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# The young man's book of amusement

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To shuffel Cards in such a manner, as always to keep one certain Card at the Bottom

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by hiding the aces they will all appear white on both sides. You may then ask the company which they choose, and exhibit the kings, aces, or blanks, as required.

#### The Card in the Pochet Book.

A confederate is previously to know the card you have taken from the pack, and put into your pocket book. You then present the pack to him, and desire him to fix on a card, (which we will suppose to be the queen of diamonds,) and place the pack on the table. You then ask him the name of the card, and when he says the queen of diamonds, you ask him if he is not mistaken, and if he be sure that the card is in the pack: when he replies in the affirmative, you say, "It might be there when you looked over the cards, but I believe it is now in my pocket;" then desire a third person to put his hand in your pocket, and take out your book, and when it is opened, the card will appear.

To shuffle Cards in such a manner, as always to keep one certain Card at the Bottom.

In shuffling, let the bottom card be always a little before, or, which is best, a little behind all the rest of the cards; put it a little beyond the rest before, right over your fore finger, or else, which is the best

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a little behind the rest, so that the little finger of the left hand may slip up and meet with it; at the first, shuffle as thick as you can; and, at last, throw upon the board the bottom card, with as many more as you would preserve for any purpose, a little before or a little behind the rest; and be sure to let your fore finger, if the pack be laid before, or your little finger, if the pack be laid behind, always creep up to meet with the bottom card; and when you feel it, you may there hold it till you have shuffled over again; which being done, the card which was first at the bottom will come there again: having perfected yourself in this manner of shuffling, you may accomplish any thing you please with a pack of ten, twelve, or twenty cards, always leaving it at the bottom, however frequently you may shuffle them.

### The Card in the Egg.

Take a card, the same as your long card, and rolling it up very close, put it in an egg, by making a hole as small as possible, and which you are to fill up earefully with white wax. You then offer the long card to be drawn, and when it is replaced in the pack, you shuffle the cards several times, giving the egg to the person who drew the card, and while he is breaking it you privately withdraw the long card, that it may appear upon examining the cards, to have gone from the pack into the egg. This may be rendered more surprising by having several eggs, in each of

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