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The young man's book of amusement

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Brilliant Combustion

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water being made pensile, and a considerable weight of it in the belly of the bottle, supported by a small pillar of the same liquid in the neck of the bottle, it is this circumstance which sets the motion at work, for wine and water in a vessel will not separate by long standing.

Brilliant Combustion.

If a piece of inflamed phosphorus be plunged in a jar of nitrous acid gas, a very beautiful and brilliant combustion will be the consequence.

Another.

Pour some of Homberg's pyrophorus into a jar containing nitrous gas, a very beautiful stream of fire will be seen to flow at the bottom of the jar.

Curious Optical Deception.

Provide a sufficient number of small equilatera prisms, a few lines only in breadth, and in length equal to the height of the painting which you intend to make, and place them all close to each other on the ground to be occupied by the painting. Then