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The young man's book of amusement

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To Remove a Gold Ring from the Finger when it has become too tight

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duced by fusing the substance in a crucible which has a hole at its bottom, lightly closed by an iron rod or stopper, which is to be drawn out when the mass begins to congeal: by this means the superior portion, which is fluid, is made to run off, and a cake studded over with crystals is obtained.

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Take a little quicksilver, and rub it upon the ring, which will soon be penetrated with it, and become so fragile that it will break without the least exertion.

Experiment in Respiration.

Place a mouse or other small animal, under a jar of chlorine gas; or drop it into one from the aperture at the top of a jar filled with it. The animal will instantly expire.—Immerse a mouse or small bird in a jar of hydrogen gas; the animal will instantly die from suffocation, and the want of respirable nourishment.—If a mouse or sparrow be dropped into a jar of nitrogen gas, it will fall down exhausted, and gasping for breath: extinction of life will immediately follow.—Prepare a jar of nitrous oxide gas, and immerse in it any small animal; at first it will appear lively, but afterwards very uneasy and lan-