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[From the *Literary Gazette*, Nov. 23.]

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[From the *Courier*, Dec. 3.]

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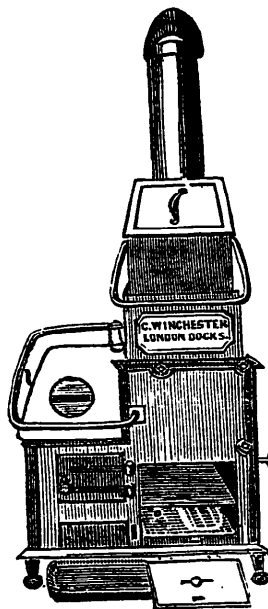
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