

## C H A P. V.

*Wherein is shewed the Operation of Iron.*

AS for the melting hereof, seeing that it is no Work to be done in the Chimney Corner, I will turn over the Reader to learn the Practise thereof in every Country almost where he shall come.

As for the Refining thereof it may be done in this Manner: Take Filings of Iron two Parts, Antimony one Part, it will melt down like your Lead Oar; take the pure Metal, which will be much more brittle than the Lead was, and melt it with four times as much Lead as it weigheth, then refine it, as before is taught; if you know the Goodness of your Lead before, you may know the Augmentation out of the Iron, which will not quit the Charges out of any Iron made in these Northern Countries, nor yet out of Spanish Iron; but what it may do out of Iron made in the burning Zone I know not; but I conceive it may do well, if any such Iron can be found and made in that Climate.

It is true, that good Gold may be extracted out of any Iron, but not by any common Way, but by a tedious, laborious, and costly Way; and when all is done, there  
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