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Vegetable Chimney Ornaments

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to be so, the water will be level with the section of the neck, or rather elevated above it, and forming a concave surface. When disposed to be wet, a drop will appear at the mouth, which will enlarge till it falls, and then another drop, while the humidity of the atmosphere continues.

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*Vegetable Chimney Ornaments.*

In winter an elegant chimney ornament may be formed by cutting the head or thick end of a carrot, containing the bulb, and placing it in a shallow vessel with water. Young and delicate leaves unfold themselves, forming a radiated tuft of a very handsome appearance, and heightened by contrast with the season of the year.

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*To stain Wood Black.*

Boil some chips of log-wood in water for about a quarter of an hour, then wash the piece of wood with it three or four times, allowing it to dry after each washing. Lastly, wash the wood by means of a common painting brush with vinegar, prepared as follows:—put one ounce of steel, or iron filings, into two ounces of vinegar, keep the phial near the fire, so as to be gently heated for about two hours, then decant the vinegar and keep it for use.