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The Magical Tea-Spoon

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those to whom the trick is exhibited, they would see the answers gradually disappear, as the paper became cold.

Invisible Ink.

Dissolve green vitriol and a little nitrous acid in common water. Write your characters with a new pen.

Next infuse small Aleppo galls, slightly bruised, in water. In two or three days, pour the liquor off.

By drawing a pencil dipped in this second solution over the characters written with the first, they will appear a beautiful black.

The Magical Tea-Spoon.

Put into a crucible four ounces of bismuth, and when in a state of fusion, throw in two ounces and a half of lead, and one ounce and a half of tin: these metals will combine, forming an alloy, fusible in boiling water. Mould the alloy into bars, and take them to a silver-smith's to be made into tea-spoons. Give one to a stranger to stir his tea, as soon as it is poured from the tea-pot; he will not be a little surprised to find it melt in his tea-cup.