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

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To take a Shilling out of a Handkerchief

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If we pass the middle finger over the fore finger, so as to make this last turn towards the thumb, and we then place a small globular body under the tips of these fingers, and press it, that it may move exactly in contact with them, we shall imagine we feel two globes. In this case, the finger that is placed out of its natural position exerts an action, which no longer in accord with the other finger, gives rise to a sensation that seems to refer to a new object.

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*To lay Prints on the inside of Glass Globes.*

First, cut away all the white part of the impression, so that nothing appears but the print: then brush over the face side of it with strong gum water, or size; then put it into the globe, and with a long small stick, on which a camel's-hair pencil is fixed, stick it even on, and arrange what number of prints you please in the globe; let them dry about twelve hours, then pour some prepared plaster of Paris, either white or tinged with any colour you please, and turn the globe easily about, so that every part may be covered; pour out the superfluous plaster, and it is finished.

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*To take a Shilling out of a Handkerchief.*

You must have a curtain-ring, the size of a shilling. At first, you put the shilling into the handkerchief;

but when you take it out to shew there is no deception, you slip the ring into its stead, and while the person is eagerly holding the handkerchief, and the company's eyes are fixed upon the form of the shilling, you sieze the opportunity of conveying it secretly away. When you have possession of the handkerchief again, you slip away the curtain ring.

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*To cause a Five Pound Note to be all in a flame, without hurting it.*

Dip your Note in Brandy, or pretty strong Aquavitæ, then hold it over a lighted candle, or piece of paper, whilst it takes fire, and it will spread all over it as a sheet of flame, but the spirituons matter consuming the moist part that remains will put it out, to the amazement of those who are ignorant of what is done to it. The same may be done with a Handkerchief.

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*How to hear the Beating of a Watch at twenty or thirty yards distance.*

Place a Watch at the end of a balk, or tree, no matter how long, and put your ear against the other end, and you will hear the Watch beat as distinctly as if you had it against your ear. If a person strike the balk, *even with a Pin*, while your ear is placed against it, you may hear the stroke very plain.

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