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**The young man's book of amusement**

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The Card in the Ring

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and shew a person that the bottom card is the seven of hearts. This card you dexterously slip aside with your finger, which you have previously wetted, and taking the king of spades from the bottom, which the person supposes to be the seven of hearts, lay it on the table, telling him to cover it with his hand.

Shuffle the cards again, without displacing the first and last card, and shifting the other king of spades from the top to the bottom, shew it to another person. You then draw that privately away, and taking the bottom card, which will then be the seven of hearts, you lay that on the table, and tell the second person (who believes it to be the king of spades) to cover it with his hand.

You then command the cards to change places; and when the two parties take off their hands, and turn up the cards, they will see, to their great astonishment, that your commands are obeyed.

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#### *The Card in the Ring.*

Get a ring made of any metal, in which is set a large transparent stone or piece of glass, to the bottom of which is fastened a small piece of black silk; under the silk is to be the figure of a small card: and the silk must be so constructed, that it may be either drawn aside or spread, by turning the stone round.

You then cause a person to draw the same sort of card as that at the bottom of the ring; and tell him

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to burn it in the candle. Now the ring being so constructed, that the silk conceals the card underneath it, you first shew him the ring, that he may see it is not there, and tell him you will make it appear; then rubbing the ashes of the card on the ring, you manage to turn the stone or glass dexterously round, and exhibit to him the small card at the bottom.

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*The Card discovered under the Handkerchief.*

Let a person draw any card from the rest, and put it in the middle of the pack; you make the pass at that place, and the card will consequently be at top; then placing the pack on the table, cover it with a handkerchief, and putting your hand under it, take off the top card, and after seeming to search among the cards for some time, draw it out.

This amusement may be performed by putting the cards in another person's pocket, after the pass is made. Several cards may also be drawn and placed together in the middle of the pack, and the pass then made.

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*To tell the Card that a Person has touched with his Finger.*

This amusement is to be performed by confederacy. You previously agree with your confederate on cer-