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<head>For melting or transmuting a jewel put inside a box</head>

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Take a box of boxwood banded with rings, as you see, into which will easily fit another small box, like that which you see marked B, and make sure that it does not touch the bottom of the large one marked A, but that there is some distance. That which enters the large box must be smooth, but the rim must be made with rings so that, being joined, it appears as if they are one and the same box. You must also have a round <m>leather</m> cover of the same length as the box, as you see marked C, which will fit easily & surround the aforesaid boxes thus placed one within the other. But before you do your trick, you must put at the bottom of the larger box powdered <m>gold</m> or <m>silver</m>, or <m>mercury</m> amalgamated with <m>silver</m>, and then place the little box marked B on top. After, holding the box with your index finger on top, you present it, and seeing only the bottom of the smaller box marked B, one places a jewel or something similar in it. This being done, placing the box on the table, you cover it with the leather box, and making the requisite gestures, you will remove the leather box, & without showing the interior, will put it on the table & let it be recognized that the jewel is placed in the bottom of the small box marked B. Then you will gently place the leather box back, & after saying inhonorificabilitidinita<del>d</del>tudinibus, you will take the top of the leather box with two fingers, and clasping it more firmly than usual, at the same time you will lift the smaller box that is inside & which contains the jewel, & you will gently put both on the table, then you will pour the powder or amalgam that is at the bottom of the large box, then replace the leather box with the box inside it, as it was at the start. Then, removing the leather box without removing the smaller one, you will show the jewel at the bottom which has returned to its previous state, holding your index finger on the rim of the box so that it does not slip.</ab>

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