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The young man's book of amusement

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Easy Method of Purloining without Discovery

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within the table, opens the trap, and substitutes the second handkerchief instead of the first; then shuts the trap, which fits so exactly the hole it closes, as to deceive the eyes of the most incredulous. If the performer be not possessed of such a table, (which is absolutely necessary for other feats as well as this) he must have the second handkerchief in his pocket, and by sleight of hand change it for the pieces, which must be instantaneously concealed.

To keep a Snow-ball all Summer in a perfect state.

Get a Snow-ball, and squeeze it very hard together, then put it in a pot and surround it well with flour, which must be pressed very hard about it, and you shall have as perfect a snow-ball in the height of summer, as you had when you first put it in the pot.

Easy Method of Purloining without Discovery.

A lady had occasion to send a diamond cross to a jeweller, to be repaired. To provide against any imposition, she had the precaution to count the number of diamonds, which she did in the following manner. She found the cross contained in length, from A to B, nine diamonds. Reckoning from B to C, or from B to D she also counted nine. When the cross was returned, counting them in the same way, she found the number

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precisely the same; notwithstanding which, two diamonds had been purloined. How was this managed?

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	0					
C	0	D				
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	0					
	0					
	0					
	0					
	0					
	B					

SOLUTION.

A bare inspection of the cross in its original, and its altered form, will explain this familiar puzzle to those who have not met with it before.

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	0							0	
C	0	D						0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
	0							0	
	0							0	
	0							0	
	0							0	
	0							0	
	B							0	