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The young man's book of amusement

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The Portable Diorama

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insect will appear a large animal, or a hair as big as a walking-stick ; the eels in vinegar, or flour paste will look like small serpents.

The Portable Diorama,

Is a most instructive and delightful production of art, capable of affording endless and refined amusement to all ranks and ages. A neat box contains a series of transparent views, abbey ruins, sea-pieces, various landscapes, &c., which fit into a slight wooden frame. There is also a number of atmospheric, and other effects produced by having similar transparencies painted in clouds, with a rainbow, with a moon, or merely plain pieces of silk, of crimson, yellow, &c. ; any of which being placed behind the first-mentioned views, (and occasionally combined with a moveable gauze curtain,) impart to them all the changes of morning, evening, dawn, sunset, moonlight, &c., &c., and gratify the spectator with the most charming and picturesque changes. Objects seem to take novel positions, and the entire scenes, have all their relations varied from tempest to profound repose. It is really difficult to imagine seeing them, how materials so unimposing in their forms should be made to convey such gratification to the mind.

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