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The young man's book of amusement

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The Ten Duplicates.

Select any twenty cards: let any person shuffle them; lay them by pairs on the board, without looking at them. You next desire several persons, (as many persons as there are pairs on the table,) each to look at different pairs, and remember what cards compose them. You then take up all the cards in the order they lay, and replace them with their faces uppermost on the table, according to the order of the letters in the following words:

M	U	T	U	S
1	2	3	4	5
D	E	D	I	T
6	7	8	9	10
N	O	M	E	N
11	12	13	14	15
C	O	C	I	S
16	17	18	19	20

(These words convey no meaning.)—You will observe, that they contain ten letters repeated, or two of each sort. You therefore ask each person which row or rows the cards he looked at are in; if he say the first, you know they must be the second and fourth, there being two letters of a sort (two U's) in that row; if he say the second and fourth, they must be the ninth and nineteenth, (two I's) and so of the rest. This amusement, which is very simple, and requires very little practice, will be found to excite,