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French Way of Washing fine Lace or Linen

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Take a gallon of furze blossoms and burn them to ashes, then boil them in six quarts of soft water; this water, when fine, you are to use in washing with your suds as occasion requires, and you will have the linen, &c. not only exceeding white, but it is done with half the soap and little trouble.

The Dancing Ball.

Place on the spout of a fountain, an inverted cone of wire net-work; throw into it a light hollow copper ball, two inches and a-half in diameter, which let fall to the narrow part of the cone to reach the spout: it will rise and remain suspended in the air till brought down by the wind, and repeatedly ascend and descend.

To Silver Paper without Silver, after the Chinese manner, very useful in Fancy Work.

Take two scruples of clear glue (Indian glue is the best) one scruple of alum, and half a pint of clear water, simmer the whole over a slow fire till it is nearly two-thirds evaporated, then your sheets of paper being laid on a smooth table, dip a varnishing brush in the preparation, and go quickly over the