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The young man's book of amusement

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Invisible Correspondence

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Mix up some hog's lard very intimately with a little Venice turpentine, and rub a small portion of it gently and in an equal manner, over very thin paper by means of a piece of fine sponge. When you are desirous to employ this preparation for writing secretly to a friend, lay the above paper on that you intend to dispatch, and trace out whatever you think proper with a blunted style, by which means the fat substance will adhere to the second paper in all those places the style has passed. The person who receives the letter may easily render it legible by sprinkling over it a little coloured dust, or some pounded charcoal well sifted.

Beautiful Ornament for a Room.

Dissolve in seven different tumblers, containing warm water, half ounces of sulphates of iron, copper, zinc, soda, alumine, magnesia, and potass. Pour them all, when completely dissolved, into a large evaporating dish of Wedgwood's ware, and stir the whole with a glass rod; place the dish in a warm place, where it cannot be affected by dust, or where it may not be agitated. When due evaporation has taken place, the whole will begin to shoot out into crystals. These will be interspersed in small groups and single crystals amongst each other. Their colour

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