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Optical Illusion

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Suspend a ring freely to a string, on a level with the eye, but in such a manner that you cannot see the hole of the ring. Take a stick about a yard long, and fasten another smaller stick crosswise to one end of it. Then shut one eye and try to thread the ring with the small stick, and you will scarcely ever succeed; but use both eyes, and you will do it at the first attempt.

 ELECTRICITY.

ELECTRICITY is found to be of two kinds, which are generally distinguished by the appellations of *positive* and *negative*, or their equivalents *plus* and *minus*.

Positive and negative electricity may be readily distinguished by the taste, on making the electric current pass, by means of a point, on to the tongue. The taste of the positive electricity is acid, that of the negative electricity is more caustic, and, as it were, alkaline.

The two electricities may also be distinguished in the following manner: if a pointed conductor, such as a needle, be presented to an excited glass tube in the dark, a globular speck of light will be observed