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

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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.

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.

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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