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The young man's book of amusement

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How to make a Cone, or Pyramid, move upon a Table, without Springs or
any other artificial Means

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operator may choose to make it himself. In that case, let him dissolve copper filings in *aqua fortis*. When the acid is well impregnated with the copper, pour off the solution upon some scraps of iron, whereby the powder will be precipitated to the bottom of the liquid: this being now poured off, the powder is to be repeatedly washed in clean water. When dry, it is fit for use.

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Roll up a piece of paper, or any other light substance, and put a lady-bird, a beetle, or some such small insect, privately under it; then, as the animal will naturally endeavour to free itself from its captivity, it will move the cone towards the edge of the table, and as soon as it comes there, will immediately return, for fear of falling; and by moving backwards and forwards in this manner, will occasion much diversion to those who are ignorant of the cause.

Impenetrable Winter Cloaks, made of Feathers.

The women of Hudson's Bay prepare cloaks for their husbands of the feathers of birds, which naturally resist all kinds of weather, and are an admirable

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