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to the workhouſe, where he received ſome proper nouriſhment and humane attention; he then ſlept near an hour and a half, when, waking greatly relieved, he again took refreſhment, and was ſoon after conveyed to his friends, who had been in the moſt painful ſtate of mind reſpecting both him and his uncle. The parental feelings on this occaſion may be conceived, but not eaſily deſcribed.

TOBIAS BROWNE."

The INVISIBLE GIRL, *concealed in a* GLASS CHEST.

A moſt extraordinary article, extracted from the French journal the Gazette de France; and which is particularly entitled to the attention of our Readers, from the reſpectable name of the Abbé Sicard, the preceptor of the deaf and dumb, which appears ſubſcribed to the firſt letter.

" CITIZEN, *Paris, Feb.* 21, 1800.

You are undoubtedly not yet acquainted with the extraordinary experiment which is publicly diſplayed in No. 40, in the ſtreet of the prieſts of St. Germaine l'Auxerrois, ſince you have not made any mention of it in your journal, in which you are careful to inſert every thing which can intereſt, not only politicians, but alſo thoſe who cultivate the ſciences, learning, and the arts. I think that I ſhall conform to your wiſhes, by recounting what I have ſeen, and in detailing the ſentiments which I have felt on this occaſion. In a ſmall chamber of this houſe, in the third ſtory, and within a grated circumference, is ſeen a cheſt of white glaſs, ſuſpended to the ceiling by four little chains, which keep it perfectly ſeparated from every other body. This cheſt is tranſparent, and penetrable to the eye in its whole extent. To one of its extremities is adapted an opaque tube of horn, by which a voice is heard, which appears to be that of a young girl, who replies diſtinctly to every queſtion put to her. The impreſſion of breathing, and the heat of the air of reſpiration impregnated with the odour of liquors which

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the has taken, are alſo perceived. I thought at firſt that this voice was that of a ventriloquiſt, and that it was the voice of him who ſhewed the curioſity. But on the morrow my aſtoniſhment was extreme, when this pretended ventriloquiſt went out of the chamber with another, and when I put new queſtions with a voice ſo low, that I was not heard by any of the other ſpectators, to find that the replies were perfectly juſt, and well articulated. The breathing was the ſame. What can be the cauſe of a phænomenon ſo aſtoniſhing? Where is the perſon who replies to the queſtions put to him? What are the means of communication with this opaque, I would almoſt ſay magical tube of horn, ſince the cheſt in which the one end of this horn is placed is perfectly ſeparated from every other body; ſince the tube itſelf is perfectly iſolated, at leaſt as far as relates to the end which might be ſuppoſed to be the communicating medium between the perſon who aſks, and the perſon who makes the replies? This is the ſecret of the inventor of this wonderful machine, which appears to me well worthy of exciting public curioſity, and which will not fail to give occaſion for the reſearches of thoſe who wiſh to comprehend and to explain every thing.

SICARD."

We were not, in reality, informed of the phænomenon of which Citizen Sicard here ſpeaks. It was ſufficient that it had excited his attention to excite our curioſity. We went a few days ago to the preſent reſidence of this young Inviſible. We will not atteſt the truth of the details given by Citizen Sicard. The teſtimony of no other perſon is neceſſary to make them believed. We will not undertake to explain what he has declared himſelf unable to explain. We will only join our admiration to his, and we ſhall give an account of the negative and poſitive ideas which what we ſaw and heard produced upon us.

1. We thought, as Sicard ſays that he did, at firſt that

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the perfectly diſtinct ſounds which we heard proceeded from a ventriloquiſt, who, it is pretended, can give to his words the direction which he pleaſes. We intreated, as Sicard had done, the perſon who preſided in the houſe to leave the place where we were; and we ſpoke ſo low to the Inviſible, that it was altogether impoſſible that any other perſon than it ſhould hear what we ſaid, eſpecially as we were perfectly ſure that we were not near any conductor of the voice beſides the horn, which ended within the cheſt of glaſs, which is perfectly iſolated.

2. We could not believe that the queſtions which we put could be heard out of glaſs, nor that the anſwers could come from without it, becauſe the tube, which ſerves as a conductor for the queſtions and replies, communicates only with the cheſt into which the words are conveyed, and from which they return; and becauſe the cheſt does not communicate with any thing but the chains which ſuſpend it to the walls and ceiling.

3. If it be ſaid that magnetical or electrical virtues are introduced for ſome purpoſe in the operation; we would aſk, how it happens by any of theſe virtues that the Young Inviſible ſees and names, without ever being deceived, the object which is held in the hollow of the hand, ſuch as a piece of ſilver, a watch, &c. the ſurface of which is held up to the orifice of the tube in ſuch a manner, that theſe objects cannot be perceived from any other point.

After being unable to find the explanation of this phænomenon in any of theſe means by which, in other caſes, the moſt marvellous effects are produced in phyſics, we concluded, that perhaps there was in the cheſt a really inviſible girl, a dwarf much ſmaller than that of the King of Poland*. If this is the fact, it muſt be only from twelve to fifteen inches

* This dwarf died at Nanci, June 9, 1764. A wooden ſhoe ſerved it a long time for a cradle. At ſix years old it was 15 inches high, and at 16, 29. Hiſtory ſpeaks of a dwarf, who, at 30 years of age, was only 18 inches high; it belonged to Queen Henrietta, of France, wife of Charles I.

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in length, and about five or six in thickneſs; this being all the ſpace of the cheſt which cannot be ſeen, it being behind the communicating tube. The queſtions which we put to the Inviſible and the replies which it made, were as follow: What age are you?—fourteen years of age. Where were you born?—At Marſeilles; (ſhe has an accent abſolutely provincial.) What is your name?—Françoiſe. Are you pretty? No. Are you good? Yes, though ſometimes ill-natured.—What is your poſition in this cheſt? I am reclining.—Do all the queſtions which are put to you not diſguſt you?—Never; but I am ſometimes very much wearied. Let me feel your breath. (The Inviſible immediately made it ſtrongly felt.) I feel your breath very well; but citizen Sicard obſerves, that he alſo felt the ſmell of liquors, which I do not perceive.—That, perhaps, was owing to my having taken liquor that day in the morning: to-day I breakfaſted on coffee. How is it that you ſee every thing that is preſented to you; that you hear every thing that is ſaid to you, and that no perſon can diſcover you?—That is the ſecret of thoſe to whom I belong, &c. I went away, perſiſting in ſaying, that, though I could not pretend to have diſcovered the ſolution of the myſtery, I would rather believe it to be a dwarf than any other thing. "The greater number profeſs themſelves of this opinion," ſaid the poſſeſſor of the ſecret with a ſmile.

P. S. The above Wonderful and Incomprehenſible Experiment is now exhibiting, with very *little variation*, in England, at Saville-Houſe, Leiceſter-Square, where thoſe Readers who wiſh for ocular demonſtration of the fact may be gratified. W. G.

July 28, 1802.

A moſt aſtoniſhing Event which took place in December, 1799, *at Clough-Eaſt Caſtle, County of Wexford, Ireland, the Seat of Dr.* R. WADDY, *in the attempt on his life by a Friar.*

DR. Waddy having rendered himſelf very obnoxious to the rebels by his active loyalty during the rebellion in Ireland,

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