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

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Powerful Musical Instrument

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the index. On this principle, the Dutch toys, called weather houses, are made; one end of the index supports a small image of a man, and the other that of a woman; the former appears, or is brought out in wet weather, and the latter in fair weather.

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*Powerful Musical Instrument.*

Take a common poker, and tie a tape on it at top, so that both ends of the tape are left at liberty; these ends must be rolled round the first finger of each hand, and then with these fingers stopping the ears close, strike the poker thus suspended against any body. The depth of the tone which this odd musical instrument returns will be amazing. The deepest and largest bell will not equal it.

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*Another Cheap Hydrometer*

The following is the most lasting and convenient mode of constructing an instrument of this kind.

Take a very nice balance, and place in it a sponge or other body, which easily imbibes moisture, and let it be equalibrio, with a weight hung at the other end of the beam. Now, if the air become moist, the sponge becoming heavier will preponderate; if dry, the sponge will be raised up. The balance may be contrived two ways; by either having the pin in the