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**The young man's book of amusement**

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The Philosophical Candle

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the buildings, as they would then resemble lamps of different colours.

*To set fire to Spirits of Wine by the Rays of the Sun.*

Put a small quantity of spirits of wine into a glass, and put a halfpenny or shilling in with it, then direct the rays of the sun, by means of a burning-glass, upon the coin, and in a short time it will become so hot as to inflame the spirits.

*The Philosophical Candle.*

Provide a bladder, into the orifice of which is inserted a metal tube, some inches in length, that can be adapted to the neck of a bottle, containing the same mixture as in the experiment, p. 28. Having suffered the atmospheric air to be expelled from the bottle, by the elastic vapour produced by the solution, apply the orifice of the bladder to the mouth of the bottle, after carefully squeezing the common air out of it, (which you must not fail to do, or the bladder will violently explode.) The bladder will thus become filled with the inflammable air, which when forced out against the flame of a candle, by pressing the sides of the bladder, will form a beautiful green flame.

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