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To make Wax Candles

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Tie a dozen of wicks on an iron circle, at equal distances, over a large copper vessel, tinned and full of melted wax, pour a ladle full of wax on the tops of the wicks, one after another; what the wick does not take, will drop into the vessel, which must be kept warm by a pan of coals; so poured on till you have your candles as big as you chuse. If you want to have them of a pyramidical form, let the three first ladles be poured on at the top of the wick, the fourth at the height of $\frac{2}{3}$, the fifth at $\frac{1}{2}$, and the sixth at $\frac{1}{3}$; then take them down hot, and lay them aside of each other in a feather bed folded in two, to preserve their warmth and keep the wax soft; then take them down, and roll them one by one on a smooth table, and cut off the thick end as you please.

Electric Spark from Brown Paper.

Thoroughly dry before the fire a quarter of a sheet of rather strong brown paper; place it on your thigh, holding it at the edge, while with the cuff of your sleeve on the other hand, you rub it smartly backwards and forwards for about a minute: if the knuckle be then placed near the paper, it will emit a brilliant spark, accompanied by a snapping noise: the prongs of a fork similarly placed, will produce three distinct streams of light. The experiment must, of