

DIRECTIONS FOR LOADING PISTOLS



First explode a cap on each nipple to clear them of oil or dust, then draw back the hammer to half-cock, which allows the cylinder to be rotated; a charge of powder is then placed in one of the chambers, keeping the barrel up, and a ball with the pointed end upwards, without wadding or patch, is put into the mouth of the chamber, turned under the rammer, and forced down with the lever below the surface of the cylinder, so that it cannot hinder its rotation (*care should be used* in ramming down the ball not to shake out the powder from the cylinder, thereby reducing the charge). This is repeated until all the chambers are loaded.



Percussion caps are then placed on the nipples on the right of the lock-frame, when, by drawing back the hammer to the full-cock, the arm is in condition for a discharge by pulling the trigger; a repetition of the same motion produces the like results, viz. six shots without reloading.

N.B.-It will be safe to use all the powder the chambers will hold, when loading with the flask, leaving room for the ball, whether the powder is strong or weak. Fine grain powder is the best. Soft lead must be used for all balls. The cylinder is not to be taken off when loaded. The hammer, when at full cock, forms the sight by which aim is taken.

☞ The arm should be thoroughly cleaned and oiled after firing, particularly the base-pin on which the cylinder turns.

DIRECTIONS FOR CLEANING

Set the lock at half-cock; drive out the key that holds the barrel and cylinder to the lock-frame, then draw off the barrel and cylinder, by bringing down the lever and forcing the rammer to the partition between the cylinders. Take out the nipples. Wash the cylinder and barrel in warm water, dry and oil them thoroughly; oil freely the base-pin on which the cylinder rotates.

TO TAKE THE LOCK TO PIECES, CLEAN, AND OIL

First - Remove the stock, by turning out the bottom and two rear screws that fasten it to the guard and lock-frame, near the hammer.

Second - Loosen the screw that fastens the main spring to the trigger-guard, and turn the spring from under the tumbler of the hammer.

Third - Remove the trigger-guard, by turning out the three screws that fasten it to the lock-frame.

Fourth - Turn out the screw, and remove the double sere spring that bears upon the trigger and bolt.

Fifth - Turn out the screw-pins that hold the trigger and bolt in their places.

Sixth - Turn out the remaining screw-pin, and remove the hammer with hand attached, by drawing it downwards out of the lock-frame. Clean all parts, and oil them thoroughly.

TO PUT THEM TOGETHER - Replace the hammer with hand spring attached. then the bolt, the trigger, the sere spring, the trigger-guard, the main-spring, and finally the handle; returning each screw to its proper place, the arm is again fit for use.