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To make Pomatum of Water and Wax

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then to be replaced in their beds, and by the time the *season* comes round again, a concretion of pearly matter will be found to have covered the knobs of wire, which will become more perfect and larger the longer the oysters are suffered to remain.

The coasts of Dorsetshire, where the oyster-shells arrive at a great size, and the south-west coasts of Ireland, offer the fairest harvests to this new pearl-fishery.

To make Pomatum of Water and Wax.

Water and wax are two substances that do not readily unite together; therefore, to those who witness the following process, without knowing the cause, it will have the appearance of something marvellous. Into a new glazed earthen pot, put six ounces of river water and two ounces of white wax, in which you must previously conceal a strong dose of salt of tartar. If the whole be then exposed to a considerable degree of heat, it will assume the consistence of pomatum, and may be used as such.

Iron Transformed into Copper.

Dissolve blue vitriol in water, till the water is well impregnated with it; and immerse into the solution small plates of iron, or coarse iron filings. These will be attacked and dissolved by the acid of the vitriol,

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