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with the rule of Equation: and
the woorkes of Surde
Numbers.

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Schyn

Though many stones doe beare greate price,
The whetstone is for exercise
As needfull, and in woorkes as straunge:
Dulle things and harde it will so change,
And make them sharpe, to right good vse:
All artesmen knowe, thei can not chuse,
But vse his helpe: yet as men see,
Noe sharpenesse semeth in it to bee.

The grounde of artes did brede this stone
His vse is greate, and moare then one.
Here if you list your wittes to whette,
Moe sharpenesse therby shall you gette.
Dulle wittes hereby doe greatly mende,
Sharpe wittes are fined to their fulle ende.
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And to your self be not vnkinde.



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