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The young man's book of amusement

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The Geological Phial

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go outside the door, and creeping into the room upon all fours, say, "Ladies and gentlemen, this is crawling in to the pint bottle!"

The Geological Phial.

In a large sized phial, three parts full of clear water, infuse pure alumine, precipitated by ammonia, till the bottle is nearly filled. Expose the bottle to the cold air in frosty weather; or, at other times, to artificial frost. As soon as the frigorific effect ensues, the alumine will divide all over the surface of the water, and form itself into separate and very regular strata.

To Dye White Gloves a Beautiful Purple.

Boil four ounces of logwood and two ounces of roche alum in three pints of soft water till half wasted. Let it stand to be cold after straining. Let the gloves be nicely mended, then with a brush rub it over them, and when dry repeat it. Twice is sufficient, unless the colour is to be very dark; when dry rub off the loose dye with a coarse cloth; beat up the white of an egg, and with a sponge rub it over the leather. The dye will stain the hands, but wetting them with vinegar will take it off before they are washed.