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

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To make any Linen appear like Diaper

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ounce of carbonate of soda, are then to be mixed together and filtered, and the liquid in this thin state is to be laid on with a brush. This process is repeated, and in a short interval afterwards the wood possesses the external appearance we have described. When the polish diminishes in brilliancy, it may be restored by the use of a little cold-drawn linseed oil.

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When the cloths have been washed, spread upon a table, after being a little damped, then, having at hand a solution of alum in rose-water, dip into it a loose-haired painter's brush, and holding it upwards, discharge its contents gradually, by hitting its handle against a poker, held crosswise as high as one's head. If paper figures, or chimney ornaments, be laid upon the cloth, they will intercept the descent of the solution upon the cloth, and thus produce their own figures in a kind of relief.

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*Chimney Ornaments made of Variegated Eggs.*

The eggs should be those of the wild goose or swan, as being of thicker shell, and more absorbent than those of some other feathered animals. Round one of these, let there be twined a yard or more of bright-coloured narrow ribband, rather traversely or lozenge-wise, a

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