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The young man's book of amusement

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An easy and expeditious Method of providing a Substitute for Indian Ink

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the varnished paper, to dry in the open air: when it is fully dry, the different parts will retain their position, and the plant may be preserved within the leaves of a book. If you wish to free it from the slime and salt which adheres to it, it may be washed gently in fresh water, after being removed from the rock on which it grew.

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Boil parchment slips, or cuttings of glove leather, in water, till it forms a *size*, which, when cold, becomes of the consistence of jelly; then, having blackened an earthen plate, by holding it over the flame of a candle, mix up with a camel hair pencil, the fine lamp black thus obtained, with some of the above *size*, while the plate is still warm. This black requires no grinding, and produces an ink of the very same colour, which works as freely with the pencil, and is as perfectly transparent as the best Indian Ink. It likewise possesses the advantage of furnishing artists with a substitute for that article, which may be prepared in situations, where it might be difficult to obtain the ink itself.

The Almond Trick.

Get three almonds, or any other eatables, and hav-