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A Substitute for Ostrich Feathers

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The extreme scarcity and dearness of this article of funeral pomp, appear to warrant us, in a commercial point of consideration, in seeking after a good substitute, at a seemingly great expense. On the hinder parts of the thighs of the turkey, when white, are those feathers to be found that so nearly resemble the ostrich's as to answer the same purposes, and to deceive tolerable good judges of the commodity. White turkeys, though not very common, are by no means scarce.

The Pressure of the Atmosphere,

Is known to pervade all space. It removes water, and may be so compressed, as to remove the more substantial bodies. Some have even asserted, that, but for it, some parts of this globe would fly off into unmeasurable space, and never return. Its effects on water may be judged by the following experiment: Take a tall drinking glass, at the edges whereof is fastened, by means of sealing-wax, a piece of string made tight, and having in its centre a lighted wax taper. This being balanced, so as to retain its position, when the glass is turned upside down, place its mouth in a vessel filled with water; as the taper consumes the air within the glass, its pressure is withdrawn; but the pressure from without still continuing, will force part of the water up

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thus cause th
own level.

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well steeped at
with the paste
for yellow, use
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finish the whole
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