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The young man's book of amusement

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Put half a tea-spoonful of a liquor composed of iron infused in acid of vitriol, into half a glass of water; and add a few drops of phlogisticated alkali, and a beautiful Prussian blue will appear.

Iron transformed into Silver.

Dissolve mercury in marine acid, and dip a piece of iron into it, or rub the solution over the iron, and it will assume a silver appearance.

It is scarcely necessary to state that these transmutations are only apparent, though to the credulous, it would seem that they were actually transformed.

The Phial of the Four Elements.

Take a phial, six or seven inches long, and about three-quarters of an inch in diameter. In this phial put, first, glass coarsely powdered; secondly, oil of tartar per deliquium; thirdly, tincture of salt of tartar; and lastly, distilled rock oil.

The glass and the various liquors being of different densities, if you shake the phial, and then let it rest a few moments, the three liquors will entirely separate, and each assume its place; thus forming no