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

**Halifax, 1848**

The Magic Book

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course, be performed in the dark, and the trousers and coat be of woollen cloth.

### *The Magic Book.*

Provide an octavo book of plain paper, of whatever thickness you please. Turn over seven leaves from the beginning, and paint a group of flowers; then turn over seven more leaves and paint the same again; and so on, until you have turned the book through to the end. Then paste a slip of paper or parchment to each of the painted leaves. Turn the book over again, and paint upon every sixth leaf a parrot, and then paste strips upon them as you did upon the first, only a little lower down. Proceed in this manner, until you have painted the book full of pictures of various sorts, taking care one side of the leaves is left white paper. Having made the book, when you use it, hold it in your left hand, and set the thumb of your right hand upon the first of the parchment stays; run the book through, and it will appear full of flowers; then stop, and, blowing upon the book, run it through again, with the thumb upon the second slips of parchment, and it will appear full of parrots, and so on. Afterwards reverse the book, and run it through as before, and it will appear to be composed of blank paper.

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