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To make an artificial Spider, containing Fulminating Silver

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The detonating Candle

Take about a third part of a grain of fulminating silver, and put it into the wick of a candle, which is to be burned by the person you wish to surprise. When the flame reaches the powder, it will immediately explode with a stunning report. Similar tricks may be played by placing the silver in a pair of snuffers, boots, shoes, walking-stick, &c.

To make an artificial Spider, containing Fulminating Silver.

Take about one third of a grain of fulminating silver, and inclose it in a piece of paper or cloth made up in the form of a spider, then place it in a situation where it is likely to be trod upon. The noise will both surprise and amuse.

Fulminating Bombs.

Procure a few glass balls, of about a sixth part of an inch in diameter, and put a third part of a grain of fulminating silver upon a piece of soft paper, then paste the paper round one of the glass balls, and upon treading upon it, or throwing it with force against a stone, it will break and give a report like a musket.

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