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

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To obtain exquisite Skeletons of Small Animals

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*How to Write in the Dark.*

Two planes of ebony, of equal length and breadth, similar to a parallel ruler, and joined at each end by racks, the side of which being graduated to the width of the line intended, will serve as a certain guide, and by use of this instrument, a blind person, or a person in the dark, may write with the greatest accuracy. If ivory tablets or a slate is used, a fine wire drawn with a steel point may be readily felt by the point of the pencil.

*To obtain exquisite Skeletons of Small Animals.*

Put any small subject, such as a mouse, frog, (if a bird strip it of its feathers,) in a box perforated with a number of holes; let it be properly distended to prevent the parts from collapsing, or being crushed together by the pressure of the earth. Then place the box and its contents in an ant-hole; and in a few days it will have become an exquisitely beautiful and perfect skeleton, by the ants having consumed every part of it except the bones and ligaments.

*To measure the Focal Distance of a Globe of Water and of Glass.*

Take a hollow globe of glass, or, instead of it, a thin round flask or decanter, and making a moderate

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