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The young man's book of amusement

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The Electrified Camphor

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The Electrified Camphor.

A beautiful experiment of the same nature is made with camphor. A spoon holding a piece of lighted camphor is made to communicate with an electrified body, as the prime conductor of a machine; while the conductor continues electrified by keeping the machine in motion, the camphor will throw out ramifications, and appear to shoot like a vegetable.

 GALVANISM.

A LONG time prior to the establishment of galvanism as a science, it had been observed, that if two different metals were placed in contact under water, they were subject to a rapid oxidation, though the water had no perceptible action upon them, when they were alone.

When metals have been soldered by means of other metals, they were found to tarnish about the places where they were joined; and the copper sheathing of ships when fastened by means of iron nails, soon corrodes about the place where the different metals touch each other.

It had been generally affirmed, that porter drunk