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<head>The work done in Algiers</head>

<ab>Take a <al>colt</al> of three of four years &amp; feed it on <del><m>rye</m></del> <add><m>barley</m></add> &amp; <m>straw</m> <del><fr>pig</fr></del> cut in the manner one feeds horses in <pl>Spain</pl>, and water it with good fountain or river <m>water</m>. I do not know if it would be good to water it occasionally with <m>water</m> of <m>sulfurous</m> baths, &amp; to sometimes give it <m>fenugreek</m> or other hot foods, for the intention of the <pro>worker</pro> is <del>to it</del> to use the heat of its <m>dung</m>, &amp; the climate here is cooler than that of Algiers. Keep it in a warm &amp; close place &amp; so that none of its <m>dung</m> &amp; <m>urine</m> should be lost, of which you will make a heap or two in order that while one cools, the other will be at the appropriate heat to continue. Also take a large glass mattras, as thick as you can, &amp; one finger think if it can be done, &amp; of the capacity of one pitcher or <m>earthen</m> jug. Around the feast of St John, put into it a dozen &amp; a half <m>chicken eggs</m>, that is to say, the <m>yolk</m> without the <m>glair</m> &amp; the (<m>germ</m>) see). Others say lx <m>yolks</m>. And <del>it will be</del> with this dozen &amp; a half <m>egg yolks</m> put in half an ounce (others say for lx <m>eggs</m> half a lb) of <m>female silkworm seeds</m>. And after having thoroughly luted the mattras (I do not know if there needs to be air for the generation), put it &amp; bury it in the heat of the <m>dung</m> up to the neck, and leave it there until several <del><fr>f<ill/></fr></del> <al>worms</al> are engendered. And then remove the mattras &amp; do not bury it in the <m>dung</m> any longer, but only keep it placed on the hot layer of the <m>dung</m> until all the <al>worms</al> will have eaten &amp; consumed one another, bustling &amp; stirring, and only one remains. When this is the case you need to feed it at regular intervals, day &amp; night, with the aid of two men, who by intervals will take care of it, and you will feed it with an <m>egg yolk</m> covered with a <m>gold leaf</m>, or with a liquid <m>egg yolk</m> with the <m>gold</m> leaf incorporated; &amp; take good care that it does not want for such food (some say one <m>egg yolk</m> per hour, others three, but the thing itself will demonstrate the practice). Nourished in this way it will achieve its growth in two months or seven weeks &amp; will become like a <al>snake</al>, one <fr>empan</fr> &amp; four fingers long, &amp; one lb in weight, and as the wings begin to arise on it, one will need to make it die, doing so with a <m>charcoal</m> fire in a ring around the bottle one <fr>empan</fr> distant from it, then stopper &amp; lute the bottle well in order that it does not exhale.</ab>

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