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To give a Person a Supernatural Appearance

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above spirit, though both are in themselves perfectly cold, yet on mixing them together, a great flame will arise and destroy them both, leaving only a little resinous matter at the bottom.

The exploding Bubble.

If you take up a small quantity of melted glass with a tube, (the bowl of a common tobacco pipe will do,) and let a drop fall into a vessel of water, it will chill and condense with a fine spiral tail, which being broken, the whole substance will burst with a loud explosion, without injury either to the party that holds it, or him that breaks it; but if the *thick* end be struck, even with a hammer, it will not break.

To give a Person a Supernatural Appearance.

Put one part of phosphorus into six of olive oil, and digest them in a sand heat. Rub this on the face (taking care to shut the eyes) and the appearance in the dark will be supernaturally frightful; all the parts which have been rubbed appearing to be covered by a luminous lambent flame of a bluish colour, whilst the eyes and mouth appear like black spots. No danger whatever attends this experiment.