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The young man's book of amusement

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Another way

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A gentleman sent his servant with a present of nine ducks in a box, upon which was the following direction :—

“ TO ALDERMAN GOBBLE, WITH IX DUCKS.”

The servant, who had more ingenuity than honesty, purloined three of the ducks, and contrived it so that the number contained in the box corresponded with that upon the direction. As he neither erased any word or letter, nor substituted a new direction, how did he so alter it as to correspond with the contents of the box ?

SOLUTION.

The servant merely placed the letter S before the two Roman numerals IX. The direction then read thus :—

“ TO ALDERMAN GOBBLE, WITH SIX DUCKS.”

The Transposable Pieces.

Take two guineas and two shillings, and grind part of them away, on one side only, so that they may be but half the common thickness ; and observe, that

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