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To break an Iron Bar as big as your arm

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*How to prepare a Candle that the strongest Wind
will not blow out.*

Put some salt upon a linen rag, and roll it round the candle; you may then light the candle, and it will burn all away, even if you have it out all the while in a strong wind.

*To put Ale and Water in a Glass without mixing
them.*

Fill your glass half full of Ale, and set it upon a table, then put a silk handkerchief over the glass, and press it down to the surface of the Ale; you may then gently fill the glass with water, and draw up the handkerchief, and you will see the water upon the Ale without mixing in the least.

To break an Iron Bar as big as your arm.

Take melted soap, with which you will rub your Iron Bar, at the same place where you would have it break; then with any thing take off and clear away part of that unction in the middle part of it about the width of half-a-crown. Then take a sponge dipped into ardent water of three distillations, bring it round the bar, and in six hours it will break.