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**The young man's book of amusement**

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The Dancing Ball

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*French Way of Washing fine Lace or Linen.*

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.

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*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.

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*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