustion of charcoal or sulphur, and that other substances such as salt-petre would give off some 'air' to the air; since it was natural to regard everything as composed of Yin and Yang, it would not have been unnatural to consider atmospheric air as also so composed. Nor would a similar composition of water have been unthinkable; we must beware of reading too much factual background knowledge into the words of the document. Combustion, then, diminished the Yin chhi of the air, heating of certain minerals increased it. Here one must bear in mind that even in the +8th century the Chinese had been making the oxides or calces of metals for hundreds of years by heating them in air. Datable about +640, the Tan Ching Yao Chüeh³ (Essentials of the Elixir Manuals), probably by Sun Ssu-Mo,⁴ contains a clear process for the making of red mercuric oxide (HgO) by long-continued heating of mercury under conditions of limited admission of air.e Similarly the oxides of lead (minium, litharge and massicot) had been made industrially ever since the Warring

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cf. the Engl. ed. (1), pp. 35ff.

b (1), p. 229. Cf. p. 208 above. Also if 'Mao Hua' was a pseudonym, why should not the late writer have taken the much more usual course of fathering his book on Ko Hung, Sun Ssu-Mo or Lü Tung-Pin, one or other of the great proto-chemical names of antiquity? Also if the Ming would have been too late for genuineness it would have been much too early for Priestley.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> The electrolytic decomposition of water was accomplished in preliminary experiments by G. Beccaria (+1758), P. van Troostwijk & J. R. Deiman (+1789) and G. Pearson (+1797); then definitively with full recognition of the gases by Carlisle & Nicholson in 1800,

d (1), pp. 27, 221 ff.

e YCCC, ch. 71, p. 12a (tr. Sivin (1), p. 191). Cf. p. 137.

<sup>1</sup> 傳緯平 2 蘇繼廣 3 丹經要訣 4 孫思邈

States period.<sup>a</sup> The fact that nothing at all is said about weighings, such as those which proved the combination of a part of the air with the metal during oxidation, as in the pioneer work of Jean Rey (+1630),b may be an argument for the earlier date, since at the end of the eighteenth century the Jesuits or their friends would have been very conscious of this. On the other hand the use of the expression 'elemental fire' is very suspicious, for one of Lavoisier's three great mistakes was the belief that the heat and light evolved in combustion came from an imponderable element, 'caloric', combined with the base of oxygen in oxygen gas (+1786).c

The second passage may seem almost more indigenously Chinese than the first, for the alchemical motif is present, and there is no mention of processes which we know the people of medieval China did not use. As for the explanation of the 'rusting' of copper it might again be interpreted much too cleverly by seeing in the reference to the alum, a sulphate, some hint of modern knowledge that the corrosion is generally a basic sulphate. Thus provided one takes the 'Mao Hua' tractate as essentially speculative, inspired guesswork rather than a record of precise experiments, it remains impossible so far to exclude it as a text of the Thang.d

Yet there remain many curious, not to say suspicious, circumstances. First, no one has seen the work since Klaproth described it, and until someone can discover it again in one of the great Russian libraries, so that its paper and script can be examined, judgment can only be suspended. Secondly, Thang MSS, apart from the famous buried library of the Tunhuang caves, are extremely rare, though this could of course have been a much later copy, one of a succession handed down through the ages, the kind of thing in fact which Chhü Thai-Su sent to his Jesuit friends to be burnt (p. 224 above). Supposing that one of them had plucked it from the burning? On the other hand the most exhaustive searches, carried on in the Chinese collections and bibliographies of Europe as well as in China, have completely failed to unearth any reference either to Mao Hua or a Phing Lung Jen.e This in itself is odd because most of the medieval alchemists and iatro-chemists can usually be picked up in two or three collateral references, even if only in the hagiography. As for the title, we have long surmised that Jen could have been a mis-reading of Chih, which would make the title much more natural. In this case we could take Phing as a verb instead of Klaproth's adjective, and translate: 'Records of the Pacification (i.e. Subduing) of the Dragon', that is to say, the formation of the calces of metals (cf. pp. 7-8), an interpretation closely in line with the thinking of alchemists in all the old civilisations. An

<sup>c</sup> See Partington (7), vol. 3, pp. 377, 463-5. This point was made to us by Professor Mendoza of the University of Wales at Bangor.

What Chhen Kuo-Fu could not find (Yuan, p. 228), it is hardly likely that anyone else will.

a Cf. Sect. 34.

b See Partington (7), vol. 2, pp. 631 ff. Before Lavoisier's definitive solution of the problem in + 1777 there had been many demonstrations of the increase of weight on calcination, as by Bayen in + 1774 and N. Lemery in +1690 (cf. Partington, loc. cit., vol. 3, pp. 38, 395, 421 ff.).

<sup>4</sup> The expression chhi Yin, however, 'the Yin of the air', has a very un-Chinese feel about it, and one would rather expect Yin chhi. In modern Chinese chemical terminology, oxygen is of course oppositely named yang,2

alternative suggestion is due to Yuan Han-Chhing,<sup>a</sup> who draws attention to a well-known aphorism in fêng-shui<sup>1</sup> geomancy;<sup>b</sup> Shan lung i hsiin, phing lung nan jen,<sup>2</sup> which means: 'The dragon of the mountains (i.e. the lay of the land, or configuration of the earth) is easy to detect and measure; the dragon of the plains is difficult to recognise.' In this case the title would have been right as Klaproth had it, and meta-phorical, signifying that the hidden processes in chemical reactions were as difficult to understand as the 'veins of the earth' in flat country. So that Phing would be a noun, and the translation would be: 'Recognition of the Dragon (i.e. the processes) in the Plains (i.e. the baffling chemical phenomena).' Both these possibilities would consort with a date either Thang or Chhing.

Provisionally, for our placing, we have chosen the latter alternative, assuming that the text was the work of one of the Jesuits such as Cibot or Collas, or, even more probably, one of their Chinese friends who had been talking with them about the discovery of oxygen in Europe. But then how can one explain the Thang date on the MS.? Someone could have added it spuriously before the text left China; someone, for that matter, could have insinuated crucial sentences into what was genuinely Thang writing. But against this it must be said that in all the work reported in these volumes we have come across exceedingly few, if any, false datings or claims to antiquity supported by false interpolated passages-where scientific matters were concerned no one in that Confucian culture would have thought it worth while, at least before the very end of the nineteenth century.c Spurious ascriptions and attributions of whole books are an entirely different matter, of those there were many, just as in European culture medieval authors liked to father their works on names already venerated,d but this kind of thing can almost always be put right by philological and bibliographical criticism, a humanistic technique in which the Chinese themselves excelled earlier than anyone else.e Alternatively Klaproth could have made some elementary sinological mistake. But it is difficult to see what it could have been. It is true that he was young at the time. Born in Berlinf in +1783, he began the study of Chinese at the age of 14. A voracious polymath in oriental languages (Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Hebrew), he began to publish from 1800 onwards and in 1804 at the age of 21 was called to the St Petersburg Academy of Sciences as 'Adjunctus f.d. orientalischen Sprachen u. Literatur.' In the following year he went east with the embassy of Count Golovkin to China, and although this never got beyond the frontier on account of a disagreement about ceremonial, the journey was not unsuccessful for Klaproth

a (1), p. 225.

b See Vol. 4, pt. 1, pp. 239ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> See Vol. 1, p. 43. It is quite inconceivable that any of the Jesuits or their Chinese friends would have put a Thang date—or for that matter an assumed name—on anything which they themselves had written.

<sup>d</sup> Think, apart from anything else, of the Geberian Corpus and the Lullian Corpus. Or in the earlier Arabic world, the Jabirian Corpus.

e See Vol. 2, pp. 390ff.

f He was the son of Martin H. Klaproth (+1743 to 1817) the celebrated chemist, on whom see Partington (7), vol. 3, pp. 654ff. It was a parallel to the Biots, the chemist-astronomer father J. B. Biot, and the orientalist son E. Biot; cf. Vol. 3, p. 183.

<sup>1</sup>風水 2山龍易琴平龍難認

since it enabled him to learn Manchu and Mongol by the way, and to collect a great number of books. By 1807 he was a member of the Academy, and then undertook adventurous travels in the south, the Caucasus, Persia and Afghanistan, travels which led before long to his downfall and departure from Russia because his reports were considered to show too clearly the weakness of Russian power in those regions. There is no immediate need to follow his further career in France, his relations with Napoleon, etc., but only to remind ourselves that in the penultimate year of his life, 1834, he published a monograph on the history of the magnetic compass so good that it is still usable at the present day, and greatly helped us in writing Sect. 26(i) in Vol. 4, pt. 1. Young as he was at the time (1802), it is hard to believe either that Klaproth misinterpreted his text, or that he was guilty (as might conceivably be thought possible) of a scholarly hoax designed to attract interest and further his career.a But we should be happier if we could find out something definite about the Mons. Bournon who brought the MS, back from China-so far all searches in the French and the sinological literature have proved unavailing. The solution of the puzzle is more likely to come from the Soviet sinologists than anyone else, for they may be able to trace the MS, itself, and they may succeed in finding out who Bournon was and what (from his connections) he is likely to have brought home with him. Perhaps this intriguing document will have the honour of being transferred, in later editions of the present book, from its present place back to the great days of the Thang.

Of one thing we can be reasonably sure: there were Jesuits towards the end of the +18th century who were very enamoured of the Yin-Yang theory as a general natural philosophy. On 26 June 1789, J. J. M. Amiot, in the course of a letter (7), wrote in these terms:

Here, as in our France, men construct (philosophical) systems, but they fall into desuetude and are soon forgotten when they are not founded on the two great principles. Yang and Yin. Yang and Yin, Yin and Yang, when well conceived and well understood, are alone capable of introducing man into the sanctuary of Nature, and unveiling for him even the most secret of her mysteries. Everything happens by the varying combinations of the Yin and Yang, it is by them that all Beings reproduce themselves, and that everything maintains itself in the living state. If the Yang and the Yin were to cease to combine with each other, the whole world would return to chaos. These, you will tell me, are the dreams of the Chinese; we are not necessitated yet to adopt them in preference to those of our European savants. All right, but one day you will adopt them—judging by the productions of your modern Physicists!

Was not Amiot thinking of the great discoveries of Franklin, Galvani and Volta, which introduced the fundamental concept of positive and negative electricity? From +1780 onwards these terms had been current coin.b And could not one of his friends have translated hydrogen and oxygen into terms of Yang and Yin?

Vast developments in electro-chemistry and electro-physiology were to follow.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> It is true that this was in a period of great forgeries—after 'Ossian', the *Toparcha Goticus* (Westberg, 1), and a famous Czech deception. But usually these were motivated by nationalist ideals.

<sup>b</sup> See Vol. 2, pp. 278, 467. And, for the course of events in Europe, Cohen's account in Foley (1).

### (iv) The Kiangnan Arsenal and the sinisation of modern chemistry

In bidding farewell to the Chinese alchemical tradition after twenty-five centuries it is reasonable to enquire about the date of its last appearance. For all we know, the making of elixirs may still be going on in some remote places, for there have been reports in recent years of obscure Taoist sects being brought to book by agencies of the government of People's China.<sup>a</sup> We have one record of the neighbourhood of 1917 however, mentioned by E. V. Cowdry, the American anatomist who held the chair of this subject at Peking Union Medical College in the twenties of the present century. He wrote:

The [Taoist] priests sometimes attempt to distil mercury. When the distillation has been successfully repeated nine times, the resulting substance will be the 'elixir of life'. One of the priests of the White Cloud Temple is said to have been killed by an explosion during the sixth distillation.<sup>b</sup>

This sounds more like the repeated sublimations of mercuric sulphide during the classical nine cyclical transformations method than any distillation, but perhaps the Taoist was meddling with something else, as his confrères had been warned not to do in the +9th century (cf. p. 78 above). In any case the explosion was the parting shot of a tradition glorious both for its antiquity and its tenacity.

The rest of the story can be briefly told, since in these volumes we do not set out to treat of modern history. During the first half of the nineteenth century Chinese artisans, merchants and minor scholars associating with the European and American traders and missionaries along the eastern seaboard certainly came to know about some of the chemical substances which were by now familiar in Western science, and to some extent used by the Western physicians practising in China. For example, one could think of the halogen elements, oxygen, the purified strong mineral acids, c metallic sodium and potassium, etc. Many chemical names seem to have been coined popularly at this time, though not by the literati, who remained relatively uninterested. Fig. 1368 illustrates a scene of this period.

After the middle of the century was reached, things began to move rapidly. The first book in Chinese dealing with modern chemisty came out in 1855; it was the

b Cowdry (1), p. 307. When I enjoyed a visit to the Pai Yun Kuan in 1964 no alchemical elaboratory was to be seen, but rich collections of the Taoist alchemical books were in the library. Cf. Fig. 1367.

d The great translator Fryer (1) well appreciated this artisanal and merchant origin. See Yuan Han-Chhing (1), pp. 266ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Also at the outer edges of Chinese culture aurifaction may be going on. While in East Asia in 1971 I read a news item in the *Hongkong Standard* for 16 September entitled 'Housewife cheated by Bomoh'; a Malayan magician, in fact, who had claimed to be able to transmute sea shells into gold, and had got away with \$230 on the strength of it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Sulphuric acid, huang chhiang shui,<sup>1</sup> nitric acid, hsiao chhiang shui,<sup>2</sup> and hydrochloric acid, yen chhiang shui.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> From this time dates what was perhaps the first Chinese-English glossary of scientific (including some chemical) names and terms, the chrestomathy of Bridgman (1) issued at Macao in 1841. Many more, especially in chemistry, were contained in the collection of glossaries published at Fuchow by Doolittle (1) in 1872.

<sup>1</sup> 磺强水 2 硝强水 3 鹽强水



Fig. 1368. A nineteenth-century scene outside the Thung Jen Thang pharmacy (still existing today) in Peking; from an issue of the illustrated magazine *Tien Shih Chai Hua Pao*. Captioned 'A Sinister Humbug', it shows a Taoist woman adept distributing apotropaic cantraps to the believing populace, and the text berates this departure (by no means uncommon) from reliance on orthodox medicines, both traditional and modern. The artist, Wu Yu-Ju, was also the editor of this publication, China's first pictorial, founded in 1884.

Po Wu Hsin Phien (New Treatise on Natural Philosophy and Natural History), written by Benjamin Hobson (Ho Hsin,2 1816 to 1873), an English physician working in the missionary hospitals of Canton and Shanghai.a We give a specimen page of this with illustrations as Fig. 1369. During this period several other medical missionaries contributed to the chemical literature, notably J. G. Kerr (Chia Yo-Han,3 1824 to 1901), b whose Hua-Hsüeh Chhu Chiai+ of 1870 (First Steps in Chemistry), done in collaboration with Ho Liao-Jan,5 was probably the first publication to contain the name of the modern science in its title. Appropriately however for so bureaucratic a culture, the greatest wealth of books on modern chemistry began soon to flow forth from government-sponsored institutions. Not all of these were fully successful. For example, in 1862 a translation bureau called the Thung Wên Kuan<sup>6</sup> was established in Peking.c It did not at first engage in scientific publishing, and it was only in the last quarter of the century that this institution brought out translations and adaptations of chemical texts.d For example, in 1882 there was the Hua-Hsüeh Shan Yuan? (Explanation of the Fundamental Principles of Chemistry)e by M. A. Billequin (Pi Li-Kan 8) with Chhêng Lin 9 & Wang Chung-Hsiang. 10 It is interesting that these scholars made an attempt in coining new terms for modern chemical science to incorporate the names of medieval times, even when this meant abandoning the phonetic principle. But when it came to writing the name of manganese le because wu ming ill had in times past stood for manganese dioxide (pyrolusite), it was soon obvious that this was an unprofitable side-track, and that the nomenclature of modern chemistry was bound to be constructed on other principles. In effect, manganese to-day is expressed more conveniently by the phonetic character meng.12

By far the most significant development at this time was the foundation of the famous Kiangnan Arsenal near Shanghai in 1865. The Chiang-Nan Chi-Chhi Chih-Tsao Chü<sup>13</sup> (Chiangnan Machinery Factory), to give it its proper name, was largely the idea of the far-seeing statesman Ting Jih-Chhang<sup>14</sup> (1823 to 1882), and just how far-sighted it was may be gauged from the fact that two years later a Bureau of Foreign Translations (Fan I Kuan<sup>15</sup>) was set up within it, as well as a School of Foreign Languages (Kuang Fang Yen Kuan<sup>16</sup>). Before the end of the century the

h The first director was Ying Pao-Shih<sup>19</sup> (1821 to c. 1880), the second Fêng Chün-Kuang<sup>20</sup> (1830 to 1878).

1	博物新編	2	合信	3	嘉約翰	4	化學初階	5	何了然
6	同文館	7	化學闡原	8	<b> </b>	9	承霖	10	王鍾祥
11	無名異	12	鍾	13	江南機器製造局			14	丁日昌
15	繙譯館	16	廣方言館	17	格物入門	18	丁醯良	10	邇饗時
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a For a biography see Wang Chi-Min (1), pp. 14ff. Wang Chi-Min & Wu Lien-Tê (1), pp. 321ff., 358ff., give the Chinese titles of half-a-dozen other valuable books, on medical subjects, written by him.

b For a biography see Wang Chi-Min (1), pp. 23ff. Kerr & Ho's book was one which had much influence on the pioneer historian of chemistry in China, Davis's collaborator, Wu Lu-Chhiang, cf. Yuan, p. 33.

c Cf. Hummel (2), p. 790 and sub voce.

d The Ko Wu Ju Mên<sup>17</sup> (Introduction to Natural Philosophy) by W. A. P. Martin (Ting Wei-Liang<sup>18</sup>) appeared, however, in 1868. Again see Vol. 1, pp. 48-9.

e Cf. Yuan Han-Chhing (1), p. 278. A general list of books on chemistry published during the 19th century in China is given on pp. 289ff.

f RP61. g Biography in Hummel (2), p. 721.

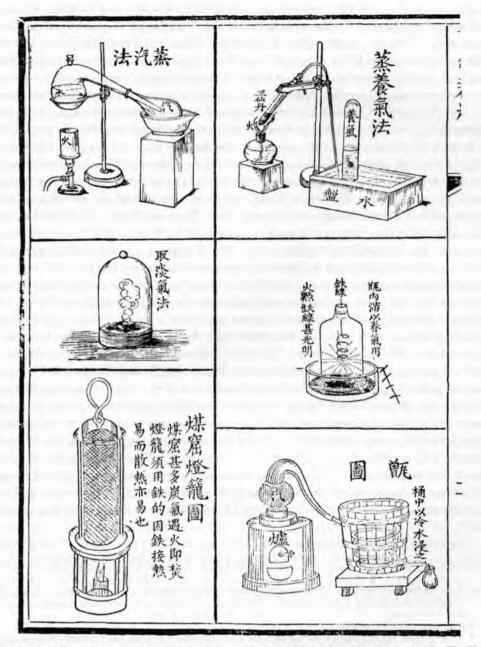


Fig. 1369. A 'page from the first book in Chinese dealing with modern chemistry, the *Po Wu Hsin Phien*, 1855 (New Treatise on Natural Philosophy and Natural History), written by an English physician, Benjamin Hobson (Ho Hsin, 1816 to 1873), then working in the hospitals of Canton and Shanghai. On the left one sees distillation with a retort, the preparation of nitrogen by heating ammonium dichromate, and Davy's lamp for miners. On the right oxygen is being collected over mercury, and a clean iron wire tipped with sulphur is burning vigorously in it, below, a distillation through a cooled coil is proceeding.

Bureau had translated into Chinese some 200 Western treatises on the natural sciences and technology, many of them very substantial in size. It was served by a number of remarkable Western scholars such as Alexander Wylie and John McGowan, but the lion among them was John Fryer (Fu Lan-Ya, 1839 to 1928). Fryer went out from England in 1861 to head an Anglican school, but he was always restive under missionary auspices, and joined the staff of the Thung Wên Kuan in 1863. Five years later he was permanently settled in the Chiangnan Arsenal's Translation Bureau, and before he left for retirement in the West in 1896b he had collaborated with his Chinese colleagues in no less than 129 important translations, thus devoting his life, as he himself would explain, to the cause of China's modernisation.c His value was certainly partly due to the fact that he got on so well with his co-workers, especially the mathematician and engineer Hua Hêng-Fang<sup>2</sup> (1830 to 1902),d and the remarkable Hsü family, with whom he directly collaborated, Hsü Shou3 the father (1818 to 1884), and Hsü Chien-Yin4 his third son (1845 to 1901).e The work went on probably in much the same way as it had done in Jesuit times, the Westerner reading the Western book aloud in colloquial Chinese, and the Chinese converting it into the literary language; when something arose which either or both of them could not understand they would then discuss the point or look up other sources until it became clear. Of the 112 scientific text-books on which Fryer worked nine were on pure chemistry and fifteen on topics in chemical industry, his collaborator being either one of the Hsüs or a third scholar Yao Hsüeh-Chhien,5 The first of these joint works was a translation of D. A. Wells (1) entitled Hua-Hsüeh Chien Yuan<sup>6</sup> (Authentic Mirror of Chemical Science) which appeared in 1871. Undoubtedly one of the most interesting features of the work of the Bureau was the continual necessity of inventing new technical terms in Chinese, and here Fryer and his friends were very successful, coining freely, though finality was not attained until the work of a successor organisation, the National Bureau of Compilation and Translation (Kuo-Li Pien I Kuan<sup>7</sup>) in the present century.g The translations of Fryer and the Hsüs influenced some of the greatest figures of modern Chinese history such as Khang Yu-Wei, Liang Chhi-Chhao and Than Ssu-Thung, and are spoken of admiringly by the Chinese chemists of the present day,h

The activities of the Shanghai group were not confined to their work in government service. Between 1875 and 1891 Fryer edited a magazine of popular science, the

a A useful literary biography by Bennett (1) is now available. See also Chang Ching-Lu (1), pp. 9ff.

b He ended as Professor of Chinese at the University of California, retiring only in 1913.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> See Fryer (4, 5). d Cf. Vol. 4, pt. 2, p. 390.

e Loc. cit.

f Their efforts did not meet with approval in all directions, however, and Bennett (1), pp. 30ff., has an interesting account of some of the disputes that went on. Indeed they spread among sinologists in the West, as can be seen from Schlegel (10) criticising Stuart (2). The papers of Fryer (1, 2) and his 'translator's vade mecum' (3) are rare, but worth reading if they can be got hold of.

g General usage since 1932, official adoption in 1953.

h Cf. Tsêng Chao-Lun (1).

<sup>1</sup> 傅剛雅

<sup>#</sup> 華蘅芳

<sup>3</sup>徐壽

<sup>4</sup>徐建寅

<sup>5</sup> 姚學讓

<sup>6</sup> 化學鑒原

<sup>7</sup>國立編譯館

Ko Chih Hui Phien<sup>1</sup> (Chinese Scientific and Industrial Magazine); and in 1874 he started the Shanghai Polytechnic Institute and Reading-Rooms (Ko Chih Shu Yuan<sup>2</sup>), to which was attached a publishing house (the Ko Chih Shu Shih<sup>3</sup>) after 1884. For a time this Polytechnic was headed by Wang Thao,<sup>4</sup> the Chinese collaborator of the great sinologist James Legge. Similarly Hsü Chien-Yin edited a collection of modern scientific and chemical writings, the Ko Chih Tshung Shu,<sup>5</sup> which appeared between 1897 and 1901. Illustrations from this are shown in Figs. 1370–2.

Meanwhile parallel developments had been proceeding in Japan. Although it is beyond the scope of this work to consider them, the fact that the first book on modern chemistry appeared in Japan some fifteen years earlier than that of Hobson in China is not without interest. Here the great pioneer was Udagawa Yōan<sup>6</sup> with his Seimi Kaisō<sup>7</sup> (Treatise on Chemistry), issued in parts between 1837 and 1846.<sup>a</sup> Information on this will be found in Tanaka Minoru(3) and Dōke Tatsumasa (1). As will be seen, no attempt was made to translate the idea of the name of the science into Japanese, only the sound Shê-Mi being reproduced. The Hellenistic 'alchemists', and all the later scholars who strove to explain the root chem-,<sup>b</sup> would have been much surprised to see it in this East Asian guise. For the rest of the story it must suffice to refer the reader to the numerous publications of Japanese scholars.<sup>c</sup>

The language of modern chemistry was an artificial creation from the first, the efforts of Guyton de Morveau (+1782)<sup>d</sup> being standardised in the work of Lavoisier, Berthollet, Fourcroy and others (+1787)—just at the time of the demise of the Jesuit mission in China. Here we cannot follow in any detail the complex processes whereby modern Chinese chemical terminology was formed in the following century; those interested may begin with the recent monograph on the subject by Alleton & Alleton (1). The considerable literature in Chinese includes indispensable dictionaries such as that of Kao Hsien (1). Now modern chemistry provides a perfect example of the age-old dilemma confronting translators from alphabetical languages into Chinese, though naturally the problem had complexities of its own. The Buddhists had faced it long before, from the +2nd century onwards. Should one employ an already existing, in their case Taoist, technical term, and risk a fatal distortion of one's meaning? That was the system of 'explaining by analogy' (ko i<sup>8</sup>).<sup>f</sup> Or should one

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> He was not actually the first Japanese to illustrate chemical apparatus, for as early as 1805 Hashimoto Sōkichi<sup>9</sup> had needed to do this for pharmaceutical purposes in his Ranka Naigai Sanhō Hōten<sup>10</sup> (Handbook of the Three Aspects of Dutch Internal and External Medicine), printed in Osaka (Fig. 1373). Information on this and other pioneer Japanese works will be found in the interesting paper of Shimao Eikoh (1).

b Cf. pt. 4 below.

c E.g. Tanaka Minoru (1, 2, 4); Tsukahara & Tanaka (1); Yamashita (1); Yamazaki (1). The reception of Lavoisier's chemistry in Japan has been studied by Shimao Eikoh (1).

d See Partington (7), vol. 3, p. 516.

e Published in 1960. And there is Taranzano's scientific dictionary (1) of 1936, perhaps the only one of the kind by a Westerner.

f Cf. Vol. 2, p. 409.

 <sup>1</sup> 格致彙編
 2 格致曹院
 3 格致曹室
 4 王蹈
 5 格致叢書

 9 宇田川榕庵
 7 含密開宗
 8 格義
 9 獨本宗吉

<sup>10</sup> 關科內外三法方典

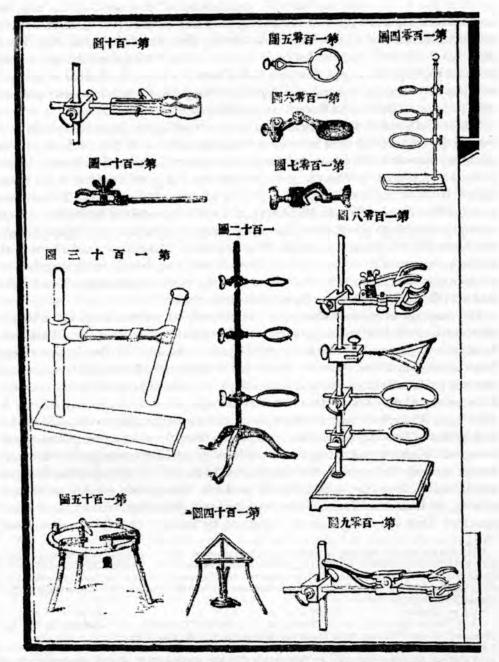


Fig. 1370. Illustration from the Ko Chih Tshung Shu (General Treatise on the Natural Sciences), ed. by Hsü Chien-Yin between 1897 and 1901. Hua Hsüch sect., ch. 1, p. 4b, showing retort stands, clamps, tripods and a Bunsen burner.



Fig. 1371. Flasks and beakers from the Ko Chih Tshung Shu, Hua Hsüeh sect., ch. 3, p. 1a.

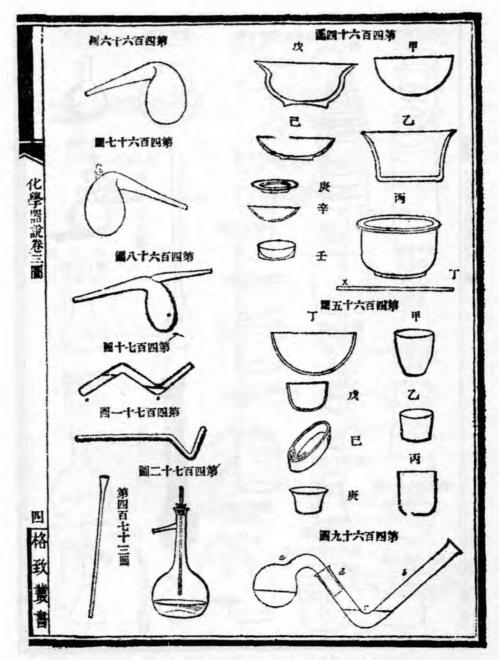


Fig. 1372. Retorts, basins, crucibles, and a wash-bottle from the Ko Chih Tshung Shu, Hua Hsüeh sect., ch. 3, p. 4a.

transliterate the foreign polysyllabic term or name into a string of monosyllables in meaningless juxtaposition, then define the ugly compound resulting? That was the way they ultimately took, with the result that Buddhism retained to the end an indelible quality of foreign-ness within Chinese culture. For chemistry there was of course, as we know, a rich fund of ancient and medieval technical terms for chemical substances (as also indeed for chemical apparatus and operations), but it had grown up on a purely empirical basis, and could not therefore serve for a developed language logically founded on true elements and known atomic combinations. As for the other alternative, strings of meaningless syllables did at one time play a certain part in the Chinese terminology of biochemistry and the medical sciences, but during the past half-century proper translations of the ideas involved have replaced all of them.<sup>a</sup>

The scientific movement of the nineteenth century resolved the dilemma in several ways, partly by adopting a large number of archaic or obsolete characters and giving them precise new technical significances, partly by coining totally new characters according to the classical radical-phonetic system, and partly by joining all these together with a cement of numbers to make polysyllabic formulae as clearly interpretable as a term such as calcium perborate is for us. Some hundreds of entirely new ideographs (hsin tzu1) were thus created, including those needed for the majority of the chemical elements; and hundreds more of old ideographs, traditional but unused, were pressed into new service as technical terms. For the elements, the metals and semi-metals were based on the semantic radical chin, the classical word for metal (such as pi3 for bismuth); the gases on chhi+ (like lü, the green gas', for chlorine, from lü, green); and the earths on shih (including than for carbon). Apart from the traditionally known metals, mercury retained its unique and very demonstrative ideograph hung; and bromine, the only other element liquid at room temperatures, became the only one to bear the normal water radical, hsiu to for the semantic radical, hsiu to for the normal water radic

The conviction of the absolute necessity for the retention of the phonetic principle in character-building probably goes back to Hsü Shou and John Fryer, but they did not feel the need for monosyllabism so greatly, leaving oxygen, for example, as yang chhi, 11 'the nourishing gas', instead of reducing it to its present form, yang 12 (cf. p. 247 above). Even now, some ambiguities only distinguished tonally still remain, such as lü suan na 13 for sodium chlorate and lü suan na 14 for sodium aluminate. The Shanghai

b Cf. Vol. 1, pp. 30ff.

c Per- affix is represented by kao, 17 'high', in modern Chinese usage.

e A term which goes back to Biringuccio.

f It was an abandoned archaic word for steam or water-vapour.

1 新字	2 金	3 66	4 氣	5 氣
6 級	7石	8 碳	9 汞	10 澳
11 養氣	12 氟	13 氣酸鈉	14 鋁酸鈉	15 維他命
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a For example, the purely phonetic wei-tha-ming 15 for vitamin was abandoned for wei-shêng-su, 16 'life-maintaining quintessence'.

d Parallel developments took place in other sciences, but not so successfully. Li Shan-Lan constructed a notation for analytical geometry and infinitesimal calculus based wholly upon Chinese characters, and used it in his translation of the book of Elias Loomis in 1859, as Mei Jung-Chao (1) has shown. Chinese mathematicians preferred, however, to use the international notations.



Fig. 1373. Some of the earliest illustrations of chemical apparatus in Japan, a page from the Ranka Naigai Sanbō Hōten (Handbook of the Three Aspects of Dutch Internal and External Medicine), published by Hashimoto Sōkichi in 1805. This was the entry of iatro-chemistry in a late phase of the Rangaku period. On the left at the top is an ambix with a helm, annular channel and side-tube; on the right a 'Moor's head' still in which the helm is water-cooled (cf. Vol. 5, pt. 4). On the left at the bottom is a retort protected in the furnace by a sand-bath, and with a receiver in position; on the right a cooling-coil condenser.

group were also still willing to transcribe some organic terms in Buddhist style, e.g. mi-i-tho-li<sup>1</sup> for methyl-, instead of the present logical chia chi,<sup>2</sup> 'first radical'. Here we have the use of one of the classical cyclical characters,<sup>a</sup> and the application of an old word meaning site or foundation.

So, for example, an amino-acid is an chi suan,3 for an was a coinage from the sound of the first syllable of ammonia, while suan was the medieval word for sourness, hence adopted throughout in chemistry to denote an acid. To give some further idea of the contemporary use of applied words one could cite wan+ for the single organic bond, as in methane, and hsi5 for the double bond, as in pinene. Here wan was a poetic ancient word for fire, and hsi was a disused archaic word meaning fire-coloured. The old word so prominent in alchemy, huan,6 'cyclical transformation', has found a home in the technical term for reduction huan yuan? (return to the origin), so that 'reducing sugar' is huan yuan hsing thang.8 Rings are easy to express, as e.g. in i yang wu yuano for tetrahydro-furane, the five-membered ring with one heterocyclic oxygen atom. Taking at random any modern chemical term, the sensitive student of Chinese can readily see the subtleties which have gone into its making. For instance, mono-sodium orthophosphate (NaH2PO4) is lin suan erh ching na,10 lin being an old word meaning glowing, glittering, hence most suitable for phosphorus,b and ching a coined word for hydrogen, 'the light gas', from chhing, 11 light, while na came by direct phonetic adoption from natrium. Again, chhing,12 meaning cyan-, was derived from familiar chhing,13 blue-green.

One interesting feature of the development of modern Chinese scientific terminology was the use of the expression yu chi 14 for organic, as in yu chi hua-hsüeh, 15 organic chemistry. As we know from other Sections, the basic meaning of the word chi is machine, c though it has also the secondary connotations of motive power, secret process and opportune moment. The character chi itself arose in connection with textile technology, from the most ancient of looms, but its semantic significance broadened out through the ages, and a full study of this might throw interesting light on the fundamentals of Chinese scientific thinking. If yu chi wu 16 came to mean 'organism' in the modern language, it expressed 'the complex entity which has structure and lower-level components and inter-relations within it', as against the seeming homogeneity, in repetitive array or chaotic flux, of inorganic crystal or earth and sea. It was a little curious that this should have happened, because medieval Chinese philosophy had developed words of great power and content for 'organic pattern', especially li<sup>17</sup>, d but by the nineteenth century this was doubtless felt to be

a Cf. Vol. 3, p. 396.

b Cf. our study of phosphorescence in Vol. 4, pt. 1, pp. 72ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Cf. Vol. 4, pt. 2, pp. 9, 69. Cf. also Sect. 38 in Vol. 6 under chi, 18 'germ', following Vol. 2, pp. 78-9, and Needham & Leslie (1).

d Cf. Vol. 2, pp. 472ff.

<sup>1</sup>迷以脫里 2 甲基 3 氨基酸 8 還原性糖 6 濃 7 還原 9一氧伍圖 10 磷酸二氮鈉 11 輕 12 氯 13 青 14 有機 15 有機化學 18 避 16 有機物 17 班

impossibly old-fashioned, and indeed too much tied up with the psychological, the moral and the spiritual. Yet wu chi hua-hsüeh was not a good term for inorganic chemistry since inorganic compounds also have their 'lower-level components', almost ad infinitum; but it has become the accepted phrase, and 'organic' vs. 'inorganic', in the light of modern organic philosophy, is perhaps hardly any better.

Thus it is clear that the language has been no fundamental barrier to the development of modern chemical science among the great masses of the Chinese people. A framework of logical rules of nomenclature having been established, chemical papers and books of modern type could be written, and many journals of this kind in Chinese have been appearing through the better part of the past seventy years. From the turn of the century modern chemistry was taught in all the Chinese universities. What will happen in the future depends to some extent on the course taken by projects of alphabetisation, the growth and effects of which it is impossible to foresee. Historically established, however, is the fact that the revivification and adaptation of the ideographic language necessary to include all modern chemistry within its domain was successfully accomplished, so far not only as to permit a vast development of chemical industry, analytical work and university teaching, but also the great achievement of Chinese chemists and biochemists (not without severe international competition) in one of the most striking advances of our own times, the synthesis of active insulin in 1965.

For reviews of all this see Tseng Chao-Lun (3); Adolph (1, 2).

b See Tu Yü-Tshang et al. (1); Niu Ching-I et al. (1); Kung Yo-Thing et al. (1); as also Pastan (1), pp. 391ff. This was the first synthetic protein ever produced.

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# BIBLIOGRAPHIES

- A CHINESE AND JAPANESE BOOKS BEFORE + 1800
- B CHINESE AND JAPANESE BOOKS AND JOURNAL ARTICLES SINCE +1800
- C BOOKS AND JOURNAL ARTICLES IN WESTERN LANGUAGES

In Bibliographies A and B there are two modifications of the Roman alphabetical sequence: transliterated Chh- comes after all other entries under Ch-, and transliterated Hs- comes after all other entries under H-. Thus Chhen comes after Chung and Hsi comes after Huai. This system applies only to the first words of the titles. Moreover, where Chh- and Hs- occur in words used in Bibliography C, i.e. in a Western language context, the normal sequence of the Roman alphabet is observed.

When obsolete or unusual romanisations of Chinese words occur in entries in Bibliography C, they are followed, wherever possible, by the romanisations adopted as standard in the present work. If inserted in the title, these are enclosed in square brackets; if they follow it, in round brackets. When Chinese words or phrases occur romanised according to the Wade-Giles system or related systems, they are assimilated to the system here adopted (cf. Vol. 1, p. 26) without indication of any change. Additional notes are added in round brackets. The reference numbers do not necessarily begin with (1), nor are they necessarily consecutive, because only those references required for this volume of the series are given.

Korean and Vietnamese books and papers are included in Bibliographies A and B. As explained in Vol. 1, pp. 21 ff., reference numbers in italics imply that the work is in one or other of the East Asian languages.

# ABBREVIATIONS

# See also p. xv

A	Archeion	AJA	American Journ. Archaeology
AA	Artibus Asiae	AJOP	Amer. Journ. Physiol.
AAA	Archaeologia	$A$ $\gamma PA$	Amer. Journ. Physical Anthro-
AAAA	Archaeology		pology
A AIHS	Archives Internationales d'Histoire	AJSC	American Journ. Science and Arts
	des Sciences (continuation of		(Silliman's)
Salar	Archeion)	AM	Asia Major
AAN	American Anthropologist	AMA	American Antiquity
AAPWM	Archiv. f. Anat., Physiol., and	AMH	Annals of Medical History
AD ATTION	Wiss. Med. (Joh. Müller's)	AMS	American Scholar
ABAW/PH	Abhandlungen d. bayr, Akad. Wiss.	AMY	Archaeometry (Oxford)
10.101	München (PhilHist. Klasse)	AN	Anthropos
ACASA	Archives of the Chinese Art Soc. of America	ANATS	Anatolian Studies (British School of Archaeol, Ankara)
ACF	Annuaire du Collège de France	ANS	Annals of Science
ADVC	Advances in Chemistry	ANT	Antaios (Stuttgart)
ADVS	Advancement of Science (British	ANTI	Antiquaries Journal
ADVB		AP	Aryan Path.
ATTAC	Assoc., London)	The state of the s	
AEM	Anuario de Estudios Medievales	APH	Actualités Pharmacologiques
Sell's Green Starte	(Barcelona)	$AP/H\mathcal{J}$	Historical Journal, National Pei-
AEPHE SHP	Annuaire de l'Ecole Pratique des		ping Academy
	Hautes Études (Sect. Sci. Hist. et Philol.)	APAW PH	Abhandlungen d. preuss. Akad. Wiss, Berlin (PhilHist, Klasse)
AEPHEISSR	Annuaire de l'Ecole Pratique des	APHL	Acta Pharmaceutica Helvetica
1111111111111111	Hautes Études (Sect. des Sci.	APNP	Archives de Physiol. normale et
ARGO	Religieuses)	40	pathologique
AESC	Aesculape (Paris)	AQ	Antiquity
AEST	Annales de l'Est (Fac. des Lettres,	AR	Archiv. f. Religionswissenschaft
	Univ. Nancy)	ARB	Annual Review of Biochemistry
AF	Arztliche Forschung	ARLC/DO	Annual Reports of the Librarian of
AFG	Archiv. f. Gynäkologie		Congress (Division of Orientalia)
AFGR CINO	Atti della Fondazione Giorgio Ronchi e Contributi dell'Istituto	ARMC	Ann. Reports in Medicinal Chem- istry
	Nazionale di Ottica (Arcetri)	ARO	Archiv Orientalni (Prague)
AFP	Archivum Fratrum Praedicatorum	ARQ	Art Quarterly
AFRA	Afrasian (student Journal of	ARSI	Annual Reports of the Smithsonian
	London Inst. Oriental & Afri-		Institution (Washington, D.C.)
AGMN	can Studies) Archiv. f. d. Gesch. d. Medizin	AS/BIHP	Bulletin of the Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica
107100	u. d. Naturwissenschaften (Sud- hoff's)	AS/CJA	Chinese Journal of Archaeology, Academia Sinica
AGMW	Abhandlungen z. Geschichte d.	ASEA	Asiatische Studien; Études Asia-
AGMW	Math. Wissenschaft	ABLA	tiques
AGNT	Archiv. f. d. Gesch. d. Naturwiss, u. d. Technik (cont. as	ASN/Z	Annales des Sciences Naturelles; Zoologie (Paris)
1cm	AGMNT)	ASSF	Acta Societatis Scientiarum Fen-
AGP	Archiv. f. d. Gesch. d. Philosophie	400	nicae (Helsingfors)
AGR	Asahigraph	AT	Atlantis
AGWG PH	Abhdl. d. Gesell. d. Wiss. Z. Göttingen (PhilHist. Kl.)	ATOM AX	Atomes (Paris) Ambix
AHES AHS	Annales d'Hist. Sociale		
AHOR	Antiquarian Horology	BABEL	Babel; Revue Internationale de la
AIENZ	Advances in Enzymology		Traduction
AIP	Archives Internationales de Physio-	BCGS	Bull, Chinese Geological Soc.
	logie	BCP	Bulletin Catholique de Pékin

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CS	Bulletin of Chinese Studies (Chhêngtu)	CEM	Chinese Economic Monthly (Shanghai)
DCG	Ber. d. deutsch. chem. Gesellschaft.	CEN	Centaurus
DP	Blätter f. deutschen Philosophie	CHA	Chemische Apparatur
E/AMG	Bibliographie d'Études (Annales du	CHEMC	Chemistry in Canada
	Musée Guimet)	CHI	Cambridge History of India
EC	Bulletin de l'École des Chartes	CHIM	Chimica (Italy)
7.5	(Paris)	CHIND	Chemistry and Industry (Journ.
EFED	Bulletin de l'Ecole Française de		Soc, Chem. Ind. London)
	l'Extrême Orient (Hanoi)	$CH\mathcal{J}$	Chhing-Hua Hsüeh Pao (Chhing-
GSC	Bulletin of the Chinese Geological		Hua (Ts'ing-Hua) University
	Survey		Journal of Chinese Studies)
GTI	Beiträge z. Gesch. d. Technik u.	$CH\mathcal{J}/T$	Chhing-Hua (T'sing-Hua) Journal
	Industrie (continued as Technik	2000	of Chinese Studies (New Series,
	Geschichte-see BGTI/TG)		publ. Thaiwan)
GTI/TG	Technik Geschichte	CHWSLT	Chung-Hua Wên-Shih Lun
HMZ	Berg und Hüttenmännische Zeitung		Tshung (Collected Studies in the
HM	Bulletin of the (Johns Hopkins)		History of Chinese Literature)
	Institute of the History of	CHYM	Chymia
	Medicine (cont. as Bulletin of	CHZ	Chemiker Zeitung
	the History of Medicine)	CIBA/M	Ciba Review (Medical History)
	Biochemical Journal	CIBA/MZ	Ciba Zeitschrift (Medical History)
RL	Bull. John Rylands Library (Man-	CIBA S	Ciba Symposia
	chester)	CIBA/T	Ciba Review (Textile Technology)
	Bunka (Culture), Sendai	CIMC/MR	Chinese Imperial Maritime Cus-
SOAS	Bulletin of the London School of	140414	toms (Medical Report Series)
	Oriental and African Studies	CIT	Chemie Ingenieur Technik
1	Bibliotheca Mathematica	Cy	China Journal of Science and Arts
<i>IFEA</i>	Bulletin of the Museum of Far	CJFC	Chin Jih Fo Chiao (Buddhism
	Eastern Antiquities (Stockholm)	or non	Today), Thaiwan
$IF\mathcal{F}$	Bulletin de la Maison Franco-	CLINR	Clinical Radiology
	Japonaise (Tokyo)	CLR	Classical Review
13	British Medical Journal	CMJ	Chinese Medical Journal
Vý	British Numismatic Journ.	CN	Chemical News
)E	Boethius; Texte und Abhand-	CNRS	Centre National de la Recherche
	lungen d. exakte Naturwissen-	COCK	Scientifique
	schaften (Frankfurt)	COCT	Coin Collectors' Journal
2	Biological Reviews	COPS	Confines of Psychiatry
4.4	Behavioural Science	CP	Classical Philology
SAA	Bull. Soc. Archéologique d'Alex-	CQ	Classical Quarterly
2.40	andrie	CR	China Review (Hongkong and
SAB	Bull. Soc. d'Anthropologie de	CRAS	Shanghai) Comptes Rendus hebdomadoires de
SCF	Bruxelles Bull, de la Société Chimique de	Chas	Comptes Rendus hebdomadaires de l'Acad. des Sciences (Paris)
Cr		CREC	China Reconstructs
SGF	France Bull. de la Société Géologique de	CRESC	Crescent (Surat)
J.J.	France	CRR	Chinese Recorder
SIR	Bureau of Standards Journ. of	CRRR	Chinese Repository
JAC	Research	CS	Current Science
SPB	Bull, Soc. Pharm, Bordeaux	CUNOB	Cunobelin; Yearbook of the British
JA	Bulletin de l'Université de l'Aurore	001100	Association of Numismatic So-
	(Shanghai)		cieties
	Bharatiya Vidya (Bombay)	CUP	Cambridge University Press
	Diaranya Faya (Dombay)	CUQ	Columbia University Quarterly
1	Chemical Abstracts	CURRA	Current Anthropology
LM	California Medicine	CVS	Christiania Videnskabsselskabet
BH	Chūgoku Bungaku-hō (Journ.	~	Skrifter
	Chinese Literature)	CW	Chemische Weekblad
CF.	Chung-Chi Journal (Chhung-Chi	CWR	China Weekly Review
9	Univ. Coll. Hongkong)	~	China ii comj racion
)A	Chinesisch-Deutschen Almanach	DAZ	Deutscher Apotheke Zeitung
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	de Botanique appliqué	JRIBA	Journ. Royal Institute of British
BC	Journ. Biol. Chem.		Architects
BFIGN	Jahresber. d. Forschungsinstitut f.	$\mathcal{J}RSA$	Journal of the Royal Society of Arts
	Gesch. d. Naturwiss. (Berlin)	JS	Journal des Sçavans (1665-1778)
C	Jimnin Chūgoku (People's China),	arm r	and Journal des Savants (1816-)
	Tokyo	$\mathcal{J}SA$	Journal de la Société des Ameri-
CE	Journal of Chemical Education		canistes
CP	Jahrb. f. class. Philologie	JSCI	Journ. Soc. Chem. Industry
CS	Journal of the Chemical Society	$\mathcal{J}SHS$	Japanese Studies in the History of
EA	Journal of Egyptian Archaeology	WITT	Science (Tokyo)
EGP	Journal of English and Germanic	JUB	Journ. Univ. Bombay
	Philology	$\mathcal{J}US$	Journ. Unified Science (continua-
EH	Journal of Economic History	WIII/ORDIN	tion of Erkenntnis)
EM	Journ. Exper. Med.	JWCBRS	Journal of the West China Border
FI	Journ. Franklin Institute	WITTOT	Research Society
GGBB	Jahrbuch d. Gesellschaft f. d. Gesch.	JWCI	Journal of the Warburg and
CMD	u. Bibliographie des Brauwesens	911713	Courtauld Institutes
GMB	Journ. Gen. Microbiol.	$\mathcal{J}WH$	Journal of World History
HI	Journal of the History of Ideas		(UNESCO)
HMAS	Journal of the History of Medicine	KHS	Kho Hsüeh (Science)
II C	and Allied Sciences	KHSC	Kho-Hsüeh (Science) Kho-Hsüeh Shih Chi-Khan (Ch.
HS	Journal of Hellenic Studies	MISC	Journ. Hist. of Sci.)
I IM	Jissen Igaku (Practical Medicine)	KHTP	
IM IM 4	Journ. Institute of Metals (UK)	MIII	Kho Hsüeh Thung Pao (Science
IMA VUDS	Journ. Indian Med. Assoc.	KHVL	Correspondent) Kungliga Humanistiska Veten-
KHRS	Journ. Kalinga Historical Re- search Soc. (Orissa)	KHYL	skapsamfundet i Lund Arsker-
MDA			ättelse (Bull. de la Soc. Roy. de
MBA	Journ. of the Marine Biological Association (Plymouth)		Lettres de Lund)
NMD	Journ. Nervous & Mental Diseases	KKD	Kiuki Daigaku Sekai Keizai
MS	Journ. Mental Science	11111	Kenkyūjo Hōkoku (Reports oj
NPS	Journ. Neuropsychiatr.		the Institute of World Economics
OP	Journ. Physiol.		at Kiuki Univ.)
OSHK	Journal of Oriental Studies (Hong-	KKTH	Khao Ku Thung Hsün (Archaeo-
- William	kong Univ.)	******	logical Correspondent), cont. as
P	Journal of Philology		Khao Ku
PB	Journ. Pathol. and Bacteriol.	KKTS	Ku Kung Thu Shu Chi Khan
PC	Journ. f. prakt, Chem.		(Journal of the Imperial Palace
PCH	Journ. Physical Chem.		Museum and Library), Thaiwan
PH	Journal de Physique	KSVA/H	Kungl. Svenske Vetenskapsakad
PHS	Journ. Pakistan Historical Society	Service and the	Handlingar
PHST	Journ. Philos. Studies	KVSUA	Kungl. Vetenskaps Soc. i Uppsala
POS	Journal of the Peking Oriental	210 27 22	Arsbok (Mem. Roy. Acad. Sci.
	Society		Uppsala)
RAI	Journal of the Royal Anthro-	KW	Klinische Wochenschrift
	pological Institute		
RAS	Journal of the Royal Asiatic	LA	Annalen d. Chemie (Liebig's)
	Society	LCHIND	La Chimica e l'Industria (Milan)
RAS/B	Journal of the (Royal) Asiatic	LEC	Lettres Édifiantes et Curieuses
	Society of Bengal		écrites des Missions Étrangère
RAS/BOM	Journ. Roy. Asiatic Soc., Bombay		(Paris, 1702-1776)
	Branch	LH	l'Homme; Revue Française d'An-
RAS/KB	Journal (or Transactions) of the		thropologie
20070	Korea Branch of the Royal	LIN	L'Institut (Journal Universel des
	Asiatic Society		Sciences et des Sociétés Savante
RAS M	Journal of the Malayan Branch of	1232	en France et à l'Étranger)
	the Royal Asiatic Society	LN	La Nature
RAS NCB	Journal (or Transactions) of the	LP	La Pensée

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LSYC	Li Shih Yen Chiu (Journal of Historical Research), Peking	MM	Mining and Metallurgy (New York, contd. as Mining Engineering)
LSYKK	Li Shih yü Khao Ku (History and	MMN	Materia Medica Nordmark
	Archaeology; Bulletin of the Shenyang Museum), Shenyang	MMVKH	Mitteilungen d. Museum f. Völker- kunde (Hamburg)
LT	Lancet	MMW	Münchener Medizinische Wochen-
LYCH	Lychnos (Annual of the Swedish Hist. of Sci. Society)	MOULA	schrift Memoirs of the Osaka University
MAAA	Memoirs Amer. Anthropological	MP	of Liberal Arts and Education Il Marco Polo
	Association	MPMH	Memoirs of the Peabody Museum
MAI/NEM	Mémoires de l'Académie des In- scriptions et Belles-Lettres,	MD 4CD	of American Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University
	Paris (Notices et Extraits des MSS)	MRASP	Mémoires de l'Acad. Royale des Sciences (Paris)
MAIS/SP	Mémoires de l'Acad. Impériale des Sciences, St Pétersbourg	MRDTB	Memoirs of the Research Dept. of Tōyō Bunko (Tokyo)
MAS B	Memoirs of the Asiatic Society of Bengal	MRS	Mediaeval and Renaissance Studies
MB	Monographiae Biologicae	MS	Monumenta Serica
MBLB	May and Baker Laboratory Bul- letin	MSAF	Mémoires de la Société (Nat.) des Antiquaires de France
MBPB	May and Baker Pharmaceutical Bulletin	MSGVK	Mitt. d. Schlesische Gesellschaft f. Volkskunde
MCB	Mélanges Chinois et Bouddhiques	MSIV/MF	Memoire di Mat. e. Fis della Soc.
MCE	Metallurgical and Chemical Engi- neering	MSOS	Ital. (Verona) Mitteilungen d. Seminar f. orient-
MCHSAMUC	Mémoires concernant l'Histoire,		alischen Sprachen (Berlin)
	les Sciences, les Arts, les Mœurs	MSP	Mining and Scientific Press
	et les Usages, des Chinois, par	MUJ	Museum Journal (Philadelphia)
	les Missionnaires de Pékin (Paris 1776-)	MUSEON	Le Muséon (Louvain)
MDGNVO	Mitteilungen d. deutsch. Gesellsch.	N	Nature
	f. Natur. u. Volkskunde Ost-	NAGE	New Age (New Delhi)
	asiens	NAR	Nutrition Abstracts and Reviews
MDP	Mémoires de la Délégation en Perse	NARSU	Nova Acta Reg. Soc. Sci. Up-
MED	Medicus (Karachi)		saliensis
MEDA	Medica (Paris)	NC	Numismatic Chronicle (and Journ.
METL	Metallen (Sweden)		Roy. Numismatic Soc.)
MGG	Monatsschrift f. Geburtshilfe u.	NCDN	North China Daily News
	Gynäkologie	NCGH	Nihon Chūgoku Gakkai-hō (Bul-
MGGW	Mitteilungen d. geographische Ge- sellschaft Wien		letin of the Japanese Sino- logical Society)
MGSC	Memoirs of the Chinese Geological	NCH	North China Herald
111111111111111111111111111111111111111	Survey	NCR	New China Review
MH	Medical History	NDI	Niigata Daigaku Igakubu Gaku-
MI	Metal Industry	IVDI	
MIE	Mémoires de l'Institut d'Egypte (Cairo)		shikai Kaihō (Bulletin of the Medical Graduate Society of Niigata University)
MIFC	Mémoires de l'Institut Français	NFR	Nat. Fireworks Review
MIK	d'Archéol, Orientale (Cairo) Mikrochemie	NHK	Nihon Heibon Keisha (publisher)
		37777	
	Mining Magazine Massachusetts Institute of Tech-	NIZ	Nihon Ishigaku Zasshi (Jap. Journ. Hist. Med.)
MIMG MIT			
	nology	NN	Nation
MIT	nology		Nation Notes and Queries
	nology Mining Journal, Railway and	NN NQ NR	Notes and Queries
MIT MJ	nology Mining Journal, Railway and Commercial Gazette	NQ NR	Notes and Queries Numismatic Review
MIT	nology Mining Journal, Railway and Commercial Gazette Med. Journ. Australia Mitteilungen aus Justus Perthes	NQ NR NRRS	Notes and Queries Numismatic Review Notes and Records of the Royal Society
MIT MJ MJA	nology Mining Journal, Railway and Commercial Gazette Med. Journ. Australia	NQ NR	Notes and Queries Numismatic Review Notes and Records of the Royal

	ABBREV	IATIONS	269
NU NUM SHR	The Nucleus Studies in the History of Religions (Supplements to Numen)	QSGNM	Quellen u. Studien z. Gesch. d. Naturviss. u. d. Medizin (con- tinuation of Archiv. f. Gesch.
NW	Naturwissenschaften		d. Math., d. Naturwiss. u. d. Technik, AGMNT, formerly
OAZ ODVS	Ostasiatische Zeitschrift Oversigt over det k. Danske Viden-		Archiv. f. d. Gesch. d. Natur- wiss. u. d. Technik, AGNT)
OE .	skabernes Selskabs Forhandlinger Oriens Extremus (Hamburg)	QSKMR	Quellenschriften f. Kunstgeschichte und Kunsttechnik des Mittel-
OLZ	Orientalische Literatur-Zeitung		alters u. d. Renaissance (Vienna)
ORA	Oriental Art	D.4	Daniel de Late la
ORCH ORD	Orientalia Christiana Ordnance	RA RAA AMG	Revue Archéologique Revue des Arts Asiatiques (An-
ORG	Organon (Warsaw)		nales du Musée Guimet)
ORR	Orientalia (Rome)	RAAAS	Reports, Australasian Assoc. Adv.
ORS	Orientalia Suecana	D 4 40	of Sci.
OSIS	Osiris	RAAO	Revue d'Assyriologie et d'Archéo-
OUP	Oxford University Press	DATTIM	logie Orientale
OUSS	Ochanomizu University Studies	RALUM RB	Revue de l'Aluminium
OX	Oxoniensia	RBPH	Revue Biblique
21118	Dungarding of the Duitich And June	ABFH	Revue Belge de Philol. et d'His- toire
PAAAS PAAQS	Proceeding of the British Academy Proceedings of the American Anti-	RBS	Revue Bibliographique de Sinologie
	quarian Society	RDM	Revue des Mines (later Revue Uni-
PAI	Paideuma	DOWN	verselle des Mines)
AKJS	Pakistan Journ. Sci.	RGVV	Religionsgeschichtliche Versuche
PAKPJ	Pakistan Philos. Journ.	DUDIAMO	und Vorarbeiten
PAPS	Proc. Amer. Philos. Soc.	RHR/AMG	Revue de l'Histoire des Religions (Annales du Musée Guimet,
PCASC PEW	Proc. Cambridge Antiquarian Soc. Philosophy East and West (Univ.	nrra	Paris)
	Hawaii)	RHS	Revue d'Histoire des Sciences
F	Psychologische Forschung	RHSID	Revue d'Histoire de la Sidérurgie
PHI	Die Pharmazeutische Industrie	DIN	(Nancy)
PHREV	Pharmacological Reviews	RIN RKW	Rivista Italiana di Numismatica
PHY	Physis (Florence)	KKW	Repertorium f. Kunst. wissen-
PF	Pharmaceut. Journal (and Trans.	RMY	schaft
KAWA	Pharmaceut. Soc.) Proc. Kon. Akad. Wetensch.	ROC	Revue de Mycologie Revue de l'Orient Chrétien
KAWA	Amsterdam	RP	Revue Philosophique
PKR	Peking Review	RPA	Rationalist Press Association
PM	Presse Medicale	MA	(London)
PMG	Philosophical Magazine	RPCHG	Revue de Pathologie comparée et
PMLA	Publications of the Modern Lan-		d'Hygiène générale (Paris)
	guage Association of America	RPLHA	Revue de Philol., Litt. et Hist.
PNHB	Peking Natural History Bulletin		Ancienne
POLYJ	Polytechnisches Journal (Dingler's)	RR	Review of Religion
PPHS	Proceedings of the Prehistoric	RSCI	Revue Scientifique (Paris)
222	Society	RSH	Revue de Synthèse Historique
PRGS	Proceedings of the Royal Geo-	RSI	Reviews of Scientific Instruments
	graphical Society	RSO	Rivista di Studi Orientali
PRIA	Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy	RUB	Revue de l'Univ. de Bruxelles
PRPH	Produits Pharmaceutiques	S	Sinologica (Basel)
PRSA	Proceedings of the Royal Society (Series A)	SA	Sinica (originally Chinesische Blätter f. Wissenschaft u. Kunst)
PRSB	Proceedings of the Royal Society (Series B)	SAEC	Supplemento Annuale all'Enciclo- pedia di Chimica
PRSM	Proceedings of the Royal Society of Medicine	SAEP	Soc. Anonyme des Études et Pub. (publisher)
PSEBM	Proc. Soc. Exp. Biol and Med.	SAM	Scientific American
The same of the sa	Philosophical Transactions of the	SB	Shizen to Bunka (Nature and
PTRS			

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SBE SBK	Sacred Books of the East series Seikatsu Bunka Kenkyū (Journ. Econ. Cult.)	TAIMME	Transactions of the American Institute of Mining and Metal- lurgical Engineers
SBM	Svenska Bryggareföreningens Månadsblad	TAPS	Transactions of the American Philosophical Society (cf.
SC	Science		MAPS)
SCI	Scientia	TAS/J	Transactions of the Asiatic Society
SCIS	Sciences; Revue de la Civilisation	10.00	of Japan
	Scientifique (Paris)	TBKK	Tōhoku Bunka Kenkyūshitsu Kiyō
SCISA	Scientia Sinica (Peking)		(Record of the North-Eastern
SCK	Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge		Research Institute of Humanis- tic Studies), Sendai
SCM	Student Christian Movement (Press)	TCS	Trans. Ceramic Society (formerly Trans. Engl. Cer. Soc., contd as
SCON	Studies in Conservation (Journ.		Trans. Brit. Cer. Soc.)
	Internat. Instit. for the Con-	TCULT	Technology and Culture
	servation of Museum objects)	TFTC	Tung Fang Tsa Chih (Eastern

d. Wissensch, (Phil.-Hist. Kl.)

	servation of Museum objects)	TFTC	Tung Fang Tsa Chih (Eastern
SET	Structure et Evolution des Tech-		Miscellany)
	niques	TGAS	Transactions of the Glasgow Arch-
SGZ	Shigaku Zasshi (Historical Journ.		aeological Society
	of Japan)	TG/T	Toho Gakuho, Tokyo (Tokyo
SHA	Shukan Asahi		Journal of Oriental Studies)
SHAWIPH	Sitzungsber, d. Heidelberg, Akad.	TH	Thien Hsia Monthly (Shanghai)
	Shigaku Zasshi (Historical Journ. of Japan)	TG/T	aeological Society Tõhõ Gakuhõ, Tõk Journal of Oriental

THG

Tohogaku (Eastern Studies), Tokvo

SHST/T	Studies in the History of Science and Technol. (Tokyo Univ.	TICE	Transactions of the Institute of Chemical Engineers
	Inst. Technol.)	TIMM	Transactions of the Institution of
SI	Studia Islamica (Paris)		Mining and Metallurgy
SIB	Sibrium (Collana di Studi e Docu- mentazioni, Centro di Studi	TJSL	Transactions (and Proceedings) of the Japan Society of London

Preistorici e Archeologici Varese) TLTC Ta Lu Tsa Chih (Continent Magazine), Thaipei SILL Sweden Illustrated Seminarium Kondakovianum TMIE Travaux et Mémoires de l'Inst. SK (Recueil d'Études de l'Institut d'Ethnologie (Paris)

Kondakov) TNS Transactions of the Newcomen SM Scientific Monthly (formerly Popu-Society

lar Science Monthly) TOCS Transactions of the Oriental Cera-SN Shirin (Yournal of History), Kyoto mic Society TP SNM Sbornik Nauknych Materialov T'oung Pao (Archives concernant

(Erivan, Armenia) l'Histoire, les Langues, la Géo-SOS Semitic and Oriental Studies graphie, l'Ethnographie et les (Univ. of Calif. Publ. in Arts de l'Asie Orientale), Leiden

Semitic Philol.) TO Tel Quel (Paris) SP TR Speculum Technology Review SPAW/PH TRAD

Sitzungsber. d. preuss. Akad. d. Tradition (Zeitschr. f. Firmengeschichte und Unternehmer-Wissenschaften (Phil.-Hist. Kl.) SPCK Society for the Promotion of biographie) Christian Knowledge TRSC Trans. Roy. Soc. Canada

Sitzungsberichte d. physik. med. SPMSE TSTöhö Shūkyō (Journal of East Soc. Erlangen Asian Religions) SPR TSFFA. Science Progress Techn. Studies in the Field of the

SSIP Shanghai Science Institute Publi-Fine Arts cations TTTTheoria to Theory (Cambridge)

Studi Medievali STM TYGToyo Gakuho (Reports of the SWAW/PH Sitzungsberichte d. k. Akad. d. Oriental Society of Tokyo) Wissenschaften Wien (Phil.-TYGKTöyögaku (Oriental Studies),

Hist. Klasse), Vienna Sendai TYKKThien Yeh Khao Ku Pao Kao TAFA Transactions of the American (Archaeological Reports)

Foundrymen's Association TAIME Trans. Amer. Inst. Mining Engi-UCC University of California Chronicle neers (continued as TAIMME) UCRUniversity of Ceylon Review

UNASIA	United Asia (India)		ence Materials for History and
UNESC	Unesco Courier		Archaeology)
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organi- sation	WZNHK	Wiener Zeitschr. f. Nervenheil- kunde
UUA	Uppsala Univ. Arsskrift (Acta Univ. Upsaliensis)	YCHP	Yenching Hsüeh Pao (Yenching University Journal of Chinese Studies)
VBA	Visva-Bharati Annals	Y $fBM$	Yale Journal of Biology and
VBW	Vorträge d. Bibliothek Warburg		Medicine
VK	Vijnan Karmee	YYSS	Yenching Journal of Social Studies
VKAWA/L	Verhandelingen d. Koninklijke		
	Akad. v. Wetenschappen te Amsterdam (Afd. Letterkunde)	Z	Zalmoxis; Revue des Études Reli- gieuses
VMAWA	Verslagen en Meded, d. Konink-	ZAC	Zeitschr. f. angewandte chemie
Co. 200 1, 20	lijke Akad. v. Wetenschappen	ZAC/AC	Angewandte Chemie
	te Amsterdam	ZAES	Zeitschrift f. Aegyptische Sprache
VVBGP	Verhandhingen d. Verein z. Be-	4000	u. Altertumskunde
	förderung des Gewerbefleisses in	ZASS	Zeitschr. f. Assyriologie
	Preussen	ZDMG	Zeitschrift d. deutsch. Morgen- ländischen Gesellschaft
WA	Wissenschaftliche Annalen	ZGEB	Zeitschr. d. Gesellsch. f. Erdkunde
WKW	Wiener klinische Wochenschrift		(Berlin)
WS	Wên Shih (History of Literature),	ZMP	Zeitschrift f. Math. u. Physik
10.00	Peking	ZPC	Zeitschr. f. physiologischen Chemie
WWTK	Wên Wu (formerly Wên Wu	ZS	Zeitschr. f. Semitistik
11/11/20/2	Tshan Khao Tzu Liao, Refer-	ZVSF	Zeitschr. f. vergl. Sprachforschung

# ADDENDA TO ABBREVIATIONS

ACTAS	Acta Asiatica (Bull. of Eastern Culture, Töhö Gakkai, Tokyo)	CR/MSU	Centennial Review of Arts and Science (Michigan State
BILCA	Boletim do Instituto Luis de Camões	man	University)
	(Macao)	ECB	Economic Botany
CFC	Cahiers Franco-Chinois (Paris)	NGM	National Geographic Magazine
CHEM	Chemistry (Easton, Pa.)	POLREC	Polar Record
COMP	Comprendre (Soc. Eu. de Culture, Venice)	PV	Pacific Viewpoint (New Zealand)

### A. CHINESE AND JAPANESE BOOKS BEFORE +1800

Each entry gives particulars in the following order:

(a) title, alphabetically arranged, with characters;

(b) alternative title, if any;(c) translation of title;

(d) cross-reference to closely related book, if any;

(e) dynasty;

(f) date as accurate as possible;

(g) name of author or editor, with characters;
(h) title of other book, if the text of the work now exists only incorporated therein; or, in special cases, references to sinological studies of it;

(i) references to translations, if any, given by the name of the translator in Bibliography C;

(j) notice of any index or concordance to the book if such a work exists;

(k) reference to the number of the book in the Tao
Tsang catalogue of Wieger (6), if applicable;
(l) reference to the number of the book in the San

(1) reference to the number of the book in the San Tsang (Tripitaka) catalogues of Nanjio (1) and Takakusu & Watanabe, if applicable.

Words which assist in the translation of titles are added in round brackets.

Alternative titles or explanatory additions to the titles are added in square brackets,

It will be remembered (p. 305 above) that in Chinese indexes words beginning *Chit*- are all listed together after *Ch*-, and *Hs*- after *H*-, but that this applies to initial words of titles only.

A-Nan Ssu Shih Ching 阿難四事經.

Sūtra on the Four Practices spoken to Ānanda.

India.

Tr. San Kuo, betw. +222 and +230 by Chih-Chhien 支證.

N/696; TW/493.

A-Phi-Than-Phi Po-Sha Lun 阿毘曇

毘婆沙論.

Abhidharma Mahāvibhāsha.

India (this recension not much before +600).

Tr. Hsüan-Chuang, +659 玄奘。 N/1263; TW/1546.

Chang Chen-Jen Chin Shih Ling Sha Lun, See Chin Shih Ling Sha Lun.

Chao Fei-Yen Pieh Chuan 趙飛燕別傳.

[= Chao Hou I Shih.]

Another Biography of Chao Fei-Yen [historical novelette].

Sung.

Chhin Shun 秦醇.

Chao Fei-Yen Wai Chuan 趙 飛燕外傳, Unofficial Biography of Chao Fei-Yen (d. -6, celebrated dancing-girl, consort and empress of Han Chhêng Ti).

Ascr. Han, +1st.

Attrib. Ling Hsüan 伶玄.

Chao Hou I Shih 趙后遺事.

A Record of the Affairs of the Empress Chao (-1st century).

See Chao Fei-Yen Pieh Chuan.

Where there are any differences between the entries in these bibliographies and those in Vols. 1-4, the information here given is to be taken as more correct.

An interim list of references to the editions used in the present work, and to the tshung-shu collections in which books are available, has been given in Vol. 4, pt. 3, pp. 913 ff., and is available as a separate brochure.

#### ABBREVIATIONS

C/Han Former Han. E/Wei Eastern Wei. H/Han Later Han. Later Han.
Later Shu (Wu Tai).
Later Thang (Wu Tai).
Later Chin (Wu Tai).
Southern Han (Wu Tai).
Southern Han (Wu Tai). H/Shu H/Thang H/Chin S/Han S/Phing Jurchen Chin. I/Chin Liu Sung. Northern Chou. L/Sung N/Chou N/Chhi Northern Chhi. Northern Sung (before the removal of the N/Sung capital to Hangchow). N/Wei Northern Wei. S/Chhi Southern Chhi. S/Sung Southern Sung (after the removal of the capital to Hangchow). W/Wei Western Wei.

Chao Hun 招魂.

The Summons of the Soul [ode].

Chou (Chhu), c. -240.

Prob. Ching Chhai 景差。 Tr. Hawkes (1), p. 103.

Chen Chhi Huan Yuan Ming 頁氣還元銘.
The Inscription on the Regeneration of the Primary Chhi.

Thang or Sung, must be before the mid + 13th century.

Writer unknown.

TT/261.

Chen Chung Chi 枕中記.

[= Ko Hung Chen Chung Shu.] Pillow-Book (of Ko Hung).

Ascr. Chin, c. +320, but actually not earlier than the +7th century.

Attrib. Ko Hung 总洪. TT/830.

Chen Chung Chi 枕中記.

See Shê Yang Chen Chung Chi,

Chen-Chung Hung-Pao Yuan-Pi Shu 枕中鴻寶 苑秘書.

The Infinite Treasure of the Garden of Secrets; (Confidential) Pillow-Book (of the Prince of Huai-Nan).

See Huai-Nan Wang Wan Pi Shu.

Cf. Kaltenmark (2), p. 32.

Chen Hsi 紅系.

The Legitimate Succession of Perfected, or Realised, (Immortals).

Thang, +805. Li Po 李渤.

In YCCC, ch. 5, pp. 1a ff.

Chen Kao 質酷.

Declarations of Perfected, or Realised, (Immortals) [visitations and revelations of the Taoist pantheon].

Chin and S/Chhi, Original material from +364 to +370, collected from +484 to +492 by Thao Hung-Ching (+456 to +536), who provided commentary and postface by +493 to +498; finished +499.

Original writers unknown.

Ed. Thao Hung-Ching 陶弘景. TT/1004.

Chen Yuan Miao Tao Hsiu Tan Li Yen Chhao 眞元妙道修丹歷驗抄.

[= Hsiu Chen Li Yen Chhao Thu.] A Document concerning the Tried and Tested (Methods for Preparing the) Restorative Enchymoma of the Mysterious Tao of the Primary (Vitalities) [physiological alchemy].

Thang or Sung, before +1019. Tung Chen Tzu (ps.) 洞旗子. In YCCC, ch. 72, pp. 17b ff.

Classified Essentials of the Mysterious Tao of the True Origin (of Things) [alchemy and chemistry].

Ascr. Chin, +3rd, but probably mostly Thang, +8th and +9th, at any rate after +7th as it quotes Li Chi. Attrib. Chêng Ssu-Yuan 鄭思遠.

TT/917.

Chêng I Fa Wên (Thai-Shang) Wai Lu I 正一法 文太上外籙儀.

The System of the Outer Certificates, a Thai-Shang Scripture.

Date unknown, but pre-Thang. Writer unknown.

TT/1225.

Chéng Lei Pên Tshao 證類本草.

See Ching-Shih Chêng Lei Pei-Chi Pên Tshao and Chhung-Hsiu Chêng-Ho Ching-Shih Chéng Lei Pei-Yung Pên Tshao

Chêng Tao Pi Shu Shih Chung 證道秘書十種. Ten Types of Secret Books on the Verification of the Tao.

See Fu Chin-Chhüan (6)

Chi Hsiao Hsin Shu 紀效新書.

A New Treatise on Military and Naval Efficiency.

Ming, c. +1575.

Chhi Chi-Kuang 咸識光。

Chi Hsien Chuan 集仙傳.

Biographies of the Company of the Immortals. Sung, c. + 1140. Tsêng Tshao 會體.

Chi I Chi 集異記.

A Collection of Assorted Stories of Strange Events.

Thang.

Hsüeh Yung-Jo 薛用弱.

Chi Ni Tzu 計倪子.

[=Fan Tsu Chi Jan 范子計然.] The Book of Master Chi Ni.

Chou (Yüeh), -4th century. Attrib. Fan Li 范蠡, recording the philosophy of his master Chi Jan 計然.

Chi Shêng Fang 濟生方.

Prescriptions for the Preservation of Health. Sung, c. + 1267.

Yen Yung-Ho 酸用和.

Chi Than Lu 劇談錄.

Records of Entertaining Conversations. Thang, c. +885.

Khang Phien 康駢 or 辦.

Chi Yün 集 韻.

Complete Dictionary of the Sounds of Characters [cf. Chhieh Yün and Kuang

Sung, +1037.

Compiled by Ting Tu 丁度 et al. Possibly completed in +1067 by Ssuma Kuang 司馬光.

Chia-Yu Pên Tshao 嘉贴本草.

See Chia-Yu Pu-Chu Shen Nung Pên Tshao. Chia-Yu Pu-Chu Shen Nung Pên Tshao 嘉 祐 補

註神農本草.

Supplementary Commentary on the Pharmacopoeia of the Heavenly Husbandman, commissioned in the Chia-Yu reignperiod.

Sung, commissioned + 1057, finished

+1060.

Chang Yü-Hsi 當馬錫,

Lin I 林億, & Chang Tung 張河.

Chiang Huai I Jen Lu 江淮異人餘.

Records of (Twenty-five) Strange Magician-Technicians between the Yangtze and the Huai River (during the Thang, Wu and Nan Thang Dynasties, c. +850 to +950).

Sung, c. +975.

Wu Shu 吳淑.

Chiang Wên-Thung Chi 江文通集.

Literary Collection of Chiang Wên-Thung (Chiang Yen).

S/Chhi, c. +500.

Chiang Yen 江淹.

Chiao Chhuang Chiu Lu 蕉窗九鳈.

Nine Dissertations from the (Desk at the) Banana-Grove Window.

Ming, c. + 1575.

Hsiang Yuan-Pien 項元汴.

Chien Wu Chi 漸悟集.

On the Gradual Understanding (of the Tao).

Sung, mid +12th century.

Ma Yü 馬鈺.

TT/1128.

Chih Chen Tzu Lung Hu Ta Tan Shih 至 置子 龍虎大丹特.

Song of the Great Dragon-and-Tiger Enchymoma of the Perfected-Truth Master. Chi Chen Tzu Lung Hu Ta Tan Shih (cont.)
Sung, +1026.
Chou Fang (Chih Chen Tzu) 周方.
Presented to the throne by Lu Thien[-Chi]
蘆天鸝, c. +1115.

TT/266.

Chih-Chhuan Chen-Jen Chiao Chéng Shu 稚川 眞人校證術。

Technical Methods of the Adept (Ko) Chih-Chhuan (i.e. Ko Hung), with Critical Annotations [and illustrations of alchemical apparatus].

Ascr. Chin, c. +320, but probably later.

Attrib. Ko Hung 葛洪.

TT/895.

Chih Chih Hsiang Shuo San Chhêng Pi Yao 直指群說三乘秘要.

See Wu Chen Phien Chih Chih Hsiang Shuo San Chhêng Pi Yao.

Cf. Davis & Chao Yün-Tshung (6).

Chih-Chou hsien-séng Chin Tan Chih Chih 紙 舟 先生金丹直指。

Straightforward Indications about the Metallous Enchymoma by the Paper-Boat Teacher.

Sung, prob. +12th.

Chin Yüeh-Yen 金月嚴.

TT/239.

Chih Hsüan Phien 指玄篇.

A Pointer to the Mysteries [psycho-physiological alchemy].

Sung, c. + 1215.

Pai Yü-Chhan 白玉蟾.

In Hsiu Chen Shih Shu (TT/260), chs. 1-8.

Chih Kuei Chi 指歸集.

Pointing the Way Home (to Life Eternal); a Collection.

Sung, c. +1165.

Wu Wu 吳懊.

TT/914.

Cf. Chhen Kuo-Fu (1), vol. 2, pp. 389, 390.

Chih Tao Phien 旨道篇 (or 編). A Demonstration of the Tao.

Sui or just before, c. + 580.

Su Yuan-Ming (or -Lang) 蘇元 朗(朝) = Chhing Hsia Tzu 青霞子.

Now extant only in quotations.

Chih Tshao Thu 芝草圖.

See Thai-Shang Ling-Pao Chih Tshao Thu. Chin Hua Chhung Pi Tan Ching Pi Chih 金華 冲碧升經祕旨

Confidential Instructions on the Manual of the Heaven-Piercing Golden Flower Elixir [with illustrations of alchemical apparatus].

Sung, +1225.

Phêng Ssu 彭耜 & Mêng Hsü 孟煦 (pref. and ed. Mêng Hsü).

Received from Pai Yü-Chhan 白玉鳟 and Lan Yuan-Lao 陽元老。 TT/907. The authorship of this important work is obscure. In his preface Mêng Hsü says that in +1218 he met in the mountains Phêng Ssu, who transmitted to him a short work which Phêng himself had received from Pai Yü-Chhan. This is ch. 1 of the present book. Two years later Mêng met an adept named Lan Yuan-Lao, who claimed to be an avatar of Pai Yü-Chhan and transmitted to Mêng a longer text; this is the part which contains descriptions of the complicated alchemical apparatus and appears as ch. 2 of the present work.

The name of the book is taken from that of the alchemical elaboratory of Lan Yuan-Lao, which was called Chin Hua Chhung Pi Tan Shih 金羅神碧丹室.

Chin Hua Tsung Chih 金莲宗旨

[= Thai-I Chin Hua Tsung Chih, also entitled Chhang Shëng Shu; former title: Lü Tsu Chhuan Shou Tsung Chih.]

Principles of the (Inner) Radiance of the Metallous (Enchymoma) [a Taoist nei tan treatise on meditation and sexual techniques, with Buddhist influence].

Ming and Chhing, c. +1403, finalised +1663, but may have been transmitted orally from an earlier date. Present title from +1668.

Writer unknown. Attrib. Lü Yen 呂嵒 (Lü Tung-Pin) and his school, late +8th.

Commentary by Tan Jan-Hui 澹然慧 (1921).

Prefaces by Chang San-Fêng 强三峰 (c. +1410) and several others, some perhaps apocryphal.

See also Lü Tsu Shih Hsien-Thien Hsü Wu Thai-I Chin Hua Tsung Chih.

Cf. Wilhelm & Jung (1).

Chin Hua Yii I Ta Tan 金華玉液大丹.
The Great Elixir of the Golden Flower (or,
Metallous Radiance) and the Juice of

Date unknown, probably Thang.

Writer unknown. TT/903.

Chin Hua Yü Nü Shuo Tan Ching 金華玉女 設丹經.

Sermon of the Jade Girl of the Golden Flower about Elixirs and Enchymomas.

Wu Tai or Sung. Writer unknown.

In YCCC, ch. 64, pp. 1aff.

Chin I Huan Tan Pai Wên Chüeh 金液還丹百 開缺.

Questions and Answers on Potable Gold (Metallous Fluid) and Cyclically-Transformed Elixirs and Enchymomas.

Li Kuang-Hsüan 李光玄. TT/263. Chin I Huan Tan Yin Chéng Thu 金液還丹印 霞圖.

Illustrations and Evidential Signs of the Regenerative Enchymoma (constituted by, or elaborated from) the Metallous Fluid.

Sung, prob. +12th, perhaps c. +1218, date of preface.

Lung Mei Tzu (ps.) 龍眉子.

TT/148.

Chin Ku Chhi Kuan 今古奇觀. Strange Tales New and Old.

Ming, c. +1620; pr. betw. +1632 and +1644.

Fêng Mêng-Lung 馮夢龍. Cf. Pelliot (57).

Chin Mu Wan Ling Lun 金木萬靈論. Essay on the Tens of Thousands of Efficacious (Substances) among Metals and Plants.

Ascr. Chin, c. +320. Actually prob. late Sung or Yuan.

Attrib. Ko Hung 葛洪.

TT/933-

Chin Pi Wu Hsiang Lei Tshan Thung Chhi 金碧 五相類參同契.

Gold and Caerulean Jade Treatise on the Similarities and Categories of the Five (Substances) and the Kinship of the Three [a poem on physiological alchemy].

Ascr. H/Han, c. +200.

Attrib. Yin Chhang-Shêng 陰長生. TT/897.

Cf. Ho Ping-Yü (12).

Not to be confused with the Tshan Thung Chhi Wu Hsiang Lei Pi Yao, q.v.

Chin Shih Ling Sha Lun 金石靈砂論. A Discourse on Metals, Minerals and Cinnabar (by the Adept Chang). Thang, between +713 and +741.

Chang Yin-Chü 張騰居. TT/880.

Chin Shih Pu Wu Chiu Shu Chüeh 金石簿五 九數訣.

Explanation of the Inventory of Metals and Minerals according to the Numbers Five (Earth) and Nine (Metal) [catalogue of substances with provenances, including some from foreign countries].

Thang, perhaps c. +670 (contains a story relating to +664).

Writer unknown.

TT/900.

Chin Shih Wu Hsiang Lei 金石五相類. [= Yin Chen Chün Chin Shih Wu Hsiang

Lei.

The Similarities and Categories of the Five (Substances) among Metals and Minerals (sulphur, realgar, orpiment, mercury and lead) (by the Deified Adept Yin).

Date unknown (ascr. +2nd or +3rd century).

Attrib. Yin Chen-Chün 陰眞君 (Yin Chhang-Sheng). TT/899.

Chin Tan Chen Chuan 金丹眞傳. A Record of the Primary (Vitalities, regained by) the Metallous Enchymoma.

Ming, +1615. Sun Ju-Chung 孫汝忠.

Chin Tan Chéng Li Ta Chhüan 金丹正理大全 Comprehensive Collection of Writings on the True Principles of the Metallous Enchymoma [a florilegium].

Ming, c. + 1440.

Ed. Han Chhan Tzu 涵蟾子. Cf. Davis & Chao Yün-Tshung (6).

Chin Tan Chieh Yao 金丹節要.

Important Sections on the Metallous Enchymoma.

Part of San-Feng Tan Chüch (q.v.).

Chin Tan Chih Chih 金丹直指.

Straightforward Explanation of the Metallous Enchymoma.

Sung, prob. +12th.

Chou Wu-So 周無所.

TT/1058.

Cf. Chih-Chou hsien-sêng Chin Tan Chih

See Chhen Kuo-Fu (1), vol. 2, pp. 447 ff. Chin Tan Chin Pi Chhien Thung Chüeh 金丹金 碧潜通訣.

Oral Instructions explaining the Abscondite Truths of the Gold and Caerulean Jade (Components of the) Metallous Enchym-

Date unknown, not earlier than Wu Tai. Writer unknown.

Incomplete in YCCC, ch. 73, pp. 7a ff.

Chin Tan Fu 金丹賦.

Rhapsodical Ode on the Metallous Enchymoma.

Sung, +13th.

Writer unknown.

Comm. by Ma Li-Chao 馬蒞昭. TT/258.

Cf. Nei Tan Fu, the text of which is very similar.

Chin Tan Lung Hu Ching 金丹龍虎經.

Gold Elixir Dragon and Tiger Manual.

Thang or early Sung.

Writer unknown.

Extant only in quotations, as in Chu Chia Shen Phin Tan Fa, q.v.

Chin Tan Pi Yao Tshan Thung Lu 金丹秘要 參同錄.

Essentials of the Gold Elixir; a Record of the Concordance (or Kinship) of the Three.

Sung.

Mêng Yao-Fu 孟要南.

In Chu Chia Shen Phin Tan Fa, q.v.

Chin Tan Ssu Pai Tzu 金丹四百字.

The Four-Hundred Word Epitome of the Metallous Enchymoma.

Chin Tan Ssu Pai Tzu (cont.) Yuan, +1333. Chhen Chih-Hsü 陳致虛 Sung, c. +1065. Chang Po-Tuan 場伯端. In Hsiu Chen Shih Shu (TT/260), ch. 5, pp. 1 a ff. TT/1067. Comms, by Phêng Hao-Ku and Min I-Tê in Tao Tsang Hsü Pien (Chhu chi), 21. Tr. Davis & Chao Yün-Tshung (2). Chin Tan Ta Chhêng 金丹大成. Compendium of the Metallous Enchymoma. Sung, just before + 1250. Hsiao Thing-Chih 競廷芝. In TTCY (mao chi, 4), and in TT/260, Hsiu Chen Shih Shu, chs. 9-13 incl. Chin Tan Ta Yao 金丹大婆. [= Shang Yang Tzu Chin Tan Ta Yao.] Main Essentials of the Metallous Enchymoma; the true Gold Elixir. Yuan, +1331 (pref. +1335). Chhen Chih-Hsü 陳致虛 (Shang Yang Tzu 上陽子). In TTCY (mao chi, 1, 2, 3). TT/1053. Chin Tan Ta Yao Hsien Phai (Yuan Liu) 金丹 大要仙派源流. [= Shang Yang Tzu Chin Tan Ta Yao Hsien Phai.] A History of the Schools of Immortals mentioned in the Main Essentials of the Metallous Enchymoma; the true Gold Elixir. Yuan, c. + 1333. Chhen Chih-Hsü 陳致虚 (Shang Yang Tzu 上陽子). In TTCY, Chin Tan Ta Yao, ch. 3, pp. 40 ff. TT/1056. Chin Tan Ta Yao Lieh Hsien Chih 金丹大要 列仙誌 [= Shang Yang Tzu Chin Tan Ta Yao Lieh Hsien Chih.] Records of the Immortals mentioned in the Main Essentials of the Metallous Enchymoma; the true Gold Elixir, Yuan, c. + 1333. Chhen Chih-Hsü 陳致虛 (Shang Yang Tzu 上陽子). TT/1055. Chin Tan Ta Yao Pao Chüeh 金丹大藥實訣. Precious Instructions on the Great Medicines of the Golden Elixir (Type). Sung, c. + 1045. Tshui Fang 崔昉. Preface preserved in Kêng Tao Chi, ch. 1, p. 8b, but otherwise only extant in occasional quotations. Perhaps the same book as the Wai Tan

Pên Tshao (q. v.).

Chin Tan Ta Yao Thu 金丹大婴鲷

[= Shang Yang Tzu Chin Tan Ta Yao Thu.]

Metallous Enchymoma; the true Gold Elixir.

Illustrations for the Main Essentials of the

(Shang Yang Tzu 上陽子). Based on drawings and tables of the +10th century onwards by Phang Hsiao 影應. Chang Po-Tuan 張伯端 (hence the name Tzu Yang Tan Fang Pao Chien Thu), Lin Shen-Fêng 林神鳳 and others. In TTCY (Chin Tan Ta Yao, ch. 3. pp. 26a ff.). TT/1054. Cf. Ho Ping-Yü & Needham (2). Ching Chhu Sui Shih Chi 荆楚歲時記. Annual Folk Customs of the States of Ching and Chhu [i.e. of the districts corresponding to those ancient States; Hupei, Hunan and Chiangsi]. Prob. Liang, c. +550, but perhaps partly Sui, c. +610. Tsung Lin 宗懍. See des Rotours (1), p. cii. Ching-Shih Chêng Lei Pei-Chi Pên Tshao 經史 證類備急本草. The Classified and Consolidated Armamentarium of Pharmaceutical Natural History. Sung, +1083, repr. +1090. Thang Shen-Wei 唐愼微. Ching Shih Thung Yen 警世通言. Stories to Warn Men. Ming, c. + 1640. Fêng Mêng-Lung 馮夢龍. Ching Tien Shih Wên 經典釋文. Textual Criticism of the Classics. Sui, c. +600. Lu Té-Ming 陸德朗. Ching Yen Fang 經驗方. Tried and Tested Prescriptions. Sung, +1025. Chang Sheng-Tao 張麗道. Now extant only in quotations. Ching Yen Liang Fang 經驗良方. Valuable Tried and Tested Prescriptions. Yuan. Writer unknown. Chiu Chêng Lu 就正鉄. Drawing near to the Right Way; a Guide [to physiological alchemy]. Chhing, prefs. +1678, +1697. Lu Shih-Chhen 陸世忱. In Tao Tsang Hsü Pien (Chhu chi), 8. Chiu Chuan Chhing Chin Ling Sha Tan 九朝青 金賈砂丹. The Ninefold Cyclically Transformed Caerulean Golden Numinous Cinnabar Elixir. Date unknown. Writer unknown, but much overlap with TT/886. TT/887. Chiu Chuan Ling Sha Ta Tan 九轉藍砂大

Chiu Chuan Ling Sha Ta Tan (cont.)

The Great Ninefold Cyclically Transformed Numinous Cinnabar Elixir.

Date unknown.

Writer unknown, TT/886.

Chiu Chuan Ling Sha Ta Tan Tzu Shêng Hsüan Ching 九 龍 藍 砂 大 丹 管 迎 支 經、

Mysterious (or Esoteric) Sagehood-Enhancing Canon of the Great Ninefold Cyclically Transformed Numinous Cinnabar Elixir (or Enchymoma).

Date unknown, probably Thang; the text is in sutra form.

Writer unknown.

TT/879.

Chiu Chuan Liu Chu Shen Hsien Chiu Tan Ching 九轉流珠神仙九丹經.

Manual of the Nine Elixirs of the Holy Immortals and of the Ninefold Cyclically Transformed Mercury.

Not later than Sung, but contains material from much earlier dates.

Thai-Chhing Chen Jen 太清眞人。 TT/945.

Chiu Huan Chin Tan Erh Chang 九遺金丹二章. Two Chapters on the Ninefold Cyclically Transformed Gold Elixir.

Alternative title of Ta-Tung Lien Chen Pao Ching, Chin Huan Chin Tan Miao Chüeh (q.v.).

In YCCC, ch. 68, pp. 8a ff.

Chiu Phu 酒譜.

A Treatise on Wine.

Sung, +1020.

Tou Phing 竇苹.

Chiu Shih 酒史.

A History of Wine.

Ming, +16th (but first pr. +1750).

Fêng Shih-Hua 馮時化.

Chiu Thang Shu 舊唐書.

Old History of the Thang Dynasty [+618 to +906].

Wu Tai (H/Chin), +945.

Liu Hsü III 16.

Cf. des Rotours (2), p. 64.

For translations of passages see the index of Frankel (1).

Chiu Ting Shen Tan Ching Chüch

See Huang Ti Chiu Ting Shen Tan Ching Chüeh.

Cho Kêng Lu 驟耕錄.

[Sometimes Nan Tshun Cho Kêng Lu.]
Talks (at South Village) while the Plough is
Resting.

Yuan, +1366.

Thao Tsung-I 陶宗儀.

Chou Hou Pei Chi Fang 肘後備急方.

[= Chou Hou Tsu Chiu Fang or Chou Hou Pai I Fang

or Ko Hsien Ong Chou Hou Pei Chi Fang.] Handbook of Medicines for Emergencies. Chin, c. +340.

Ko Hung 葛洪.

Chou Hou Pai I Fang 肘後百一方 See Chou Hou Pei Chi Fang.

Chou Hou Tsu Chiu Fang 肘後卒数方 See Chou Hou Pei Chi Fang.

Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi 周易參同契. See also titles under Tshan Thung Chhi.

Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chieh 周易參同契解.
The Kinship of the Three and the Book of
Changes, with Explanation.

Text, H/Han, c. + 140.

Comm., Sung, +1234.

Ed. & comm. Chhen Hsien-Wei 陳顯微. TT/998.

Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chu 周易參同契註. The Kinship of the Three and the Book of Changes, with Commentary.

Text, H/Han, c. + 140.

Comm. ascr. H/Han, c. + 160, but probably Sung.

Attrib., ed. and comm. Yin Chhang-Shêng 陰長生.

TT/990.

Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chu 周易參同契註. The Kinship of the Three and the Book of Changes, with Commentary.

Text, H/Han, c. +140.

Comm. probably Sung. Ed. and comm. unknown.

TT/991.

Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chu 周易參同契註.
The Kinship of the Three and the Book of
Changes, with Commentary.

Text, H/Han, c. + 140.

Comm. probably Sung.

Ed. and comm. unknown.

TT/995.

Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chu 周易參同契註.
The Kinship of the Three and the Book of
Changes, with Commentary.

Text, H/Han, c. + 140.

Comm., Sung, c. + 1230.

Ed. & comm. Chhu Hua-Ku 儲華谷. TT/999.

Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chu (TT/992).

Alternative title for Tshan Thung Chhi

Khao I (Chu Hsi's) q.v. Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Fa Hui 周易参同契

Elucidations of the Kinship of the Three and the Book of Changes [alchemy].

Text, H/Han, c. +140.

Comm., Yuan, +1284.

Tr. Wu & Davis (1).

TT/996.

Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Fên Chang Chu (Chieh) 周易參同契分章註(縣).

The Kinship of the Three and the Book of Changes divided into (short) chapters, with Commentary and Analysis, Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Fên Chang Chu (Chieh)
(cont.)

Text, Han, c. +140.

Comm., Yuan, c. +1330.

Comm. Chhen Chih-Hsü 陳致虛 (Shang Yang Tzu 上陽子).

TTCY pên 93. Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Fên Chang Thung

Chen I 周易參同契分章通貨義. The Kinship of the Three and the Book of Changes divided into (short) chapters for

the Understanding of its Real Meanings. Text, H/Han, c. +140.

Comm., Wu Tai +947. Ed. & comm. Phêng Hsiao 彭曉.

Tr. Wu & Davis (1).

TT/993.

Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Shih I 周易參同契 醫疑.

Clarification of Doubtful Matters in the Kinship of the Three and the Book of Changes.

Yuan, + 1284.

Ed. & comm. Yü Yen 兪琰.

TT/997.

Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Su Lüeh 周易參同 製疏略.

Brief Explanation of the Kinship of the Three and the Book of Changes.

Ming, +1564.

Ed. & comm. Wang Wên-Lu 王文禄. Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Ting Chhi Ko Ming

Ching Thu 易周多同契鼎器歌明鏡 圓.

An Illuminating Chart for the Mnemonic Rhymes about Reaction-Vessels in the Kinship of the Three and the Book of Changes.

Text, H/Han, c. +140 (Ting Chhi Ko portion only).

Comm., Wu Tai, +947.

Ed. & comm. Phêng Hsiao 彰曉. TT/994.

Chu Chêng Pien I 諸證辨疑.

Resolution of Diagnostic Doubts.

Ming, late +15th. Wu Chhiu 吳珠.

Chu Chhüan Chi 竹泉集.

The Bamboo Springs Collection [poems and personal testimonies on physiological alchemy].

Ming, +1465.

Tung Chhung-Li et al. 置重理. In Wai Chin Tan (q.v.), ch. 3.

Chu Chia Shen Phin Tan Fa 議家辦品丹法.

Methods of the Various Schools for Magical
Elixir Preparations (an alchemical anthology).

Sung.

Mêng Yao-Fu 孟要甫 (Hsüan Chen Tzu 玄質子) et al, TT/gri. Chu Fan Chih 諸番志.

Records of Foreign Peoples (and their Trade), Sung, c. + 1225. (This is Pelliot's dating; Hirth & Rockhill favoured between

+1242 and +1258.)

Chao Ju-Kua 趙汝适. Tr. Hirth & Rockhill (1).

Chu Yeh Thing Tsa Chi 竹葉亭雜記.

Miscellaneous Records of the Bamboo Leaf Pavilion.

Chhing, begun c. + 1790 but not finished till c. 1820.

Yao Yuan-Chih 姚元之.

Chuan Hsi Wang Mu Wo Ku Fa 傳西王母握 固注.

[= Thai-Shang Chuan Hsi Wang Mu Wo Ku Fa.]

A Recording of the Method of Grasping the Firmness (taught by) the Mother Goddess of the West.

[Taoist heliotherapy and meditation. 'Grasping the firmness' was a technical term for a way of clenching the hands during meditation.]

Thang or earlier.

Writer unknown.

Fragment in Hsiu Chen Shih Shu (TT/260), ch. 24, p. 1 a ff.

Cf. Maspero (7), p. 376.

Chuang Lou Chi 散樓記.

Records of the Ornamental Pavilion.

Wu Tai or Sung, c. +960. Chang Mi 張巡.

Chin-Chai Tu Shu Chih 都齋讀書志.

Memoir on the Authenticities of Ancient
Books, by (Chhao) Chün-Chai.

Sung, +1151.

Chhao Kung-Wu 晁公武.

Chün-Chai Tu Shu Fu Chih 郡 齊讀書附志. Supplement to Chün-Chai's (Chhao Kung-Wu's) Memoir on the Authenticities of Ancient Books.

Sung, c. + 1200,

Chao Hsi-Pien 館希弁.

Chün-Chai Tu Shu Hou Chih 郡 寶讀 書後志.
Further Supplement to Chün-Chai's (Chhao Kung-Wu's) Memoir on the Authenticities of Ancient Books.

Sung, pref. +1151, pr. +1250.

Chün Phu 菌譜.

A Treatise on Fungi.

Sung, +1245.

Chhen Jen-Yü 陳仁玉.

Chung Hua Ku Chin Chu 中華古今注. Commentary on Things Old and New in China.

Wu Tai (H/Thang), +923 to +926.

Ma Kao 馬縞.

See des Rotours (1), p. xcix.

Chung Huang Chen Ching 中黄真經 [= Thai-Chhing Chung Huang Chen Ching or Thai Tsang Lun.]

True Manual of the Middle (Radiance) of the Yellow (Courts), (central regions of the three parts of the body) [Taoist anatomy and physiology with Buddhist influence].

Prob. Sung, +12th or +13th. Chiu Hsien Chün (ps.) 九仙君.

Comm. Chung Huang Chen Jen (ps). 中 黃質人-

TT/810.

Completing TT/328 and 329 (Wieger). Cf. Maspero (7), p. 364.

Chung Lü Chuan Tao Chi 鎮呂傳道集.
Dialogue between Chungli (Chhüan) and
Lü (Tung-Pin) on the Transmission of
the Tao (and the Art of Longevity, by

Rejuvenation). Thang, +8th or +9th.

Attrib. Chungli Chhüan 鍾雕權 and Lü Yen 呂嵒.

Ed. Shih Chien-Wu 施肩吾.

In Hsiu Chen Shih Shu (TT/260), chs.14-16

Chung Shan Yü Kuei Fu Chhi Ching 中山玉 櫃服氣經.

Manual of the Absorption of the Chhi, found in the Jade Casket on Chung-Shan (Mtn). [Taoist breathing exercises.] Thang or Sung, +9th or +1oth.

Attrib. Chang Tao-Ling (Han) 張道陵 or Pi-Yen Chang Tao-ché 碧嶽張道者 or Pi-Yen hsien-sêng 碧巖先生.

Comm. by Huang Yuan-Chün 黄元君. In YCCC, ch. 60, pp. 1aff.

Cf. Maspero (7), pp. 204, 215, 353. Chungli Pa Tuan Chin Fa 鍾離入段錦法.

The Eight Elegant (Gymnastic) Exercises of Chungli (Chhüan).

Thang, late +8th.

Chungli Chhüan 鍾離權.

In Hsiu Chen Shih Shu (TT/260), ch. 19.

Tr. Maspero (7), pp. 418 ff.

Cf. Notice by Tsêng Tshao in Lin Chiang Hsien (TT/260, ch. 23, pp. 1b, 2a) dated +1151. This says that the text was inscribed by Lü Tung-Pin himself on stone and so handed down.

Chhang Chhun Tzu Phan-Hsi Chi 長春子·磻溪

Chhiu Chhang-Chhun's Collected (Poems) at Phan-Hsi.

Sung, c. + 1200.

Chhiu Chhu-Chi 邱處機.

TT/1145.

Chhang Shêng Shu 長生術.

The Art and Mystery of Longevity and Immortality.

Alternative title of Chin Hua Tsung Chih (q.v.). Chhen Wai Hsia Chü Chien 奧外認學機.

Examples of Men who Renounced Official

Careers and Shook off the Dust of the World [the eighth and last part (ch. 19) of Tsun Shêng Pa Chien, q.v.].

Ming, +1591. Kao Lien 高源.

Chhi Chữ An Lo Chien 超居安樂 牋.

On (Health-giving) Rest and Recreations in a Retired Abode [the third part (Chs. 7, 8) of Tsun Shêng Pa Chien, q.v.].

Ming, +1591.

Kao Lien 高漂. Chhi Fan Ling Sha Ko 七返豐砂歌.

Song of the Sevenfold Cyclically Transformed Numinous Cinnabar (Elixir).

See Chhi Fan Tan Sha Chüeh. Chhi Fan Ling Sha Lun 七返蠶砂論.

On Numinous Cinnabar Seven Times

Cyclically Transformed.

Alternative title for Ta-Tung Lien Chen Pao Ching, Hsiu Fu Ling Sha Miao Chüeh (q.v.).

In YCCC, ch. 69, pp. 1 aff.

Chhi Fan Tan Sha Chüeh 七返丹砂訣.

[= Wei Po-Yang Chhi Fan Tan Sha Chüeh or Chhi Fan Ling Sha Ko.]

Explanation of the Sevenfold Cyclically Transformed Cinnabar (Elixir), (of Wei Po-Yang),

Date unknown (ascr. H/Han).

Writer unknown (attrib. Wei Po-Yang). Comm. by Huang Thung-Chün 黃童君. Thang or pre-Thang, before +806. TT/881.

Chhi Hsiao Liang Fang 奇效良方. Effective Therapeutics. Ming, c. +1436, pr. +1470.

Fang Hsien 方賢.

Chhi Kuo Khao 七國考.

Investigations of the Seven (Warring) States. Chhing, c. +1660.

Tung Yüeh 董說.

Chhi Lu 七號.

Bibliography of the Seven Classes of Books. Liang, +523.

Juan Hsiao-Hsü 阮孝緒.

Chhi Min Yao Shu 齊民要術.

Important Arts for the People's Welfare [lit, Equality],

N/Wei (and E/Wei or W/Wei), between +533 and +544.

Chia Ssu-Hsieh 賈思勰.

See des Rotours (1), p.c; Shih Shêng-Han (1). Chhi Yün Shan Wu Yuan Tzu Hsiu Chen Pien

Can Yun Shan Wu Yuan 12u Hstu Chen Pien Nan (Tshan Chêng) 棲襲山悟元子修 眞鮮難參證.

See Hsiu Chen Pien Nan (Tshan Cheng).

Chhieh Yün 切韻.

Dictionary of the Sounds of Characters [rhyming dictionary].

Sui, +6or.

Lu Fa-Yen 陸法言 See Kuang Yün. Chhien Chin Fang Yen I 千金方符義. Dilations upon the Thousand Golden Remedies.

Chhing, +1698. Chang Lu 張璐.

Chhien Chin I Fang 千金翼方.

Supplement to the *Thousand Golden* Remedies [i.e. Revised Prescriptions saving lives worth a Thousand Ounces of Gold].

Thang, between +660 and +680. Sun Ssu-Mo 孫思邈.

Chhien Chin Shih Chih 千金食治.

A Thousand Golden Rules for Nutrition and the Preservation of Health [i.e. Diet and Personal Hygiene saving lives worth a Thousand Ounces of Gold], (included as a chapter in the *Thousand Golden Reme*dies).

Thang, +7th (c. +625, certainly before +659).

Sun Ssu-Mo 孫思邈.

Chhien Chin Yao Fang 千金要方.

A Thousand Golden Remedies [i.e. Essential Prescriptions saving lives worth a Thousand Ounces of Gold].

Thang, between +650 and +659.

Sun Ssu-Mo 孫思邈.

Chhien Han Shu 前漢書.

History of the Former Han Dynasty [-206 to +24].

H/Han (begun about +65), c. +100.

Pan Ku 班固, and (after his death in +92) his sister Pan Chao 班昭.

Partial trs. Dubs (2), Pfizmaier (32-34, 37-51), Wylie (2, 3, 10), Swann (1). Yin-Tê Index, no. 36.

Chhien Hung Chia Kêng Chih Pao Chi Chhêng 鉛汞甲庚至資集成.

Complete Compendium on the Perfected Treasure of Lead, Mercury, Wood and Metal [with illustrations of alchemical apparatus].

On the translation of this title, cf. Vol. 5, pt. 3. Has been considered Thang, +808; but perhaps more probably Wu Tai or Sung. Cf. p. 276.

Chao Nai-An 趙耐灌. TT/912.

Chhien Khun Pi Yün 乾坤紭鰮.

The Hidden Casket of Chhien and Khun (kua, i.e. Yang and Yin) Open'd.

Ming, c. + 1430.

Chu Chhüan 朱櫚.

(Ning Hsien Wang 寧獻王, prince of the Ming.)

Chhien Khun Shêng I 乾坤生意.

Principles of the Coming into Being of Chhien and Khun (kua, i.e. Yang and Yin).

Ming, c. +1430. Chu Chhüan 朱輝. (Ning Hsien Wang 寧獻王, prince of the Ming.)

Chhih Shui Hsüan Chu 赤水玄珠.

The Mysterious Pearl of the Red River [a system of medicine and intro-chemistry]. Ming, +1596.

Sun I-Khuei 孫一奎.

Chhih Shui Hsüan Chu Chhüan Chi 赤水玄珠 全集.

The Mysterious Pearl of the Red River; a Complete (Medical) Collection.

See Chhih Shui Hsüan Chu.

Chhih Shui Yin 赤水吟. Chants of the Red River.

See Fu Chin-Chhüan (1).

Chhih Sung Tzu Chou Hou Yao Chüeh 赤松子 財後蹇獸.

Oral Instructions of the Red-Pine Master on Handy (Macrobiotic) Prescriptions.

Pre-Thang.

Writer unknown.

Part of the Thai-Chhing Ching Thien-Shih Khou Chüeh.

TT/876.

Chhih Sung Tzu Hstian Chi 赤松子玄記. Arcane Memorandum of the Red-Pine Master.

Thang or earlier, before +9th.

Writer unknown,

Quoted in TT/928 and elsewhere.

Chhin Hsüan Fu 擒玄賦.

Rhapsodical Ode on Grappling with the Mystery.

Sung, +13th.

Writer unknown.

TT/257.

Chhing Hsiang Tsa Chi 青箱雜記.

Miscellaneous Records on Green Bamboo Tablets.

Sung, c. +1070.

Wu Chhu-Hou 吳處厚.

Chhing Hsiu Miao Lun Chien 清修妙論牋.
Subtile Discourses on the Unsullied Restoration (of the Primary Vitalities) [the first part (chs. 1, 2) of Tsun Shêng Pa Chien, q.v.].

Ming, +1591.

Kao Lien 高源.

Chhing I Lu 清異鲽.

Records of the Unworldly and the Strange. Wu Tai, c. +950.

Thao Ku 陶殿.

Chhing-Ling Chen-Jen Phei Chün (Nei) Chuan 清豐賞人裝君內像。

> Biography of the Chhing-Ling Adept, Master Phei.

L/Sung or S/Chhi, +5th, but with early Thang additions.

Têng Yün Tzu 鄧黑子

(Phei Hsüan-Jen 製玄仁 was a semilegendary immortal said to have been born in -178). Chhing-Ling Chen-Jen Phei Chün (Nei) Chuan (cont.)

In YCCC, ch. 105.

Cf. Maspero (7), pp. 386 ff.

Chhing Po Tsa Chih 清波雜志. Green-Waves Memories.

Sung, +1193.

Chou Hui 周煙.

Chhing Wei Tan Chileh (or Fa) 清微丹訣(法).
Instructions for Making the Enchymoma in
Calmness and Purity [physiological
alchemy].

Date unknown, perhaps Thang.

Writer unknown.

TT/275.

Chhiu Chhang-Chhun Chhing Thien Ko 邱長春 青天際.

Chhiu Chhang-Chhun's Song of the Blue Heavens.

Sung, c. + 1200.

Chhiu Chhu-Chi 邱處機.

TT/134.

Chhu Chhêng I Shu 褚澄遺書.

Remaining Writings of Chhu Chhêng. Chhi, c. +500, probably greatly remodelled in Sung.

Chhu Chhêng 楷證.

Chhü Hsien Shen Yin Shu 臘仙神護書.
Book of Daily Occupations for Scholars in
Rural Retirement, by the Emaciated
Immortal.

Ming, c. + 1430.

Chu Chhuan 朱榴.

(Ning Hsien Wang 家獻王, prince of the Ming.)

Chhu Hsüeh Chi 初學記.

Entry into Learning [encyclopaedia]. Thang, +700.

Hsü Chien 徐堅.

Chhū I Shuo Tsuan 祛疑說篡.

Discussions on the Dispersal of Doubts. Sung, c. +1230.

Chhu Yung 儲泳.

Chhüan-Chen Chi Hsüan Pi Yao 全貨集玄祕要. Esoteric Essentials of the Mysteries (of the Tao), according to the Chhüan-Chen (Perfect Truth) School [the Northern School of Taoism in Sung and Yuan times].

Yuan, c. + 1320.

Li Tao-Shun 李道純.

TT/248.

Chhian-Chen Tso Po Chieh Fa 全值坐鉢提法. Ingenious Method of the Chhian-Chen School for Timing Meditation (and other Exercises) by a (Sinking-) Bowl Clepsydra. Sung or Yuan.

Writer unknown.

TT/1212.

Chhian Ching 维额.

Manual of Boxing.

Chhing, +18th.

Chang Khung-Chao 張孔昭.

Chhun Chhiu Fan Lu 春秋繁富.

String of Pearls on the Spring and Autumn Annals.

C/Han, c. -135.

Tung Chung-Shu 董仲舒.

See Wu Khang (1).

Partial trs. Wieger (2); Hughes (1); d'Hormon (1) (ed.).

Chung-Fa Index no. 4.

Chhun Chhiu Wei Yuan Ming Pao 春秋韓元 命苞.

Apocryphal Treatise on the Spring and Autumn Annals; the Mystical Diagrams of Cosmic Destiny [astrological-

astronomical]. C/Han, c. - 1st.

Writer unknown.

In Ku Wei Shu, ch. 7.

Chhun Chhiu Wei Yün Tou Shu 泰秋韓選斗樞 Apocryphal Treatise on the Spring and Autumn Annals; the Axis of the Turning

of the Ladle (i.e. the Great Bear).

C/Han, -1st or later.

Writer unknown.

In Ku Wei Shu, ch. 9, pp. 4b ff. and YHSF, ch. 55, pp. 22a ff.

Chhun Chu Chi Wén 奉渚紀聞.

Record of Things Heard at Spring Island. Sung. c. + 1095.

Ho Wei 何意.

Chhun-yang etc. See Shun-yang.

Chhung-Hsiu Chêng-Ho Ching-Shih Chêng Lei Pei-Yung Pên Tshao 重修政和經史證

類備用本草. New Revision of the Pharmacopoeia of the Chêng-Ho reign-period; the Classified and Consolidated Armamentarium.

(A Combination of the Cheng-Ho... Cheng Lei... Pên Tshao with the Pên Tshao Yen I.)

Yuan, +1249; reprinted many times afterwards, esp. in the Ming, +1468, with at least seven Ming editions, the last in +1624 or +1625.

Thang Shen-Wei 唐愼微.

Khou Tsung-Shih 憲宗奭.

Pr. (or ed.) Chang Tshun-Hui 强存惠.

Chhung-Yang Chhüan Chen Chi 重陽全 眞集.

(Wang) Chhung-Yang's [Wang Chê's] Records of the Perfect Truth (School).

Sung, mid +12th cent,

Wang Chê 王矗.

TT/1139.

Chhung-Yang Chiao Hua Chi 重陽數化集. Memorials of (Wang) Chhung-Yang's

[Wang Chê's] Preaching.

Sung, mid + 12th cent. Wang Che 王高.

TT/1140.

Chhung-Yang Chin-Kuan Yü-Suo Chüeh 重屬 金陽王鎖訣. Chhung-Yang Chin-Kuan Yü-Suo Chüeh (cont.) (Wang) Chhung-Yang's [Wang's Chê's] Instructions on the Golden Gate and the Lock of Jade.

Sung, mid + 12th cent. Wang Chê 王嘉.

TT/1142.

Chhung-Yang Fên-Li Shih-Hua Chi 重陽分梨 十化集.

Writings of (Wang) Chhung-Yang [Wang Chêl (to commemorate the time when he received a daily) Ration of Pears, and the Ten Precepts of his Teacher.

Sung, mid + 12th cent.

Wang Che 王 a.

TT/1141.

Chhung-Yang Li-Chiao Shih-Wu Lun 重陽立 教十五論.

Fifteen Discourses of (Wang) Chhung-Yang [Wang Chê] on the Establishment of his School.

Sung, mid +12th cent. Wang Chê 王嘉. TT/1216.

Ngô Si-Liên 吳士蓮.

Đại-Việt Sú-ký Toàn-thú 大越史記全書。 The Complete Book of the History of Great Annam. Vietnam, c. + 1479.

Fa Yen 法言.

Admonitory Sayings [in admiration, and imitation, of the Lun Yü].

Hsin, +5.

Yang Hsiung 揭耀. Tr. von Zach (5).

Fa Yuan Chu Lin 法苑珠林.

Forest of Pearls from the Garden of the [Buddhist] Law.

Thang, +668, +688. Tao-Shih 道世.

Fan Tzu Chi Jan 范子計然. See Chi Ni Tzu.

Fang Hu Wai Shih 方靈外史.

Unofficial History of the Land of the Immortals, Fang-hu. (Contains two nei tan commentaries on the Tshan Thung Chhi, +1569 and +1573.)

Ming, c. +1590. Lu Hsi-Hsing 陸西星. Cf. Liu Tshun-Jen (1, 2).

Fang Yü Chi 方興記. General Geography.

Chin, or at least pre-Sung. Hsü Chiai 徐鍇.

Fei Lu Hui Ta 斐錄彙答.

Questions and Answers on Things Material and Moral.

Ming, +1636.

Kao I-Chih (Alfonso Vagnoni) 高一志. Bernard-Maître (18), no. 272.

Fên Thu 粉圖.

See Hu Kang Tzu Fên Thu.

Fêng Su Thung I 風俗通義.

The Meaning of Popular Traditions and Customs.

H/Han, +175.

Ying Shao 題 劭. Chung-Fa Index, no. 3.

Fo Shuo Fo I Wang Ching 佛說佛醫王經

Buddha Vaidyarāja Sātra; or Buddha-prokta Buddha-bhaişajyarāja Sūtra (Sūtra of the Buddha of Healing, spoken by Buddha).

India.

Tr. San Kuo (Wu) +230.

Trs. Liu Yen (Vinayatapa) & Chih-Chhien. 支謙. N/1327; TW/793.

Fo Tsu Li Tai Thung Tsai 佛祖歷代通載. General Record of Buddhist and Secular History through the Ages.

Yuan, +1341.

Nien-Chhang (monk) 念常.

Fu Chhi Ching I Lun 服氣精囊論

Dissertation on the Meaning of 'Absorbing the Chhi and the Ching' (for Longevity and Immortality), [Taoist hygienic, respiratory, pharmaceutical, medical and (originally) sexual procedures].

Thang, c. +715.

Ssuma Chhêng-Chên 司馬承貞. In YCCC, ch. 57.

Cf. Maspero (7), pp. 364 ff.

Fu Hung Thu 伏汞圖.

Illustrated Manual on the Subduing of Mercury.

Sui, Thang, J/Chin or possibly Ming. Shêng Hsüan Tzu 昇玄子.

Survives now only in quotations. Fu Nei Yuan Chhi Ching 服內元氣經.

Manual of Absorbing the Internal Chhi of Primary (Vitality).

Thang, +8th, probably c. +755.

Huan Chen hsien-sêng (Mr Truth-and-Illusion) 幻紅先生.

TT/821, and in YCCC, ch. 60, pp. 10b ff. Cf. Maspero (7), p. 199.

Fu Shih Lun 服石論.

Treatise on the Consumption of Mineral Drugs.

Thang, perhaps Sui.

Writer unknown.

Extant only in excerpts preserved in the I Hsin Fang (+982).

Fu Shou Tan Shu 屬壽丹書.

A Book of Elixir-Enchymoma Techniques for Happiness and Longevity.

Ming, +1621.

Chêng Chih-Chhiao 鄭之僑 (at least in part).

Partial tr. of the gymnastic material, Dudgeon (1).

Fusō Ryakuki 扶桑粵記.
Classified Historical Matters concerning the
Land of Fu-Sang (Japan) [from +898 to
+1197].
Japan (Kamakura) +1198.

Genji Monogatari 源氏物語. The Tale of (Prince) Genji,

Köen (monk).

Japan, +1021. Murasaki Shikibu 紫式部. Hai Yao Pên Tshao 海藥本草.

[= Nan Hai Yao Phu.] Materia Medica of the Countries Beyond the Seas.

Wu Tai (C/Shu), c. +923.

Li Hsün 李垧.

Preserved only in numerous quotations in Chêng Lei Pên Tshao and later pandects.

Han Fei Tzu 韓非子.

The Book of Master Han Fei.
Chou, early -3rd century.
Han Fei 韓非.

Tr. Liao Wên-Kuei (1).

Han Kuan I 漢官儀.

The Civil Service of the Han Dynasty and its Regulations.

H/Han +197. Ying Shao 題 初.

Cf. Hummel (2), p. 57.

Han Kung Hsiang Fang 漢宮香方.

On the Blending of Perfumes in the Palaces of the Han.

H/Han, +1st or +2nd.

Genuine parts preserved c. +1131 by Chang Pang-Chi 張邦基. Attrib. Tung Hsia-Chou 置設周.

Comm. by Chêng Hsüan 鄭玄. 'Restored', c. +1590, by Kao Lien 高骤.

Han Thien Shih Shih Chia 漢天師世家. Genealogy of the Family of the Han

> Heavenly Teacher. Date uncertain.

Writers unknown.

TT/1442.

Han Wei Tshung-Shu 漢魏叢書.
Collection of Books of the Han and Wei Dynasties [first only 38, later increased to 96].

Ming, +1592.

Ed. Thu Lung 屠隆.

Han Wu (Ti) Ku Shih 漢武(帝)故事.
Tales of (the Emperor) Wu of the Han
(r. -140 to -87).
L/Sung and Chhi, late +5th.
Wang Chien 王俊.

Perhaps based on an earlier work of the same kind by Ko Hung 哀洪. Tr. d'Hormon (1).

Han Wu (Ti) Nei Chuan 漢武(帝) 內傳. The Inside Story of (Emperor) Wu of the Han (r. -140 to -87).

Material of Chin, L/Sung, Chhi, Liang and perhaps Chhen date, +320 to +580, probably stabilised about +580.

Attrib. Pan Ku, Ko Hung, etc. Actual writer unknown.

TT/280

TT/289.

Tr. Schipper (1).

Han Wu (Ti) Nei Chuan Fu Lu 漢武(帝)內傳 附錄.

See Han Wu (Ti) Wai Chuan.

Han Wu (Ti) Wai Chuan 漢武(帝)外傳.
[=Han Wu (Ti) Nei Chuan Fu Lu.]
Extraordinary Particulars of (Emperor) Wu
of the Han (and his collaborators), [largely
biographies of the magician-technicians
at Han Wu Ti's court].

Material of partly earlier date collected and stabilised in Sui or Thang, early +7th

century.

Writers and editor unknown.

Introductory paragraphs added by Wang Yu-Yen 王游徽 (+746). TT/290.

Cf. Maspero (7), p. 234, and Schipper (1).

Hei Chhien Shui Hu Lun 黑鉛水虎論.
Discourse on the Black Lead and the Water
Tiger.

Alternative title of Huan Tan Nei Hsiang Chin Yo Shih, q.v.

Ho Chi Chii Fang 和劑局方.

Standard Formularies of the (Government)
Pharmacies [based on the Thai-Phing
Sheng Hui Fang and other collections].

Sung, c. +1109.

Ed. Chhen Chhêng 陳承, Phei Tsung-Yuan 裴宗元, & Chhen Shih-Wên 陳師文.

Cf. SIC, p. 974.

Honan Chhen Shih Hsiang Phu 河南陳氏香譜。 See Hsiang Phu by Chhen Ching.

Honan Chhêng Shih I Shu 河南程氏遺書.
Remaining Records of Discourses of the
Chhêng brothers of Honan [Chhêng I and
Chhêng Hao, +11th-century NeoConfucian philosophers].

Sung, +1168, pr. c. +1250.

Chu Hsi (ed.) 朱熹.

In Erh Chhêng Chhüan Shu, q.v.

Cf. Graham (1), p. 141.

Honan Chhêng Shih Tshui Yen 河南程氏粹言。 Authentic Statements of the Chhêng brothers of Honan [Chhîng I and Chhêng Hao, +11th-century Neo-Confucian philosophers. In fact more altered and abridged than the other sources, which are therefore to be preferred.] Honan Chhêng Shih Tshui Yen (cont.) Sung, first collected c. +1150, supposedly ed. +1166, in its present form by c. +1340. Coll. Hu Yin 胡寅. In Erh Chhêng Chhữan Shu, q.v., since +1606. Cf. Graham (1), p. 145. Honző-Wamyő 本草和名。 Synonymic Materia Medica with Japanese Equivalents. Japan, +918. Fukane no Sukehito 深根輔仁. Cf. Karow (1). Hou Han Shu 後漢書. History of the Later Han Dynasty [+25 to +220]. L/Sung, +450. Fan Yeh 范曄. The monograph chapters by Ssuma Piao 司馬彪 (d. +305), with commentary by Liu Chao 劉昭 (c. +510), who first incorporated them in the work. A few chs. tr. Chavannes (6, 16); Pfizmaier (52, 53). Yin-Tê Index, no. 41. Hou Te Lu 厚糖餘. Stories of Eminent Virtue. Sung, early +12th. Li Yuan-Kang 李元 欄. Hu Kang Tzu Fên Thu 狐剛子粉圖.

Illustrated Manual of Powders [Salts], by the Fox-Hard Master.

Sui or Thang. Hu Kang Tzu 狐剛子.

Survives now only in quotations; originally in TT but lost, Cf. Vol. 4, pt. 1, p. 308.

Hua Tho Nei Chao Thu 佗佗內照圖. Hua Tho's Illustrations of Visceral Anatomy. See Hsüan Mên Mo Chüeh Nei Chao Thu. Cf. Miyashita Saburo (1).

Hua-Yang Thao Yin-Chü Chuan 華陽 陶隱居像. A Biography of Thao Yin-Chü (Thao Hung-Ching) of Huayang [the great alchemist, naturalist and physician].

Thang. Chia Sung 買端. TT/297.

Hua Yen Ching 華酸經. Buddha-avatamsaka Sūtra; The Adornment of Buddha,

India. Tr. into Chinese, +6th century. TW/278, 279.

Huai Nan Hung Lieh Chieh 淮南溯烈解. See Huai Nan Tzu.

Huai Nan Tzu 淮南子. [= Huai Han Hung Lieh Chieh 淮南鴻烈

The Book of (the Prince of) Huai-Nan [compendium of natural philosophy]. C/Han, c. -120.

Written by the group of scholars gathered by Liu An (prince of Huai-Nan) 劉安. Partial trs. Morgan (1); Erkes (1); Hughes (1); Chatley (1); Wieger (2).

Chung-Fa Index, no. 5. TT/1170.

Huai-Nan (Wang) Wan Pi Shu 淮南(王)萬晶

[Prob. = Chen-Chung Hung-Pao Yuan-Pi Shu and variants.]

The Ten Thousand Infallible Arts of (the Prince of) Huai-Nan [Taoist magical and technical recipes].

C/Han, -2nd century.

No longer a separate book but fragments contained in TPYL, ch. 736 and elsewhere Reconstituted texts by Yeh Tê-Hui in

Kuan Ku Thang So Chu Shu, and Sun Fêng-I in Wên Ching Thang Tshung-Shu. Attrib. Liu An 翻安.

See Kaltenmark (2), p. 32.

It is probable that the terms Chen-Chung 秋中 Confidential Pillow-Book; Hung-Pao 陶窗 Infinite Treasure; Wan-Pi 萬 墨 Ten Thousand Infallible; and Yuan-Pi 苑祕 Garden of Secrets; were originally titles of parts of a Huai-Nan Wang Shu 淮南王曹 (Writings of the Prince of Huai-Nan) forming the Chung Phien 中篇 (and perhaps also the Wai Shu 外 ( ) of which the present Huai Nan Tzu book (q.v.) was the Nei Shu 內事.

Huan Chen hsien-seng, etc. 幻電先生. See Thai Hsi Ching and Fu Nei Yuan Chhi Ching.

Huan Chin Shu 還金述.

An Account of the Regenerative Metallous Enchymoma.

Thang, probably +9th. Thao Chih 陶植.

TT/915, also excerpted, in YCCC, ch. 70, pp. 13aff.

Huan Tan Chou Hou Chüeh 還丹肘後訣. Oral Instructions on Handy Formulae for Cyclically Transformed Elixirs [with illustrations of alchemical apparatus].

Ascr. Chin. c. + 320.

Actually Thang, including a memorandum of +875 by Wu Ta-Ling 作達蠶, and the rest probably by other hands within a few years of this date.

Attrib. Ko Hung 葛洪. TT/908.

Pronouncements of the Company of the Immortals on Cyclically Transformed Elixirs.

Sung, +1052. Yang Tsai 楊在. TT/230.

Huan Tan Fu Ming Phien 還丹復命籍. Book on the Restoration of Life by the Cyclically Transformed Elixir. Sung, +12th cent., c. +1175. Hsüeh Tao-Kuang 薛道光. TT/1074.

Huan Tan Nei Hsiang Chin Yo Shih 選丹內象 金繪點.

[= Hei Chhien Shui Hu Lun and Hung Chhien Huo Lung Lun.]

A Golden Key to the Physiological Aspects of the Regenerative Enchymoma.

Wu Tai, c. +950. Phêng Hsiao 彭蘭.

Now but half a chapter in YCCC, ch. 70, pp. 1 a ff., though formerly contained in the Tao Tsang.

Huan Tan Pi Chüeh Yang Chhih-Tzu Shen Fang 還丹祕訣養赤子神方.

The Wondrous Art of Nourishing the (Divine) Embryo (lit. the Naked Babe) by the use of the secret Formula of the Regenerative Enchymoma [physiological alchemy].

Sung, probably late +12th. Hsü Ming-Tao 許明道.

TT/229.

Huan Yū Shih Mo 實字始末.

On the Beginning and End of the World [the Hebrew-Christian account of creation, the Four Aristotelian Causes, Elements, etc.].

Ming, +1637.

Kao I-Chih (Alfonso Vagnoni) 高一志. Bernard-Maître (18), no. 283.

Huan Yuan Phien 還原篇.

Book of the Return to the Origin [poems on the regaining of the primary vitalities in physiological alchemy].

Sung, c. +1140. Shih Thai 石泰.

TT/1077. Also in Hsiu Chen Shih Shu (TT/260), ch. 2.

Huang Chi Ching Shih Shu 皇權經世書.
Book of the Sublime Principle which
governs All Things within the World.
Sung, c. +1060.

Shao Yung 邵雍

TT/1028. Abridged in Hsing Li Ta Chhilan and Hsing Li Ching I.

Huang Chi Ho Pi Hsien Ching 臺極關關伯經. [= Yin Chen Jen Tung-Hua Chêng Mo Huang Chi Ho Pi Chêng Tao Hsien Ching.]

The Height of Perfection (attained by)
Opening and Closing (the Orifices of the
Body); a Manual of the Immortals [physiological alchemy, nei tan techniques].
Ming or Chhing.

Attrib. Yin chen jen (Phêng-Thou)

尹眞人(蓬頭)。

Ed. Min I-Tê 閔一得, c. 1830. In Tao Tsang Hsü Pien (Chhu chi), 2, from a MS, preserved at the Blue Goat Temple 青羊宮 (Chhêngtu).

Huang Pai Ching 黄白鰺.

Mirror of (the Art of) the Yellow and the White [physiological alchemy].

Ming, +1598.

Li Wên-Chu 李文燭.

Comm. Wang Chhing-Chêng 王清正. In Wai Chin Tan coll., ch. 2 (CTPS, pên 7).

Huang-Thien Shang-Ching Chin Chhüeh Ti Chün Ling Shu Tzu-Wên Shang Ching 島天上清金闕帝君靈書紫文上經.

Exalted Canon of the Imperial Lord of the Golden Gates, Divinely Written in Purple Script; a Huang-Thien Shang-Chhing Scripture.

Chin, late +4th, with later revisions. Writer unknown.

TT/634.

Huang Thing Chung Ching Ching 黃庭 中 景經. [= Thai-Shang Huang Thing Chung Ching Ching.]

Manual of the Middle Radiance of the Yellow Courts (central regions of the three parts of the body) [Taoist anatomy and physiology].

Sui.

Li Chhien-Chhêng 李千乘. TT/1382, completing TT/398-400. Cf. Maspero (7), pp. 195, 203.

Huang Thing Nei Ching Wu Tsang Liu Fu Pu Hsieh Thu 黄庭內景五臟六府補瀉國

Diagrams of the Strengthening and Weakening of the Five Yin-viscera and the Six Yang-viscera (in accordance with) the (Jade Manual of the) Internal Radiance of the Yellow Courts.

Thang, c. +850.

Hu An 胡情.

TT/429.

Huang Thing Nei Ching Wu Tsang Liu Fu Thu 實庭內景五臟六府圖.

Diagrams of the Five Yin-viscera and the Six Yang-viscera (discussed in the Jade Manual of the) Internal Radiance of the Yellow Courts [Taoist anatomy and physiology; no illustrations surviving, but much therapy and pharmacy].

Thang, +848.

Hu An 胡憎 (title: Thai-pai Shan Chien Su Nü) 太白山見素女.

In Hsiu Chen Shih Shu (TT/260), ch. 54.
Illustrations preserved only in Japan, MS. of before +985.

SIC, p. 223; Watanabe Kozo (1), pp. 112 ff. Huang Thing Nei Ching Yü Ching 黃庭內景 玉經.

[= Thai-Shang Huang Thing Nei Ching Yü

Jade Manual of the Internal Radiance of the Yellow Courts (central regions of the Huang Thing Nei Ching Yü Ching (cont.)
three parts of the body) [Taoist anatomy
and physiology]. In 36 chang.

L/Sung, Chhi, Liang or Chhen, +5th or +6th. The oldest parts date probably from Chin, about +365.

Writer unknown. Allegedly transmitted by immortals to the Lady Wei (Wei Fu Jen), i.e. Wei Hua-Tshun 魏華存.

TT/328.

Paraphrase by Liu Chhang-Shêng 劉 長 生 (Sui), TT/398.

Comms, by Liang Chhiu Tzu 築丘子 (Thang), TT/399, and Chiang Shen-Hsiu 蔣慎條 (Sung), TT/400.

Cf. Maspero (7), p. 239. Huang Thing Nei Ching Yü Ching Chu 黄庭内 景玉經注.

Commentary on (and paraphrased text of) the Jade Manual of the Internal Radiance of the Yellow Courts.

Sui.

Liu Chhang-Shêng 劉長生. TT/398.

Huang Thing Nei Ching (Yū) Ching Chu 黃庭 內景(玉)經注.

Commentary on the Jade Manual of the Internal Radiance of the Yellow Courts.

Thang, +8th or +9th.

Liang Chhiu Tzu (ps.) 梁丘子.

TT/399, and in Hsiu Chen Shih Shu
(TT/260), chs. 55-57; and in YCCC,
chs. 11, 12 (where the first 3 chang (30
verses) have the otherwise lost commentary
of Wu Chhêng Tzu 移成子).

Cf. Maspero (7), pp. 239 ff.

Huang Thing Nei Wai Ching Yü Ching Chieh 黃庭內外景玉經解.

Explanation of the Jade Manuals of the Internal and External Radiances of the Yellow Courts.

Sung.

Chiang Shen-Hsiu 蔣愼修.

TT/400.

Huang Thing Wai Ching Yü Ching 黄庭外景 玉經.

[= Thai-Shang Huang Thing Wai Ching Yü Ching.]

Jade Manual of the External Radiance of the Yellow Courts (central regions of the three parts of the body) [Taoist anatomy and physiology]. In 3 chilan.

H/Han, San Kuo or Chin, +2nd or +3rd. Not later than +300.

Writer unknown.

TT/329.

Comms. by Wu Chhêng Tzu 務成子 (early Thang) YCCC, ch. 12; Liang Chhiu Tzu 梁丘子 (late Thang), TT/260, chs. 58-60; Chiang Shen-Hsiu 蔣慎修 (Sung), TT/400.

Cf. Maspero (7), pp. 195 ff., 428 ff.

Huang Thing Wai Ching Yü Ching Chu 黃庭外 景玉經計.

> Commentary on the Jade Manual of the External Radiance of the Yellow Courts.

Sui or early Thang, +7th. Wu Chhêng Tzu (ps.) 務成子。 In YCCC, ch. 12, pp. 30aff.

Cf. Maspero (7), p. 239.

Huang Thing Wai Ching Yü Ching Chu 黃庭外 景玉經註.

Commentary on the Jade Manual of the External Radiance of the Yellow Courts.

Thang, +8th or +9th.

Liang Chhiu Tzu (ps.) 築丘子.

In Hsiu Chen Shih Shu (TT/260), chs. 58-60.

Cf. Maspero (7), pp. 239 ff.

Huang Ti Chiu Ting Shen Tan Ching Chileh 黃帝九鼎神丹經訣.

The Yellow Emperor's Canon of the Nine-Vessel Spiritual Elixir, with Explanations. Early Thang or early Sung, but incorpo-

rating as ch. 1 a canonical work probably of the +2nd cent.

Writer unknown.

TT/878. Also, abridged, in YCCC, ch. 67, pp. 1 a ff.

Huang Ti Net Ching, Ling Shu 黃帝內經靈樞.
The Yellow Emperor's Manual of Corporeal
(Medicine), the Vital Axis [medical
physiology and anatomy].

Probably C/Han, c. - 1st century.

Writers unknown.

Edited Thang, +762, by Wang Ping 玉冰. Analysis by Huang Wên (1).

Tr. Chamfrault & Ung Kang-Sam (1). Commentaries by Ma Shih 馬蒔 (Ming) and Chang Chih-Tshung 張志聰

(Chhing) in TSCC, I shu tien, chs. 67 to 88. Huang Ti Nei Ching, Ling Shu, Pai Hua Chieh See Chhen Pi-Liu & Cheng Cho-Jen (1).

Huang Ti Nei Ching, Su Wên 黃帝內 經案間.

The Yellow Emperor's Manual of Corporeal (Medicine); Questions (and Answers) about Living Matter [clinical medicine].

Chou, remodelled in Chhin and Han, reaching final form c. - 2nd century.

Writers unknown.
Ed. & comm., Thang (+76

Ed. & comm., Thang (+762), Wang Ping 王冰; Sung (c. +1050), Lin I 林億.

Partial trs. Hübotter (1), chs. 4, 5, 10, 11, 21; Veith (1); complete, Chamfrault & Ung Kang-Sam (1).

See Wang & Wu (1), pp. 28 ff.; Huang Wên (1).

Huang Ti Nei Ching Su Wên I Phien 黃帝內 經素閱遺稿.

The Missing Chapters from the Questions and Answers of the Yellow Emperor's Manual of Corporeal (Medicine).

Ascr. pre-Han.

Sung, preface, +1099.

Huang Ti Nei Ching Su Wên I Phien (cont.) Ed. (perhaps written by) Liu Wên-Shu 潮溫舒.

Often appended to his Su Wên Ju Shih Yûn Chhi Ao Lun (q.v.) 素問入式運氣奧論.

Huang Ti Nei Ching Su Wên, Pai Hua Chieh See Chou Fêng-Wu, Wang Wan-Chieh & Hsü Kuo-Chhien (1).

Huang Ti Pa-shih-i Nan Ching Tsuan Thu Chii Chieh 黃帝八十一難經纂圓句解.

Diagrams and a Running Commentary for the Manual of (Explanations Concerning) Eighty-one Difficult (Passages) in the Yellow Emperor's (Manual of Corporeal Medicine). Sung, +1270 (text H/Han, +1st).

Li Kung 李嗣. TT/1012.

Huang Ti Pao Tsang Ching 黃帝寶藏經. Perhaps an alternative name for Hsien-Yuan Pao Tsang (Chhang Wei) Lun, q.v.

Huang Ti Yin Fu Ching 黃帝陰符經.

See Yin Fu Ching.

Huang Ti Yin Fu Ching Chu 黃帝陰符經註. Commentary on the Yellow Emperor's Book on the Harmony of the Seen and the Unseen.

Liu Chhu-Hsüan 劉處玄. TT/119.

Huang Yeh Fu 黃冶賦.

Rhapsodic Ode on 'Smelting the Yellow' [alchemy].

Thang, c. +840.

Li Tê-Yü 李德裕.

In Li Wên-Jao Pieh Chi, ch. 1.

Huang Yeh Lun 黃冶論.

Essay on the 'Smelting of the Yellow' [alchemy].

Thang, c. +830. Li Tê-Yü 李德裕.

In Wên Yuan Ying Hua, ch. 739, p. 15a, and Li Wên-Jao Wai Chi, ch. 4.

Hui Ming Ching 器命經.

[= Tsui-Shang I Chhêng Hui Ming Ching, also entitled Hsii Ming Fang.]

Manual of the (Achievement of) Wisdom and the (Lengthening of the) Life-Span.

Chhing, +1704. Liu Hua-Yang 柳羅陽.

Cf. Wilhelm & Jung (1), editions after 1957.

Hung Chhien Huo Lung Lun 紅鉛火龍論. Discourse on the Red Lead and the Fire Dragon.

Alternative title of Huan Tan Nei Hsiang Chin Yo Shih, q.v.

Hung Chhien Ju Hei Chhien Chüeh 紅鉛入黑 鉛訣.

Oral Instructions on the Entry of the Red Lead into the Black Lead.

Probably Sung, but some of the material perhaps older.

Compiler unknown.

TT/934.

Huo Kung Chhieh Yao 火攻黎要.

Essentials of Gunnery.

Ming, +1643.

Chiao Hsü 焦勗.

With the collaboration of Thang Jo-Wang (I. A. Schall von Bell) 湯若望.

Bernard-Maître (18), no. 334.

Huo Lien Ching 火蓮經.

Manual of the Lotus of Fire [physiological alchemy].

Ming or Chhing.

Attrib. Liu An, 劉安 (Han).

In Wai Chin Tan, coll., ch. 1 (CTPS, pên 6).

Huo Lung Ching 火龍經.

The Fire-Drake (Artillery) Manual.

Ming, +1412.

Chiao Yü 焦玉.

The first part of this book, in three sections, is attributed fancifully to Chuko Wu-Hou (i.e. Chuko Liang), and Liu Chi 刻基 (+1311 to +1375) appears as co-editor, really perhaps co-author.

The second part, also in three sections, is attributed to Liu Chi alone, but edited, probably written, by Mac Hsi-Ping 毛希秉 in +1632.

The third part, in two sections, is by Mao Yuan-I 毛元儀 (fl. +1628) and edited by Chuko Kuang-Jung 諸葛光榮 whose preface is of +1644, Fang Yuan-Chuang 方元壯 & Chung Fu-Wu 麵伏武.

Huo Lung Chüch 火龍訣.

Oral Instructions on the Fiery Dragon [proto-chemical and physiological alchemy]. Date uncertain, ascr. Yuan, +14th. Attrib. Shang Yang Tsu Shih 上陽龍師. In Wai Chin Tan (coll.), ch. 3 (CTPS, pên 8).

Hupei Thung Chih 湖北通志.

Historical Geography of Hupei Province. Min Kuo, 1921, but based on much older records.

See Yang Chhêng-Hsi (ed.) (1) 楊承禧.

Hsi Chhi Tshung Hua 西溪叢話 (SKCS has Yii 語). Western Pool Collected Remarks. Sung, c. +1150. Yao Khuan 姚寬.

Hsi Chhing Ku Chien 西清古鑑. Hsi Chhing Catalogue of Ancient Mirrors (and Bronzes) in the Imperial Collection.

(The collection was housed in the Library of Western Serenity, a building in the southern part of the Imperial Palace).

Chhing, +1751.

Liang Shih-Chêng 梁詩正.

Hsi Shan Chhun Hsien Hui Chen Chi 西山潭 仙會眞記.

A True Account of the Proceedings of the Companyof Immortals in the Western Mountains. Thang, c. +800.

Shih Chien-Wu 施肩吾.

TT/243.

Hsi Shang Fu Than 席上觸談. Old-Fashioned Table Talk. Yuan, c. +1290.

Yü Yen 兪琰. Hsi Wang Mu Nü Hsiu Chêng Thu Shih Tsê

西王译女修正錄十則.
The Ten Rules of the Mother (Goddess)
Queen of the West to Guide Women
(Taoists) along the Right Road of
Restoring (the Primary Vitalities) [physiological alchemy].

Ming or Chhing.

Attrib. Lü Yen 呂西 (+8th century).

Shen I-Ping et al. 沈一炳.

Comm. Min I-Tê 閱一得 (c. 1830). In Tao Tsang Hsü Pien (Chhu chi), 19.

Hsi-Yang Huo Kung Thu Shuo 西洋火攻蠲說. Illustrated Treatise on European Gunnery. Ming, before +1625. Chang Tao 張騫 & Sun Hsüeh-Shih

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Hsi Yo Hua-Shan Chih 西嶽華山誌. Records of Hua-Shan, the Great Western Mountain.

Sung, c. + 1170.

Wang Chhu-I 王處一.

TT/304.

Hsi Yo Tou hsien-seng Hsiu Chen Chih Nan 西嶽響先生修眞指南.

Teacher Tou's South-Pointer for the Regeneration of the Primary (Vitalities), from the Western Sacred Mountain.
Sung, probably early + 13th.
Tou hsien-seng 養先生.

In Hsiu Chen Shih Shu (TT/260), ch. 21, pp. 1a to 6b.

Hsi Yu Chi 西遊記.

A Pilgrimage to the West [novel].

Ming, c. +1570.

Wu Chhêng-Ên 吳承恩.

Tr. Waley (17).

Hsi Yu Chi.

See Chhang-Chhun Chen Jen Hsi Yu Chi.

Hsi Yü Chiu Wên 西域奮聞.

Old Traditions of the Western Countries [a conflation, with abbreviations, of the Hsi Yü Wên Chien Lu and the Shêng Wu Chi, q.v.].

Chhing, +1777 and 1842.

Chhun Yuan Chhi-shih-i Lao-jen 梼園七十一老人 & Wei Yuan 魏源, Arr. Chêng Kuang-Tsu (1843) 鄭光祖.

Hsi Yü Thu Chi 西域圖肥.

Illustrated Record of Western Countries, Sui, +610.

Phei Chü 裴矩.

Hsi Yü Wên Chien Lu 西域 聞見錄. Things Seen and Heard in the Western Countries.

Chhing, +1777. Chhun Yuan Chhi-shih-i Lao-jen 榛園七十一老人. [The 71-year-old Gentleman of the Cedar Garden.]

Bretschneider (2), vol. 1, p. 128.

Hsi Yuan Lu 洗鬼餘.

The Washing Away of Wrongs (i.e. False Charges) [treatise on forensic medicine].

Sung, +1247. Sung Tzhu 朱慈.

Partial tr., H. A. Giles (7).

Hsiang Chhêng 香藥.

Records of Perfumes and Incense [including combustion-clocks].

Ming, betw. +1618 and +1641.

Chou Chia-Chou 周嘉胄.

Hsiang Chien 香戔.

Notes on Perfumes and Incense,

Ming, c. +1560.

Thu Lung 屠隆.

Huang Kuo 香國.

The Realm of Incense and Perfumes. Ming.

Mao Chin, 毛晉.

Hsiang Lu 香鉄.

[= Nan Fan Hsiang Lu.]

A Catalogue of Incense.

Sung, +1151.

Yeh Thing-Kuei 葉廷珪.

Hsiang Phu 香譜.

A Treatise on Aromatics and Incense [-Clocks].

Sung, c. + 1073.

Shen Li 沈立.

Now extant only in the form of quotations in later works.

Hsiang Phu 香譜.

A Treatise on Perfumes and Incense.

Sung, c. +1115.

Hung Chhu 洪錫.

Hsiang Phu 香譜.

[= Hsin Tsuan Hsiang Phu

or Honan Chhen shih Hsiang Phu.]

A Treatise on Perfumes and Aromatic Substances [including incense and combustion-clocks].

Sung, late +12th or +13th; may be as late as +1330.

Chhen Ching 陳敬.

Hsiang Phu 香贈.

A Treatise on Incense and Perfumes.

Yuan, +1322.

Hsiung Phêng-Lai 熊朋來.

Hsiang Yao Chhao 香藥抄。

Memoir on Aromatic Plants and Incense.

Japan, c. +1163.

Kuan-Yu (Kanyu) 觀結.MS. preserved at the 滋賀石山寺 Temple. Facsim. reprod. in Suppl. to the Japanese Tripitaka, vol. 11.

Hsieh Thien Chi 泄天機.

A Divulgation of the Machinery of Nature (in the Human Body, permitting the Formation of the Enchymoma), Hsieh Thien Chi (cont.)

Chhing, c. + 1795.

Li Ong (Ni-Wan shih) 李翁 (Mr Ni-Wan). Written down in 1833 by Min Hsiao-Kên 閔小艮.

In Tao Tsang Hsü Pien (Chhu chi), 4.

Hsien Lo Chi 仙樂集.

(Collected Poems) on the Happiness of the Holy Immortals.

Sung, late + 12th cent.

Liu Chhu-Hsüan 劉 處 玄.

TT/1127.

Hsien-Yuan Huang Ti Shui Ching Yao Fa 軒轅 黃帝水經藥法.

(Thirty-two) Medicinal Methods from the Aqueous (Solutions) Manual of Hsien-Yuan the Yellow Emperor.

Date uncertain.

Writer unknown.

TT/922.

Hsien-Yuan Pao Tsang Chhang Wei Lun 軒轅 蜜藍鵯微論.

The Yellow Emperor's Expansive yet
Detailed Discourse on the (Contents of
the) Precious Treasury (of the Earth)
[mineralogy and metallurgy].

Alternative title of Pao Tsang Lun, q.v.

Hsien-Yuan Pao Tsang Lun 軒轅 饗蔵 論。 The Yellow Emperor's Discourse on the Contents of the Precious Treasury (of the Earth).

See Pao Tsang Lun.

Hsin Hsiu Pên Tshao 新修本草.

The New (lit. Newly Improved) Pharmacopoeia.

Thang, +659.

Ed. Su Ching (= Su Kung) 蘇敬(蘇崇) and a commission of 22 collaborators under the direction first of Li Chi 李勣 & Yü Chih-Ning 于志寧, then of Chhangsun Wu-Chi 長孫無忌. This work was afterwards commonly but incorrectly known as Thang Pên Tshao. It was lost in China, apart from MS. fragments at Tunhuang, but copied by a Japanese in +731 and preserved in Japan though incompletely.

Hsin Lun 新論.

New Discussions.

H/Han, c. +10 to +20, presented +25. Huan Than 桓譚.

Cf. Pokora (9).

Hsin Lun 新論.

New Discourses.

Liang, c. +530.

Liu Hsieh 劉德.

Hsin Thang Shu 新唐書.

New History of the Thang Dynasty [+618 to +906].

Sung, +1061.

Ouyang Hsiu 歐陽修 & Sung Chhi 朱祁. Cf. des Rotours (2), p. 56.

Partial trs. des Rotours (1, 2); Pfizmaier (66-74). For translations of passages see the index of Frankel (1).

Yin-Tê Index, no. 16.

Hsin Tsuan Hsiang Phu 新篡香讚. See Hsiang Phu by Chhen Ching.

Hsin Wu Tai Shih 新五代史.

New History of the Five Dynasties [+907 to +959].

Sung, c. + 1070.

Ouyang Hsiu 歐陽條.

For translations of passages see the index of Frankel (1).

Hsin Yü 新語.

New Discourses.

C/Han, c. - 196.

Lu Chia 陸賈.

Tr. v. Gabain (1).

Hsing Li Ching I 性理精叢.

Essential Ideas of the Hsing-Li (Neo-Confucian) School of Philosophers [a condensation of the Hsing Li Ta Chhüan, q.v.].

Chhing, +1715. Li Kuang-Ti 李光地.

Hsing Li Ta Chhilan (Shu) 性理大全(書).

Collected Works of (120) Philosophers of the Hsing-Li (Neo-Confucian) School [Hsing = human nature; Li = the principle of organisation in all Nature].

Ming, +1415.

Ed. Hu Kuang et al. 胡廣.

Hsing Ming Kuei Chih 性命圭旨.

A Pointer to the Meaning of (Human)
Nature and the Life-Span [physiological
alchemy; the *kuei* is a pun on the two
kinds of *thu*, central earth where the
enchymoma is formed].

Ascr. Sung, pr. Ming and Chhing, +1615,

repr. +1670.

Attrib. Yin Chen Jen 尹武人. Written out by Kao Ti 高第.

Prefs. by Yü Yung-Ning et al. 余永寧.

Hsing Shih Hêng Yen 醒世恒言. Stories to Awaken Men.

Ming, c. + 1640.

Fêng Mêng-Lung 馮夢龍.

Hsiu Chen Chih Nan 修真指南.

South-Pointer for the Regeneration of the Primary (Vitalities).

See Hsi Yo Tou hsien-seng Hsiu Chen Chih Nan.

Hsiu Chen Li Yen Chhao Thu 修正腰驗鈔圖. [= Chen Yuan Miao Tao Hsiu Tan Li Yen Chhao.]

Transmitted Diagrams illustrating Tried and Tested (Methods of) Regenerating the Primary Vitalities [physiological alchemy].

Thang or Sung, before + 1019.

No writer named but the version in YCCC, ch. 72, has Tung Chen Tzu (ps.) 洞霞子. TT/149. Hsiu Chen Nei Lien Pi Miao Chu Chüeh 修賞 內煉秘妙諸獸.

Collected Instructions on the Esoteric Mysteries of Regenerating the Primary (Vitalities) by Internal Transmutation.

Sung or pre-Sung.

Writer unknown.
Perhaps identical with Hsiu Chen Pi
Chüeh (q.v.); now extant only in quotations.

Hsiu Chen Pi Chüch 備質秘訣.

Esoteric Instructions on the Regeneration of the Primary (Vitalities).

Sung or pre-Sung, before +1136. Writer uncertain.

In Lei Shuo, ch. 49, pp. 5a ff.

Hstu Chen Pien Nan (Tshan Chêng) 修真辯難

[Chhi Yün Shan Wu Yuan Yzu Hsiu Chen Pien Nan Tshan Cheng.]

A Discussion of the Difficulties encountered in the Regeneration of the Primary (Vitalities) [physiological alchemy]; with Supporting Evidence.

Chhing, +1708.

Liu I-Ming 劉一朗 (Wu Yuan Tzu 悟元子).

Comm., Min I-Tê 関→得 (c. 1830). In Tao Tsang Hsü Pien (Chhu chi), 23.

Hsiu Chen Shih Shu 修订十書.
A Collection of Ten Tractates and Treat-

A Collection of Ten Tractates and Treatises on the Regeneration of the Primary (Vitalities) [in fact, many more than ten].

Sung, c. +1250.

Editor unknown.

TT/260.

Cf. Maspero (7), pp. 239, 357.

Hsiu Chen Thai Chi Hun Yuan Thu 修貫太 極湿元圖。

Illustrated Treatise on the (Analogy of the)
Regeneration of the Primary (Vitalities)
(with the Cosmogony of) the Supreme
Pole and Primitive Chaos.

Sung, c. +1100.

Hsiao Tao-Tshun 篇道存.

TT/146.

Hsiu Chen Thai Chi Hun Yuan Chih Hsüan Thu 修眞太極混元指玄圖.

Illustrated Treatise Expounding the Mystery of the (Analogy of the) Regeneration of the Primary (Vitalities) (with the Cosmogony of) the Supreme Pole and Primitive Chaos.

Thang, c. +830.

Chin Chhüan Tzu 金全子.

TT/147.

Hsiu Chen Yen I 修置演義.

A Popular Exposition of (the Methods of) Regenerating the Primary (Vitalities) [Taoist sexual techniques].

Ming, c. +1560.

Têng Hsi-Hsien 鄧希賢 (Tzu Chin Kuang Yao Ta Hsien 繁金光耀大仙, See van Gulik (3, 8).

Hsiu Hsien Pien Huo Lun 修仙辨惑論. Resolution of Doubts concerning the

Restoration to Immortality.

Sung, c. +1220.

Ko Chhang-Kêng 葛長庚 (Pai Yü-Chhan 白玉蟾).

In TSCC, Shen i tien, ch. 300, i wên, pp. 11 a ff.

Hsiu Lien Ta Tan Yao Chih 修鍊大丹要旨.
Essential Instructions for the Preparation of
the Great Elixir [with illustrations of
alchemical apparatus].

Probably Sung or later.

Writer unknown.

TT/905.

Hsiu Tan Miao Yung Chih Li Lun 修丹妙用至理論.

A Discussion of the Marvellous Functions and Perfect Principles of the Practice of the Enchymoma.

Late Sung or later.

Writer unknown.

TT/231.

Refers to the Sung adept Hai-Chhan hsiensêng 海蟾先生 (Liu Tshao 劉操).

Hsü Chen-Chün Pa-shih-wu Hua Lu 許眞君 八十五化錄.

Record of the Transfiguration of the Adept Hsü (Hsün) at the Age of Eighty-five.

Chin, +4th cent. Shih Tshên 施岑.

TT/445.

Hsü Chen-Chün Shih Han Chi 許貞君石函記. The Adept Hsü (Sun's) Treatise, found in a Stone Coffer.

Ascr. Chin, +4th cent., perhaps c. +370. Attrib. Hsü Hsün 許滋.

TT/944.

Cf. Davis & Chao Yün-Tshung (6).

Hsü Hsien Chuan 微仙傳.
Further Biographies of the Immortals.
Wu Tai (H/Chou), between +923 and +936.

Shen Fên 沈治. In YCCC, ch. 113.

Hsü Ku Chai Chi Suan Fa 續古摘奇算法.
Choice Mathematical Remains Collected to
Preserve the Achievements of Old [magic
squares and other computational examples].

Sung, +1275. Yang Hui 楊輝.

(In Yang Hui Suan Fa.)

Hsü Kuang-Chhi Shou Chi 徐光啓手跡. Manuscript Remains of Hsü Kuang-Chhi [facsimile reproductions]. Shanghai, 1962.

Hsü Ming Fang 續命方.

Precepts for Lengthening the Life-span.

Alternative title of Hui Ming Ching (q.v.).

Hsü Po Wu Chih 續博物志. Supplement to the Record of the Investigation of Things (cf. Po Wu Chih). Sung, mid +12th century. Li Shih 李石.

Hsü Shen Hsien Chuan 織神仙傳. Supplementary Lives of the Hsien (cf. Shen Hsien Chuan).

Thang.

Shen Fên 沈汾. Hsü Shih Shih 續事始.

> Supplement to the Beginnings of All Affairs (cf. Shih Shih),

H/Shu, c. +960.

Ma Chien 馬鑑.

Hsü Yen-Chou Shih Hua 許彥周詩話. Hsü Yen-Chou's Talks on Poetry. Sung, early +12th, prob. c. +1111. Hsü Yen-Chou 許彥周.

Hsüan Chieh Lu 縣 解 餘.

See Hsüan Chieh Lu 玄解錄.

Hsüan Chieh Lu 玄解錄.

The Mysterious Antidotarium [warnings against elixir poisoning, and remedies for

Thang, anonymous preface of +855, prob. first pr. between +847 and +850. Writer unknown, perhaps Hokan Chi 紇干泉.

The first printed book in any civilisation on a scientific subject.

TT/921, and in YCCC, ch. 64, pp. 5a ff. Hsüan Fêng Chhing Hui Lu 玄風慶會鉄.

Record of the Auspicious Meeting of the Mysterious Winds [answers given by Chhiu Chhu-Chi (Chhang-Chhun Chen Jen) to Chingiz Khan at their interviews at Samarqand in +1222].

Sung, +1225.

Chhiu Chhu-Chi 邱處機.

TT/173.

Hsüan-Ho Po Ku Thu Lu 宣和博古圖錄. [= Po Ku Thu Lu.]

> Hsüan-Ho reign-period Illustrated Record of Ancient Objects [catalogue of the archaeological museum of the emperor Hui Tsung].

Sung, +1111 to +1125.

Wang Fu 王黼 or 黻 et al.

Hsüan Kuai Hsü Lu 玄怪續錄.

The Record of Things Dark and Strange, continued.

Thang. Li Fu-Yen 李復言.

Hsüan Mên Mo Chüeh Nei Chao Thu 支門脈 訣內照圖.

[ = Hua Tho Nei Chao Thu.]

Illustrations of Visceral Anatomy, for the Taoist Sphygmological Instructions.

Sung, +1095, repr. +1273 by Sun Huan 孫煥 with the inclusion of Yang Chieh's illustrations.

Attrib. Hua Tho 華佗. First pub. Shen Chu 沈鉄. Cf. Ma Chi-Hsing (2).

Hsüan Ming Fên Chuan 玄明粉傳.

On the 'Mysterious Bright Powder' (purified sodium sulphate, Glauber's salt).

Thang, c. +730.

Liu Hsüan-Chen 劉玄質.

Hsüan Nü Ching 玄女經.

Canon of the Mysterious Girl [or, the Dark Girl].

Han.

Writer unknown.

Only as fragment in Shuang Mei Ching An Tshung Shu, now conflated with Su Nü Ching, q.v.

Partial trs., van Gulik (3, 8).

Hsüan Phin Lu 玄品鉄.

Record of the (Different) Grades of Im-

Yuan.

Chang Thien-Yü 張天雨.

TT/773.

Cf. Chhen Kuo-Fu (1), 1st ed., p. 260.

Hsüan Shih Chih 宜室志.

Records of Hsüan Shih.

Thang, c. +860.

Chang Tu 張麗.

Hsüan Shuang Chang Shang Lu 支霜掌上鉄. Mysterious Frost on the Palm of the Hand; or, Handy Record of the Mysterious Frost [preparation of lead acetate].

Date unknown.

Writer unknown.

TT/ 938.

I Chen Thang Ching Yen Fang 頤眞堂經 驗方.

> Tried and Tested Prescriptions of the True-Centenarian Hall (a surgery or pharmacy).

Ming, prob. + 15th, c. + 1450.

Yang shih 楊氏.

I Chi Khao 醫籍考.

Comprehensive Annotated Bibliography of Chinese Medical Literature. See Taki Mototane (1).

I Chai Ta Fa 醫家大法.

See I Yin Thang I Chung Ching Kuang Wei

Ta Fa. I Chien Chih 夷堅志.

Strange Stories fom I-Chien.

Sung, c. + 1185.

Hung Mai 洪邁.

I Chin Ching 易筋經.

Manual of Exercising the Muscles and Tendons [Buddhist].

Ascr. N/Wei.

Chhing, perhaps +17th.

Attrib. Ta-Mo (Bodhidharma) 達廳 Author unknown.

Reproduced in Wang Tsu-Yuan (1).

I Ching 易經. The Classic of Changes [Book of Changes]. Chou with C/Han additions. Compilers unknown. See Li Ching-Chih (1, 2); Wu Shih-Chhang (I). Tr. R. Wilhelm (2); Legge (9); de Harlez (1). Yin-Tê Index, no. (suppl.) 10. I Hsin Fang (Ishinhō) 隆心方. The Heart of Medicine [partly a collection of ancient Chinese and Japanese books]. Japan, +982 (not printed till 1854). Tamba no Yasuyori 丹波康賴. I Hsüeh Ju Mên 醫學入門. Janua Medicinae [a general system of medicine]. Ming, +1575. Li Chhan 李擬. I Hsüch Yuan Liu Lun 隆學源流論. On the Origins and Progress of Medical Science. Chhing, +1757. Hsü Ta-Chhun 徐大棒. (In Hsü Ling-Thai I Shu Chhüan Chi.) Mên Pi Chih 器門秘旨. Confidential Guide to Medicine. Ming, +1578. Chang Ssu-Wei 强四维. I Shan Tsa Tsuan 義山雜纂. Collected Miscellany of (Li) I-Shan [Li Shang-Yin, epigrams]. Thang, c. +850. Li Shang-Yin 李商隱. Tr. Bonmarchand (1). I Shih 逸史. Leisurely Histories. Thang. Lu Shih 盧氏. I Su Chi 夷俗記. Records of Barbarian Customs. Alternative title of Pei Lu Féng Su, q.v. I Thu Ming Pien 易圖明辨. Clarification of the Diagrams in the (Book of) Changes [historical analysis]. Chhing, +1706. Hu Wei 胡渭. I Wei Chhien Tso Tu 易雜乾盤度. Apocryphal Treatise on the (Book of) Changes; a Penetration of the Regularities of Chhien (the first kua). C/Han, - 1st or + 1st century. Writer unknown. I Wei Ho Thu Shu 易諱河圖數. Apocryphal Treatise on the (Book of) Changes; the Numbers of the Ho Thu (Diagram). H/Han. Writer unknown.

I Yin Thang I Chung Ching Kuang Wei Ta Fa

The Great Tradition (of Internal Medicine)

伊尹湯液仲景廣爲大法. [= I Chia Ta Fa or Kuang Wei Ta Fa.]

going back to I Yin (legendary minister) and his Pharmacal Potions, and to (Chang) Chung-Ching (famous Han physician). Yuan, +1294. Wang Hao-Ku 王好古. ICK, p. 863. Ishinhō See I Hsin Fang. Jih Chih Lu 日知錄. Daily Additions to Knowledge. Chhing, +1673. Ku Yen-Wu 顧炎武. Yih Hua Chu Chia Pên Tshao 日華譜家本草. The Sun-Rays Master's Pharmaceutical Natural History, collected from Many Authorities. Wu Tai and Sung, c. +972. Often ascribed by later writers to the Thang, but the correct dating was recognised by Thao Tsung-I in his Cho Kêng Lu (+1366) ch. 24, p. 17b. Ta Ming 大明。 (Jih Hua Tzu 日華子 the Sun-Rays Master.) (Perhaps Thien Ta-Ming 田大明). Tih Yüeh Hsüan Shu Lun 日月玄福論. Discourse on the Mysterious Axis of the Sun and Moon [i.e. Yang and Yin in natural phenomena; the earliest interpretation (or recognition) of the Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi (q.v.) as a physiological rather than (or, as well as) a protochemical text]. Thang, c. +740. Liu Chih-Ku 劉知古. Now extant only as quotations in the Tao Shu (q.v.), though at one time contained in the Tao Tsang separately. Ju Yao Ching 入獎鏡. Mirror of the All-Penetrating Medicine (the enchymoma), [rhyming verses]. Wu Tai, c. +940. Tshui Hsi-Fan 崔希施. TT/132, and in TTCY (hsü chi, 5). With commentaries by Wang Tao-Yuan 王道淵 (Yuan); Li Phan-Lung 李攀龍 (Ming) & Phêng Hao-Ku 彭好古 (Ming). Also in Hsiu Chen Shih Shu (TT/260), ch. 13, pp. 1a ff. with commentary by Hsiao Thing-Chih 新廷芝 (Ming). Also in Tao Hai Chin Liang, pp. 35a ff., (Chhing). See also Thien Yuan Ju Yao Ching. Cf. van Gulik (8), pp. 224 ff.

Kan Chhi Shih-liu Chuan Chin Tan 感氣十六

The Sixteen-fold Cyclically Transformed

Gold Elixir prepared by the 'Responding

Kan Chhi Shih-liu Chuan Chin Tan (cont.) to the Chhi Method [with illustrations of alchemical apparatus].

Sung.

Writer unknown.

TT/904.

Kan Ying Ching 城 順經.

On Stimulus and Response (the Resonance of Phenomena in Nature).

Thang, c. +640.

Li-Shun-Fêng 李淳風.

See Ho & Needham (2).

Kan Ying Lei Tshung Chih 感應類從志.
Record of the Mutual Resonances of
Things according to their Categories.

Chin, c. +295.

Chang Hua 張華.

See Ho & Needham (2).

Kao Shih Chuan 高士傳.

Lives of Men of Lofty Attainments.

Chin, c. +275.

Huangfu Mi 皇甫謐.

Kêng Hsin Yü Tshê 庚辛玉册。

Precious Secrets of the Realm of Keng and Hsin (i.e. all things connected with metals and minerals, symbolised by these two cyclical characters) [on alchemy and pharmaceutics. Keng-Hsin is also an alchemical synonym for gold].

Ming, +1421.

Chu Chhüan 朱權, (Ning Hsien Wang 寧獻王, prince of the Ming).

Extant only in quotations.

Kêng Tao Chi 庚道集.

Collection of Procedures of the Golden Art (Alchemy).

Sung or Yuan, date unknown but after + 1144 Writers unknown.

Compiler, Mêng Hsien chü shih 豪軒居土. TT/946.

Khai-Pao Hsin Hsiang-Ting Pên Tshao 開賓新 詳定本意。

New and More Detailed Pharmacopoeia of the Khai-Pao reign-period.

Sung. + 973.

Liu Han 劉翰, Ma Chih 馬志, and 7 other naturalists, under the direction of Lu To-Hsün 盧多遜.

Khai-Pao Pên Tshao 開審本意.

See Khai-Pao Hsin Hsiang-Ting Pên Tshao.

Khun Yü Ko Chih 坤興格致.

Investigation of the Earth [Western mining methods based on Agricola's De Re Metallica].

Ming, + 1639 to 1640, perhaps never printed. Têng Yü-Han (Johann Schreck) 鄧玉函 & (or) Thang Jo-Wang 湯若望 (John Adam Schall von Bell).

Khung Chi Ko Chih 空際格致.

A Treatise on the Material Composition of the Universe [the Aristotelian Four Elements, etc.]. Ming. +1633.

Kao I-Chih (Alfonso Vagnoni) 高一志. Bernard-Maître (18), no. 227.

Khung shih Tsa Shuo 孔氏雜說. Mr Khung's Miscellany.

Sung. c. + 1082.

Khung Phing-Chung 孔平仲.

Ko Chih Ching Yuan 格致鏡原.

Mirror of Scientific and Technological Origins.

Chhing, +1735.

Chhen Yuan-Lung 陳元 龍.

Ko Chih Tshao 格勒 草.

Scientific Sketches [astronomy and cosmology; part of *Han Yü Thung*, q.v.]. Ming, +1620, pr. +1648.

Hsiung Ming-Yü 能明调.

Ko Hsien Ong Chou Hou Pei Chi Fang 葛仙翁 財後傭急方.

The Elder-Immortal Ko (Hung's) Handbook of Medicines for Emergencies.

Alt. title of Chou Hou Pei Chi Fang (q.v.),

TT/1287.

Ko Hung Chen Chung Shu 葛洪枕中書. Alt. title of Chen Chung Chi (q.v.).

Ko Ku Yao Lun 格古要論.

Handbook of Archaeology, Art and Antiquarianism.

Ming, +1387, enlarged and reissued +1459. Tshao Chao 曹昭.

Ko Wu Tshu Than 格助優談.

Simple Discourses on the Investigation of Things.

Sung, c. +980.

Attrib. wrongly to Su Tung-Pho 蘇東坡. Actual writer (Lu) Tsan-Ning (鉄)實寧 (Tung-Pho hsien-sêng). With later additions, some concerning Su Tung-Pho.

Konjaku Monogatari 今昔物語.

Tales of Today and Long Ago (in three collections: Indian, 187 stories and traditions, Chinese, 180, and Japanese, 736).

Japan (Heian), +1107. Compilers unknown.

Cf. Anon. (103), pp. 97 ff.

Konjaku Monogatarishū 今昔物語集.

See Konjaku Monogatari.

Ku Chin I Thung (Ta Chhiian) 古今醫統(大全). Complete System of Medical Practice, New and Old.

Ming, +1556.

Hsü Chhun-Fu 徐春甫.

Ku Thung Thu Lu 鼓銅 關錄.

Illustrated Account of the (Mining), Smelting and Refining of Copper (and other Non-Ferrous Metals).

See Masuda Tsuna (1).

Ku Wei Shu 古微書.

Old Mysterious Books [a collection of the apocryphal Chhan-Wei treatises].
Date uncertain, in part C/Han.
Ed. Sun Chio 孫愛 (Ming).

Ku Wên Lung Hu Ching Chu Su 古文龍虎經 註疏 and Ku Wên Lung Hu Shang Ching Chu 古文龍虎上經註.

See Lung Hu Shang Ching Chu.

Ku Wên Tshan Thung Chhi Chi Chieh 古文參 同契集解.

See Ku Wên Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chu. Ku Wên Tshan Thung Chhi Chien Chu Chi Chieh 古文叁同契箋計集解.

See Ku Wên Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chu Ku Wên Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chu 古文

周易參同契註. Commentary on the Ancient Script Version of the Kinship of the Three.

Chhing, +1732.

Ed. and comm. Yuan Jen-Lin 袁仁林. See Vol. 5, pt. 3.

Ku Wên Tshan Thung Chhi San Hsiang Lei Chi Chieh 古文參同契三相類集解.

See Ku Wên Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chu.

Kuan Khuei Pien 管窺編.

An Optick Glass (for the Enchymoma). See Min I-Tê (1).

Kuan Yin Tzu 關尹子。

[= Wên Shih Chen Ching.] The Book of Master Kuan Yin.

Thang, +742 (may be Later Thang or Wu Tai). A work with this title existed in the Han, but the text is lost.

Prob. Thien Thung-Hsiu 田同秀.

Kuang Chhêng Chi 廣成集.

The Kuang-chhêng Collection [Taoist writings of every kind; a florilegium].

Thang, late +9th; or early Wu Tai, before +933.

Tu Kuang-Thing 杜光庭. TT/611.

Kuang Wei Ta Fa 騰爲大法.

See I Yin Thang I Chung Ching Kuang Wei Ta Fa.

Kuang Ya 廣雅.

Enlargement of the Erh Ya; Literary Expositor [dictionary].

San Kuo (Wei) +230,

Chang I 張揖.

Kuang Yün 廣韻.

Enlargement of the Chhieh Yün; Dictionary of the Sounds of Characters.

Sung.

(A completion by later Thang and Sung scholars, given its present name in +1011.)

Lu Fa-Yen et al. 陸法言.

Kuei Chung Chih Nan 規申指南.

A Compass for the Internal Compasses; or, Orientations concerning the Rules and Measures of the Inner (World) [i.e. the preparation of the enchymoma in the microcosm of man's body].

Sung or Yuan, +13th or +14th. Chhen Chhung-Su 陳沖素 (Hsü Pai Tzu 雌白子).

TT/240, and in TTCY (shang mao chi, 5).

Kungyang Chuan 公羊傳.

Master Kungyang's Tradition (or Commentary) on the Spring and Autumn Annals.

Chou (with Chhin and Han additions), late -3rd and early -2nd centuries.

Attrib. Kungyang Kao 公羊高 but more probably Kungyang Shou 公羊壽. See Wu Khang (1); van der Loon (1).

Kuo Shih Pu 國史補.

Emendations to the National Histories. Thang, c. +820.

Li Chao 李肇.

Kuo Yü 國語.

Discourses of the (ancient feudal) States.

Late Chou, Chhin and C/Han, containing
much material from ancient written
records.

Writers unknown.

Lao Hsüeh An Pi Chi 老學庵筆記.

Notes from the Hall of Learned Old Age.
Sung, c. +1190.
Lu Yu 陸游.

Lao Tzu Chung Ching 老子中經.

The Median Canon of Lao Tzu [on physiological micro-cosmography].

Writer unknown.

Pre-Thang.

In YCCC, ch. 18.

Lao Tzu Shuo Wu Chhu Ching 老子設五厨經. Canon of the Five Kitchens [the five viscera] Revealed by Lao Tzu [respiratory techniques].

Thang or pre-Thang.

Writer unknown.

In YCCC, ch. 61, pp. 5b ff.

Lei Chen Chin Tan 雷震金丹. Lei Chen's Book of the Metallous Encyh-

Ming, after + 1420.

Lei Chen (ps. ?) 雷震.

In Wai Chin Tan, ch. 5 (CTPS, pên 10).

Lei Chen Tan Ching 習慣丹經.

Alternative title of Lei Chen Chin Tan (q.v.).

Lei Chêng Phu Chi Pên Shih Fang 類證普濟本 事方.

Classified Fundamental Prescriptions of Universal Benefit,

Sung, +1253.

Attrib. Hsü Shu-Wei 許叔微 (fl. +1132)

Lei Ching Fu I 類經附翼.

Supplement to the Classics Classified; (the Institutes of Medicine).

Ming, +1624.

Chang Chieh-Pin 張介智.

Lei Kung Phao Chih 雷公炮製.

(Handbook based on the )Venerable Master Lei's (Treatise on) the Preparation (of Drugs).

L/Sung, c. +470.

Lei Kung Phao Chi (cont.)

Lei Hsiao 雷殿.

Ed. Chang Kuang-Tou 强光斗 (Chhing),

Lei Kung Phao Chih Lun 雷公炮炙論.

The Venerable Master Lei's Treatise on the Decoction and Preparation (of Drugs).

L/Sung, c. +470. Lei Hsiao 雷毅.

Preserved only in quotations in Chêng Lei Pên Tshao and elsewhere, and reconstituted by Chang Chi 張麗.

LPC, p. 116.

Lei Kung Phao Chih Yao Hsing (Fu) Chieh 雷 公 炮 製 遷 性 (賦) 解。

(Essays and) Studies on the Venerable Master Lei's (Treatise on) the Natures of Drugs and their Preparation,

First four chapters J/Chin, c. +1220.

Li Kao 李杲.

Last six chapters Chhing, c. 1650.

Li Chung-Tzu 李中梓.

(Contains many quotations from earlier Lei Kung books, +5th century onwards.)

Lei Kung Yao Tui 雷公葉對.

Answers of the Venerable Master Lei (to Questions) concerning Drugs.

Perhaps L/Sung, at any rate before N/Chhi.

Attrib. Lei Hsiao 雷歇. Later attrib. a legendary minister of Huang

Ti, Comm. by Hsü Chih-Tshai 徐之才, N/Chhi +565.

Now extant only in quotations.

Lei Shuo 類說.

A Classified Commonplace-Book [a great florilegium of excerpts from Sung and pre-Sung books, many of which are otherwise lost].

Sung, +1136.

Ed. Tsêng Tshao 曾體.

Li Chi 禮 記.

[= Hsiao Tai Li Chi.]

Record of Rites [compiled by Tai the Younger].

(Cf. Ta Tai Li Chi.)

Ascr. C/Han, c. -70/-50, but really H/Han, between +80 and +105, though the earliest pieces included may date from the time of the Analects (c. -465 to -450).

Attrib. ed. Tai Sheng 戴聖. Actual ed. Tshao Pao 曹褒.

Trs. Legge (7); Couvreur (3); R. Wilhelm

Yin-Tê Index, no. 27.

Li Hai Chi 盏海集

The Beetle and the Sea [title taken from the proverb that the beetle's eye view cannot encompass the wide sea—a biological book].

Ming, late +14th century.

Wang Khuei 王逵.

Li Sao 離曆.

Elegy on Encountering Sorrow [ode].
Chou (Chhu), c. -295, perhaps just before
-300. Some scholars place it as late as
-260.

Chhu Yuan 屈原!

Tr. Hawkes (1).

Li Shih Chen Hsien Thi Tao Thung Chien 歷世 眞仙體道通鑑。

Comprehensive Mirror of the Embodiment of the Tao by Adepts and Immortals throughout History.

Prob. Yuan.

Chao Tao-I 趙道一.

TT/293.

Li Tai Ming I Mêng Chhiu 歷代名醫囊求. Brief Lives of the Famous Physicians in All Ages.

Sung, +1040.

Chou Shou-Chung 周守忠.

(Li Tai) Shen Hsien (Thung) Chien (歷代) 神仙 (通) 鑑。

(Cf. Shen Hsien Thung Chien.)

General Survey of the Lives of the Holy Immortals (in all Ages).

Chhing, +1712.

Hsū Tao 徐道 (assisted by Li Li 李理) & Chhêng Yū-Chhi 程毓奇 (assisted by Wang Thai-Su 王太素).

Li Wei Tou Wei I 體緯斗威儀.

Apocryphal Treatise on the Record of Rites; System of the Majesty of the Ladle [the Great Bear].

C/Han, - 1st or later.

Writer unknown.

Li Wên-Jao Chi 李文饒集.

Collected Literary Works of Li Tê-Yü (Wên-Jao), (+787 to +849).

Thang, c. +855.

Li Te-Yü 李德裕.

Liang Chhiu Tzu (Nei or Wai) 梁丘子。 See Huang Thing Nei Ching (Yü) Ching Chu

and Huang Thing Wai Ching (Yü) Ching Chu.

Liang Ssu Kung Chi 梁四公記. Tales of the Four Lords of Liang.

Thang, c. +695.

Liao Yang Tien Wên Ta Pien 寥陽殿間答編。 [= Yin Chen Jen Liao Yang Tien Wên Ta Pien.]

Questions and Answers in the (Eastern Cloister of the) Liao-yang Hall (of the White Clouds Temple at Chhingchhêng Shan in Szechuan) [on physiological alchemy, nei tan].

Ming or Chhing.

Attrib. Yin Chen Jen 尹眞人 (Phêng-Thou 蓬頭).

Ed. Min I-Te 閱一得, c. 1830.

In Tao Tsang Hsii Pien (Chhu chi), 3, from a MS, preserved at the Blue Goat Temple 青羊宮 (Chhêngtu). Lieh Hsien Chhüan Chuan 列仙 全傳.
Complete Collection of the Biographies of
the Immortals,
Ming, c. +1580.

Wang Shih-Chên 王世貞.

Collated and corrected by Wang Yün-Phêng 汪雲鷗.

Lieh Hsien Chuan 列仙 傳.

Lives of Famous Immortals (cf. Shen Hsien Chuan).

Chin, +3rd or +4th century, though certain parts date from about -35 and shortly after +167.

Attrib. Liu Hsiang 劉向. Tr. Kaltenmark (2).

Lin Chiang Hsien 區江仙.

The Immortal of Lin-chiang.

Sung, +1151.

Tsêng Tshao 曾體.

In Hsiu Chen Shih Shu (TT/260), ch. 23, pp. 1 a ff.

Ling-Pao Chiu Yu Chhang Yeh Chhi Shih Tu Wang Hsüan Chang 靈寶九幽長夜起 尸度亡玄章·

Mysterious Cantrap for the Resurrection of the Body and Salvation from Nothingness during the Long Night in the Nine Underworlds; a Ling-Pao Scripture.

Date uncertain.

Writer unknown.

TT/605.

Ling-Pao Chung Chen Tan Chüeh 鹽資梁實丹

Supplementary Elixir Instructions of the Company of the Realised Immortals, a Ling-Pao Scripture.

Sung, after +1101.

Writer unknown.

TT/416.

On the term Ling-Pao see Kaltenmark
(4).

Ling-Pao Wu Fu (Hsii) 靈寶玉符(序). See Thai-Shang Ling-Pao Wu Fu (Ching).

Ling-Pao Wu Liang Tu Jen Shang Phin Miao Ching 靈寶無量度人上品妙

Wonderful Immeasurable Highly Exalted Manual of Salvation; a Ling-Pao Scripture. Liu Chhao, perhaps late +5th, probably finalised in Thang, +7th.

Writers unknown.

TT/I.

Ling Pi Tan Yao Chien 靈祕丹葉牋.

On Numinous and Secret Elixirs and Medicines [the seventh part (chs. 16–18) of Tsun Shêng Pa Chien, q.v.).

Ming, +1591. Kao Lien 高源.

Ling Piao Lu I 嶺表錄異.

Strange Things Noted in the South.

Thang, c. +890. Liu Hsün 劉恂. Ling Sha Ta Tan Pi Chileh 靈砂大丹祕訣. Secret Doctrine of the Numinous Cinnabar and the Great Elixir.

Sung, after +1101, when the text was received by Chang Shih-Chung 银侍中.

Writer unknown, but edited by a Chhan abbot Kuei-Yen Chhan-shih 鬼眼 鳜 師.

TT/890.

Ling Shu Ching

See Huang Ti Nei Ching, Ling Shu.

Sung, +1178.

Chou Chhu-Fei 周去非.

Liu Shu Ching Yün 大書精蘊. Collected Essentials of the Six Scripts. Ming, c. +1530. Wei Hsiao 魏校.

Wei Fisiao 級 校. Liu Tzu Hsin Lun 劉子新論.

See Hsin Lun. Lo-Fou Shan Chih 羅浮山志.

History and Topography of the Lo-fou Mountains (north of Canton). Chhing, +1716 (but based on older histories).

Thao Ching-I 陶敬益.

Lu Hsing Ching 顛顛經.

A Tractate on the Fontanelles of the Skull [anatomical-medical].

Late Thang or early Sung, +9th or +10th.

Writer unknown.

Lu Huo Chien Chieh Lu '煙火監戒鉄.
Warnings against Inadvisable Practices in
the Work of the Stove [alchemical].
Sung, c. +1285.

Yü Yen 俞琰.

Lu Huo Pên Tshao 爐火本草.

Spagyrical Natural History.

Possible alternative title of Wai Tan Pên

Tshao (q.v.).

Lü Tsu Chhin Yuan Chhun 呂祖沁園春.
The (Taoist) Patriarch Lü (Yen's) 'Spring
in the Prince's Gardens' [a brief epigrammatic text on physiological alchemy]
Thang, +8th (if genuine).

Attrib. Lü Yen 呂西.

TT/133.

Comm. by Fu Chin-Chhüan 傅金銓 (c. 1822).

In Tao Hai Chin Liang, p. 45a, and appended to Shih Chin Shih (Wu Chen Ssu Chu Phien ed.).

Principles (of Macrobiotics) Transmitted and Handed Down by the (Taoist) Patriarch Lü (Yen, Tung-Pin).

Orig. title of Chin Hua Tsung Chih (q.v.).

Lü Tsu Shih Hsien-Thien Hsü Wu Thai-I Chin Hua Tsung Chih 吕祖師先天虛無太一 金華宗旨.

Principles of the (Inner) Radiance of the Metallous (Enchymoma) (explained in terms of the) Undifferentiated Universe, and of all the All-Embracing Potentiality of the Endowment of Primary Vitality, taught by the (Taoist) Patriarch Lü (Yen, Tung-Pin).

Alternative name for Chin Hua Tsung Chih (q.v.), but with considerable textual divergences, especially in ch. 1.

Ming and Chhing. Writers unknown.

Attrib. Lü Yen 呂岳 (Lü Tung-Pin) and his school, late +8th.

Ed. and comm. Chiang Yuan-Thing 蔣元庭 and Min I-Te 閔一得, c. 1830. In TTCY and in Tao Tsang Hsü Pien (Chhu chi), 1.

Lü Tsu Shih San Ni I Shih Shuo Shu 邑祖師 三尼醫世說述.

A Record of the Lecture by the (Taoist)
Patriarch Lü (Yen, Tung-Pin) on the
Healing of Humanity by the Three Ni
Doctrines (Taoism, Confucianism and
Buddhism) [physiological alchemy in
mutationist terms].

Chhing, +1664.
Attrib, Lü Yen 呂岳 (+8th cent.).
Pref. by Thao Thai-Ting 陶太定.
Followed by an appendix by Min I-Tê

In Tao Tsang Hsü Pien (Chhu chi), 10, 11.

Lun Héng 論衡.
Discourses Weighed in the Balance.
H/Han, +82 or +83.

Wang Chhung 王充。 Tr. Forke (4); cf. Leslie (3).

Chung-Fa Index, no. 1.

Lung Hu Chhien Hung Shuo 髓虎鉛汞設. A Discourse on the Dragon and Tiger, (Physiological) Lead and Mercury, (addressed to his younger brother Su

Tzu-Yu). Sung, c. + 1100.

Su Tung-Pho 蘇東坡.

In TSCC, Shen i tien, ch. 300, i wên, pp. 6b ff.

Lung Hu Huan Tan Chüeh 髓虎還丹獸. Explanation of the Dragon-and-Tiger Cyclically Transformed Elixir.

Wu Tai, Sung, or later. Chin Ling Tzu 金陵子. TT/902.

Lung Hu Huan Tan Chüch Sung 龍虎還丹訣

A Eulogy of the Instructions for (preparing) the Regenerative Enchymoma of the Dragon and the Tiger (Yang and Yin), [physiological alchemy]. Sung, c. +985. Lin Ta-Ku 林大古 (Ku Shen Tzu 谷神子). TT/1068.

Lung Hu Shang Ching Chu 龍虎上經註. Commentary on the Exalted Dragon-and-Tiger Manual.

Sung.

Wang Tao 王道.

TT/988, 989.

Cf. Davis & Chao Yün-Tshung (6). Lung Hu Ta Tan Shih 龍虎大丹詩. Song of the Great Dragon-and-Tiger Enchymoma.

See Chih Chen Tzu Lung Hu Ta Tan Shih,

Lung-Shu Phu-Sa Chuan 龍樹菩薩傳.
Biography of the Bodhisattva Nāgārjuna
(+2nd-century Buddhist patriarch).
Prob. Sui or Thang.
Writer unknown.
TW/2047.

Man-Anpō 萬安方.

A Myriad Healing Prescriptions.

Japan, +1315.

Kajiwara Shozen 提原性全.

Manyōshū 萬葉集.

Anthology of a Myriad Leaves.

Japan (Nara), +759.

Ed. Tachibana no Moroe 橋 諸兄. or Ōtomo no Yakamochi 大伴家持.

Cf. Anon. (103), pp. 14 ff.

Mao Shan Hsien Chế Fu Na Chhi Chüeh 茅山 賢者服內氣訣.

Oral Instructions of the Adepts of Mao Shan for Absorbing the Chhi [Taoist breathing exercises for longevity and immortality].

Thang or Sung.

Writer unknown.

In YCCC, ch. 58, pp. 3b ff.

Cf. Maspero (7), p. 205.

Mao Thing Kho Hua 茅亭客話.

Discourses with Guests in the Thatched
Pavilion.

Sung, before +1136.

Huang Hsiu-Fu 黄休復.

Mei-Chhi Shih Chu 梅溪詩注.

(Wang) Mei-Chhi's Commentaries on Poetry.

Short title for Tung-Pho Shih Chi Chu (q.v.).

Mêng Chhi Pi Than 夢溪筆談.

Dream Pool Essays.

Sung, +1086; last supplement dated +1091.

Shen Kua 沈括.

Ed. Hu Tao-Ching (1); cf. Holzman (1).

Miao Chieh Lu 妙解跳.

See Yen Mên Kung Miao Chieh Lu.

Miao Fa Lien Hua Ching 妙 铁蓮花經. Sūtra on the Lotus of the Wonderful Law Miao Fa Lien Hua Ching (cont.)

Tr. Chin, betw. +397 and +400 by Kumārajīva (Chiu-Mo-Lo-Shih 地魔羅什). N/134; TW/262.

Ming I Pieh Lu 名醫別錄.

Informal (or Additional) Records of Famous Physicians (on Materia Medica). Ascr. Liang, c. +510.

Attrib. Thao Hung-Ching 陶弘景.

Now extant only in quotations in the pharmaceutical natural histories, and a reconstitution by Huang Yü (1).

This work was a disentanglement, made by other hands between +523 and +618 or +656, of the contributions of Li Tang-Chih (c. +225) and Wu Phu (c. +235) and the commentaries of Thao Hung-Ching (+492) from the text of the Shen Nung Pên Tshao Ching itself. In other words it was the non-Pen-Ching part of the Pen Tshao Ching Chi Chu (q.v.). It may or may not have included some or all of Thao Hung-Ching's commentaries.

Ming Shih 明史. History of the Ming Dynasty [+1368 to

+1643].

Chhing, begun + 1646, completed + 1736, first pr. + 1739.

Chang Thing-Yü 張廷玉 et al.

Ming Thang Hsüan Chen Ching Chüch 宣經訣.

Shang-Chhing Ming Thang Hsüan Chen Ching Chüeh.]

Explanation of the Manual of (Recovering the) Mysterious Primary (Vitalities of the) Cosmic Temple (i.e. the Human Body) [respiration and heliotherapy].

S/Chhi or Liang, late +5th or early +6th (but much altered).

Attrib. to the Mother Goddess of the West, Hsi Wang Mu 西王母.

Writer unknown.

TT/421.

Cf. Maspero (7), p. 376.

Ming Thang Yuan Chen Ching Chüeh 明堂元 眞經訣.

See Ming Thang Hsüan Chen Ching Chüeh.

Ming Thung Chi 冥通記. Record of Communication with the Hidden Ones (the Perfected Immortals).

Liang, +516.

Chou Tzu-Liang 周子良. Ed. Thao Hung-Ching 陶弘景.

Mo Chuang Man Lu 墨莊漫錄.

Recollections from the Estate of Literary Learning.

Sung, c. +1131.

Chang Pang-Chi 張邦基.

Mo O Hsiao Lu 墨娥小鳈.

A Secretary's Commonplace-Book [popular encyclopaedia].

Yuan or Ming, +14th, pr. +1571. Compiler unknown.

Mo Tzu (incl. Mo Ching) 墨子. The Book of Master Mo. Chou, -4th century. Mo Ti (and disciples) 愚蠢.

Tr. Mei Yi-Pao (1); Forke (3). Yin-Tê Index, no. (suppl.) 21. TT/1162.

Montoku-Jitsuroku 文德實錄.

Veritable Records of the Reign of the Emperor Montoku [from +851 to +858].

Japan (Heian) +879.

Fujiwara Mototsune 藤原基經.

Nan Fan Hsiang Lu 南蕃香餘.

Catalogue of the Incense of the Southern Barbarians.

See Hsiang Lu.

Nan Hai Yao Phu 南海獎譜.

A Treatise on the Materia Medica of the South Seas (Indo-China, Malayo-Indonesia, the East Indies, etc.). Alternative title of Hai Yao Pên Tshao,

q.v. (according to Li Shih-Chen).

Nan Tshun Cho Kéng Lu 南村輟耕餘. See Cho Kêng Lu.

Nan Yo Ssu Ta Chhan-Shih Li Shih Yuan Wên 南嶽思大禪師立書願文.

Text of the Vows (of Aranyaka Austerities) taken by the Great Chhan Master (Hui-) Ssu of the Southern Sacred Mountain.

Chhen, c. + 565.

Hui-Ssu 懸思.

TW/1933, N/1576. Nei Chin Tan 內金丹.

[=Nei Tan Pi Chih or Thien Hsien Chih Lun Chhang Shêng Tu Shih Nei Lien Chin Tan Fa.]

The Metallous Enchymoma Within (the Body), [physiological alchemy].

Ming, +1622, part dated +1615.

Perhaps Chhen Ni-Wan 陳泥丸 (Mr Ni-Wan, Chhen), or Wu Chhung-Hsü 伍冲虚.

Contains a system of symbols included in the text.

CTPS, pên 12.

Nei Ching.

See Huang Ti Nei Ching, Su Wên and Huang Ti Nei Ching, Ling Shu.

Nei Ching Su Wên.

See Huang Ti Nei Ching, Su Wên,

Nei Kung Thu Shuo 內功圖說.

See Wang Tsu-Yuan (1). Nei Tan Chüeh Fa 內丹訣法.

See Huan Tan Nei Hsiang Chin Yo Shih.

Nei Tan Fu 內丹賦.

[= Thao Chen Jen Nai Tan Fu.]

Rhapsodical Ode on the Physiological Enchymoma.

Nei Tan Fu (cont.)

Sung. +13th.

Thao Chih 陶楠.

With commentary by an unknown writer. TT/256.

Cf. Chin Tan Fu, the text of which is very similar.

Nei Tan Pi Chih 內丹秘指.

Confidential Directions on the Enchymoma. Alternative title for Nei Chin Tan (q.v.).

Nei Wai Erh Ching Thu 內外二景圖.

Illustrations of Internal and Superficial Anatomy.

Sung, +1118.

Chu Hung 朱肱.

Original text lost, and replaced later: drawings taken from Yang Chieh's Tshun Chen Huan Chung Thu.

Nêng Kai Chai Man Lu 能改發漫錄.

Miscellaneous Records of the Ability-to-Improve-Oneself Studio.

Sung, mid + 12th century.

Wu Tsheng 吳曾.

Ni-Wan Li Tsu Shih Nii Tsung Shuang Hsiu Pao Fa 泥丸李祖師女宗變修寶筏. See Nü Tsung Shuang Hsiu Pao Fa.

Nihon-Koki 日本後記.

Chronicles of Japan, further continued [from +792 to +833].

Japan (Heian), +840.

Fujiwara Otsugu 藤原緒關.

Nihon-Koku Ganzai-sho Mokuroku 日本國 見在書目錄.

Bibliography of Extant Books in Japan.

Japan (Heian), c. +895.

Fujiwara no Sukeyo 藤原佐世. Cf. Yoshida Mitsukuni (6), p. 196.

Nihon Sankai Meibutsu Zue 日本山海各物

圖 亦. Illustrations of Japanese Processes and Manufactures (lit., of the Famous Products of Japan).

Japan (Tokugawa), Osaka, +1754.

Hirase Tessai 平潮微獅.

Ills. by Hasegawa Mitsunobu 長谷川光 & Chigusa Shinemon 千種屋新右衛

Facsim, repr. with introd, notes, Meicho Kankokai, Tokyo, 1969.

Nihon-shoki 日本書記. See Nihongi.

Nihon Ryo-iki 日本靈異記.

Record of Strange and Mysterious Things in

Japan (Heian), +823.

Writer unknown.

Nihongi 日本記.

[= Nihon-shoki.]

Chronicles of Japan [from the earliest times to +696].

Japan (Nara), +720.

Toneri-shinnō (prince), 舍人親王,

Ono Yasumaro, 大安萬呂, Ki no Kivobito et al.

Tr. Aston (1).

Cf. Anon. (103), pp. 1 ff.

Nihongi Ryaku 日本記畧.

Classified Matters from the Chronicles of Yapan.

Japan. Nittō-Guhō Junrei Gyōki 入唐求法巡禮行記

Record of a Pilgrimage to China in Search of the (Buddhist) Law.

Thang, +838 to +847. Ennin 回仁.

Tr. Reischauer (2).

Nü Kung Chih Nan 女功指南.

A Direction-Finder for (Inner) Achievement by Women (Taoists).

[Physiological alchemy, nei tan gymnastic techniques, etc.]

See Nil Tsung Shuang Hsiu Pao Fa.

Nü Tsung Shuang Hsiu Pao Fa 女宗變修實筏. [=Ni-Wan Li Tsu Shih Nii Tsung Shuang Hsiu Pao Fa, or Nü Kung-Chih Nan.]

A Precious Raft (of Salvation) for Women (Taoists) Practising the Double Regeneration (of the primary vitalities, for their nature and their life-span, hsing ming), [physiological alchemy].

Chhing, c. + 1795.

Ni-Wan shih 泥丸氏, Li Ong (late +16th), 李拳, Mr Ni-Wan, the Taoist Patriarch

Written down by Thai-Hsü Ong 太雌翁, Shen I-Ping 冰. - 妖, Ta-Shih (Taoist abbot), c. 1820.

In Tao Tsang Hsü Pien (Chhu chi), 20. Cf. Tao Hai Chin Liang, p. 34a, Shih Chin Shih, p. 12a.

Pai hsien-sêng Chin Tan Huo Hou Thu 白先生 金丹火候圖.

Master Pai's Illustrated Tractate on the 'Fire-Times' of the Metallous Enchymoma.

Sung. c. +1210.

Pai Yü-Chhan 白玉蟾.

In Hsiu Chen Shih Shu (TT/260), ch. 1.

Pao Phu Tzu 抱樸 (or 朴)子.

Book of the Preservation-of-Solidarity Master.

Chin, early +4th century, probably c. +320. Ko Hung 葛洪.

Partial trs. Feifel (1, 2); Wu & Davis (2) Full tr. Ware (5), Nei Phien chs. only. TT/1171-1173.

Pao Phu Tzu Shen Hsien Chin Shuo Ching 抱朴子神仙金为經.

The Preservation-of-Solidarity Master's Manual of the Bubbling Gold (Potion) of the Holy Immortals.

Ascr. Chin c. +320. Perhaps pre-Thang, more probably Thang.

Pao Phu Tzu Shen Hsien Chin Shuo Ching (cont.) Attrib. Ko Hung 萬洪. TT/910. Cf. Ho Ping-Yü (11). Pao Phu Tzu Yang Shêng Lun 抱朴子耋 生論. The Preservation-of-Solidarity Master's Essay on Hygiene. Ascr. Chin c. + 320. Attrib. Ko Hung 蔥洪. TT/835. Pao Shéng Hsin Chien 保生心鑑. Mental Mirror of the Preservation of Life Igymnastics and other longevity techniques]. Ming, +1506. Thieh Fêng chü-shih 鐵峰居士 (The Recluse of Iron Mountain, ps.). Ed. c. +1596 by Hu Wên-Huan 胡文煥. Pao Shou Thang Ching Yen Fang 保籌堂經 驗方. Tried and Tested Prescriptions of the Protection-of-Longevity Hall (a surgery or pharmacy). Ming, c. +1450, Liu Sung-shih 劉松石. Pao Tsang Lun 實驗論. [=Hsien-Yuan Pao Tsang Chhang Wei Lun.] (The Yellow Emperor's) Discourse on the (Contents of the) Precious Treasury (of the Earth), [mineralogy and metallurgy]. Perhaps in part Thang or pre-Thang; completed in Wu Tai (S/Han), Tsêng Yuan-Jung (1) notes Chhao Kung-Wu's dating of it at + 918 in his Chhun Chai Tu Shu Chih. Chang Tzu-Kao (2), p. 118, also considers it mainly a Wu Tai work. Attrib. Chhing Hsia Tzu 青霞子. If Su Yuan-Ming 蘇元明 and not another writer of the same pseudonym, the earliest parts may have been of the Chin time (+3rd or +4th); cf Yang Lieh-Yü (1). Now only extant in quotations. Cf. Lo-fou Shan Chih, ch. 4, p. 13a. Pao Yen Thang Pi Chi 賓顫堂祕笈. Private Collection of the Pao-Yen Library. Ming, six collections printed between +1606 and +1620. Ed. Chhen Chi-Ju 陳繼儒 Pei Lu Fêng Su 北處風俗. [= I Su Chi.] Customs of the Northern Barbarians (i.e. the Mongols). Ming, +1594. Hsiao Ta-Heng 蕭大亨. Pei Mêng So Yen 北 學 瑣言. Fragmentary Notes Indited North of

(Lake) Mêng.

Wu Tai (S/Phing), c. +950. Sun Kuang-Hsien 孫光慧.

See des Rotours (4), p. 38.

Pei Shan Chiu Ching 北山酒經. Northern Mountain Wine Manual. Sung, +1117. Chu Hung 朱肱. Pei Shih 北史. History of the Northern Dynasties [Nan Pei Chhao period, +386 to +581]. Thang, c. +670. Li Yen-Shou 李延壽. For translations of passages see the index of Frankel (1). Pên Ching Fêng Yuan 本經逢原. (Additions to Natural History) aiming at the Original Perfection of the Classical Pharmacopoeia (of the Heavenly Husbandman). Chhing, +1695, pr. +1705. Chang Lu 張聯. LPC, no. 93. Pên Tshao Chhiu Chen 本草求眞. Truth Searched out in Pharmaceutical Natural History. Chhing, +1773. Huang Kung-Hsiu 黃宮鸛. Pên Tshao Ching Chi Chu 本草經集注. Collected Commentaries on the Classical Pharmacopoeia (of the Heavenly Husbandman). S/Chhi, +492. Thao Hung-Ching 陶弘景. Now extant only in fragmentary form as a Tunhuang or Turfan MS., apart from the many quotations in the pharmaceutical natural histories, under Thao Hung-Ching's name. Pên Tshao Hui 本草滙. Needles from the Haystack; Selected Essentials of Materia Medica. Chhing, +1666, pr. +1668. Kuo Phei-Lan 郭佩翮. LPC, no. 84. Cf. Swingle (4). Pên Tshao Hui Chien 本草童箋. Classified Notes on Pharmaceutical Natural Chhing, begun + 1660, pr. + 1666. Ku Yuan-Chiao 顧元交. LPC, no. 83. Cf. Swingle (8). Pên Tshao Kang Mu 本草綱目. The Great Pharmacopoeia; or, The Pandects of Natural History (Mineralogy, Metallurgy, Botany, Zoology etc.), Arrayed in their Headings and Subheadings. Ming, +1596. Li Shih-Chen 李時珍. Paraphrased and abridged tr. Read & collaborators (2-7) and Read & Pak (1) with indexes. Tabulation of plants in Read (1) (with Liu Ju-Chhiang). Cf. Swingle (7).

Pên Tshao Kang Mu Shih I 本草綱目拾遺. Supplementary Amplifications for the Pandects of Natural History (of Li Shih-

Chhing, begun c. + 1760, first prefaced +1765, prolegomena added +1780, last date in text 1803.

Chhing, first pr. 1871. Chao Hsüeh-Min 趙學敏.

LPC, no. 101. Cf. Swingle (11).

Pên Tshao Mêng Chhüan 本草蒙筌. Enlightenment on Pharmaceutical Natural History.

Ming, +1565.

Chhen Chia-Mo 陳嘉謨.

Pên Tshao Pei Yao 本草備要. Practical Aspects of Materia Medica. Chhing, c. + 1690, second ed. + 1694.

Wang Ang 注昴. LPC, no. 90; ICK, pp. 215 ff.

Cf. Swingle (4).

Pên Tshao Phin Hui Ching Yao 本草品彙精要. Essentials of the Pharmacopoeia Ranked according to Nature and Efficacity (Imperially Commissioned).

Ming, +1505.

Liu Wên-Thai 劉文泰, Wang Phan 王郎 & Kao Thing-Ho 高廷和.

Pên Tshao Shih I 木草拾潰.

A Supplement for the Pharmaceutical Natural Histories.

Thang, c. + 725.

Chhen Tshang-Chhi 陳嚴器.

Now extant only in numerous quotations.

Pên Tshao Shu 本草述. Explanations of Materia Medica. Chhing, before +1665, first pr. +1700. Liu Jo-Chin 劉若金. LPC, no. 79. Cf. Swingle (6).

Pên Tshao Shu Kou Yuan 本草述鉤元. Essentials Extracted from the Explanations of Materia Medica.

See Yang Shih-Thai (1).

Pên Tshao Thu Ching 本草圖經. Illustrated Pharmacopoeia; or, Illustrated Treatise of Pharmaceutical Natural History.

Sung, + 1061.

Su Sung 蘇頭 et al.

Now preserved only in numerous quotations in the later pandects of pharmaceutical natural history.

Pên Tshao Thung Hsüan 本草通玄. The Mysteries of Materia Medica Unveiled.

Chhing, begun before + 1655, pr. just before + 1667.

Li Chung-Tzu 李中梓.

LPC, no. 75. Cf. Swingle (4). Pên Tshao Tshung Hsin 本草從新.

New Additions to Pharmaceutical Natural History.

Chhing, +1757.

Wu I-Lo 吳儀洛.

LPC, no. 99.

Pên Tshao Yao Hsing 本草藥性.

The Natures of the Vegetable and Other Drugs in the Pharmaceutical Treatises.

Thang, c. +620.

Chen Li-Yen 甄立言 & (perhaps) Chen Chhuan 甄欄.

Now extant only in quotations.

Pên Tshao Yen I 本草衍義.

Dilations upon Pharmaceutical Natural History.

Sung, pref. +1116, pr. +1119, repr. +1185, +1195.

Khou Tsung-Shih 遠宗奭.

See also Thu Ching Yen I Pên Tshao (TT/761).

Pên Tshao Yen I Pu I 本草衍萎補潰.

Revision and Amplification of the Dilations upon Pharmaceutical Natural History.

Yuan, c. +1330.

Chu Chen-Hêng 朱震亨.

LPC, no. 47.

Cf. Swingle (12),

Pên Tshao Yuan Shih 本草原始.

Objective Natural History of Materia Medica; a True-to-Life Study.

Chhing, begun +1578, pr. +1612.

Li Chung-Li 李中立. LPC, no. 60.

Phan Shan Yü Lu 總山語錄.

Record of Discussions at Phan Mountain [dialogues of pronouncedly medical character on physiological alchemy].

Sung, prob. early +13th.

Writer unknown.

In Hsiu Chen Shih Shu (TT/260), ch. 53.

Phêng-Lai Shan Hsi Tsao Huan Tan Ko 蓬萊 山西髓還丹歌.

Mnemonic Rhymes of the Cyclically Transformed Elixir from the Western Furnace on Phêng-lai Island.

Ascr. c. - 98. Probably Thang.

Huang Hsüan-Chung 黃玄鍾. TT/909.

Phêng Tsu Ching 彭祖經.

Manual of Phêng Tsu [Taoist sexual techniques and their natural philosophy].

Late Chou or C/Han, -4th to -1st. Attrib. Phêng Tsu 彭祖.

Only extant as fragments in CSHK (Shang Ku Sect.), ch. 16, pp. 5b ff.

Phu Chi Fang 普濟方.

Practical Prescriptions for Everyman.

Ming, c. +1418.

Chu Hsiao 朱橚(Chou Ting Wang 周定王, prince of the Ming).

ICK, p. 914.

Pi Yü Chu Sha Han Lin Yü Shu Kuei 碧玉朱砂寒林玉樹匱.
On the Caerulean Jade and Cinnabar Jade—Tree-in-a-Cold-Forest Casing Process.
Sung, early +11th cent.
Chhen Ching-Yuan 陳景元.
TT/891.
Pien Huo Pien 辯惑編.
Disputations on Doubtful Matters.
Yuan, +1348.
Hsieh Ying-Fang 歐麗芳.

Pien Tao Lun 辨道論。 On Taoism, True and False. San Kuo (Wei), c. +230. Tshao Chih (prince of the Wei), 曹植. Now extant only in quotations.

Po Wu Chi 博物能.
Notes on the Investigation of Things.
H/Han, c. + 190.

Thang Mêng (b) 唐蒙. Po Wu Chih 博物志.

Records of the Investigation of Things (cf. Hsii Po Wu Chih).

Pu Wu Yao Lan 博物要號.

The Principal Points about Objects of Art and Nature.

Ming, c. +1560. Ku Thai 谷泰.

Rokubutsu Shinshi 六物新志.
New Record of Six Things [including the drug mumia]. (In part a translation from Dutch texts.)

Japan, +1786. Ōtsuki Gentaku 大槻玄澤.

San Chen Chih Yao Yü Chüeh 三貫旨要 玉訣.

Precious Instructions concerning the Message of the Three Perfected (Immortals), [i.e. Yang Hsi (fl. +370) 楊羲; Hsü Mi (fl. +345) 許證; and Hsü Hui (d. c. +370) 許顯].

Taoist heliotherapy, respiration and meditation.

Chin, c. +365, edited probably in the Thang.

TT/419.

Cf. Maspero (7), p. 376.

San-Fêng Chen Jen Hsüam Than Chhüan Chi 三墨軍人玄龗全堡.

Complete Collection of the Mysterious Discourses of the Adept (Chang) San-Fêng [physiological alchemy].

Ming, from c. +1410 (if genuine). Attrib. Chang San-Fêng 張三峯.

Ed. Min I-Tê (1834) 閔一得.

In Tao Tsang Hsü Pien (Chhu chi), 17. San-Fêng Tan Chüeh 三峯丹訣 (includes Chin Tan Chieh Yao and Tshai Chen Chi Yao, with the Wu Kên Shu series of poems, and some inscriptions).

Oral Instructions of (Chang) San-Fêng on the Enchymoma [physiological alchemy].

Ming, from c. +1410 (if genuine). Attrib. Chang San-Fêng 银三峯.

Ed., with biography, by Fu Chin-Chhüan 傳金銓 (Chi I Tzu 濟一子) c. 1820.

San Phin I Shen Pao Ming Shen Tan Fang 三品願神保命神丹方.

Efficacious Elixir Prescriptions of Three Grades Inducing the Appropriate Mentality for the Enterprise of Longevity.

Thang, Wu Tai & Sung.

Writers unknown.

YCCC, ch. 78, pp. 1a ff.

San-shih-liu Shui Fa 三十六水法.
Thirty-six Methods for Bringing Solids into Aqueous Solution.

Pre-Thang. Writer unknown.

TT/923.

San Tshai Thu Hui 三才圖會. Universal Encyclopaedia.

Ming, +1609. Wang Chhi 王圻.

San Tung Chu Nang 三洞珠鲽.

Bag of Pearls from the Three (Collections that) Penetrate the Mystery [a Taoist florilegium].

Thang, +7th.

Wang Hstian-Ho (ed.) 王驅河. TT/1125.

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Cf. Maspero (13), p. 77; Schipper (1), p. 11.

San Yen 三言.

See Hsing Shih Hêng Yen, Yü Shih Ming Yen, Ching Shih Thung Yen.

Setsuyō Yoketsu.

See She Yang Yao Chüeh.

Shan Hai Ching 山海經.

Classic of the Mountains and Rivers. Chou and C/Han, -8th to -1st.

Writers unknown.

Partial tr. de Rosny (1). Chung-Fa Index, no. 9.

Shang-Chhing Chi 上清集.

A Literary Collection (inspired by) the Shang-Chhing Scriptures [prose and poems on physiological alchemy],

Sung, c. +1220. Ko Chhang-Kêng 葛長庚 (Pai Yü-

Chhan 白玉蟾). In Hsiu Chen Shih Shu TT/260), chs. 37 to 44

Shang-Chhing Ching 上清經.
[Part of Thai Shang San-shih-liu Pu Tsun Ching.]

The Shang-Chhing (Heavenly Purity) Scripture.

Chin, oldest parts date from about +316. Attrib. Wei Hua-Tshun 魏華存, dictated to Yang Hsi 楊羲.

In TT/8.

Shang-Chhing Chiu Chen Chung Ching Nei Chüeh 上清九眞中經內訣.

Confidential Explanation of the Interior Manual of the Nine (Adepts); a Shang-Chhing Scripture.

Ascr. Chin, +4th, probably pre-Thang. Attrib. Chhih Sung Tzu 赤松子 (Huang Chhu-Phing 資初平). TT/901.

Shang Chhing Han Hsiang Chien Chien Thu 上清含象劍鑑圖.

The Image and Sword Mirror Diagram; a Shang-chhing Scripture.

Thang, c. +700.

Ssuma Chhêng-Chên 司馬承貞, TT/428.

Shang-Ching Hou Sheng Tao Chün Lieh Chi 上清後聖道君列紀.

Annals of the Latter-Day Sage, the Lord of the Tao; a Shang-Chhing Scripture.

Chin, late +4th.

Revealed to Yang Hsi 楊羲.

TT/439. Shang-Chhing Huang Shu Kuo Tu I 上清黄書 溫度條.

The System of the Yellow Book for Attaining Salvation; a Shang-Chhing Scripture [the rituale of the communal Taoist liturgical sexual ceremonies, +2nd to +7th centuries].

Date unknown, but pre-Thang.

Writer unknown.

TT/1276.

Shang-Chhing Ling-Pao Ta Fa 上清靈寶大法. The Great Liturgies; a Shang-Chhing Ling-Pao Scripture.

Sung, +13th.

Chin Yün-Chung 金允中.

TT/1204, 1205, 1206.

Shang-Chhing Ming Thang Hsüan Chen Ching Chüeh 上清明堂玄眞經訣.

See Ming Thang Hsüan Chen Ching Chüeh. Shang-Chhing San Chen Chih Yao Yü Chüeh 上清三飢旨要玉款.

See San Chen Chih Yao Yü Chüeh.

Shang-Chhing Thai-Shang Pa Su Chen Ching 上清太上八素眞經·

Realisation Canon of the Eight Purifications (or Eightfold Simplicity); a Shang-Chhing Thai-Shang Scripture.

Date uncertain, but pre-Thang.

Writer unknown.

TT/423.

Shang-Chhing Thai-Shang Ti Chün Chiu Chen Chung Ching 上清太上帝君九眞中經. Ninefold Realised Median Canon of the Imperial Lord; a Shang-Chhing Thai-Shang Scripture.

Compiled from materials probably of Chin period, late +4th.

Writers and editor unknown.

TT/1357.

Shang-Chhing Tung-Chen Chiu Kung Tzu Fang Thu 上清洞貧九宮紫房圖。

Description of the Purple Chambers of the Nine Palaces; a Tung-Chen Scripture of the Shang-Chhing Heavens [parts of the microcosmic body corresponding to stars in the macrocosml.

Sung, probably + 12th century.

Writer unknown.

TT/153.

Shang-Chhing Wo Chung Chüeh 上清攝中訣. Explanation of (the Method of) Grasping the Central (Luminary); a Shang-Chhing Scripture [Taoist meditation and heliotherapy].

Date unknown, Liang or perhaps Thang.

Writer unknown.

Based on the procedures of Fan Yu-Chhung 范幼神 (H/Han). TT/137.

Cf. Maspero (7), p. 373.

Shang Phin Tan Fa Chieh Tzhu 上品丹法節

Expositions of the Techniques for Making the Best Quality Enchymoma [physiological alchemy].

Chhing.

Li Tê-Hsia 李德治.

Comm. Min I-Te 閔→德, c. 1830. In Tao Tsang Hsü Pien (Chhu chi), 6.

Shang Shu Ta Chuan 尚書大傳.

Great Commentary on the Shang Shu chapters of the Historical Classic.

C/Han, c. -185. Fu Shêng 伏勝.

Cf. Wu Khang (1), p. 230.

Shang-Tung Hsin Tan Ching Chüeh 上洞心丹 經訣.

An Explanation of the Heart Elixir and Enchymoma Canon; a Shang-Tung Scripture.

Date unknown, perhaps Sung.

Writer unknown.

TT/943.

Cf. Chhen Kuo-Fu (1), vol. 2, pp. 389, 435. Shang Yang Tzu Chin Tan Ta Yao 上陽子金 丹大要.

See Chin Tan Ta Yao.

Shang Yang Tzu Chin Tan Ta Yao Hsien Phai (Yuan Liu) 上陽子金丹大要仙派 (源流).

See Chin Tan Ta Yao Hsien Phai (Yuan Liu).

Shang Yang Tza Chin Tan Ta Yao Lieh Hsien Chih 上陽子金丹大婆列仙誌. See Chin Tan Ta Yao Lieh Hsien Chih.

Shang Yang Tzu Chin Tan Ta Yao Thu 上陽子金丹大要圖.

See Chin Tan Ta Yao Thu.

Shao-Hsing Chiao-Ting Ching-Shih Chêng Lei Pei-Chi Pên Tshao 紹興校定經史證 類備急本草。 Shao-Hsing Chiao-Ting Ching-Shih Chêng Lei Pei-Chi Pên Tshao (cont.)

The Corrected Classified and Consolidated Armamentarium; Pharmacopoeia of the Shao-Hsing Reign-Period.

S/Sung, pres. +1157, pr. +1159, often copied and repr. especially in Japan.

Thang Shen-Wei 唐慎機 ed. Wang Chi-Hsien 王繼先 et al.

Cf. Nakao Manzō (1, 1); Swingle (11). Illustrations reproduced in facsimile by Wada (1); Karow (2).

Facsimile edition of a MS. in the Library of Ryokoku University, Kyoto 體谷大學

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Ed. with an analytical and historical introduction, including contents table and indexes (別冊) by Okanishi Tameto 岡西 添入 (Shunyōdō, Tokyo, 1971).

Shê Ta Chhêng Lun Shih 摄大乘論釋.

Mahāyāna-samgraha-bhāshya (Explanatory Discourse to assist the Understanding of the Great Vehicle).

India, betw. +300 and +500.

Tr. Hsüan-Chuang 玄奘, c. +650.

N/1171 (4); TW/1597.

(Shê Yang) Chen Chung Chi (or Fang) (攝養)枕中記(方).

Pillow-Book on Assisting the Nourishment (of the Life-Force).

Thang, early +7th.

Attrib. Sun Ssu-Mo 孫思邈. TT/830, and in YCCC, ch. 33.

Shê Yang Yao Chüeh (Setsuyō Yoketsu) 振袭要訣. Important Instructions for the Preservation of Health conducive to Longevity.

Japan (Heian), c. +820. Mononobe Kōsen (imperial physician) 物 溜 廣 泉.

Shen Hsien Chin Shuo Ching 神仙金汽經. See Pao Phu Tzu Shen Hsien Chin Shuo Ching.

Shen Hsien Chuan 神仙傳.

Lives of the Holy Immortals.

(Cf. Lieh Hsien Chuan and Hsü Shen Hsien Chuan.)

Chin, +4th century.

Attrib. Ko Hung 葛洪。

Shen Hsien Fu Erh Tan Shih Hsing Yao Fa 神仙服饵丹石行甕法.

The Methods of the Holy Immortals for Ingesting Cinnabar and (Other) Minerals, and Using them Medicinally.

Date unknown,

Attrib. Ching-Li hsien-sêng 京里先生. TT/417.

Shen Hsien Fu Shih Ling-Chih Chhang-Phu Wan Fang 神仙服食豐芝菖蒲丸方. Prescriptions for Making Pills from

Numinous Mushrooms and Sweet Flag (Calamus), as taken by the Holy Immortals. Date unknown Writer unknown.

TT/837.

Shen Hsien Lien Tan Tien Chu San Yuan Pao Ching Fa 辨仙鍊丹點鑄三元饗鏡法.

Methods used by the Holy Immortals to Prepare the Elixir, Project it, and Cast the Precious Mirrors of the Three Powers (or the Three Primary Vitalities), [magical].

Thang, +902. Writer unknown.

TT/856.

Shen Hsien Thung Chien 神仙通鑑. (Cf. (Li Tai) Shen Hsien (Thung) Chien.) General Survey of the Lives of the Holy Immortals.

Ming, +1640.

Hsüch Ta-Hsün 薛大訓.

Shen I Chi 神異記.

(Probably an alternative title of Shen I Ching, q.v.)

Records of the Spiritual and the Strange.

Chin, c. +290. Wang Fou 王浮.

Shen I Ching 神異經.

Book of the Spiritual and the Strange. Ascr. Han, but prob. +3rd, +4th or +5th century.

Attrib. Tungfang Shuo 東方朔. Probable author, Wang Fou 王浮.

Shen Nung Pên Tshao Ching 神農本草經, Classical Pharmacopoeia of the Heavenly Husbandman.

C/Han, based on Chou and Chhin material, but not reaching final form before the +2nd century.

Writers unknown.

Lost as a separate work, but the basis of all subsequent compendia of pharmaceutical natural history, in which it is constantly quoted.

Reconstituted and annotated by many scholars; see Lung Po-Chien (1), pp. 2 ff., 12 ff.

Best reconstructions by Mori Tateyuki 森立之 (1845), Liu Fu 劉復(1942).

Shen shih Liang Fang 沈氏良方.

Original title of Su Shen Liang Fang (q.v.). Shen Thien-Shih Fu Chhi Yao Chüeh 申天師服氣要款.

Important Oral Instructions of the Heavenly Teacher (or Patriarch) Shen on the Absorption of the Chhi [Taoist breathing exercises].

Thang, c. +730.

Shen Yuan-Chih 申元之.

Now extant only as a short passage in YCCC, ch. 59, pp. 16b ff.

Shêng Chi Tsung Lu 型濟總錄.

Imperial Medical Encyclopaedia [issued by authority].

Sung, c. +1111 to +1118. Ed. by twelve physicians. Shêng Shih Miao Ching 生尸妙經. See Thai-Shang Tung-Hsüan Ling-Pao

Mieh Tu (or San Yuan) Wu Lien Shêng Shih Miao Ching.

Shéng Shui Yen Than Lu 溫水燕談錄.

Fleeting Gossip by the River Sheng [in Shantung].

Sung, late +11th century (before +1094). Wang Phi-Chih 王嗣之.

Shih Chin Shih 試金石.

On the Testing of (what is meant by) 'Metal' and 'Mineral'.

See Fu Chin-Chhüan (5).

Shih Han Chi 石函肥.

See Hsü Chen Chün Shih Han Chi.

Shih I Chi 拾遺記.

Memoirs on Neglected Matters.

Chin, c. +370.

Wang Chia 王嘉.

Cf. Eichhorn (5).

Shih I Tê Hsiao Fang 世影得効方.

Efficacious Prescriptions of a Family of Physicians.

Yuan, +1337.

Wei I-Lin 危亦林.

Shih Liao Pên Tshao 食療本草.

Nutritional Therapy; a Pharmaceutical

Natural History. Thang, c. +670.

Mêng Shen 孟詵. Shih Lin Kuang Chi 事林廣記.

Guide through the Forest of Affairs [encyclopaedia].

Sung, between +1100 and +1250; first pr. +1325.

Chhen Yuan-Ching 陳元靚.

(A unique copy of a Ming edition of + 1478 is in the Cambridge University Library.)

Shih Ming 釋名.

Explanation of Names [dictionary].

H/Han, c. +100.

Liu Hsi 劉熙.

Shih Pien Liang Fang 十便良方.

Excellent Prescriptions of Perfect

Convenience. Sung, +1196.

Kuo Than 郭坦.

Cf. SIC, p. 1119; ICK, p. 813.

Shih Wu Chi Yuan 事物紀原.

Records of the Origins of Affairs and Things.

Sung, c. + 1085.

Kao Chhêng 高承.

Shih Wu Pên Tshao 食物本草.

Nutritional Natural History.

Ming, +1571 (repr. from a slightly earlier edition).

Attrib. Li Kao 李杲 (J/Chin) or Wang Ying 注願 (Ming) in various editions; 

The bibliography of this work in its several

different forms, together with the questions of authorship and editorship, are complex.

See Lung Po-Chien (1), pp. 104, 105, 106; Wang Yü-Hu (1), 2nd ed. p. 194; Swingle (1, 10).

Shih Yao Erh Ya 石葉爾雅.

The Literary Expositor of Chemical Physic; or, Synonymic Dictionary of Minerals and Drugs.

Thang, +806.

Mei Piao 梅彪. TT/894.

Shih Yuan 事原.

On the Origins of Things.

Sung.

Chu Hui 朱繪.

Shoku-Nihongi 續日本記.

Chronicles of Japan, continued [from +697 to +791].

Japan (Nara), +797.

Ishikawa Natari 石川,

Fujiwara Tsuginawa 藤原繼繩, Sugeno Sanemichi 菅野賞道 et al.

Shoku-Nihonkoki 續日本後記.

Chronicles of Japan, still further continued [from +834 to +850].

Japan (Heian), +869.

Fujiwara Yoshifusa 藤原良房.

Shou Yü Shen Fang 壽城神方.

Magical Prescriptions of the Land of the Old.

Ming, c. + 1430.

Chu Chhüan 朱權 (Ning Hsien Wang 寧歐王, prince of the Ming).

Shu Shu Chi I 數 術 記 遺.

Memoir on some Traditions of Mathematical Art.

H/Han, +190, but generally suspected of having been written by its commentator Chen Luan 甄覽, c +570. Some place the text as late as the Wu Tai period (+10th. cent.), e.g. Hu Shih; and others such as Li Shu-Hua (2) prefer a Thang dating.

Hsü Yo 徐岳.

Shu Yuan Tsa Chi 菽園雜記.

The Bean-Garden Miscellany.

Ming, +1475.

Lu Jung 陸容.

Shuang Mei Ching An Tshung Shu 雙梅景體 叢事.

Double Plum-Tree Collection [of ancient and medieval books and fragments on Taoist sexual techniques].

See Yeh Tê-Hui (1) 華德輝 in Bib. B.

Shui Yün Lu 水雲鉄.

Record of Clouds and Waters [iatrochemical].

Sung, c. + 1125.

Yeh Mêng-Tê 葉夢得.

Extant now only in quotations.

Shun Yang Lü Chen-Jen Yao Shih Chih 純陽 呂眞人獎石製. The Adept Lü Shun-Yang's (i.e. Lü Tung-Pin's) Book on Preparations of Drugs and Minerals [in verses]. Late Thang. Attrib. Lü Tung-Pin 呂洞賓. TT/896. Tr. Ho Ping-Yü, Lim & Morsingh (1). Shuo Wên. See Shuo Wên Chieh Tzu. Shuo Wên Chieh Tzu 設文解字. Analytical Dictionary of Characters (lit. Explanations of Simple Characters and Analyses of Composite Ones). H/Han, +121. Hsü Shen 許慎. So Sui Lu 瓊碎鏃. Sherds, Orts and Unconsidered Fragments [iatro-chemical]. Sung, prob. late + 11th. Writer unknown. Now extant only in quotations. Cf. Winter's Tale, IV, iii, Timon of Athens, IV, iii, and Julius Caesar, IV, i. Sou Shen Chi 搜神記. Reports on Spiritual Manifestations. Chin, c. +348. Kan Pao 干資. Partial tr. Bodde (9). Sou Shen Hou Chi 搜神後記. Supplementary Reports on Spiritual Manifestations. Chin, late +4th or early +5th century. Thao Chhien 陶滑. Ssu Khu Thi Yao Pien Chêng 四庫提要辨證. See Yü Chia-Hsi (1). Ssu Shêng Pên Tshao 四點本草. Materia Medica Classified according to the Four Tones (and the Standard Rhymes), [the entries arranged in the order of the pronunciation of the first character of their names]. Thang, c. +775. Hsiao Ping 職 炳. Ssu Shih Thiao Shê Chien 四時調攝機. Directions for Harmonising and Strengthening (the Vitalities) according to the Four Seasons of the Year [the second part (chs. 3-6) of Tsun Sheng Pa Chien, q.v.]. Ming, +1591. Kao Lien 高麗. Partial tr. of the gymnastic material, Dudgeon (1). Ssu Shih Tsuan Yao 四時篡要. Important Rules for the Four Seasons [agriculture and horticulture, family hygiene and pharmacy, etc.]. Thang, c. + 750. Han O 韓鄂. Su Nü Ching 案女經.

Canon of the Immaculate Girl.

Han. Writer unknown. Only as fragment in Shuang Mei Ching An Tshung Shu, now containing the Hsüan Nü Ching (q.v.). Partial trs. van Gulik (3, 8). Su Nii Miao Lun 素女妙論. Mysterious Discourses of the Immaculate Girl. Ming, c. +1500. Writer unknown. Partial tr. van Gulik (3). Su Shen Liang Fang 蘇沈良方 Beneficial Prescriptions collected by Su (Tung-Pho) and Shen (Kua). Sung, c. +1120. Some of the data go back as far as + 1060. Preface by Lin Ling-Su Shen Kua 沈括 and Su Tung-Pho 蘇東坡 (posthumous). The collection was at first called Shen shih Liang Fang, so that most of the entries are Shen Kua's, but as some certainly stem from Su Tung-Pho, the latter were probably added by editors at the beginning of the new century. Cf. ICK, pp. 737, 732. Su Wên Ling Shu Ching. See Huang Ti Nei Ching, Su Wên and Huang Ti Nei Ching, Ling Shu. Su Wên Nei Ching. See Huang Ti Nei Ching, Su Wên. Sui Shu 隋書. History of the Sui Dynasty [+581 to +617]. Thang, +636 (annals and biographies); +656 (monographs and bibliography). Wei Chêng 魏 微 et al. Partial trs. Pfizmaier (61-65); Balazs (7, 8); Ware (1). For translations of passages see the index of Frankel (1). Sun Kung Than Phu 孫公談圃. The Venerable Mr Sung's Conversation Garden. Sung, c. + 1085. Sun Shêng 孫升. Sung Chhao Shih Shih 朱朝事實. Records of Affairs of the Sung Dynasty. Yuan, +13th. Li Yu 李攸. Sung Shan Thai-Wu hsien-sêng Chhi Ching 嵩山太无先生氣經. Manual of the (Circulation of the) Chhi, by Mr Grand-Nothingness of Sung Mountain. Thang, +766 to +779. Prob. Li Fêng-Shih 李奉時 (Thai-Wu hsien-sêng). TT/817, and in YCCC, ch. 59 (partially), pp. 7a ff. Cf. Maspero (7), p. 199.

Sung Shih 朱史.

History of the Sung Dynasty [+960 to +1279].

Yuan, c. + 1345.

Tho-Tho (Toktaga) 脫脫 & Ouyang Hsüan 歐區女.

Yin-Tê Index, no. 34.

Szechuan Thung Chih 四川通志.

General History and Topography of Szechuan Province.

Chhing, +18th century (pr. 1816). Ed. Chhang Ming 常朗, Yang Fang-Tshan 楊芳燦 et al.

Ta Chao 大招.

The Great Summons (of the Soul), [ode]. Chhu (between Chhin and Han), -206 or -205.

Writer unknown.

Tr. Hawkes (1), p. 109.

Ta Chih Tu Lun 大智度論.

Mahā-prajāapāramito-padeša Śāstra (Commentary on the Great Sūtra of the Perfection of Wisdom).

India.

Attrib. Nāgārjuna, +2nd.

Mostly prob. of Central Asian origin.

Tr. Kumārajīva, +406. N/1169; TW/1509.

Ta Chün Ku Thung 大鈞鼓鋼.

(Illustrated Account of the Mining), Smelting and Refining of Copper [and other Non-Ferrous Metals], according to the Principles of Nature (lit. the Great Potter's Wheel). See Masuda Tsuna (1).

Ta Fang Kuang Fo Hua Yen Ching 大方 廣佛 華嚴經.

Avatamsaka Sūtra.

India.

Tr. Śikshānanda, +699.

N/88; TW/279.

Ta Huan Tan Chao Chien 大選丹照鑑. An Elucidation of the Great Cyclically Transformed Elixir [in verses]. Wu Tai (Shu), +962.

Writer unknown.

TT/919.

Ta Huan Tan Chhi Pi Thu 大環丹契祕圖. Esoteric Illustrations of the Concordance of the Great Regenerative Enchymoma.

Thang or Sung. Writer unknown.

In YCCC, ch. 72, pp. 1aff.

Cf. Hsiu Chen Li Yen Chhao Thu and Chin I Huan Tan Yin Cheng Thu.

Ta-Kuan Ching-Shih Chêng Lei Pei-Chi Pên Tshao 大觀經史證類備急本草. The Classified and Consolidated Armamentarium; Pharmacopoeia of the Ta-

Kuan reign-period. Sung, +1108; repr. +1211, +1214 (J/Chin), +1302 (Yuan). Thang Shen-Wei 唐愼德.

Ed. Ai Shêng 艾晟.

Ta Ming I Thung Chih 大明一統志.
Comprehensive Geography of the (Chinese)

Empire (under the Ming dynasty).

Ming, commissioned +1450, completed

+1461. Ed. Li Hsien 李賢.

Ta Tai Li Chi 大藏體記.

Record of Rites [compiled by Tai the Elder] (cf. Hsiao Tai Li Chi; Li Chi).

Ascr. C/Han, c. -70 to -50, but really H/Han, between +80 and +105.

Attrib. ed. Tai Tê 戴德, in fact probably ed. Tshao Pao 曹褒.

See Legge (7).

Trs. Douglas (1); R. Wilhelm (6).

Ta Tan Chhien Hung Lun 大丹鉛汞論.
Discourse on the Great Elixir [or Enchymoma] of Lead and Mercury.
If Thang, +9th, more probably Sung.

Chin Chu-Pho 金竹坡. TT/916.

Cf. Yoshida Mitsukuni (5), pp. 230-2.

Ta Tan Chi 大丹記.

Record of the Great Enchymoma. Ascr. +2nd cent., but probably Sung, +13th.

Attrib. Wei Po-Yang 魏伯陽.

TT/892.

Ta Tan Chih Chih 大丹直指.

Direct Hints on the Great Elixir.

Sung, c. + 1200.

Chhiu Chhu-Chi 邱處機.

TT/241.

Ta Tan Wên Ta 大丹問答.

Questions and Answers on the Great Elixir (or Enchymoma) [dialogues between Chêng Yin and Ko Hung].

Date unknown, prob. late Sung or Yuan. Writer unknown.

TT/932.

Ta Tan Yao Chüeh Pên Tshao 大丹藥訣 本草.

Pharmaceutical Natural History in the form of Instructions about Medicines of the Great Elixir (Type), [iatro-chemical].

Possible alternative title of Wai Tan Pên

Tshao (q.v.). Ta-Tung Lien Chen Pao Ching, Chiu Huan Chin Tan Miao Chüeh 大洞鎌霞磐無九灣

Tan Miao Chüeh 大洞鍊質餐經九還 金丹妙訣。 Mysterious Teachings on the Ninefold

Cyclically Transformed Gold Elixir, supplementary to the Manual of the Making of the Perfected Treasure; a Ta-Tung Scripture.

Thang, +8th, perhaps c. +712.

Chhen Shao-Wei 陳少微.

TT/884. A sequel to TT/883, and in YCCC, ch. 68, pp. 8a ff.

Tr. Sivin (4).

Ta-Tung Lien Chen Pao Ching, Hsiu Fu Ling Sha Miao Chileh 大洞鍊真饕經修伏霆 砂妙訣.

Mysterious Teachings on the Alchemical Preparation of Numinous Cinnabar, supplementary to the Manual of the Making of the Perfected Treasure; a Ta-Tung Scripture.

Thang, +8th, perhaps c. +712. Chhen Shao-Wei 陳少微.

TT/883. Alt. title: Chhi Fan Ling Sha Lun, as in YCCC, ch. 69, pp. 1a ff.

Tr. Sivin (4).

Ta Yu Miao Ching 大有妙經. [= Tung-Chen Thai-Shang Su-Ling Tung-Yuan Ta Yu Miao Ching.]

Book of the Great Mystery of Existence [Taoist anatomy and physiology; describes the shang tan thien, upper region of vital heat, in the brain].

Chin, +4th.

Writer unknown.

TT/1295.

Cf. Maspero (7), p. 192.

Tai I Phien 代裝篇.

On Replacing Doubts by Certainties. Ming, +1621.

Yang Thing-Yun 楊廷筠.

Preface by Wang Chêng 王微 Taketori Monogatari 竹取物語.

The Tale of the Bamboo-Gatherer. Japan (Heian), c. +865. Cannot be earlier than c. +810 or later than c. +955.

Writer unknown. Cf. Matsubara Hisako (1, 2).

Tan Ching Shih Tu 丹經示讀.

A Guide to the Reading of the Enchymoma Manuals,

See Fu Chin-Chhüan (3).

Tan Ching Yao Chüeh.

See Thai-Chhing Tan Ching Yao Chüeh.

Tan Fang Ao Lun 丹房獎論.

Subtle Discourse on the (Alchemical)
Elaboratory (of the Human Body, for
making the Enchymoma),

Sung, +1020.

Chhêng Liao-1 程了一.

TT/913, and in TTCY (chung mao chi, 5).

Tan Fang Chien Yuan 丹方響源.

The Mirror of Alchemical Processes (and Reagents); a Source-book.

Wu Tai (H/Shu), c. +938 to +965. Tuku Thao 獨孤滔.

Descr. Fêng Chia-Lo & Collier (1). See Ho Ping-Yü & Su Ying-Hui (1). TT/918.

Tan Fang Ching Yuan 丹房鏡源.

The Mirror of the Alchemical Elaboratory; a Source-book.

Early Thang, not later than +800. Writer unknown.

Survives only incorporated in TT/912 and in CLPT.

See Ho Ping-Yü & Su Ying-Hui (1).

Tan Fang Hsü Chih 丹房須知.

Indispensable Knowledge for the Chymical Elaboratory [with illustrations of apparatus]. Sung, +1163.

Wu Wu 吳懊.

TT/893.

Tan Fang Pao Chien Chih Thu 丹房實鑑之圖, [= Tzu Yang Tan Fang Pao Chien Chih Thu.]

Precious Mirror of the Elixir and Enchymoma Laboratory; Tables and Pictures (to illustrate the Principles).

Sung, c. + 1075.

Chang Po-Tuan 張伯端 (Tzu Yang Tzu 紫陽子 or Tzu Yang Chen Jen).

Incorporated later in Chin Tan Ta Yao Thu (q.v.)

In Chin Tan Ta Yao (TTCY ed.), ch. 3, pp. 34a ff. Also in Wu Chen Phien (in Hsiu Chen Shih Shu, TT/260, ch. 26, pp. 5a ff.).

Cf. Ho Ping-Yü & Needham (2).

Tan I San Chüan 丹擬三卷. See Pa Tzu-Yuan (1).

Tan Lun Chileh Chih Hsin Ching 丹論訣旨心 籤(Chien or Chao 籗,照 occur as tabu forms in the titles of some versions.)

Mental Mirror Reflecting the Essentials of Oral Instruction about the Discourses on the Elixir and the Enchymoma.

Thang, probably +9th.

Tan Thai Hsin Lu 丹臺新錄.

New Discourse on the Alchemical Laboratory, Early Sung or pre-Sung.

Attrib. Chhing Hsia Tzu 青霞子 or Hsia Yu-Chang 夏有章.

Extant only in quotations.

Tan-Yang Chen Jen Yü Lu 丹陽質人玉錄. Precious Records of the Adept Tan-Yang. Sung, mid + 12th cent. Ma Yü 馬繇. TT/1044.

Tan-Yang Shen Kuang Tshan 丹陽神光燦. Tan Yang (Tzu's Book) on the Resplendent Glow of the Numinous Light.

Sung, mid +12th cent.

Ma Yü 馬紙. TT/1136.

Tan Yao Pi Chüch 丹麋祕訣.

Confidential Oral Instructions on Elixirs and Drugs.

Prob. Yuan or early Ming.

Hu Yen 胡濱.

Now only extant as quotations in the pharmaceutical natural histories. Tao Fa Hsin Chhuan 道法心傳. Transmission of (a Lifetime of) Thought on

Taoist Techniques [physiological alchemy with special reference to microcosm and macrocosm; many poems and a long exposition].

Yuan, +1294.

Wang Wei-I 王惟一.

TT/1235, and TTCY (hsia mao chi, 5).

Tao Fa Hui Yuan 道法會元.

Liturgical and Apotropaic Encyclopaedia of Taoism.

Thang and Sung.

Writers and compiler unknown.

TT/1203.

Tao Hai Chin Liang 道海津梁.

A Catena (of Words) to Bridge the Ocean of the Tao.

See Fu Chin-Chhüan (4).

Tao Shu 道樞.

Axial Principles of the Tao [doctrinal treatise, mainly on the techniques of physiological alchemy].

Sung, early +12th; finished by 1145. Tsêng Tshao 河髓.

TT/1005.

Tao Su Fu 檔案賦.

Ode on a Girl of Matchless Beauty [Chao nü, probably Chao Fei-Yen]; or, Of What does Spotless Beauty Consist? C/Han, c. -20.

Pan chieh-yü 班雄好. In CSHK, Chhien Han Sect., ch. 11, p. 7aff.

Tao Tê Ching 道德經.

Canon of the Tao and its Virtue.

Chou, before - 300.

Attrib. Li Erh (Lao Tzu) 李耳(老子).

Tr. Waley (4); Chhu Ta-Kao (2); Lin Yü-Thang (1); Wieger (7); Duyvendak (18); and very many others.

Tao Tsang 道藏.

The Taoist Patrology [containing 1464 Taoist works].

All periods, but first collected in the Thang about +730, then again about +870 and definitively in + 1019. First printed in the Sung (+1111 to +1117). Also printed in J/Chin (+1168 to +1191), Yuan (+1244), +1607). and Ming (+1445, +1598 and

Writers numerous.

Indexes by Wieger (6), on which see Pelliot's review (58); and Ong Tu-Chien (Yin-Tê Index, no. 25).

Tao Tsang Chi Yao 道藏輯要.

Essentials of the Taoist Patrology [containing 287 books, 173 works from the Taoist Patrology and 114 Taoist works from other sources].

All periods, pr. 1906 at Erh-hsien-ssu 二仙寺, Chhêngtu.

Writers numerous.

Ed. Ho Lung-Hsiang 賀龍鸌& Phêng Han-Jan 影瀚然 (Chhing).

Tao Tsang Hsü Phien Chhu Chi 道藏續篇初集. First Series of a Supplement to the Taoist Patrology.

Chhing, early 19th cent.

Edited by Min I-Te 閔一得.

Tao Yin Yang Shêng Ching 導引養生經. [= Thai-Chhing Tao Yin Yang Shêng Ching.] Manual of Nourishing the Life-Force (or, Attaining Longevity and Immortality) by Gymnastics.

Late Thang, Wu Tai, or early Sung.

Writer unknown.

TT/811, and in YCCC, ch. 34.

Cf. Maspero (7), pp. 415 ff.

Têng Chen Yin Chüeh 登貨騰訣.

Confidential Instructions for the Ascent to Perfected (Immortality).

Chin and S/Chhi. Original material from the neighbourhood of +365 to +366; commentary (the 'Confidential Instructions' of the title) by Thao Hung-Ching (+456 to +536) written between +493 and +498.

Original writer unknown.

Ed. Thao Hung-Ching 陶弘景. TT/418, but conservation fragmentary.

Cf. Maspero (7), pp. 192, 374

Thai-Chhing Chen Jen Ta Tan 太清眞人大丹. [Alternative later name of Thai-Chhing

Tan Ching Yao Chüeh.]

The Great Elixirs of the Adepts; a Thai-Chhing Scripture.

Thang, mid +7th (c. +640).

Prob. Sun Ssu-Mo 孫思邈.

In YCCC, ch. 71.

Tr. Sivin (1), pp. 145 ff.

Thai-Chhing Chin I Shen Chhi Ching 太清金 液神氣經.

Manual of the Numinous Chhi of Potable Gold; a Thai-Chhing Scripture.

Ch. 3 records visitations by the Lady Wei Hua-Tshun and her companion divinities mostly paralleling texts in the Chen Kao. They were taken down by Hsü Mi's greatgrandson Hsü Jung-Ti (d. +435), c. +430. Chs I and 2 are Thang or Sung, before +1150. If pre-Thang, cannot be earlier than +6th.

Writers mainly unknown.

TT/875.

Thai-Chhing Chin I Shen Tan Ching 太清金液 神丹經.

Manual of the Potable Gold (or Metallous Fluid), and the Magical Elixir (or Enchymoma); a Thai-Chhing Scripture.

Date unknown, but must be pre-Liang (Chhen Kuo-Fu (1), vol. 2, p. 419). Contains dates between +320 and +330, but most of the prose is more probably of the early +5th century.

Thai-Chhing Chin I Shen Tan Ching (cont.) Preface and main texts of nei tan character, all the rest wai tan, including laboratory

instructions.

Writer unknown: chs. variously attributed. The third chapter, devoted to descriptions of foreign countries which produced cinnabar and other chemical substances. may be of the second half of the +7th century (see Maspero (14), pp. 95 ff.). Most were based on Wan Chen's Nan Chou I Wu Chih (+3rd cent.), but not the one on the Roman Orient (Ta-Chhin) translated by Maspero, Stein (5) has pointed out however that the term Fu-Lin for Byzantium occurs as early as +500 to +520, so the third chapter may well be of the early +6th century. TT/873.

Abridged in YCCC ch. 65, pp. 1 a ff. Cf. Ho Ping-Yü (10).

Thai-Chhing Ching Thien-Shih Khou Chüeh 太清經天師口訣.

Oral Instructions from the Heavenly Masters [Taoist Patriarchs] on the Thai-Chhing

Date unknown, but must be after the mid + 5th cent, and before Yuan.

Writer unknown.

TT/876.

Thai-Chhing Chung Huang Chen Ching 太海中

See Chung Huang Chen Ching.

Thai-Chhing Shih Pi Chi 太清石壁記. The Records in the Rock Chamber (lit.

Wall): a Thai-Chhing Scripture.

Liang, early +6th, but includes earlier work of Chin time as old as the late +3rd, attributed to Su Yuan-Ming.

Edited by Chhu Tsê hsien-sêng 整澤先生. Original writer, Su Yuan-Ming 蘇元明 (Chhing Hsia Tzu 青霞子). TT/874.

Tr. Ho Ping-Yü (8).

Cf. Lo-fou Shan Chih, ch. 4, p. 13a.

Thai-Chhing Tan Ching Yao Chüeh 太清丹經 要訣.

[= Thai-Chhing Chen Jen Ta Tan.] Essentials of the Elixir Manuals, for Oral

Transmission; a Thai-Chhing Scripture. Thang, mid +7th (c. +640).

Prob. Sun Ssu-Mo 孫思邈. In YCCC, ch. 71.

Tr. Sivin (1), pp. 145 ff.

Thai-Chhing Tao Yin Yang Shêng Ching 太清 導引養生經.

See Tao Yin Yang Shêng Ching.

Thai-Chhing Thiao Chhi Ching 太清調氣經. Manual of the Harmonising of the Chhi; a Thai-Chhing Scripture [breathing exercises for longevity and immortality]. Thang or Sung, +9th or +10th.

Writer unknown.

TT/813.

Cf. Maspero (7), p. 202.

Thai-Chhing (Wang Lao) (Fu Chhi) Khou Chüch (or Chhuan Fa) 太清王老服氣口訣 (旗法).

The Venerable Wang's Instructions for Absorbing the Chhi: a Thai-Chhing Scripture [Taoist breathing exercises].

Thang or Wu Tai (the name of Wang added in the + 11th).

Writer unknown.

Part due to a woman Taoist, Li I 李液. TT/815, and in YCCC, ch. 62, pp. 1a ff. and ch. 59, pp. 10a ff.

Cf. Maspero (7), p. 209.

Thai-Chhing Yü Pei Tzu 太清玉碑子. The Jade Stele (Inscription); a Thai-Chhing Scripture [dialogues between Cheng Yin and Ko Hungl. Date unknown, prob. late Sung or Yuan.

Writer unknown.

TT/920.

Cf. Ta Tan Wên Ta and Chin Mu Wan Ling Lun, which incorporate parallel passages.

Thai-Chi Chen-Jen Chiu Chuan Huan Tan Ching Yao Chüeh 太極個人九轉還丹 經 惠款.

> Essential Teachings of the Manual of the Supreme-Pole Adept on the Ninefold Cyclically Transformed Elixir.

Date unknown, perhaps Sung on account of the pseudonym, but the Manual (Ching) itself may be pre-Sui because its title is in the Sui Shu bibliography. Mao Shan influence is revealed by an account of five kinds of magic plants or mushrooms that grow on Mt Mao, and instructions of Lord Mao for ingesting them.

Writer unknown.

TT/882.

Partial tr. Ho Ping-Yü (9).

Thai-Chi Chen-Jen Tsa Tan Yao Fang 太極質 人雖丹獎方.

Tractate of the Supreme-Pole Adept on Miscellaneous Elixir Recipes [with illustrations of alchemical apparatus].

Date unknown, but probably Sung on account of the philosophical significance of the pseudonym.

Writer unknown.

TT/939.

Thai-Chi Ko Hsien-Ong Chuan 太極葛仙翁傳 Biography of the Supreme-Pole Elder-Immortal Ko (Hsüan).

Prob. Ming.

Than Ssu-Hsien 譚嗣先.

TT/447.

Thai Hsi Ching 胎息經. Manual of Embryonic Respiration. Thang, +8th, c. +755.

Thai Hsi Ching (cont.) Huan Chen hsien-sêng 幻真先生 (Mr Truth-and-Illusion). TT/127, and YCCC, ch. 60, pp. 22b ff. Tr. Balfour (1). Cf. Maspero (7), p. 211. Thai Hsi Ching Wei Lun 胎息精微論. Discourse on Embryonic Respiration and the Subtlety of the Seminal Essence. Thang or Sung. Writer unknown. In YCCC, ch. 58, pp. 1 a ff. Cf. Maspero (7), p. 210. Instruction on the Essentials of (Underrespiratory and sexual techniques]. Thang or Sung. Writer unknown. In YCCC, ch. 58, pp. 4b ff. Cf. Maspero (7), p. 380. Thai Hsi Khou Chüeh 胎息口訣. Thang or Sung. Writer unknown. In YCCC, ch. 58, pp. 12a ff. Cf Maspero (7), p. 198. Thai Hsi Shui Fa 泰西水法. Hydraulic Machinery of the West. Ming, +1612. & Hsü Kuang-Chhi 徐光啓. Thai Hsüan Pao Tien 太玄竇典 attaining longevity and immortality by physiological alchemy, nei tan]. Sung or Yuan, +13th or +14th. Writer unknown. 宗旨. Principles of the (Inner) Radiance of the Metallous (Enchymoma), (explained in terms of the) Undifferentiated Universe. See Chin Hua Tsung Chih. Thai-Ku Chi 太古集. Thung]. Sung, c. + 1200. Ho Ta-Thung 郝大通. TT/1147. Thai Ku Thu Tui Ching 太古土兌經. or, of the Element Earth and the Kua Tui [mainly on the alchemical sub-

polations. Thai Hsi Kên Chih Yao Chüeh 胎息根旨要訣. Ming (2). standing) Embryonic Respiration [Taoist Oral Explanation of Embryonic Respiration. 襄档. Hsiung San-Pa (Sabatino de Ursis) 能三拔 Purity. Precious Records of the Great Mystery [of Yüeh Shih 樂史. TT/1022, and in TTCY (shang mao chi, 5). 民和卿局方. Thai-I Chin Hua Tsung Chih 太一(or 乙)金華 Sung, +1151. Chhêng 陳承. Collected Works of (Ho) Thai-Ku [Ho Ta-Sung. +978. Most Ancient Canon of the Joy of the Earth; duing of metals and minerals]. Date unknown, perhaps Thang or slightly reign-period. Attrib. Chang hsien-sêng 强先生. +992. TT/942. Ed. Wang Huai-Yin 王懷隱, Chêng Yen Thai Pai Ching 太白經. 鄭彦 et al. The Venus Canon. SIC, p. 921; Yü Hai, ch. 63.

Thang, c. +800. Shih Chien-Wu 施肩吾. TT/927. Thai Phing Ching 太平經. [= Thai Phing Chhing Ling Shu.] Canon of the Great Peace (and Equality). Ascr. H/Han, c. +150 (first mentioned +166) but with later additions and inter-Part attrib. Yü Chi 于吉. Perhaps based on the Thien Kuan Li Pao Yuan Thai Phing Ching (c. -35) of Kan Chung-Kho 甘忠可. TT/1087. Reconstructed text, ed. Wang Cf. Yü Ying-Shih (2), p. 84. According to Hsiung Tê-Chi (1) the parts which consist of dialogue between a Heavenly Teacher and a disciple correspond with what the Pao Phu Tzu bibliography lists as Thai Phing Ching and were composed by Hsiang Khai The other parts would be for the most part fragments of the Chia I Ching 甲乙經, also mentioned in Pao Phu Tzu, and due to Yü Chi and his disciple Kung Chhung 宮景 between +125 and +145. Thai Phing Chhing Ling Shu 太平清領書. Received Book of the Great Peace and See Thai Phing Ching. Thai-Phing Huan Yü Chi 太平寰宇記. Thai-Phing reign-period General Description of the World [geographical record]. Sung, +976 to +983. Thai-Phing Hui Min Ho Chi Chü Fang 太平惠 Standard Formularies of the (Government) Great Peace People's Welfare Pharmacies [based on the Ho Chi Chü Fang, etc.]. Ed. Chhen Shih-Wên 陳師文, Phei Tsung-Yuan 裴完元, and Chhen Cf. Li Thao (1, 6); SIC, p. 973. Thai-Phing Kuang Chi 太平廣記. Copious Records collected in the Thai-Phing reign-period [anecdotes, stories, mirabilia and memorabilia]. Ed. Li Fang 李昉. Thai-Phing Sheng Hui Fang 太平聖惠方. Prescriptions Collected by Imperial Benevolence during the Thai-Phing Sung, commissioned +982; completed

Thai-Phing Yü Lan 太平御豐.

Thai-Phing reign-period Imperial Encyclopaedia (lit. the Emperor's Daily Readings). Sung, +983.

Ed. Li Fang 李防.

Some chs. tr. Pfizmaier (84-106).

Yin-Tê Index, no. 23.

Thai-Shang Chu Kuo Chiu Min Tsung Chen Pi Yao 太上助國敦民總直秘要.

Arcane Essentials of the Mainstream of Taoism, for the Help of the Nation and the Saving of the People; a Thai-Shang Scripture [apotropaics and liturgy].

Sung, +1016.

Yuan Miao-Tsung 元妙宗.

TT/1210.

Thai-Shang Chuan Hsi Wang Mu Wo Ku Fa 太上傳西王母握固法.

See Chuan Hsi Wang Mu Wo Ku Fa.

Thai-Shang Huang Thing Nei (or Wai or Chung) Ching (Yii) Ching 太上黃庭內(外,中) 景(玉)經.

See Huang Thing, etc.

Thai-Shang Lao Chün Yang Shêng Chüeh 太上 老君攀生款。

Oral Instructions of Lao Tzu on Nourishing the Life-Force; a Thai-Shang Scripture [Taoist respiratory and gymnastic exercises].

Thang.

Attrib. Hua Tho 華佗 and Wu Phu 吳普.

Actual writer unknown.

TT/814.

Thai-Shang Ling-Pao Chih Tshao Thu 太上電 賽芝草屬.

Illustrations of the Numinous Mushrooms; a Thai-Shang Ling-Pao Scripture.

Sui or pre-Sui.

Writer unknown.

TT/1387.

Thai-Shang Ling-Pao Wu Fu (Ching) 太上靈 賽五符(經).

> (Manual of) the Five Categories of Formulae (for achieving Material and Celestial Immortality); a Thai-Shang Ling-Pao Scripture [liturgical].

San Kuo, mid +3rd.

Writers unknown.

TT/385.

On the term Ling-Pao see Kaltenmark (4).
Thai-Shang Pa-Ching Ssu-Jui Tzu-Chiang (Wu-Chu) Chiang-Shēng Shen Tan Fang 太上入景四葉紫漿(五珠)降生神丹方。

Method for making the Eight-Radiances Four-Stamens Purple-Fluid (Five-Pearl) Incarnate Numinous Elixir; a Thai-Shang Scripture.

Chin, probably late +4th.

Putatively dictated to Yang Hsi 楊夔. In YCCC, ch. 68; another version in TT/1357.

Thai-Shang Pa Ti Yuan (Hsüan) Pien Ching 太上八帝元(玄)變經.

See Tung-Shen Pa Ti Yuan (Hsüan) Pien Ching.

Thai Shang-San-shih-liu pu Tsun Ching 太上三十六部 尊經.

The Venerable Scripture in 36 Sections. TT/8.

See Shang Chhing Ching.

Thai-Shang Tung Fang Nei Ching Chu 太上洞 房內經注.

Esoteric Manual of the Innermost Chamber, a Thai-Shang Scripture; with Commentary.

Ascr. - 1st cent.

Attrib. Chou Chi-Thung 周季通.

TT/130.

Thai-Shang Tung-Hsüan Ling-Pao Mieh Tu (or San Yuan) Wu Lien Shêng Shih Miao Ching 太上洞玄靈寶該度 (or 三元) 五鍊生尸妙經.

Marvellous Manual of the Resurrection (or Preservation) of the Body, giving Salvation from Dispersal, by means of (the Three Primary Vitalities and) the Five Transmutations; a Ling-Pao Thai-Shang Tung-Hsüan Scripture.

Date uncertain.

Writer unknown,

TT/366.

Thai-Shang Tung-Hsüan Ling-Pao Shou Tu I 太上洞玄霓竇授度儀.

Formulae for the Reception of Salvation; a Thai-Shang Tung-Hsüan Ling-Pao Scripture [liturgical].

L/Sung, c. +450.

Lu Hsiu-Ching 陸修静.

TT/524.

Thai-Shang Wei Ling Shen Hua Chiu Chuan Tan Sha Fa 太上衛豐壽化九轉丹砂 法.

Methods of the Guardian of the Mysteries for the Marvellous Thaumaturgical Transmutation of Ninefold Cyclically Transformed Cinnabar; a Thai-Shang Scripture.

Sung, if not earlier.

Writer unknown.

TT/885.

Tr. Spooner & Wang (1); Sivin (3).
Thai-Shang Yang Shêng Thai Hsi Chhi Ching
太上養生胎息氣經.

See Yang Shêng Thai Hsi Chhi Ching.

Thai Tsang Lun 胎臟論.

Discourse on the Foetalisation of the Viscera (the Restoration of the Embryonic Condition of Youth and Health).

Alternative title of Chung Huang Chen Ching (q.v.).

Thai-Wei Ling Shu Tsu-Wên Lang-Kan Hua Tan Shen Chen Shang Ching 太微豐書 紫文琅牙雖丹神眞上經. Thai-Wei Ling Shu Tzu-Wên Lang-Kan Hua Tan Shon Chen Shang Ching (cont.)

> Divinely Written Exalted Spiritual Realisation Manual in Purple Script on the Lang-Kan (Gem) Radiant Elixir; a Thai-Wei Scripture.

Chin, late +4th century, possibly altered later.

Dictated to Yang Hsi 楊羲.

TT/252.

Thai-Wu hsien-sêng Fu Chhi Fa 太无先生服 氣法.

See Sung Shan Thai-Wu hsien-sêng Chhi Ching.

Than hsien-sêng Shui Yün Chi 顯先生水雲集. Mr Than's Records of Life among the Mountain Clouds and Waterfalls.

Sung, mid +12th cent. Than Chhu-Tuan 讀處端.

TT/1146.

Thang Hui Yao 唐 要.

History of the Administrative Statutes of the Thang Dynasty.

Sung, +961.

Wang Phu 王薄. Cf. des Rotours (2), p. 92.

Thang Liu Tien 唐六典.

Institutes of the Thang Dynasty (lit.
Administrative Regulations of the Six
Ministries of the Thang).

Thang, +738 or +739. Ed. Li Lin-Fu 李林甫.

Cf. des Rotours (2), p. 99.

Thang Pên Tshao 唐本草.

Pharmacopoeia of the Thang Dynasty, = Hsin Hsiu Pên Tshao, (q.v.).

Thang Yū Lin 唐語林.

Miscellanea of the Thang Dynasty.

Sung, collected c. +1107-Wang Tang 王識.

Cf. des Rotours (2), p. 109.

Thao Chen Jen Nei Tan Fu 陶資人內丹賦. See Nei Tan Fu.

Thi Kho Ko 體 穀歌.

Song of the Bodily Husk (and the Deliverance from its Ageing).

Wu Tai or Sung, in any case before +1040 Yen Lo Tzu (ps.) 煙 羅子.

In Hsiu Chen Shih Shu (TT/260), ch. 18.

Thiao Chhi Ching 調氣經.

See Thai-Chhing Thiao Chhi Ching.

Thieh Wei Shan Tshung Than 鐵園山 叢談. Collected Conversations at Iron-Fence Mountain.

Sung, c. + 1115.

Tshai Thao 蔡條.

Thien-Hsia Chün Kuo Li Ping Shu 天下郡國 利病書。

Merits and Drawbacks of all the Countries in the World [geography].

Chhing, +1662.

Ku Yen-Wu 顧炎武.

Thien Hsien Chéng Li Tu 'Fa Tien Ching' 天 证理關注歐語.

> The Right Pattern of the Celestial Immortals; Thoughts on Reading the Consecration of the Law.

See Fu Chin-Chhüan (2).

Thien Hsien Chih Lun Chhang Shêng Tu Shih Nei Lien Chin Tan (Chüeh Hsin) Fa 天 他直論長生度惟內煉金升(訣心)法。

(Confidential) Methods for Processing the Metallous Encyhmoma; a Plain Discourse on Longevity and Immortality (according to the Principles of the) Celestial Immortals for the Salvation of the World.

Alternative title for Nei Chin Tan (q.v.).

Thien Kung Khai Wu 天工開物.

The Exploitation of the Works of Nature. Ming. + 1637.

Sung Ying-Hsing 宋顺星.

Tr. Sun Jen I-Tu & Sun Hsüch-Chuan (1).

Thien-thai Shan Fang Wai Chih 天靈山方外

Supplementary Historical Topography of Thien-thai Shan.

Ming.

Chhuan-Têng (monk) 旗燈.

Thien Ti Yin-Yang Ta Lo Fu 天地陰陽大樂 賦.

Poetical Essay on the Supreme Joy.

Thang, c. +800.

Pai Hsing-Chien 白行簡.

Thien Yuan Ju Yao Ching 天元入蹇鐘. Mirror of the All-Penetrating Medicine (the Enchymoma; restoring the Endowment) of the Primary Vitalities.

Wu Tai, +940.

Tshui Hsi-Fan 崔希瞳.

In Hsiu Chen Shih Shu (TT/260), ch. 21, pp. 6b to 9b; a prose text without commentary, not the same as the Ju Yao Ching (q.v.) and ending with a diagram absent from the latter.

Cf. van Gulik (8), pp. 224 ff.

Tho Yo Tzu 橐籥子.

Book of the Bellows-and-Tuyère Master [physiological alchemy in mutationist terms].

Sung or Yuan.

Writer unknown.

TT/1174, and TTCY (hsin mao chi, 5).

Thou Huang Tsa Lu 投荒雜錄.

Miscellaneous Jottings far from Home. Thang, c. +835.

Fang Chhien-Li 房千里.

Thu Ching (Pén Tshao) 圖經(本草).

Illustrated Treatise (of Pharmaceutical Natural History). See Pên Tshao Thu Ching.

The term Thu Ching applied originally to one of the two illustrated parts (the other being a Yao Thu) of the Hsin Hsiu Pên Thu Ching (Pên Tshao) (cont.)

Tshao of +659 (q.v.); cf. Hsin Thang
Shu, ch. 59, p. 21 a or TSCCIW, p. 273.

By the middle of the +11th century these
had become lost, so Su Sung's Pên Tshao
Thu Ching was prepared as a replacement. The name Thu Ching Pên Tshao
was often afterwards applied to Su Sung's
work, but (according to the evidence of
the Sung Shih bibliographies, SSIW,
pp. 179, 529) wrongly.

Thu Ching Chi-Chu Yen I Pên Tshao 圖經集 注符叢本草.

Illustrations and Collected Commentaries for the Dilations upon Pharmaceutical Natural History.

TT/761 (Ong index, no. 767).

See also Thu Ching Yen I Pên Tshao.
The Tao Tsang contains two separately catalogued books, but the Thu Ching Chi-Chu Yen I Pên Tshao is in fact the inforductory 5 chapters, and the Thu Ching Yen I Pên Tshao the remaining 42 chapters of a single work.

Thu Ching Yen I Pên Tshao 國經符箋本草.
Illustrations (and Commentary) for the
Dilations upon Pharmaceutical Natural
History. (An abridged conflation of the
Chêng-Ho...Chêng Lei...Pên Tshao with
the Pên Tshao Yen I.)

Sung, c. +1223. Thang Shen-Wei 唐慎微, Khou Tsung-Shih 寇宗奭, ed. Hsü Hung 許洪. TT/761 (Ong index, no. 768).

See also Thu Ching Chi-Chu Yen I Pên Tshao.

Cf. Chang Tsan-Chhen (2); Lung Po-Chien (1), nos. 38, 39.

Thu Hsiu Chen Chün Tsao-Hua Chih Nan 土宿 眞君造化指南.

Guide to the Creation, by the Earth's Mansions Immortal.

See Tsao-Hua Chih Nan.

Thu Hsiu Pên Tshao 土宿本草. The Earth's Mansions Pharmacopoeia. See Tsao-Hua Chih Nan.

Thung Hsüan Pi Shu 通支秘術.
The Secret Art of Penetrating the

The Secret Art of Penetrating the Mystery [alchemy].

Thang, soon after +864. Shen Chih-Yen 沈知言. TT/935.

Thung Su Pien 通俗編.

Thesaurus of Popular Terms, Ideas and Customs.

Chhing, +1751. Tse Hao 湿颜.

Thung Ya 通順.

Helps to the Understanding of the Literary
Expositor [general encyclopaedia with
much of scientific and technological
interest].

Ming and Chhing, finished +1636, pr. +1666.

Fang I-Chih 方以智. Thung Yu Chüëh 通幽訣.

Lectures on the Understanding of the Obscurity (of Nature) [alchemy, protochemical and physiological].

Not earlier than Thang.

Writer unknown.

TT/906.

Cf. Chhen Kuo-Fu (1), vol. 2, p. 390. Tien Hai Yü Hêng Chih 演游處衡志.

A Guide to the Region of the Kunming Lake (Yunnan).

Chhing, c. +1770, pr. +1799. Than Tshui 檢案.

Tien Shu 典術.
Book of Arts.
L/Sung.

Wang Chien-Phing 王建平.

Ting Chhi Ko 鼎器歌.

Song (or, Mnemonic Rhymes) on the (Alchemical) Reaction-Vessel.

Han, if indeed originally, as it is now, a chapter of the Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi (q.v.).

It has sometimes circulated separately. In Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Fên Chang Chu Chieh, ch. 33 (ch. 3, pp. 7a ff.). Cf. Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Ting Chhi Ko Ming Ching Thu (TT/994).

Ton Isho 頓醫抄.
Medical Excerpts Urgently Copied.
Japan, +1304.
Kajiwara Shozen 梶原性全.

Tongui Pogam 東醫寶鑑. See Tung I Pao Chien.

Tou hsien-sêng Hsiu Chen Chih Nan 慶先生修 眞指南.

See Hsi Yo Tou hsien-sêng Hsiu Chen Chih Nan.

Tsao Hua Chhien Chhui 造化鉗鎚.

The Hammer and Tongs of Creation (i.e. Nature).

Ming, c. +1430. Chu Chhüan 朱權.

(Ning Hsien Wang 寧獻王, prince of the Ming.)

Tsao-Hua Chih Nan 造化指南. [= Thu Hsiu Pén Tshao.]

Guide to the Creation (i.e. Nature).

Thang, Sung or possibly Ming. A date about + 1040 may be the best guess, as there are similarities with the Wai Tan Pén Tshao (q.v.).

Thu Hsiu Chen Chün 土宿眞君 (the Earth's Mansions Immortal).

Preserved only in quotation, as in PTKM.

Tsê Ko Lu 則克鉄. Methods of Victory.

Title, in certain editions, of the Huo Kung Chieh Yao (q.v.). Tsêng Kuang Chih Nang Pu 增廣智囊補. Additions to the Enlarged Bag of Wisdom Supplemented.

Ming, c. + 1620.

Fêng Mêng-Lung 淵夢輔. Tshai Chen Chi Yao 採置機型.

> Important (Information on the) Means (by which one can) Attain (the Regeneration of the) Primary (Vitalities) [physiological alchemy, poems and commentary].

Part of San-Fêng Tan Chüch (q.v.).

Tshan Thung Chhi 參同契.

The Kinship of the Three; or, The Accordance (of the Book of Changes) with the Phenomena of Composite Things [alchemy].

H/Han, +142.

Wei Po-Yang 魏伯陽.

Tshan Thung Chhi.

See also titles under Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi.

Tshan Thung Chhi Chang Chü 参同契章句 The Kinship of the Three (arranged in) Chapters and Sections.

Chhing, +1717.

Ed. Li Kuang-Ti 李光地.

Tshan Thung Chhi Khao I 參同契考異. [= Chou I Tshan Thung Chhi Chu.] A Study of the Kinship of the Three.

Sung, +1197.

Chu Hsi 朱熹 (originally using pseudonym Tsou Hsin 鄒訂).

TT/992.

Tshan Thung Chhi Shan Yu 參同契闡鑑. Explanation of the Obscurities in the Kinship of the Three.

Chhing, pref. +1729, pr. +1735. Ed and comm. Chu Yuan-Yü 朱元育. TTCY.

Tshan Thung Chhi Wu Hsiang Lei Pi Yao 参同 契五相類祕要.

Arcane Essentials of the Similarities and Categories of the Five (Substances) in the Kinship of the Three (sulphur, realgar, orpiment, mercury and lead).

Liu Chhao, possibly Thang; prob. between +3rd and +7th cents., must be before the beginning of the +9th cent., though ascr. + 2nd.

Writer unknown (attrib. Wei Po-Yang). Comm. by Lu Thien-Chi 盧天鷹, wr. Sung, + 1111 to + 1117, probably + 1114. TT/898.

Tr. Ho Ping-Yü & Needham (2).

Tshao Mu Tzu 草木子.

The Book of the Fading-like-Grass Master. Ming, +1378.

Yeh Tzu-Chhi 進子奇.

Tshê Fu Yuan Kuei 册府元龍.

Collection of Material on the Lives of Emperors and Ministers, (lit. (Lessons of) the Archives, (the True) Scapulimancy);

[a governmental ethical and political encyclopaedia.]

Sung, commissioned +1005, pr. +1013. Ed. Wang Chhin-Jo 王欽若 & Yang I 楊 偷.

Cf. des Rotours (2), p. 91.

Tshui Hsii Phien 翠虚信.

Book of the Emerald Heaven.

Sung, c. + 1200.

Chhen Nan 陳楠.

TT/1076.

Tshui Kung Ju Yao Ching Chu (or Ho) Chieh 崔公入藥鏡註(合)解.

See Ju Yao Ching and Thien Yuan Ju Yao Ching.

Tshun Chen Huan Chung Thu 存貨環中圖. Illustrations of the True Form (of the Body) and of the (Tracts of) Circulation (of the Chhi).

Sung, +1113. Yang Chieh 楊介.

Now partially preserved only in the Ton-Isho and the Man-Anpō (q.v.). Some of the drawings are in Chu Hung's Nei Wai Erh Ching Thu, also in Hua Tho Nei Chao Thu and Kuang Wei Ta Fa (q.v.).

Tshun Fu Chai Wên Chi 存復独文集. Literary Collection of the Preservation-and-Return Studio.

Yuan, +1349.

Chu Tê-Jun 朱德潤.

Tso Chuan 左條.

Master Tso chhiu's Tradition (or Enlargement) of the Chhun Chhiu (Spring and Autumn Annals), [dealing with the period -722 to -453].

Late Chou, compiled from ancient written and oral traditions of several States between -430 and -250, but with additions and changes by Confucian scholars of the Chhin and Han, especially Liu Hsin. Greatest of the three commentaries on the Chhun Chhiu, the others being the Kungyang Chuan and the Kuliang Chuan, but unlike them, probably originally itself an independent book of history.

Attrib. Tsochhiu Ming 左邱明.

See Karlgren (8); Maspero (1); Chhi Ssu-Ho (1); Wu Khang (1); Wu Shih-Chhang (1); van der Loon (1), Eberhard, Müller & Henseling (1).

Tr. Couvreur (1); Legge (11); Pfizmaier (1-12).

Index by Fraser & Lockhart (1).

Tso Wang Lun 坐忘論.

Discourse on (Taoist) Meditation.

Thang, c. +715.

Ssuma Chhêng-Chên 司馬承貞. TT/1024, and in TTCY (shang mao chi, 5).

Tsui Shang I Chhêng Hui Ming Ching 最上一 乘豐命經.

Exalted Single-Vehicle Manual of the Sagacious (Lengthening of the) Life-Span.

See Hui Ming Ching.

Tsun Shêng Pa Chien 遵生入陸.

Eight Disquisitions on Putting Oneself in Accord with the Life-Force [a collection of works].

Ming, +1591.

Kao Lien 高丽.

For the separate parts see:

1. Chhing Hsiu Miao Lun Chien (chs. 1, 2). 2. Ssu Shih Thiao Shê Chien (chs. 3-6).

3. Chhi Chü An Lo Chien (chs. 7, 8).

4. Yen Nien Chhio Ping Chien (chs. 9,

5. Yin Chuan Fu Shih Chien (chs. 11-13).

6. Yen Hsien Chhing Shang Chien (chs. 14, 15).

7. Ling Pi Tan Yao Chien (chs. 16-18).

8. Lu Wai Hsia Chi Chien (ch. 19).

Tsurezuregusa 徙然草.

Gleanings of Leisure Moments [miscellanea, with much on Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoist philosophy].

Japan, c. + 1330.

Kenkō hōshi 兼好法師 (Yoshida no Kaneyoshi 吉田蒙好).

Cf. Anon. (103), pp. 197 ff.

Tu Hsing Tsa Chih 獨關雜志.

Miscellaneous Records of the Lone Watcher.

Sung, +1176.

Tsêng Min-Hsing 曾敏行.

Tu I Chih 獨異志.

Things Uniquely Strange.

Thang.

Li Jung 李冗 (or 冗).

Tu Jen Ching 度人經.

See Ling-Pao Wu Liang Tu Jen Shang Phin Miao Ching.

Tu Shih Fang Yü Chi Yao 讀史方興紀要. Essentials of Historical Geography.

Chhing, first pr. +1667, greatly enlarged before the author's death in +1692, and pr. c. + 1799.

Ku Tsu-Yü 顧祖禺.

Tung-Chen Ling Shu Tzu-Wên Lang-Kan Hua Tan Shang Ching 洞眞豐書紫文琅环 華丹上經.

Divinely Written Exalted Manual in Purple Script on the Lang-Kan (Gem) Radiant Elixir; a Tung-Chen Scripture.

Alternative name of Thai-Wei Ling Shu Tzu-Wên Lang-Kan Hua Tan Shen Chen Shang Ching (q.v.).

Tung-Chen Thai-Shang Su-Ling Tung-Yuan Ta Yu Miao Ching 洞質太上素靈洞元大 有妙經.

See Ta Yu Miao Ching.

Tung-Chen Thai-Wei Ling Shu Tzu-Wên Shang Ching 洞眞太微豔書紫文上經.

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Sung, mid + 12th cent.

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TT/1135.

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[= Mei-Chhi Shih Chu.] Collected Commentaries on the Poems of

(Su) Tung-Pho.

Sung, c. +1140.

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Tung Shen Ching 洞神經.

See Tung Shen Pa Ti Miao Ching Ching and Tung Shen Pa Ti Yuan Pien Ching.

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Mysterious Canon of Revelation of the Eight (Celestial) Emperors; a Tung-Shen Scripture.

Date uncertain, perhaps Thang but more probably earlier.

Writer unknown.

TT/635.

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Manual of the Mysterious Transformations of the Eight (Celestial) Emperors; a Tung-Shen Scripture [nomenclature of

Tung Shen Pa Ti Yuan (Hsüan) Pien Ching (cont.)

spiritual beings, invocations, exorcisms, techniques of rapportl.

Date uncertain, perhaps Thang but more probably earlier.

Writer unknown.

TT/1187.

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Sung, mid + 12th cent.

Ma Yü 馬紐.

TT/1130.

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Biography of the Adept of the Purple Yang.
H/Han, San Kuo or Chin, before +399.
Writer unknown.

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Japan, +1712.

Terashima Ryōan 寺島良安.

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Myriad Diseases.

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Chhing, +18th.

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Wang Hsien Fu 望仙賦.

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C/Han, -14 or -13.

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Thang, perhaps c. +765; certainly between +8th and late + 10th.

Probably Liu Shou 劉守. In YCCC, ch. 64, pp. 13aff.

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Sung, c. + 1170.

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The School of Naturalists and the First Emperor Aurifiction and aurifaction in the Han

The three roots of elixir alchemy
Wei Po-Yang; the beginnings of alchemical literature in
the Later Han (+2nd cent.)

Ko Hung, systematiser of Chinese alchemy (c. +300), and his times

Fathers and masters The Pao Phu Tzu book and its elixirs

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The golden age of alchemy; from the end of Chin (+400) to late Thang (+800)
The Imperial Elaboratory of the Northern Wei and the Taoist Church at Mao Shan

Alchemy in the Sui re-unification
Chemical theory and spagyrical poetry under the
Thang

Chemical lexicography and classification in the Thang Buddhist echoes of Indian alchemy

The silver age of alchemy; from the late Thang (+800) to the end of the Sung (+1300) The first scientific printed book, and the court alchemist

Mistress Kêng

From proto-chemistry to proto-physiology Alchemy in Japan Handbooks of the Wu Tai

Theocratic mystification, and the laboratory in the National Academy

The emperor's artificial gold factory under Metallurgist Wang Chieh

Social aspects, conventional attitudes and gnomic inscriptions

Alchemical compendia and books with illustrations

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Chinese alchemy in the age of Libavius and Becher The legacy of the Chinese alchemical tradition

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A Chinese puzzle—eighth or eighteenth? The Kiangnan Arsenal and the sinisation of modern chemistry

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The reaction-vessels ting (tripod, container, cauldron) and

kuei (box, casing, container, aludel)

The sealed reaction-vessels shen shih (aludel, lit. magical reaction-chamber) and yao fu (chemical pyx)

Steaming apparatus, water-baths, cooling jackets, con-denser tubes and temperature stabilisers

Sublimation apparatus Distillation and extraction apparatus

Destillatio per descensum The distillation of sea-water

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The evolution of the still

The geographical distribution of still types

The coming of Ardent Water The Salernitan quintessence

Ming naturalists and Thang 'burnt-wine'

Liang 'frozen-out wine'

From icy mountain to torrid still

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iron The role of bacterial enzyme actions

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Stabilised lacquer latex and perpetual youth

The theoretical background of elixir alchemy [with Nathan Sivin]

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Time as the essential parameter of mineral growth The subterranean evolution of the natural elixir

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The Hsiu Chen books and the Huang Thing canons

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The borderline between proto-chemical (wai tan) and
physiological (nei tan) alchemy

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Chinese physiological alchemy (nei tan) and the Indian
Yoga, Tantric and Hathayoga systems
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