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The young man's book of amusement

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Bees

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that of pottery, which may now be embellished with beautiful engravings, so as to place the successful competition of other nations at a great distance. It is also applied with great advantage to calico printing, by producing entire new patterns upon the cylinders from which they are printed. It would be superfluous to mention the beautiful highly-finished engravings which now adorn our books, rooms, &c.

Engravings of greater size than can be transferred, are executed upon steel plates, which, when hardened, will print 200,000 perfect impressions.

It is to Messrs. Perkins, Fairman, and Heath, that the world is indebted for this valuable invention.

Bees.

Our cruel mode of taking honey by destroying the innocent and beautiful insects that produce it, can no longer be defended by the plea of necessity. A late traveller in the northern part of India, describes the following easy method by which the honey-gatherers there effect their purpose. A hollow tree, or an earthen pot, is built in the wall of a house, or out-house, with apertures externally, through which the bees enter and go out. The internal end of this hive can be opened or shut at pleasure, by various simple contrivances; a sliding door is one. In the centre of the hive there is a valve. When the hive is full, and the honey is to be taken, a great noise is made at the inner extremity. This drives the bees

out; the valve is then closed, and the honey is taken out by the sliding-door. The superior part of our readers will doubtless take a pleasure in communicating this easy mode of avoiding cruelty, to those whom the information might not otherwise reach.

To make Roses blow very late.

First, cut off the tops of the rose-trees immediately after they have done bearing, and then they will flower again in November; but they will not come just on the tops where they have been cut, but on the side shoots. Second, pull off the buds of the roses when they are newly knotted; for then the side branches will bear in the autumn: in both these cases the effect is the same, the sap is restrained for a time, and diverted into new channels. Third, lay the roots bare for some days, about Christmas; by this means the sap is stopped in its progress upwards. Cover the roots again with earth, and it will ascend, but slower and later. Fourth, gird the body or stem of the rose-tree with packthread, and that will restrain the sap from rising through the bark, which is full of sap-vessels, and cause it to leaf and flower late.

Method of Painting Japan Work.

Japan work ought properly to be painted with