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## An Ordinall of Alchimy:

A Project from Mildred's Lane organized by Mark Dion and Robert Williams.

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This \$999 project from Cabinet magazine rests on the description and referencing of seven processes in practical alchemy (*Calcination, Fixation, Solution, Distillation, Sublimation, Separation, and Projection*) which looks to Elias Ashmole's *Theatrum Chemicum Britannicum* of 1652— itself a collection or miscellany, and which informs the Alchemy Shack Project at Mildred's Lane. Amongst the famous alchemical treatise in that work, is *Norton's Ordinall of Alchimy*— itself a list, or taxonomy in verse of these practical processes and principles. This acknowledges the great project of alchemy as a means to enlightenment, and is mirrored in the process of the \$999 project as the fellows investigated and interpreted the terminology of the seven doors of alchimy in their discourse and rationale for purchasing items *via* eBay.

## eBAY ITEMS BY PRICE & ALCHEMIC PROCESS

ITEM	PRICE	SHIPPING	TOTAL
<b>CALCINATION</b>			
Dragon Skull	20	12.89	32.89
1 Buffalo jaw Bone	2.5	4.78	7.28
Dragon Bones	3.85	2.75	6.6
Coyote Skull	15	5	20
Hoodoo-Coon Penis bone	2	0.8	2.8
Volcanic Ash	2.95	1.75	4.7
xxlg Coon Penis bone- oosik	6	5	11
fine dead sea salt 20 lbs	11.99	9.99	21.98
sunjar	32.2	0	32.2
<i>Subtotals</i>	<i>96.49</i>	<i>42.96</i>	<i>139.45</i>
<b>FIXATION</b>			
old bottle opener, lava	5.5	3	8.5
vintage talking toast mold	3.95	0	3.95
black obsidian stones	4.45	3.3	7.75
brass locket	9.99	0	7.75
french matchbox holder	7	0	11.7
silver teeth mold	9.99	0	11.7
lipsticx fixative	4.95	2.99	11.7
check writer	9.95	14.77	24.72
pattern- colonial costume	3.5	0	3.5
bat lock and key	0.99	10	10.99
<i>Subtotals</i>	<i>60.27</i>	<i>34.06</i>	<i>94.33</i>
<b>SOLUTION</b>			
St. Augustine Fountain of Youth	4.99	8.7	13.69
Liquid Ozone	15	7.55	22.55
Money Drawing Indian Oil	2.5	2.58	5.08
Love Potion	5.69	3.5	9.19
Abacus	0.99	13.22	14.21
Cold Fusion poster	2.5	1.5	4
duck soap dish	9.99	8.7	18.69
Bad Karma Cure-all	4	0	4
Magnetic Liquid	19.95	0	19.95
50 Magnetic Discs	5.65	0	5.65
Magic 8 Ball	29.99	4.44	34.43
<i>Subtotals</i>	<i>101.25</i>	<i>50.19</i>	<i>151.44</i>

ITEM	PRICE	SHIPPING	TOTAL
<b>DISTILLATION</b>			
Red Magic Essence	9.99	6.2	16.19
Vapr-Cresoline Vaporizer	19.99	6.9	26.89
Lilace Perfumiere	15	4.95	19.95
Lincoln Glass Decanter	1.25	4.95	6.2
Press Glass Decanter	3.5	9.2	12.7
wine/water decanter	4.99	7.1	12.09
Double Decanter	12	0	12
Six Mini Perfume Bottles	5	3	8
<i>Subtotals</i>	<i>71.72</i>	<i>42.3</i>	<i>114.02</i>
<b>SUBLIMATION</b>			
Venus Comb	14.99	9.99	24.98
Glacier Rock	1	2.73	3.73
Moon Mereroite	39.9	6	45.9
Carve Bone Scrimshaw	29.95	0	29.95
Pocket Telescope	29.99	0	29.99
Compass	1.49	2.5	3.99
<i>Subtotals</i>	<i>117.32</i>	<i>21.22</i>	<i>138.54</i>
<b>SEPARATION</b>			
Hair cutters	1	2.87	3.87
Gas mask	12.99	9.8	22.79
Vintage Condom Box	5.99	0	5.99
lemon juicer	5.95	5.95	11.9
Tin Pan Strainer	7	7.75	14.75
Doll House Curtains	2.25	1.5	3.75
Metal Colander w/ stand	9.99	9.85	19.84
Lot of Handkerchiefs	9.99	0	9.99
<i>Subtotals</i>	<i>55.16</i>	<i>37.72</i>	<i>92.88</i>
<b>PROJECTION</b>			
Phil. Stone	20	0	20
Glass for Phil stone	3	2.75	5.75
glass paperweights	30	11	41
3 lbs. Fools gold	22	0	22
Overhead Projector	19.99	14	33.99
<i>Subtotals</i>	<i>94.99</i>	<i>27.75</i>	<i>122.74</i>