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Experiment with a Leech

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Experiment on a Frog.

Place a living frog upon a plate of zinc wetted with water, and paste a slip of tin-foil, or a shilling, also wetted with water, upon the back of a frog. If now a communication be formed between the zinc and the tin-foil, by means of a wire, or other piece of metal, the frog will be violently convulsed, and jump off the plate.

Experiment with a Leech.

Those animals can only be convulsed by galvanism which possess distinct limbs and muscles; yet reptiles may be shewn to be affected by it: thus if a leech or a worm be laid upon a plate of zinc, and surrounded at a little distance by pieces of silver, for example half-crowns, every time the animal touches one of the pieces of silver, it will be observed to draw itself back.

Experiment on a Flounder.

Take a live flounder, and put it on a pewter plate, or upon a large piece of zinc, wetted with water, upon its back; or place the fish upon its back, and apply the coin to its cheek or breast, then touch the plate or zinc with a wire, and apply the other extremity of the wire to a piece of silver, violent contractions will

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