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Dissolve camphor in spirit of wine, and deposit the vessel containing the solution in a very close room, where the spirit of wine must be made to evaporate by strong and speedy boiling. If any one then enters the room with a lighted candle, the air will inflame, while the combustion will be so sudden, and of so short a duration, as to occasion no danger.

Two liquids when mixed form almost a solid Mass.

Put into a wine glass a few tea-spoonsful of a concentrated solution of silicited potash, and add to it gradually drop by drop, sulphuric acid. If these two liquids be stirred together with a glass rod, they become converted into an opaque white and almost solid mass.

To melt Iron in a moment, and make it run into Drops.

Bring a bar of iron to a white heat, and then apply to it a roll of sulphur. The iron will immediately melt, and run into drops.