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The young man's book of amusement

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To put a Ring through your Cheek, [...]

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this funnel is fixed in a bottle, and the quantity of rain caught is ascertained by multiplying the weight in ounces by 173, which gives the depth in inches and parts of an inch. In fixing these gauges, care must be taken that the rain may have free access to them: hence the tops of buildings are usually the best places. When the quantities of rain collected in them at different places, are compared, the instruments ought to be fixed at the same heights above the ground at both places, because at different heights the quantities are always different, even at the same place.

To recover a Fly after being drowned several hours.

A fly drowned in water, wine, ale, or beer, and so thoroughly dead, being laid overhead in chalk crushed very fine, or warm ashes, (but they must not be burning, or very hot,) will recover and live again.

To put a Ring through your Cheek, and then to bring it on a Stick.

You must have two rings exactly alike, one of which has a notch which admits your cheek. When you have exhibited the perfect ring, you change it for the other, and privately slip the notch over one side of your mouth; in the meantime, you slip the whole ring on your stick, hiding it with

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your hand ; then desire some one to hold the end of the stick, whip the ring out of your cheek, and smite with it instantly upon the stick, concealing it, and whirling the other ring, which you hold your hand over, round about the stick.

The Aquatic Dancers.



Construct two small hollow figures of enamel ; but in the lower part, representing the feet, leave a small hole, through which a drop of water can be introduced, or apply to the back part of each a sort of appendage in the form of a tail, pierced at the end, so that a portion of water may be made to enter this tube. Then bring the figure into equilibrium in such a manner, that with this small drop of water, it shall keep itself upright, and remain suspended in the fluid. Fill the bottle with water to the orifice, and cover it with parchment, which must be closely tied round the neck : see accompanying figure. To put

the figures in motion, press the parchment over the orifice with your finger, and the figures will descend, remove your finger, they will rise ; apply and remove your fingers alternately, the