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The young man's book of amusement

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The Magical Square

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MAGICAL PROPERTIES OF FIGURES.

The Magical Square.

THE Chinese have discovered mystical letters on the back of the tortoise, which is the common magical square, making each way 15, viz.

2	9	4
7	5	3
6	1	8

Writing in Cipher.

A cipher, consisting of nine radical characters, (those, for instance, composing the well-known figure ++ with one, two, three, or more points at pleasure, ++ above, below, or in the body of the figure,) is sufficient to compose a great enough variety of secret symbols for any purpose.

The Number Nine.

The following discovery of remarkable properties of the number 9 was accidentally made by Mr. V.

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lieve, not

9
1
—
9...9
2
—
18...1+

9
6
—
56...5+4