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To soften Horn

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thrown about to a great distance, sometimes with a red flame : and there is exhaled a brown vapour, accompanied with a strong odour.

Method of taking an Impression of Butterflies on Paper.

Clip the wings off the butterfly, lay them on clean, in the form of a butterfly when flying. Spread some thick clean gum-water on another piece of paper, press it on the wings, and it will take them up ; lay a piece of white paper over it, and rub it gently with your finger, or the smooth handle of a knife. The bodies are to be drawn in the space which you leave between the wings.

To soften Horn.

To one pound of wood-ashes, add two pounds of quick lime ; put them in a quart of water. Let the whole boil till reduced to one-third. Then dip a feather in, and if on drawing it out, the plume should come off, it is a proof that it has boiled enough ; if not, let it boil a little longer. When it is settled, filter it off, and in the liquor thus strained, put shavings of horn. Let them soak for three days ; and first anointing your hands with oil, work the horn into a mass, and print or mould it into any shape you please.