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Method of receiving the Electrical Shock from a Cat

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*Magical Explosion.*

Make up some gunpowder, in the form of a small cartridge, in each end of which put a blunt wire, so that the ends inside of the cartridge be about half an inch of each other; then joining the chain that proceeds from one side of the electrifying battery, to the wire at the other end, the shock will instantly pass through the powder, and set it on fire.

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*Method of receiving the Electrical Shock from a Cat.*

Place the left hand under the throat, with the middle finger and thumb slightly pressing the bones of the animal's shoulder, then gently passing the right hand along the back, sensible electrical shocks will be felt in the left hand, and very distinct discharges may be obtained by touching the tips of the ears, after applying friction to the back: the same may be obtained from the foot.

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*Another Electrical Experiment.*

Place a thin piece of tin-foil vertically, between two horizontal and insulated rods of brass, each terminated by a knob, and distant from each other be-