

VARIETIES.

Percussion Caps Superseded. A new composition has lately been invented by Messrs. Winiwarter and Gersheim, of Vienna, for the purpose of superseding the ordinary percussion caps, and, in many instances, the gunpowder charge also. The most prominent feature of these gun primers, as the composition is called, are the absence of a metallic coat or cover, and their uniform explosive power, the materials being of such a nature that, after a detonation, no residue whatever is left behind. The materials which form the new composition are fulminating mercury, chlorate of potash, and sulphide of antimony, the dangerous properties of which ingredients are diminished by the application of colloidion, which is used as a cement, and it is the ingenious employment of this substance which constitutes the chief peculiarity of the invention.

The Mormons.—If recent accounts from Great Salt Lake City be not exaggerated, Mormonism is working its own cure. That which persecution failed to do in Illinois, and which the constitution and laws of the United States have not reached in the Rocky Mountains, internal dissension seems in a fair way to accomplish. The community of the Latter Day Saints is a house divided against itself, and it cannot stand.—It is a wonder that it has not yet shown symptoms of decay. With no evil or moral code for their guidance and government, but what is based upon the pretended revelations of a gross imposter, it is remarkable that so large a body of people should have remained so long subject to this base delusion. Internal dissensions are now prevalent in Utah, and threaten to scatter the Saints as wide and as completely as the confusion of tongues did the builders of Babel.

India Rubber Teeth.—The Scientific American says that this article, in the form of purified white India Rubber, has been patented in England for making artificial teeth, gums, and palates. It adds:—“The adhesion is complete, it can be moulded with perfection to suit every inequality of the gums and teeth, and supplies an artificial periosteum, as it were, to the teeth, when they become painful by the wasting away of the gum. Added to these is the elasticity of the material which completely obviates the inconveniences that arise from any motion with artificial teeth made by other means.”

According to Hunt's Merchants' Magazine, the amount of money circulating in the United States is \$292,477,257, being \$13 for each inhabitant. It was \$11 in 1826 and in 1836; and in 1830 only \$2 20.

BEHAVIOUR IN COMPANY.—On the subject of behaviour in company, Legh Richmond gave the following excellent advice to his daughters: “Be cheerful, but not giggers. Be serious, but not dull. Be communicative, but not forward. Be kind, but not servile. Beware of silly, thoughtless speeches; although you may forget them, others will not. Remember God's eye is in every place, and his ears in every company. Beware of levity and familiarity with young men; a modest reserve, without affectation, is the only safe path. Court and encourage serious conversation with those who are truly serious and conversible; and do not go into valuable company without endeavouring to improve by the intercourse permitted to you.—Nothing is more unbecoming, when one part of a company is engaged in profitable and interesting conversation, than that another part should be trifling, giggling, and talking comparative nonsense to each other.”

An Alderman once called upon Dr. Francis, when the following dialogue took place: “Doctor I have a strong tendency to the gout; what shall I do to arrest it?” “Take a bucket of water and a ton of anthracite, three times a week.” “How?” “Drink the former and carry the latter up three pairs of stairs.” We have not heard that he needed advice afterwards.

A Gardener in New York has succeeded in obtaining a variety of the Prairie Rose, as fragrant as the old Damask Rose. This will be highly esteemed.

Johnson says he never was in a tight place but once, and that was when he had a mad bull by the tail. Had he held on, it would have dragged him to death over a stubble-field, while if he had not held on the critter would have turned round and gored him to death. The question now is, which did Johnson do—hold on or let go!

It would require several horses to draw all the strings of a piano-forte to concert pitch, the strain upon them, when perfect tune, being about seven tons.

The good husband keeps his wife in the whole some ignorance of unnecessary details. He knows little who will tell his wife all he knows.

I know nothing that more moves us to tears than the hearty kindness of a dog, when something in human beings has pained or chilled us.

Romances generally end with a marriage. And many young girls, when they leave school, would wish to go through the romance of life—as we do most romances—by beginning at the end.

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