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The young man's book of amusement

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Of Port or Wild Fires

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A slow Fire for Wheels,

Must be composed of saltpetre, four ounces ; brimstone, two ounces ; and meal powder, one ounce and a half.

A dead Fire for Wheels.

Saltpetre, one ounce and a quarter ; brimstone, a quarter of an ounce ; lapis-calaminaris, a quarter of an ounce ; and antimony two drachms.

For a Blue Flame.

Meal powder, saltpetre, and sulphur vivum : the sulphur must be the chief part. Or, meal powder, saltpetre, brimstone, spirit of wine, and oil of spike, but let the powder be the principal part.

Of Port or Wild Fires.

Saltpetre, one pound two ounces ; meal powder, one pound and a half ; and brimstone, ten ounces. This composition must be moistened with one gill of linseed oil.

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