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The Aquatic Dancers

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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

figures will be agitated in the middle of the fluid, in such a manner as to excite the astonishment of those unacquainted with the cause.

To lock a Padlock upon your Cheek.

The padlock for this purpose has a bow with a division which admits the cheek, so contrived that when locked in, it may neither pinch too hard, nor yet hold it so slightly as to be drawn off. There should be a variety of notches in it, that the place of the division may not be noticed. This invention, which is very curious, can never be detected; it is an improvement of the old feat of cutting one's nose off, which was done by a knife made to fit half way upon the nose.

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