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Of the vertical Scrole Wheel

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To make Touch-paper.

Dissolve in some spirits of wine or vinegar, a little saltpetrè; then take some purple or blue paper, wet it with the above liquor, and when dry it will be fit for use. When you paste this paper on any of your works, take care that the paste does not touch that part which is to burn. The method of using this paper is, by cutting it into slips, long enough to go once round the mouth of the serpent, cracker, &c. When you paste on these slips, leave a little above the mouth of the case not pasted; then prime the case with *meal powder*, and twist the paper to a point.

Of the vertical Scrole Wheel.

This wheel may be made of any diameter, but must be constructed thus:—Have a block of moderate size, into which fix four flat spokes, and on them fix a flat circular fell of wood. Round the front of this fell place port-first; then on the front of the spokes form a scrole either with a hoop or strong iron wire; on this scrole tie cases of brilliant fire, in proportion to the wheel, head to tail. When you fire this wheel, light the first case near the fell; then as the cases fire successively, you will see the circle of fire gradually diminish; but whether the illuminations on the fell begin with the scrole or not, is immaterial.