

will lie in the middle of the Test like a little Bead or Pearl; then put aside the Fire, and let all be cold.

Then you may weigh the Silver in a pair of Gold-scales, and so cast it up how much there is in a Tun of Lead. I have thus try'd many Oars, and have found them to differ in Goodness of all Sorts, from forty Shillings worth worth of Silver in a Tun to thirty five Pounds worth of Silver in a Tun, and there is no Lead but it holdeth some Silver, yet it is not worth the Refining, unless it yield eight or ten Pound upon a Tun at least.

The Test may thus be made: First, let a Smith make a Ring of Iron about four Inches wide, and two Inches deep, and a quarter of an Inch thick, and as wide above as beneath, and without a Bottom.

Then burn Mutton and Beef-bones in the Fire till they be white; then beat them small in a Morter, and searce them fine like Meal; then with a little Beer or Water temper a small Part thereof like Pap, then put so much more of the dry Powder by little and little, as will make it so stiff that it will be made into a Ball, but remain clammish, betwixt Powder and Paste; then with a Pestle stamp it gently into your Ring till it be Top-full, being set upon an even Board, then stamp it a little lower in the Middle, then at the Edges, and smooth it with a slight Stone, or some round Glass, so set it in the Chimney Corner, to dry a Day or two, and it is ready for your Work.

If you put a quarter of an Ounce of Sandivert, and as much Salt-petre mingled together.