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Illustration of the Art of Calico Printing [...]

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Illustration of the Art of Calico Printing.—To Produce White upon a Black Ground.

Boil a piece of white muslin for a few minutes in a solution of sulphate of iron, composed of one part of green sulphate of iron, and eight of water; squeeze it out and dry it. Then imprint upon it spots of any pattern you choose, with lemon-juice; render it dry again, and rinse it well in water. If the stuff now be boiled with logwood chips and water, it will exhibit white spots upon a black ground.

Method of making a Cheap Aromatic Vinegar, for Purifying large Buildings, or Manufactories, &c.

Take of common vinegar any quantity, mix a sufficient quantity of powdered chalk, or common whiting with it, to destroy the acidity; then let the white matter subside, and pour off the insipid supernatant liquor; afterwards let the white powder be dried, either in the open air, or by the fire. When it is dry, pour upon it sulphuric acid, as long as white acid fumes continue to ascend. Stone vessels are most proper to be used on this occasion, as the acid will not act upon them. This product is the acetic acid known in the shops by the name of aromatic vinegar. The simplicity and cheapness of this process, point it out as a very useful and commodious one, for purifying

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