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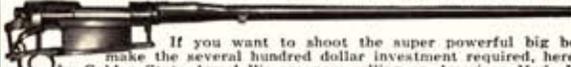
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## MY FAVORITE GUN

By JANET HEIDTMANN

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# TRIGGER TALK

**G**UNS points with pride to the new name appearing on our masthead for the first time this month—the name of Elmer Keith, internationally respected authority on hunting and shooting subjects generally.

To say, "This man needs no introduction," is more than just a trite phrase in this instance. Elmer Keith's books and articles have been definitive texts in gun circles since 1925. He is very probably the most experienced hunter of American big game in the business, was for 30 years a big game guide operating across the continent from Mexico to Alaska. He fired on three National Match bigbore rifle teams, placed among the first ten in four national individual bigbore matches at Perry, is internationally famous for his experimentation and shooting in the handgun field, is quoted wherever men shoot as an authority on handloads for both handguns and game rifles. He was Gun Editor of "Outdoorsman" for 12 years, of "Western Sportsman" for four years, has been on the technical and/or "contributing" staff of the "American Rifleman" for eight years, is the author of six classic books on guns and shooting. His contributions to GUNS will include feature articles and, as frequently as our space and his time allows, a department under the heading "Elmer Keith Says." The broadest title we could think of for Elmer was "Shooting Editor." He will talk about nearly everything connected with shooting, in the months to come—including his first African safari which starts a few months hence. We're proud to have Elmer with us, know that his contributions will make GUNS more valuable to you, the readers.

Other stories in this and the two following issues follow the pattern of the hunting season. "Woodcock Are Easy Targets" startled us here, may give you a new slant on "the bird everybody misses." "Is Fee Shooting The Answer" presents a controversial subject which we may be forced to accept on the basis of hard economic facts rather than sentiment. Times do change, and fee shooting may be the biggest change in hunting since the days of the Long Rifle.

But sentiment does have a place in hunting, and not even the cold facts of ballistics can displace a favorite gun in the affections of many hunters. In "He Uses Three Rifles For Deer," veteran hunter Jess Reid tells how he bowed to ballistics without forsaking old loves. There's a lesson here, too, for every man who sights in a new rifle.

"Long Shots Don't Make Good Hunters" (or vice versa) hits hard at shooting egos, yet every hunter knows deep in his heart that sportsmanship does end at an exact and measurable distance from the muzzle of the gun. What this distance is for you is the subject of this story.

There'll be another round-up of hunting articles in November. And whether you're going for "Small Game On A Budget" or stalking gaur in India, GUNS wishes you "Good sport and safe shooting."



## THE COVER

Few things are more symbolic of our American heritage than this October cover scene of a man, a dog, and a gun—a scene that will be repeated times without number this Fall and, God willing, for many Falls to come.

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[Special]—

□ Jim Grigsby, proprietor of a meat packing company in Woodland, California, tells of a hunter who brought in a deer to be cleaned and dressed. Nothing unusual about that, Grigsby says, except that the deer was alive. The hunter, whose name Grigsby loyally withholds, shot the deer, thought it was dead, packed it in his car trunk. When the trunk was opened, the deer jumped out and ran away. The hunter got in his car, followed the deer, shot it, brought it back, and Grigsby dressed it.

□ In the Ashfield, Mass., region a shotgun campaign to eliminate a family of beavers who persisted in blocking a seven-foot culvert failed. The eager beavers were too fast and smart for the shooters. A dynamite blast finally had to be used to get rid of the beaver family.

□ In Blackstone, Mass., Korenia Zariczny, a 72-year-old great-grandmother, set up a blockade by her home and, armed with a rifle, resisted efforts of local and state police to take away her condemned property.

□ It looks as if England's social fox hunting fraternity, an institution for centuries, may be going into extinction. The reason is the \$1.40 that the Ministry of Agriculture is now paying as bounty for every fox killed. Now just plain ordinary farmers are taking out after the foxes. The result is that there aren't enough of these quadrupeds to go around any more.

□ In Manitowoc, Wis., a rabbit hunter was fined \$100 and agreed to pay \$250 damages after he chased his target through the woods, lost it and, in a fit of pique, took aim at a farmer's horse and dropped it.

□ At Barnstead, N. H., 15 townsfolk went sleepless searching for a hunter reported lost. Someone finally checked the home of the hunter, Raymond Carson. He was found slumbering soundly away in bed, unaware that he had been reported missing.

□ Harold Donahue of Glendive, Montana, complained to store clerk Jim Shirby that the .22 revolver he recently purchased didn't work. As he waved the gun around, it discharged, sending a bullet into a metal button on Shirby's jacket sleeve. Police permitted Donahue to leave with his gun, a satisfied customer, convinced that it would shoot.

□ Near Wolfsville, Md., a youth testing his ability to imitate squirrel chatter was too good. He was wounded by his father, who was out squirrel hunting.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Warning on Webleys

I read with interest the article on Webleys in your May issue. As a GI in the Pacific during World War II, I blew a Webley open trying to shoot .45 ACP cartridges in it. The stirrup latch cracked through the bottom of the rear sight "V," where the metal is very thin.

As some gun dealers are selling old Webleys converted to ACP .45, a word of warning might be warranted. My gun may have been an old Mark IV made for black powder. It was a round butt with 4" barrel, either Mark IV or V. Since the Mark V was the first made for nitro powder, a few words should be included to enable the non-expert to distinguish between the Mark IV and Mark V. The Mark VI is easily identified by its square butt.

The Webleys are probably strong enough for their own cartridge, but conversion is risky. The pressure needed to force a jacketed bullet through the bore is probably a lot higher than with their own lead bullet.

Mr. Fred L. Smith  
Cleveland, Ohio

### Law Without Legality

As a subscriber to your good magazine, I am writing to you to find out if you are aware of the recent announcement of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division of the Internal Revenue Service that it intended to "change" the regulations of the Federal Firearms Act. Of course, these "changes" turn out to be a drastic and vicious tightening of this act far beyond anything contained in the act itself, such as entering premises for search and seizure without a warrant or warning, presumably on any pretext or none at all, and other equally reprehensible features. In effect, this power-greedy bureau is writing its own law to supersede that of the Congress.

Perhaps I should draw your attention to the fact that this dangerous action, and others more and more restrictive that may logically be expected to follow in due time constitute not only a serious threat to shooters but to patriotic citizens as well; and that this time, they are not emanating from the crackpots and members of the lunatic fringe but from the henchmen of the administration itself.

What can be done about this situation? Something should be.

George W. Courtney  
Richmond, Indiana

The article, "Why Not a PRO-gun Law?"  
by GUNS Technical Editor Bill Edwards in

our September issue has already testified to our full awareness of this situation. As to what we are doing: GUNS editors are carrying on an active campaign by mail, telephone, telegraph, and personal discussion, to enlist law makers and leaders of interested groups in the war against existing and proposed bad gun legislation. Technical Editor Bill Edwards went to Washington, D.C., early in July to discuss firearms problems with several interested Congressmen, and his article (above mentioned) appears in even longer form in Vol. 103, No. 124 of the Congressional Record under date of July 15, 1957. As to what you can do: read Edwards' article in September GUNS or in the Congressional Record. Know your rights; know the facts about gun legislation and the interpretation of gun laws, pro and con. Then tell your representatives in your state and federal governments what you, as a voter, want them to do in the maintenance of those rights. Do it now! —Editors.

### Wants Cartridge Collector Department

I want to let you know how much I appreciated the article (July '57 issue) by Ruth C. Douglas . . . entitled "Guns are our Protectors." We need more like this! I have written the NRA requesting that they arrange with you to have this article reprinted in the "Rifleman." It should be reprinted also in magazines such as "Ladies Home Journal" and other publications where it will meet the attention of the non-shooting gun-shy public.

I find that you have not included the Cartridges for Collectors articles in GUNS magazine since Nov., 1956. I would like to see this department reinstated.

Herbert R. Garrison  
New York, N.Y.

### Guns Are Our Heritage

I wish to thank you and your staff for many hours of enjoyable reading. I am a very ardent gun fan; have been one ever since I fired my first single-shot rifle. I now have many types of arms and have enjoyed shooting and tinkering with my guns.

I am in complete accord with a letter in Crossfire titled, "It's a Right, Not a Privilege." It seems to me that every time you turn around, some legislator or Senator or some official is trying to put a ban on the use of guns. I believe that guns are a heritage of ours that should be held in high recognition. They helped make this country what it is today, a free country. They also help to prevent a foreign government from trying to take us over by force.

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The factory load produces plenty of power and pressure. For best results I believe that the hand-loader should stick to pressures and velocities slightly under the factory load. The factory load must develop around 40,000 to 42,000 pounds pressure, but the Smith & Wesson .44 Magnum revolver will handle it, and so will the Ruger Blackhawk for the same cartridge. Both guns are superbly accurate and fine examples of six-gun building.

The Remington factory, which developed the .44 Magnum cartridge, has every facility for checking pressures and velocities and their ballisticians know exactly what they are doing and what these guns will stand. The hand-loader—with only a bench tool, components, and steel and other penetration tests, as well as only the case and primer, for pressure indications—can very well leave the top loading of this fine cartridge to the factory. They alone are equipped to load it to such high velocity and pressures safely. This does not mean that he cannot safely make up much more powerful hand loads than he has ever used before, but we believe it well to leave the top-bracket loads in the hands of the factory.

The new cartridge can be handloaded with .44 Special dies, as the .44 Special case-sizing

die will reform the big magnum case back as far as it expands nicely. However, the fact that .44 Magnum brass is much thicker than .44 Special brass, necessitates that expanding plugs be turned down to about .423" to .424" so that the case will not be expanded again after being resized. The factory bullet is not a gas check but a part jacket and has a very thin jacket that covers the base band and also the lower grease groove. This enables Remington to use the soft lead bullet so necessary to their extrusion and swedging machines and still hold the rifling at high velocity and give very fine accuracy. In reloading, one is far better off with a cast bullet of one part tin to 16 parts lead. Then no jacket is needed. Bullets should be sized exact groove diameter. My Smith & Wesson, the first one sent out from the factory, has a groove diameter of .429" and we have heard of some going .430" and one .431". The factory slug mikes .431".

The factory bullet is a modification of one of my designs and I have also found my Ideal bullet No. 429421 in 250 grain solid or 235 grain hollow-point, or hollow base, to be the best for reloading this cartridge. Both Smith & Wesson and Ruger cylinders are a full 1 3/4" long, and both will take the long magnum case with the Keith bullet properly seated with one band out of the case and well crimped in the bevelled crimping groove. So loaded, this bullet is superbly accurate with any load, from a light target load of 5 grains Bullseye, or a heavier target load of 8.5 grains of Unique, or our heaviest load of 22 grains of 2400 Hercules.

The factory load we pulled down contained 22.2 grains of a powder that looks and seems very similar in characteristics to Hercules 2400 but is possibly a powder made by

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Both his own bullet (left) and factory .44 Magnum loads were tested by Keith who found on killing 30 head of beef cattle that handloaded Ideal #429421 "Keith bullet" penetrated well, held together. Slugs often drove into spinal column.

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## ELMER KEITH SAYS . . .

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Dupont. We pulled some factory bullets and then loaded our 250 grain slug (cast one to 16 tin and lead and sized .429") down on the factory powder load and primer and gave them a good stiff crimp. They shot superbly, but indications on both primer and case as well as recoil and report indicated at least 5,000 pounds less pressure. This is due to the exact groove-diameter bullet and its much harder temper than the factory slug. We used both our own cast bullets, also bullets of our design, cast, sized and lubricated, as retailed by Wisler Western Arms Co., 205-8 2nd St., San Francisco, Calif. We also tried their version of my bullets that were copper plated and these proved even better, if anything, than the standard alloy bullet; no leading at all and superb accuracy at all ranges up to 600 yards.

In killing some 30 head of beef cattle, mostly large range bulls, we found that my 250 grain bullet held together better than the factory slug and penetrated slightly deeper. The factory slug and load, however, has never failed to penetrate completely through the brain of the largest bulls running from 1800 to a ton in weight. On frontal shots, placed in the center of the forehead in line with the scapula and spinal cord, we have found the base band only and part of

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the jacket in the first joint of the neck in the spinal cord. With our heavy 22 grains 2400 Hercules hand loads and Keith 250 grain solid, cast one to 16 tin and lead, the bullet has often penetrated a couple inches more of neck bone or meat.

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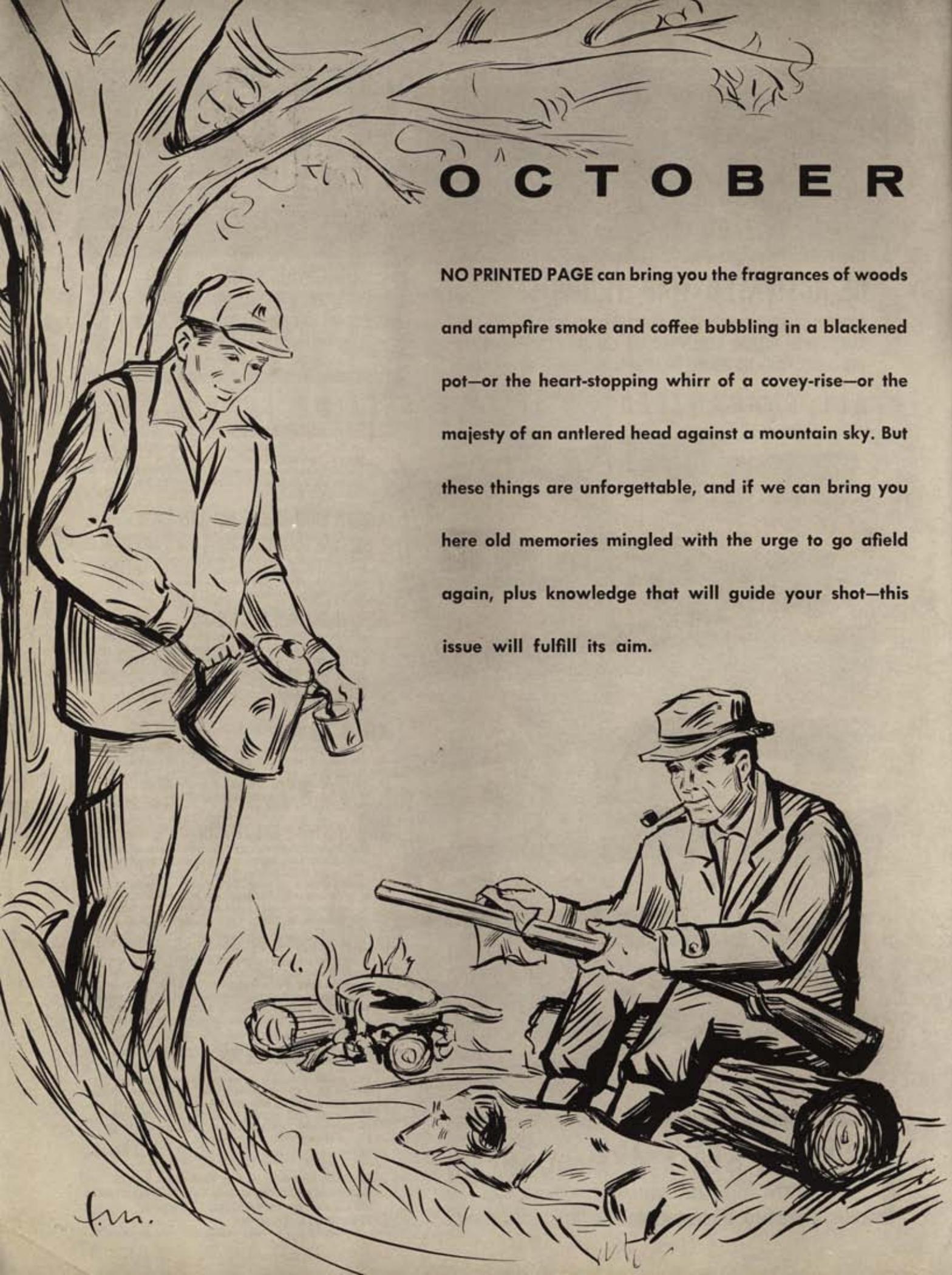
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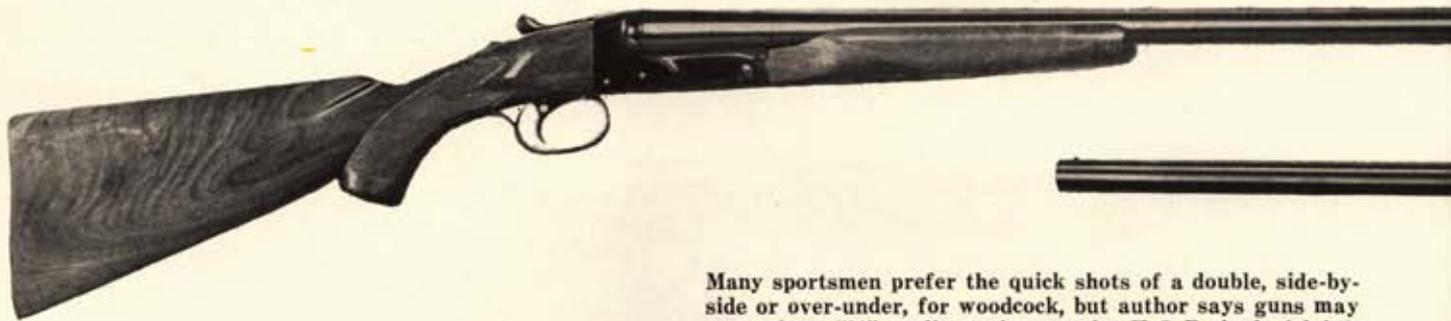


# **Woodcock are EASY Targets!**

By BYRON W. DALRYMPLE

**T**HREE SEASONS AGO, two friends and I stumbled upon a gathering of flight woodcock the likes of which I hardly dare to hope I'll ever see again. They were in a brushy flat paralleling a north-Michigan trout stream. We walked half a mile and had over a hundred birds in the air, sometimes as many as four and five at once. Anyone who has ever shot woodcock will realize that this was a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence.

The shooting, however, was strictly routine. My two hunting buddies, who have spent most of their adult lives at gun sports, collected several bushels of alder leaves, a number of poplar saplings, a lot of sky—and two woodcock. It was a horrible exhibition. Yet these same hunters can and do kill ruffed grouse, pheasants, or ducks regularly and with precision.



Many sportsmen prefer the quick shots of a double, side-by-side or over-under, for woodcock, but author says guns may range from "21" quality to inexpensive H & R single (right).

Elusive woodcock were first flushed by black cocker spaniel whose thick coat allows him to plunge into underbrush when he scents a bird. Experienced hunters know value of gun dogs for upland shooting.





"Why?" I asked, showing them my own birds.

They were annoyed with me. "Everybody knows woodcock are tough targets," they told me. "You were just lucky."

That experience emphasizes two popular misconceptions about woodcock. First, note the place where this concentration of birds was found. This was Michigan. Yet shotgunning lore, whether written or spoken, indicates that the woodcock is a variety of wild poultry numerous only in the east, in New England and Pennsylvania.

Second, and in spite of the shouts of rage this statement will bring forth from woodcock hunters, the woodcock is not really a difficult target for the gunner. He is, in fact, an easy target. He is simply a bird wrapped up in the almost impregnable armor of a legend. The legend says he's tough to hit, and hunters believe it. With the result that even experienced gunners, when they find themselves facing the flying "timberdoodles," shoot like novices.

Let's take these two misconceptions in the order in which they were stated. The fact that the Great Lakes country is a woodcocker's paradise is important because it puts a new and fabulous variety of field shooting within hunting-trip reach of hundreds of thousands of hunters who never knew it was there. New England, New York, and Pennsylvania have long been known as "woodcock country" because of the flights that pass over these areas from the breeding grounds in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. But there is a tremendous woodcock breeding reservoir also in Ontario directly north of Lakes Huron, Michigan, and Superior from which great flocks migrate annually southward across the Great Lakes country. The two peninsulas of Michigan lie in the very center of this migration route, and more woodcock are harvested each Fall in Michigan than in any other state—sometimes more than in several of the eastern woodcock states combined. Woodcock shooting in this region matches or excels any I have ever seen, and I am no stranger to the eastern coverts.

So much for where to find them. The next question is, how to hit them.

What is astonishing is not so much the ingrained belief that woodcock are difficult, or the fact that hunters do miss them, but *why*. The plain truth is, probably no game bird on earth is easier to topple. Fundamental blame for the gunner's failure to do so lies mainly in the following situation. Almost every wingshot has the solid conviction, gained from endless repetition of the usual woodcock malarky, that this bird is a (Continued on page 40)



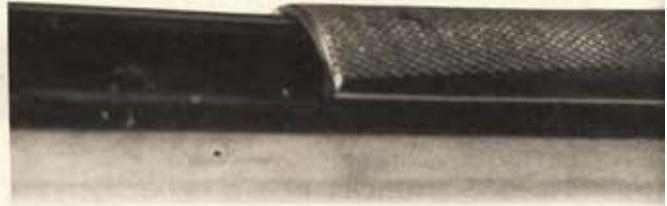
"Easy to shoot" woodcock perches atop nest, was shot by telephoto lens, but hunter finds better shooting sliding two shells through pump for high doubles.



How far is it from this hunter to any given point in picture? Before you guess, note crest of steep drop just above hunter's head. Terrain like this will fool even experienced gunners.

HAVE  
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Good hunters can and do get shots like this, for clean kills. Hunter at right, marking deer target, has just proved that he was shooting too far for good sportsmanship with his ability.



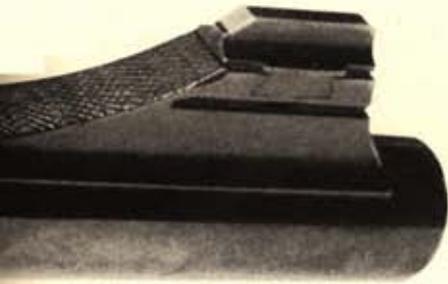
Front sight blade of any sporting rifle can be used as gauge for range estimation. Learn by experiment how much space the blade covers at known distances. Use this measurement against size of known areas on average game targets to judge distance.

**I** HAVE A QUARREL with some of the hunting experts who write for magazines. They stand too far from the game they kill.

That may not be bad, for them. They, or some of them, are fine hunters, equipped with the finest guns, the best sights, and the knowledge and skill necessary to make those long shots. But then they boast about those shots, in print. And Mr. Average Hunter, who spends maybe two or three days a year in the woods and fires maybe six shots out of a big-game rifle once a season, reads those brags and tries to do likewise. With the result that hundreds of fine game animals die in lingering agony from hits in places far removed from the quickly lethal areas recommended by the writing experts.

Why do these experts boast about such shots, anyway? It's not hunting. There is no game animal





# LONG SHOTS DON'T MAKE GOOD HUNTERS

**NOR DO GOOD HUNTERS MAKE LONG SHOTS, IF THEY CAN HELP IT.  
ACCURATE RANGE ESTIMATION MEANS CLEAN KILLS, BETTER SPORTSMANSHIP**

By CLIFTON CAMP

in the United States at which any man should ever find it necessary to shoot at any range much over 300 yards—and not many men have any right, if they consider themselves sportsmen, to shoot at any game animal at much more than half that distance! Varmints? That's different. But if you must pamper your ego by placing a bullet on a mark at fantastic ranges, let it *be* at varmints or at an inanimate target. Long-range hits on game may prove that you're a marksman, that you have a fine rifle and know how to use it; but they don't prove that you're a hunter. The hunter is the man who can (and does) get close enough to game to kill it cleanly, without much worry about slide-rule ballistics. He is like the expert pool player who "never leaves himself a hard shot." He puts himself in such position that the shot is easy.

You want to know how far is far, for you?

There's a little bet I like to offer when groups of men

get together to talk about hunting. It's a funny thing: no fisherman ever tells about catching a small fish, and no hunter ever confesses killing deer at less than 200 yards. So I'll offer to bet the crowd, each man individually, that he can't put two consecutive bullets out of his pet rifle into a 12-inch circle at 200 yards, firing offhand, both shots within ten seconds. Twelve inches being a fair to generous estimate of the lethal target on most American big game animals, this seems to me to be a fair proposal.

Sure, I'd lose to *you*; you're a dead-eye marksman. But do you want to bet that I wouldn't win from ten out of twelve "average" hunters? And if I win, that proves that those ten out of twelve average hunters are not being good sportsmen if they take 200-yard offhand standing shots at game. (And I'm talking now about still targets only. We'll come to running game later.)

So what should these ten out of twelve hunters do? Well,



if they feel that they just must shoot at such ranges—they'd be wrong, of course; 90 per cent of the deer killed on this continent are killed at much shorter ranges—they can practice until they can hit at those ranges, under hunting conditions.

But suppose the person hasn't the time or the inclination to do that much shooting. If he still wants to hunt, let him try this same test from progressively shorter ranges until he arrives at the distance from which he *can* put his shots inside the lethal target. That distance may be 100 yards, or 150, or 50—and you'd be surprised how many week-end hunters will fall into that last category! Whatever it is, let him fix that distance in his mind and swear "so help him" never to shoot at any game animal beyond that distance. If he keeps that vow, he's a sportsman. And what is even more important, he'll get more fun out of hunting. He can enjoy sighting game at long ranges without feeling that old pressure to shoot at targets he knows in his heart he can't hit properly; and he will learn the thrills of stalking. The fun of hunting is not in killing but in the chase, in out-smarting a wily opponent.

"But," you say, "What about running targets?"

In my opinion, not one man in a thousand has any right, as a sportsman, to fire at a running big game animal at any range much beyond that at which he could unflinching hit the same target with a pebble.

Do you want to know what your limit of sportsmanlike range is at a running deer? Take a two-quart can and have a friend roll it down a steep slope across your field of fire. Try it at varying ranges. If it bounces, so does a buck. If it swerves, so may he. When you find the range at which you can invariably hit that target, you have the range at which you can sportingly shoot at running game having a lethal area equal to the size of that can.

Before you scream too loudly at these statements, consider this question: If you agree, as all sportsmen do agree, that it's a dirty trick to leave wounded game to die in the woods, isn't it a dirty trick to shoot at game you can't be pretty sure you can kill cleanly? You haven't the excuse of hunger; you're out for fun. Let's keep it clean.

"But what about us guys," you say, "who sit tight watching a trail or a game passway—us guys with good scope-sighted rifles which we can shoot pretty darn well, who shoot at standing or slow-moving targets, from sitting or kneeling positions or from a rest?"

Your maximum range may be 20 yards, 250, 300—or, I'll admit, even farther. But just as in the cases previously mentioned, it is the maximum distance at which you can make sure, clean, one-shot kills. But before you start dreaming of 500 or 600 yard kills, how good are you at range estimation? How accurately can you gage the distance between you and your *(Continued on page 50)*

Extreme ranges indicated by military leaf sight at left are strictly for blanketing fire, not for game-killing accuracy. 200 yard leaf on sporter at right is a realistic hunting range.

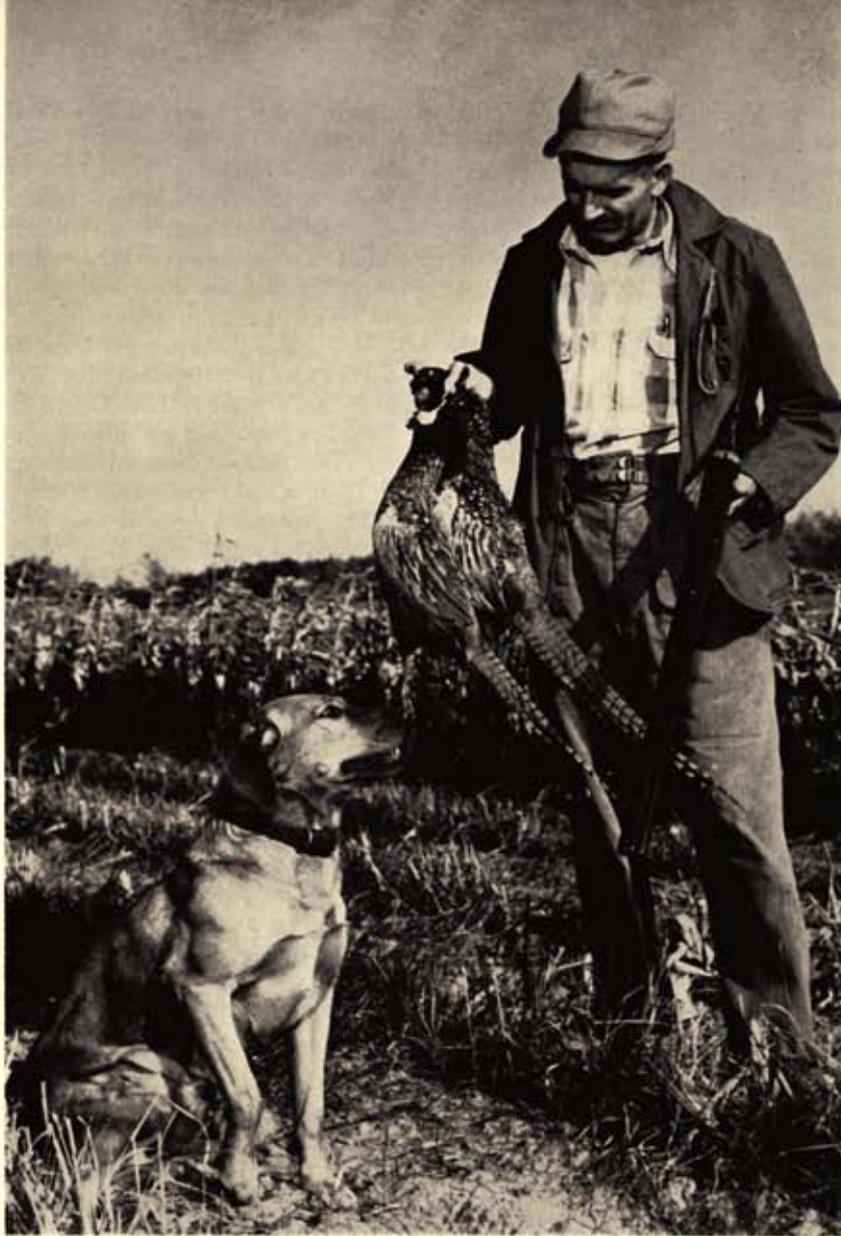


By CARLOS VINSON

SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS are spent by American sportsmen every year for sporting arms and ammunition. No other nation on earth spends as much, and nowhere else on earth can the average citizen exercise as much freedom with sporting arms as we can here in the United States and Canada. This is a privilege of which we should be proud, a privilege we should cherish.

But "Mr. Average" among American hunters is not a millionaire. A big percentage of American sportsmen operate on a tight budget. Thousands of us who like to hunt are family men in the low or middle income brackets. The amounts we can spend for sporting arms and ammunition, or for travel and incidental expenses, are strictly limited. We like to hunt, we intend to hunt, but we haven't much dough to throw at the birds.

I think that I am myself a pretty good example of the average hunter. Outdoor writing is my chief occupation, but we outdoor scribes are just average working joes. Precious few of



Side-by doubles of U.S. make have all but faded from the low priced scene but imports like FI Janssen Belgian gun used by successful pheasant hunter in Minnesota now compete with Fox guns.

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There are bobwhite, cottontail, squirrel, fox, and coon within easy walking distance of my home. There is always crow shooting, and a thirty minute drive from my home will put me in good woodchuck country. There is fairly good deer hunting fifty or sixty miles from my home, and in the extreme eastern part of my home state there is good hunting for bear and wild boar. In the western part of Tennessee we have excellent duck hunting.

The guns I have for my own personal use are not fancy. They are well made, substantial arms, and with them I get my share of game. I operate on a very close budget, and I have to get the most for my money even in guns. I am not financially able to buy every gun that I see that I like. When I buy a new gun I have to plan ahead very carefully. Hunting on a budget is like doing anything else on a budget: it requires caution and common sense to keep the budget from getting out of balance.

Let's start off with my pair of Marlin Model 90 over-under shotguns. I have a 12 gauge Model 90-ST, and a 20 gauge Model 90-DT. The 12 gauge has 28 inch full choke and modified barrels; the 20 gauge has 26 inch modified and improved cylinder barrels.

Then I have a Marlin Model 336 "Texan" carbine rifle in .30-30 caliber.

Completing my present list is still another Marlin, a model 83-C auto-loader in .22 caliber.

I plan to buy another gun as soon as my budget will permit it. I want a varmint rifle, probably in .222 caliber, equipped with some good eight-power scope. When I get this one more gun I will be equipped adequately to do just about any kind of hunting that I am apt to get a chance to do.

My guns were not assembled overnight. The pair of over-unders came first. Then, about a year later, I bought the .22 auto-loader. Another year or so after that I bought the .30-30. Automatic washing machine and family car deals will very likely delay my getting the new varmint rifle.

Why all Marlins? Well, there is

us ever reach the wealthy stage. It is just another way to make a living, and not an easy one. However, we do get to try out many different guns and loads and types of outdoor sports equipment, gaining experience which we try to pass on to others.

I live in the hill country of central Tennessee. I am a country dweller, and my place is in average good small game hunting territory.

Checking fox tracks, Michigan hunters carry Poly-Choked shotguns for open-bore shooting as foxes are run by dogs.



really no special reason for my choosing the Marlin brand. I simply got a chance to try out a Marlin Model 90 over-under right after they came out with the model, liked it, and got myself a pair of them. They are well made substantial guns, and they perform beautifully. Their recoil is light in comparison to most side-by-side doubles, and they handle rifled slug loads more accurately than the side-by-side doubles when used for big game hunting. Like some guns of other makes, these are "a lot of gun for the money."

My four guns represent an investment of around \$340.00. My .22 auto-loader is equipped with a B-6 Weaver scope, and recently I installed a Weaver K2.5 scope on my .30-30. The total cost is still under \$400.00 for the four guns. The varmint rifle, complete with scope, when and if I get it, will shove my total investment in guns up to \$500.00 or just a little over, depending on the scope I choose. In my estimation, for five really good guns capable of killing any kind of game I am apt to hunt, this will not be a "top-heavy" investment. Practically any "average" hunter can manage such a budget over a period of say three or four years. (Continued on page 47)

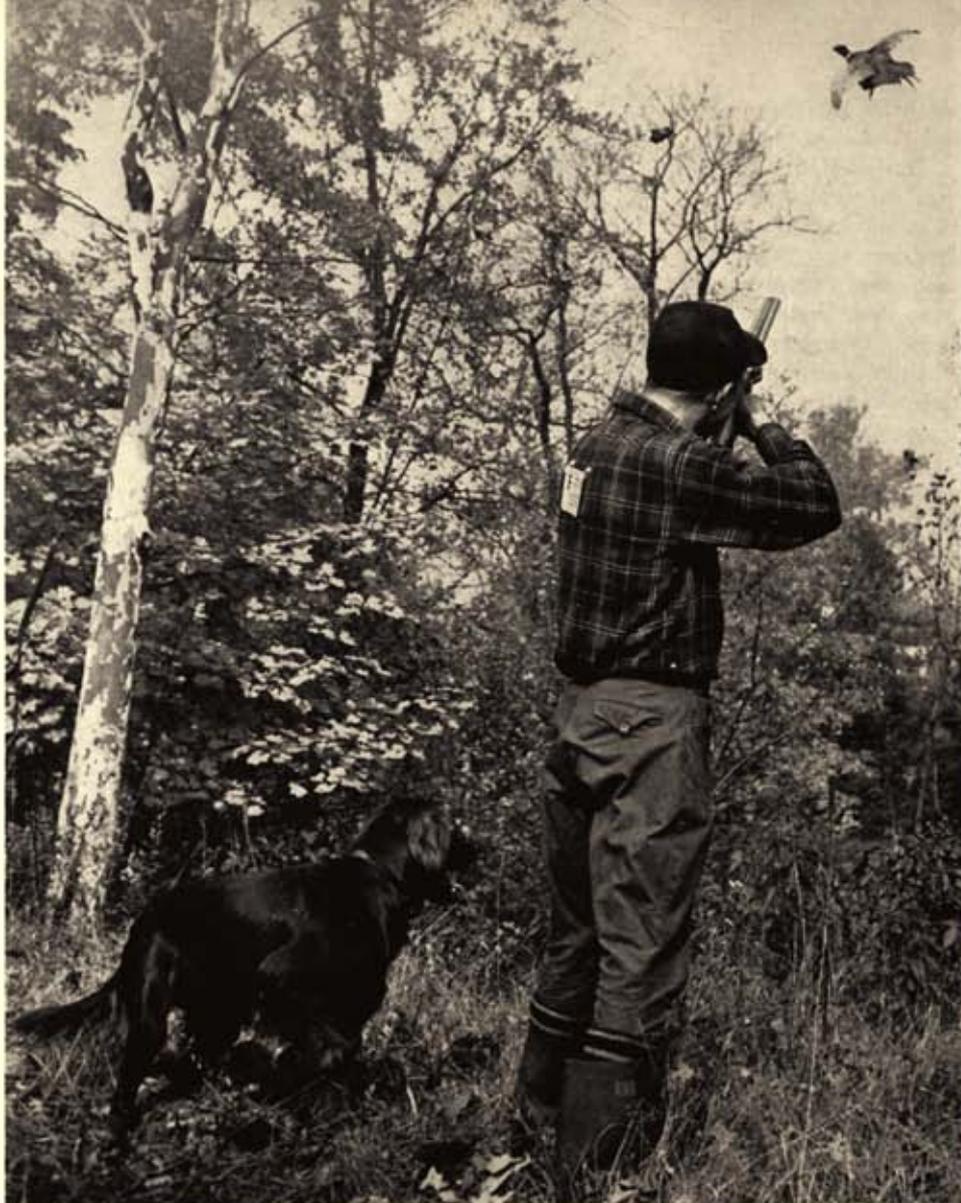
Trombone "12" bagged three handsome birds in hands of Boise, Idaho, huntress Maxine Nelson.



Pair of cottontails were bagged by Vinson with Marlin 90 (left) and his 76-year-old father, Brown Vinson, using Winchester 50 12 gauge for this game.

Varminter set for foxes with Model 70 sporting 24-power variable Bausch & Lomb glass can keep his gear within budget by using firms' easy payment plans.





Pen-raised pheasant loosed before hunting season on managed shooting preserve rises before double gun of hunter who finds targets just as tough as the "wild" ones he hunted.

# IS FEE SHOOTING THE ANSWER?

By JOHNNY MOCK

**THE MANAGEMENT PROVIDES THE BIRDS, YOU  
PAY AS YOU HUNT. IS THIS GOOD—OR IS IT UNSPORTING?**



**T**HERE ARE PEOPLE in this country—people who should know the subject—who say that the day of free hunting in America is ending. Certainly the hunting scene is changing with each season that passes; changing more rapidly than most hunters believe.

We are all aware of the long-range changes. We know the story of the passenger pigeon, whose flights once darkened our skies with day-long curtains of countless millions of wings. The passenger pigeon is gone. We know the story of the buffalo, once also numbered high in the millions, now gone except for small, well-guarded herds. But are we equally aware of the rapid effects of our changing economy on wildlife today, on hunting as we know it? Thickening population, expanding and more intensive farming, the draining of swamps and the control of rivers, and the mushroom growth of new housing communities are destroying waterfowl feeding grounds, replacing game coverts with lawns and concrete, driving game back and back into the few remaining zones of safety.

Hunters *are* aware of the increasing "No Hunting" resistance of farmers and

Holding chukar partridge (left), one of many birds released on his game farm for fee hunters, is Max Crawley, owner of preserve near Gravette, Arkansas.



property owners against the man with the gun. Many are indignant about it. It is an ancient American concept that game belongs to us all—as against the even older European concept that it belongs to the owner of the land on which it is found. Our law supports our contention that game is in the public domain; but it supports also the equally basic belief that an owner of property has inalienable rights to defend that property against trespass. And this includes farmers who own land over which “our” game uses. It is only through the generous (and rather amazing) tolerance of farmers and landowners generally that hunting has continued to be as free as it is. But that tolerance is dwindling . . . and with cause.

There is no real reason why a landowner should welcome armed invasion of his land by any stranger who buys a hunting license. You complain when your neighbor or his children or his dogs invade your lawns, trample your gardens, destroy your shrubs. The farmer



Clearing fence like hurdler, pointer retrieves pheasant on game farm. Fee hunting sites cultivate growth along fences to furnish cover for natural hunting. At right, New Jersey sportsman congratulates setter for good retrieve.



complains when hunters weaken his fences, trample his crops, shoot his stock, leave his gates open, use weapons carelessly near his home and family. Who can blame him? True, we are not all guilty of these offenses; but enough of us are guilty to justify the fears of the farmer; and the innocent suffer with the guilty.

Yet hunting must go on, not only for the benefit of the hunter but for the support of the wildlife conservation agencies which are fighting hard and well to maintain this important and colorful segment of our national heritage.

Times change, and perhaps free shooting must be replaced by fee shooting—by hunting over controlled game preserves commercially managed as game-raising and game-harvesting businesses. Provided these businesses are well managed, there is not much difference, after all, between these and the controlled hunts staged on federal or state preserves by conservation agencies. There is not much difference in the fee, for many of these officially managed hunts require “special” licenses, at “special” fees.

But the controlled shooting preserve, when privately owned and run for profit, is the center of a storm of controversy. Hunters, some of them, despise these businesses, insist that such shooting is not sport, that birds or other game are being bred and fed for sheer slaughter.

It is just possible that we need to re-orient our ideas of what is sport and what is slaughter. American hunters cried out in righteous horror only a few years ago (and some still do) against the “unsportsmanlike slaughter of female deer.” Yet the growth and strengthening of deer herds following properly timed and properly controlled doe seasons proved the wisdom of this victory of science over misguided gallantry. American hunters have long and loudly decried the European custom of driving game birds over the guns of *(Continued on page 38)*



It's a \$3 paid-in-advance bird, but hunter found it just as wild, just as fast, as its wild-bred cousins.



On Pennsylvania game farm paid-up hunter tests claims that fee shooting “isn't sporting” by missing two shots at old cock rising rapidly through tangle.



Charging from thirty yards, this "pygmy" gaur soaked up bullet after bullet from big Alaskan .450-400 before he fell for keeps, five yards from gun.

By COLONEL CHARLES ASKINS

# HE LOOKED AS BIG AS A TANK

**ASKINS WENT 10,000 MILES FOR THIS MEETING  
WITH WHAT SOME CALL THE WORLD'S MOST  
DANGEROUS ANIMAL—THE GAUR**

**N**HON, MY MOI TRACKER, stuck his big toe into the steaming "sign" of a banteng bull and looked reflective. Knowing Nhon, I knew that, from the evidence there before him, he could tell within a matter of yards and minutes how far we were from the trophy we were seeking.

It was an altogether pleasant situation, I reflected. We had splashed across the Da-Dung directly after daylight to prowl the river's lower reaches. The country was only gently mountainous. It was wooded, but not thick, and the grass was only hock-high. Wet grass and water dripping from the trees, plus a gentle steady drizzle, provided a sort of air-conditioning against the heat. And we were on a hot trail. Very soon after crossing the river, Nhon had cut the track of an old banteng bull, one of those oldsters who, whether by natural temperament or because they are driven away from their herds by younger bulls, range by them-

selves, growing crustier with the years, nursing tempers that are forever evil. According to Nhon, this one was very close, if not very big; a banteng bull, distant relative to the African Cape buffalo, big game in any language, and game practically unknown to American sportsmen. This was a trophy I wanted!

Minutes later, we hauled up hard at the foot of a gentle slope, rock-strewn and sparsely grassed. Here and there, trees limited vision to a couple of hundred yards. The sign pointed toward the crest so upward we moved, not hurrying, although the track was so plain now that we could have broken into a dog trot. The old bull had joined with others here, and we were on a banteng highway.

I poked my head above the ridge and there, bore-sighting me, were eight or ten of the most poisonous looking critters I have ever seen. Every eye was on me. Every head

was turned in my direction, each muzzle upraised and pointed like a cocked pistol. Blacker than the imps of hell, statuesque and immobile, they loomed as large against the verdant jungle as so many M-48 tanks. It seemed to me that the critters, unafraid, teetered on the edge of decision, whether to charge me, stand boldly, or run. And it didn't seem likely that they would run.

I had traveled ten thousand miles for this meeting and, while I was uncertain about the agenda for the session as drawn up by the banteng, mine had long since been thought out. In the space of a couple of seconds, I selected the biggest bull. He had very considerably arranged himself so as to give me a quartering silhouette, and I proceeded to lace 400 grains of metal into the point of his shoulder. The range was 30 yards.

The bull went down. But he came up again just as rapidly, and running. I delivered another two-bits worth of lead, and again he piled up. This time he stayed down—for maybe three or four seconds. I galloped forward, anxious to gloat over this bovine that could soak up 800 grains of metal in the space of a half-dozen heartbeats.

The banteng got to his feet. Again, from 20 yards, I shot him behind the shoulder. This folded him. He struck the ground and



Both hunters scored on this gaur, with Askins (left) shooting his .450-400 Alaskan and "The General" (right) using Askins' .458.

It took eleven shots, ten in highly vital areas—a total of 4,630 grains of hot, high-velocity lead—to drop this 11 ft. long, 6 ft. tall, 3,000 lb. "solitaire" gaur bull.





Tiger trap failed to hold wary cat which ate bait, backed out without touching trap trigger.

Tiny muntjac or barking deer is succulent fare and provided the hunters with much of their meat.



Sturdy jeeps negotiated the jungle trails successfully, but each bridge was a new adventure, requiring careful testing and repair before laden cars dared to cross.



skidded. I closed in to 15 feet. He struggled to rise, and I spoon-fed him yet another—the fourth—.450 slug.

That wound his clock. The gunning from first shot to last had probably used up 10 seconds, all from 30 yards range down to five. The gun was my .450-400, a lever action M71, rechambered and rebarreled to .450 by an hombre named Johnson, an old sourdough from deep in the Alaska muskeg. He worked up the shooting iron as proper medicine for the Kodiaks of the willow thickets. He calls the howitzer the .450 Alaskan. The cartridge is the .348 Winchester blown out to .45 and stuffed with 63 grains of propellant behind a 400-grain bullet. The alleged ballistics are 2140 feet per second coupled with 4110 foot pounds of muzzle energy.

Why did I choose this rifle? I am a southpaw, a left hander. One person in every 16 is born that way. We have today 16 to 18 million sportsmen. If these shooting men represent an average cross section of our population, then we may assume that more than one million of these Americans are left handed. But the only truly potent "standard" weapons suitable for African and Asian game are bolt action, with bolt-handles on the right for right-handers only. Seems to me that the manufacturers are missing a whale of a big market in not providing left handed guns for these southpaw shooting men. Anyway, it was this situation which persuaded me to select a wildcat lever-action rifle, the first I have ever used on really big game. It is not a long range arm, but I did not expect it to be. I am a strong believer in working in close and, since most of the (Continued on page 44)

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YOU CAN TAILOR-MAKE YOUR HUNTING PARTNER

By R. E. MAXEY

**H**AVE YOU EVER wished for a perfect hunting partner—one who handles his guns safely and well—an ardent and sincere hunter more interested in the pursuit of the game than in the poker game going on in someone's cabin—a sportsman in the truest sense of the word, who would never bellyache about the weather, his equipment, or the apparent scarcity of game, but would concentrate on overcoming these obstacles and making the hunt a success?

In the old West, "He'll do to ride the river with" was high praise, describing a man with courage, loyalty, and a sense of humor that would carry him through all sorts of hardships and difficulties. "He'll do to hunt with" has the same meaning. Your hunting partner should be able to laugh when things go wrong, when the game escapes, as it sometimes does, when blankets are wet and fires won't light, or even when you tell a joke he's heard before.

Handling a gun safely and efficiently would be practically second nature to this ideal hunting companion. You would never find yourself gazing down the barrel of his gun while he nervously fumbled with the safety or trigger.



Stock-shortened .30-30 carbine can be worked okay by Larry but dad makes light handloads for less kick.



Second-hand 20 gauge had new straight Ithaca stock fitted, Cutts attached, and complete honing job.

In fact, you could be certain that his gun would never point at you under any circumstances. And as for being shot by him due to the mistaken idea that you were legal game—this simply couldn't happen.

Are you saying, "There ain't no such animal?" You're not far from right. We've all looked for such a partner; some have found him and some haven't. Yet some of these qualities are not only desirable but actually essential, and I made up my mind a long time ago that my hunting buddy would have them, or I would hunt alone. I have been on several lonely hunting trips. I got game, but there was something missing. There was no *sharing*. Without this sharing a hunt loses half its savor, perhaps more. So I kept looking. And it paid big dividends.

I now have such a hunting partner, though it has required the passage of years and the investment of a great deal of thought and care and work. You see, my hunting partner is my son—raised (or reared, if you like that

better) to be a hunting companion to suit my requirements. You can do the same. The recipe is simple. Take one small boy, brimming over with the energy, enthusiasm, and love of the out-doors that is typical of the species. Add years of thought and loving guidance, and you will have a hunting companion beyond compare.

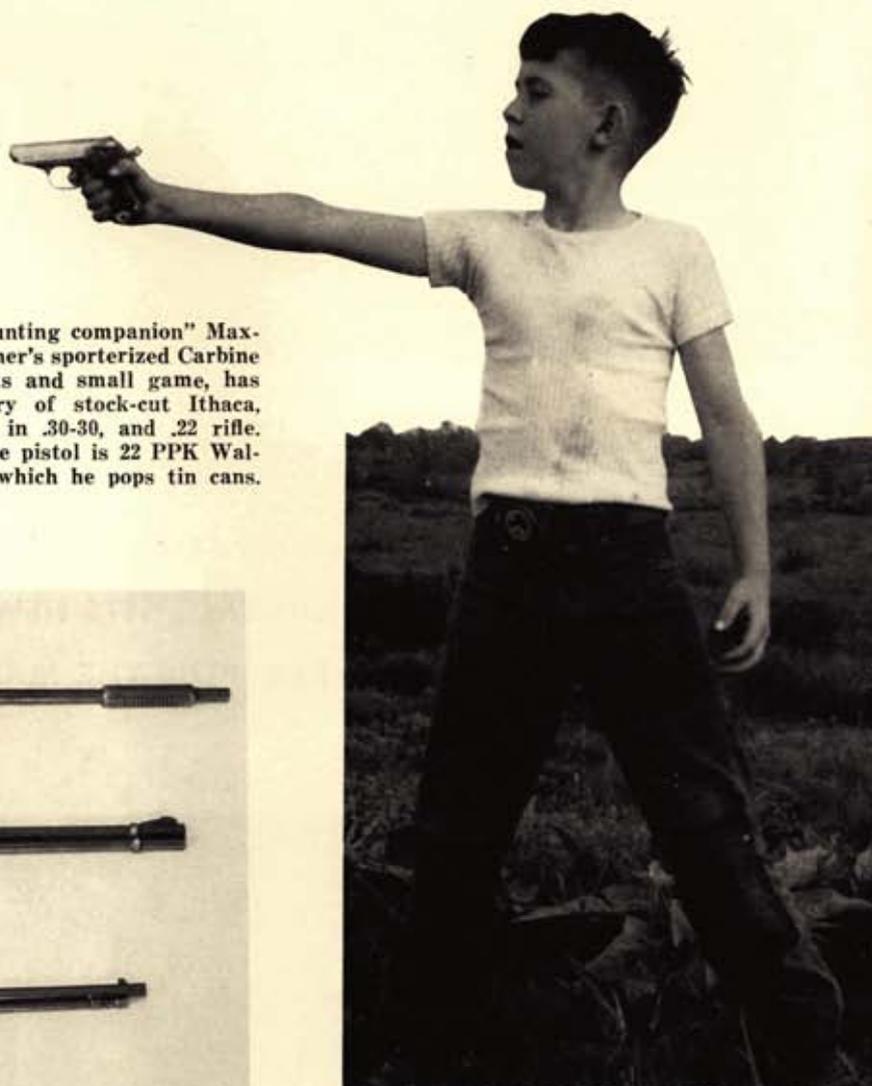
My particular small boy is named Larry, and he is 8½ years old and weighs 62½ pounds. If you don't think those half figures are important, just ask *him* his weight or age. He has been hunting with the .22 rifle since he was about five years old, always with me, of course, and with strict supervision.

Last year he broke-in on the shotgun, and is now looking forward to the next hunting season with as much anticipation as I am. Fast flying doves proved a little too much for him, but he killed a few ducks last year and he knows he will get a whole bunch next season.

The guns Larry uses are not man sized weapons, but



"Perfect hunting companion" Maxey uses father's sporterized Carbine on varmints and small game, has own battery of stock-cut Ithaca, 94 carbine in .30-30, and .22 rifle. His favorite pistol is 22 PPK Walther with which he pops tin cans.



Youthful hunter earns title of "Nimrod" by prowess such as killing big hawk which looks even bigger beside him.

they shoot man sized ammunition, and this is where some of the work comes in.

Converting a .22 rim-fire rifle to fit a small boy is fairly simple, but making a 20 gauge shotgun and a .30-30 rifle suitable for his use is something else again. With the .22 you merely cut off and bell the barrel and cut the stock to fit. Incidentally, anyone who thinks that this will ruin the barrel is mistaken. I often use the one I fixed for Larry, and have found no loss of accuracy.

But converting a 20 gauge shotgun so that it will be pleasant for a 62½ pound boy to shoot it is another problem. Most shotgunners know that the sharp kick of a light 20 is often as punishing as that of a 12; and bruising a small boy's shoulder is no way to make him love the weapon or shoot well with it.

So why use a 20? Why not a smaller gun, such as the 28 gauge or the .410? Well, in the humble opinion of this duck hunter, the 20 is the smallest gun that should be used on ducks, regardless of the size of the person on the other end. With the smaller gauges there are too many cripples, though the fact that you can put game on the table by using (Continued on page 54)



# HE USES THREE RIFLES

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# FOR DEER



By JESS T. REID

**I**T TOOK ME A LONG TIME to learn that a deer hunter should match his gun to two things: the type of terrain to be hunted, and the method he uses to bag his venison.

Brush-popping nimrods, intent on outwitting the wily, skittish, and elusive whitetail, need no far-carrying arsenal. Since most if not all of their shots will be at close ranges, usually under a hundred yards, they do not have to worry about muzzle velocity and flat trajectory. A bullet that will cut brush without too much deflection is more important than an extra hundred yards of reach.

When banging away at the fantails of south Texas, my "old reliable" Model 1894 Winchester .30-30 is adequate to nearly every situation. Back before the days of stricter rules and regulations, a shotgun loaded with No. 0 buckshot backed by a thimbleful of black powder, was the common choice in that country—which re-proves the point about short killing ranges.

But when I started tramping the mountains of the West in search of the matchless mules, I soon found out that a shotgun was useless and the carbine strictly limited in range and killing power.

This realization came as quite a shock to me. It all happened one frozen morning in early November, high up in a little cozy saddle in the Magdalena Mountains of New Mexico.

Proud of the little carbine with the precise and meaningful notches decorating the comb of its stock, I hugged it to me and shivered and waited in the clear, crackling dawn. As the clean light seeped into the hills, I was surprised to see how open my view was. There was no thick undergrowth. Only tall, arrow-straight spruce and pine trees, spaced as if planted, guarded certain strategic flanks of the precipitous mountains. Directly below me, the little saddle stood bare as the space between your thumb and first finger. To my left, like a huge tilted platter, lay an open basin some three hundred yards across. A steep head-canyon, dotted with stunted pinon, fed abruptly up from the right.



This buck came close, gave hunter chance to use his first love, the West's own lever-action M94 .30-30.

The view was breath-taking. But suddenly I was conscious of a feeling of being pitifully undergunned.

This feeling was increased, as, with the booming of heavy-bored guns higher up in the mountains, I saw two deer come scooting along the ridge on the other side of the basin and stop in a clump of jackpines. I could not tell whether they were bucks or not. I sort of hoped they were not, because unless they came a lot closer, I and my carbine might as well have been on another mountain.

Just then, one of those deer stepped out into the basin, lifted his big head and showed me his handsome antlers. What I wouldn't have given right then for a more powerful rifle! Some of my friends had told me to get rid of my "popgun," as they called it, but you can't brush aside a sentimental attachment that easily.

Now, it just happens that I got (Continued on page 63)

# Gun OF THE MONTH



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By  
CARL  
BREIHAN

"THE LE PAGE MOUTIER Grevy-Gonzales double." The words are as full of meaning as the gun itself is replete with beauty. Made by Le Page Moutier in France in 1860, this double barreled cap and ball fowling piece was presented in 1879 by M. Paul Jules Grevy, then president of France, to Don Emanuel Gonzales, then president of Mexico, perhaps as a token of good will between the new regimes of countries long filled with bitter hatreds. France, in the late 1860's, had supported the Austrian Duke Maximilian in his usurpation of the throne of Mexico. Throughout Maximilian's brief reign, until the Juarez revolution, French guns supported the usurper and inspired grim Mexican resentment. So it was dramatically fitting that, with the fall of Napoleon's Third Empire and the rise of

the French Republic, a gun should be the symbol of peace between the two countries.

The gun itself is a masterpiece of the gunmaking arts, probably one of the most valuable firearms in the world today. Its locks are sculptured in the round. Each hammer (called *chien*, dog, in French) is carved from solid steel in the shape of a dog. The percussion bolsters are carved-steel foxes. As the hammers fall, the dogs seem to be snapping at the foxes' throats.

The trigger guard is a pheasant feeding on an acorn. A portrait of President Grevy is carved in steel on the forestock. The wood is ebony, worked with heavy vine scrolling. The Le Page can be seen today in the fabulous collection at Harold's Club in Reno, Nevada.





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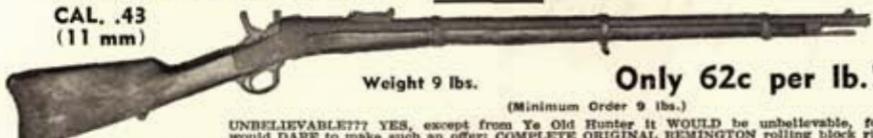
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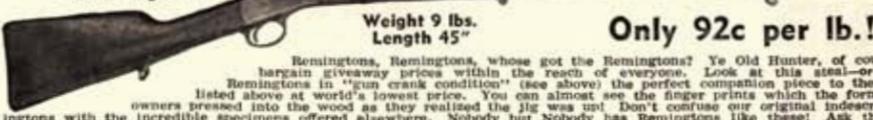


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# ISFEE SHOOTING THE ANSWER

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strategically placed shooters. Yet the very countries where this is most done are countries long and justly famous for scrupulous sportsmanship; and they are countries, too, with long knowledge of successful game management.

Deplore it if you will, but "fee shooting," hunting on controlled shooting preserves, private or otherwise, is rapidly becoming a must if hunting is to continue at all. Public game administration can go only as far and only as fast as public funds will permit. Politicians, guided by those who are willing to trade three dollars (and in a good many instances much less) for \$100 worth of game in a season, are responsible for public game administration being woefully under-financed. Out of every dollar contributed toward such administration only pennies go toward the raising and restocking of game in the field. Under such circumstances, gun-sport afield can be little more than token gunning for those who contribute by way of a hunting license fee.

FOR CENTURIES it has been the experience in felder, more settled lands, that hunting must be over private land if it is to be at all, and that it can continue on private land only if it can be made to produce income for the owner as well as sport for the gunner. London newspapers often carry advertisements of "Grouse shooting in Scotland," where the value of the game birds raised on a farm is considered as much a product of the farm as its livestock, grain, and vegetables.

Fee hunting is a step in that direction. The step is a typically American one: free enterprise for fair profit. The importance of the move is one that cannot be ignored if hunting is to be continued. The large arms and ammunition companies have established experimental game farms of thousands of acres. There is a logic in this, for hunting is the gun companies' bread and butter, and what helps the hunter must inevitably profit the gunmakers. By using the best personnel available, by studying game biology problems, and how cover affects propagation and protection of any given game bird, the experimental farms have come up with suggestions of major importance to the farmer-sportsman who wants to make sure that hunting next year is not left to chance, but has a good, healthy assist from modern science.

Fee hunting sites have taken two general lines of development. The first is perhaps most similar to the "natural" hunting so cherished by old timers. They are right when they say that "hunting just ain't what it used to be." But the smart city fellers have found a way to make sure that when they spend a valuable weekend afield, they get some return for it. Banding together into hunting clubs, urban sportsmen obtain the shooting rights on a nearby farm. Before the season opens, birds obtained from a game breeder, locally or by express, will be released on the farm. The next day, members of the club who have paid their dues toward the purchase of birds—often \$3 or more for a single full grown pheasant—hunt with at least the assurance

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that "there were pheasants here yesterday." More professional arrangements are the "farms" on which a game breeder sets up his own shooting preserve and charges a fee for the right to hunt. Each hunter must have the regular state license, although the seasons are not necessarily limited to those established elsewhere in the state.

The managed game farm can be a bonanza in both cash and sport. Otherwise untillable land can, by shrewd planning, be converted into a wilderness of second growth and hedgerows, ideal covert for all kinds of game birds. Pen-raised pheasants are not significantly different in their raising from chickens or other domestic fowl. But when they have been launched on their career of freedom and scuttle down some shady lane to disappear in a cluster of laurel or aspen, they become as wild as the wildest.

**T**HERE IS some basis for the charge of "un-sportsmanlike shooting" against private game preserves. Just as some hunters have fouled the nest of "free" shooting, so some preserve managements have fouled the name of "fee" shooting. But we don't condemn the entire automobile industry because a few used-car dealers handle stolen cars. Private game management can, and in most cases does adhere just as closely to rules of ethics as does other private business. It must do this if it is to succeed, and the game breeder is just as concerned about his investment and his future as is any other business man.

How does it work? Well, in a typical instance, a city executive calls a shooting preserve, agrees to pay a stated fee (possibly \$25.00) for a morning or afternoon of shooting. He can bring his own dog or dogs, or the management will furnish dogs and a handler, usually at no extra cost. The shooter is guaranteed a stated number of reasonably good shots at birds. If he misses, that's his

problem. If he hits, the birds are his. Either way, he's probably not paying much more than a similar "free" hunt would cost him.

More and more hunters, particularly those who can spend only a limited number of hours at the sport, prefer this type of hunting because they do get some shooting. As to sportsmanship, the birds "handle" to dogs exactly the same as wild-bred birds; they fly just as fast, are exactly as hard to hit. Fewer cripples are left, because trained dogs and trained handlers find them.

Conservationists generally are not opposed to private preserve operations. An average of 40 per cent of the birds released in a preserve escape into public domain. This more than replaces the normal game population that could otherwise be expected. Some states require that a certain percentage of birds bred must be released as free stock, in addition to those that escape the fee shooters. Pennsylvania, for example, taxes the breeder one pheasant out of each four grown—with the result that the "free" hunter is also benefiting, directly as well as indirectly, from the fee shooting in his area.

Whether we like it or not, fee shooting is with us, apparently with us to stay. Nearly thirty states have shooting preserves. Those states are: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin. More may have been added. For listings of hunting preserves in your area, write your State Conservation Department.

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## WOODCOCK ARE EASY TARGETS

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near-invulnerable winged apparition all but impossible to frame in a shot pattern. And so, thus inhibition-equipped, the gunner is set to prove it with a pocketful of shells each time he and a woodcock meet. The hurdle he has is mental, propaganda bred, not real.

Last fall, I listened for hours to an alleged expert who laid out for me, as so many magazine articles have done, precisely what gun, choke, shot size and load were necessary to do in the doughty woodcock. This hunter rationalized excuse for his own failures. Yet in spite of his expert "knowledge," when we went hunting his score was far less convincing than his palaver.

Just for fun, I shot my four-bird limit using the following loads: one No. 6 field load; one No. 7½ long range express load; one No. 8 so-called "brush" load; one No. 9 skeet load. I used a beat-up old 20-gauge with a full-choke barrel with the sight knocked off it.

In all fairness it must be admitted that an open to moderately open barrel and shot size of about No. 8 is probably best. The only reason for this choice, however, is to keep from shooting up the game too badly at the modest ranges where it is invariably shot. It is *not* in order to give the hunter greater advantage. One of the most fallacious pieces of reasoning on earth is that the

larger pattern of the open barrel, plus more shot of the smaller size, are necessary in order to hit the bird. Actually these are just hokum excuses to cover lousy shooting. A gunner who cannot point accurately enough or dope angles correctly enough to cross the flight lines of shot and woodcock with a modest load poured even through a tight barrel should either give up, or learn.

Figure it out. With the average full-choked tube, a charge of No. 7½ shot at 20 to 25 yards will give a very dense pattern somewhere between 20 and 30 inches wide. Even a 20-inch circle is a pretty fair piece of sky at that range.

"But," the woodcock-misser is likely to say, "You're not considering that tiny bird."

Let me tell you something about the anatomy of this "tiny" bird. The next hundred woodcock, mature birds, that you pick up will have longer wings, and greater wing-spread than any of the next hundred ruffed grouse you measure. A lot of hunters will have difficulty believing that, but it is true.

The grouse will of course outweigh the woodcock as much as three times. The woodcock has greater wing area in proportion to weight than any other game bird except jacksnipe and doves, which are about comparable. The wings and the heart are both larger than those of the grouse, because these are the items of equipment used in sustained flight. The wingspread of many a mature woodcock is as much as *eighteen inches*, and overall length may be as much as a foot. So he is a big target, not a tiny one—and no bird is easier to put on the ground by a non-fatal wound. Even a wing-tipped woodcock will usually tumble.

In other words, even a hunter with a tightly choked gun can point very badly and still fill his limit. The gun and load will kill woodcock easily enough in any combination, and any combination will perform better than the average man toting it. The man just has to find out why he misses and quit using his tools for excuses.

Besides the mental hurdle produced by historic propaganda, what are some of the other reasons for misses?

Writers tell you that woodcock are hard to hit because of their erratic and unpredictable flight. It just ain't so.

Many a summer evening I have sat from just before dusk until too dark to see, watching woodcock fly. One who sits quietly, with neither gun nor shooting excitement to inhibit judgment, soon realizes that the wildly erratic quality of woodcock flight is an illusion, a phoney, or both. Watch the birds and you will see that a woodcock lifts and buzzes along very steadily, curving here and there but cutting a perfectly predictable flight pattern from moment to moment.

If you want to see just how predictable they are, pick up a stick and point them out as if using a gun. What you will discover will surprise you. Dry shooting in this fashion, you will see that this bird is no "phantom," no impossible target, you'll wonder why you ever missed him.

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for learning something more. For when you hunt them, they flush and rise.

Because they are birds ordinarily found in rather high overhead shrub and mixed small-tree cover, yet migratory birds with long wings designed for open flying, their instinctive tendency is to get quickly up out of the brush, where those long wings can be used to full advantage. The short-winged grouse would simply hurtle through the cover horizontally. The woodcock—watch him and you will see—bumps into things getting up and out. He can't help it. He goes up to get above so his long wings will clear.

And so the shooter has two problems: the brush (which, psychologically at least, bothers both your eye and your swing)—and the steep rise of the bird. You have to swing fast and steep to get above him. . . . These factors, plus the distracting whistle of those long flapping wings, plus the buzzing, half-tumbling manner of flight, make the flight pattern, which is actually perfectly straight, seem terribly complicated and "crazy." The whole basic trouble, however, is in the shooter's own head. It is a case of letting a lot of unimportant distractions hide the real problem. Once you understand the problem, the solution is easy.

But there is something else the stick shooter will discover; and it, too, has a very important bearing on the misses. These little devils are going plenty fast! And that is odd, because they aren't supposed to. You have probably seen those popular charts showing comparative game-bird speeds (most of which, incidentally, are utter nonsense). You have learned from them how fast the grouse and pheasant fly, how lazily the woodcock lolls along.

Don't you believe it! A woodcock can get off the ground as fast as any grouse, much faster than a pheasant or duck. He can give a quail odds, too. And when he is jumpy so that he flushes and flies wild, his speed over the first 30 to 50 yards will match any of these. The "slow" woodcock does exist on occasion, but he is usually a product of faulty or not enough observation hastily reported.

SO WHAT's the answer? The weight-to-wing spread ratio allows the woodcock to shoot up and drop down like a helicopter. The brush deludes the shooter into thinking he must rush his shot. He has the idea preset in his head that the bird is a slow flyer and yet a tough target because he is a crazy flyer. And so, somewhere between the rushed shots, the lack of long-enough lead and fast-enough or smooth-enough swing, the inhibition against shooting while still swinging because of cramped quarters, the improper estimation of pitch both going up and coming down—somewhere among all these lie the misses.

Once the hunter knows this, he has the answer in sight. It starts with confidence and deliberation born of a realization of how much hokum has long attached to woodcock shooting. But that in itself won't automatically effect a cure. The answer that gets the job done is one that makes a real hunter squirm, because it costs good shooting time. But I can guarantee from seeing it tried that it is surefire. Here it is.

Go woodcock hunting, with a partner (to create an atmosphere of competition)—but no gun. Each time a woodcock flushes,

watch it. Observe every detail of its flight, keeping in mind just what you would do, now that you know all the things you didn't know before. Note how much time there would be to do it if you had a gun.

Next time out, take a partner—and take a gun. But leave your shells at home. Now each time a woodcock flushes, point it out. You know, of course, that you cannot possibly kill the bird, so haste and excitement are excluded. Oddly, you will find that you no longer see the brush, or feel cramped by it.

See how much time there really is? See how easy it is to get "on" and stay "on"? Speed and pitch and flight line can now be appraised with a clear head and they all come into easy focus. The hokum evaporates. Inhibitions based upon it fade.

On the third go, load the gun and make use of what you now know. Point with deliberation, and you will tumble woodcock like clockwork. It is just that simple.

Follow this routine even at the loss of a bit of precious hunting time, you will be something few U.S. gunners can boast of being: a deadeye on woodcock. You will find woodcock shooting stripped of silly myth and mystery, and more enjoyable because you get results and others miss.



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These penetration tests prove to me at least, that the .44 Magnum with factory load or our heavy handload of 22 grains 2400 and Keith 250 grain bullet will with certainty penetrate the skull of any bear, elk, or moose, to the brain pan; but we would have our doubts about frontal shots on a big bull bison. We once saw a bison skull with seven .30-30 soft nose holes in the frontal plate and no bullet getting back to the brain. We also saw a bull elk take a .30-30 170 grain back of the left horn and between the horn and ear, in line with the brain, from a Model '94 Winchester with 26" barrel, the bullet going only half way through the outer covering of the brain. It killed by a blood clot on the brain.

We also saw a bull elk take a 180 grain Western .30-06 square in the forehead. It knocked him down but he jumped up, staggered around, and then started to run off. A heart shot put him down in the next 200 yards. Examination showed the 180 grain bullet blew up the frontal plate of the skull and mushed up the cellular bone inside, but no part of it penetrated the after part of the skull to the brain. So far our tests indicate better penetration on massive heavy animal skulls for the .44 Magnum than for either the .30-30 170 grain or factory 180 grain

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On steel penetration tests, which are a very good criterion of velocity, the factory .44 Magnum clearly showed a bit more penetration than our hand load. We are perfectly content to leave it that way and believe it would require at least 23 grains of 2400 to equal the factory load. We prefer to stay under the factory load in pressure and velocity for safety. Tests were run with the 6½" barrel and we would expect some 80 feet less velocity from a 4" barrel.

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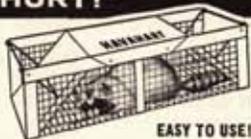
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major species over here are taken from 50 yards down to distances where you have to back up slightly to level the gun, I expect no difficulties.

We retraced our steps to the crossing on the Da-Dung and there found our second party waiting. And I learned from our host, Ngo Van Chi, that my banteng was not a banteng at all.

"You have killed the lesser gaur," he explained after examining head and cape. "These are rare. We have two species, the greater or giant gaur and the lesser or pygmy gaur. Yours is the lesser or pygmy. But this smaller fellow is the more dangerous. The herd is just as apt to charge you as not. Sometimes they charge after an animal has been shot, occasionally when they are simply startled."

It is likely this animal was not a "pygmy gaur" but a close cousin, a member of the buffalo family, called in Indian the "mithan." Ranging up to 1200 pounds in weight, with a differing horn formation, but identical coloration, it would be easy to assume the mithan was a lesser species of gaur.

Another day, another hunt. We loaded up in the jeep, the General, Ngo Van Chi, our trackers, and myself. From darkness until well into the day's first weak light we negotiated a dim elephant trail. Each rickety bamboo bridge was an adventure, but we finally hauled up in a Moi village. We huddled with the local ward boss, an intriguing old bandit whose sole garment was a belt and G-string.

Yes, he told us, elephants were only 15 kilometers distant. At least, they were in that area early yesterday. Six bulls, cows and calves, he affirmed. So we set forth.

For seven hours we plowed along in the wake of the tuskers. All that day we tailed them, up one mountain and down the next. Endlessly, it seemed, we planted our feet in the tub-like imprints of the steadily marching tuskers. Finally Van Chi called a halt, and we turned back to where we had left the jeep, arriving in camp long hours after *ong ba muy*, the tiger king, was aprowl. But Ngo Van Chi, killer of more than 80 elephant and so many tiger he will not venture the number, is rather contemptuous of Old

Stripes. Van Chi is an elephant and gaur man. The night before we reached his camp he had trapped a tiger and, disdaining to dispatch it himself, sent a Moi to kill the beast with a rusty old 8 mm. Mauser. This delighted the Moi, since it gave him an opportunity to even scores with his dread enemy. Tiger take a fearful annual toll of the hill people.

Tiger shooting is a business to tax the patience, and considerably less hair-raising than many writers have painted it. It is generally a matter of building a *mirador* and squatting within the leafy bower for hours on end, never moving eyes glued to the rotting sambhar carcass which is used as bait. The shot, if the tiger comes, is at predetermined range, usually about 30 feet. Frequently a 12 gauge scattergun charged with 00 buckshot will do the business. Ngo Van Chi shortcuts all this by setting traps.

But no one low-rates the gaur as a sporting target. The French professional, A. Plas, in his book, "Les Grandes Chasses en Indochine," has this to say about the gaur: "He is the biggest and most ferocious of the bovines inhabiting our Indo-China forests. The males especially grow to enormous stature and weight, and altho I never had the opportunity of weighing one, I have a strong impression that certain male specimens weigh at a minimum 1200 kg (2640 lbs.). Seen at close range in the forest the beast has in highest degree a ferocious and savage appearance especially in the male . . . wounded he is extremely dangerous."

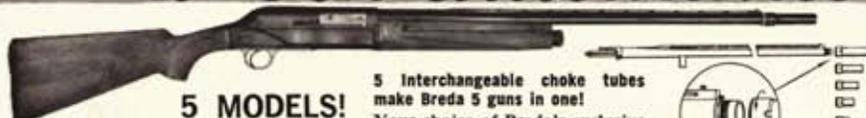
Next day, we hauled up in the very middle of a Moi rice field and beckoned the only villager in sight over to the jeep. His answers to our questions piled us out of the vehicle on the double. There, directly behind the truck, was the single track of a lone gaur. The beast had ripped up the last of the tender rice plantings only minutes before our arrival, the hill man told us. Nam, Chi's elephant tracker, took up the sign and we lined out behind him.

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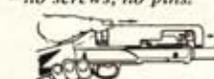
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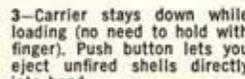
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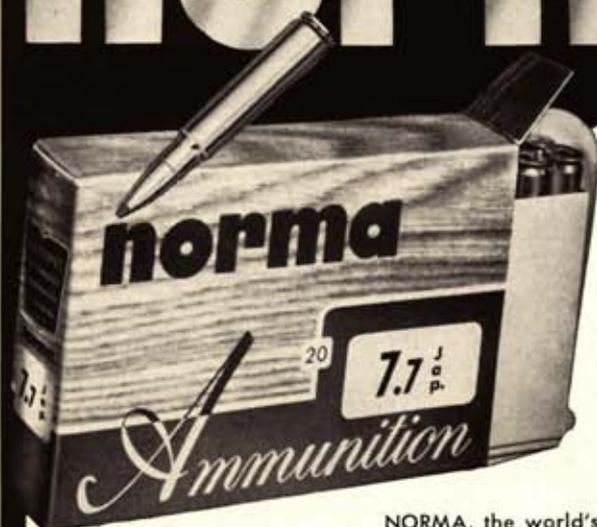
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We followed through a low saddle, the ground rocky and noisy underfoot despite the rain. Down the far side we worked our way into a second meadow where the grass was rank and almost chest high. Nam moved slowly and stopped finally, casting about like a bird dog working a broken covey. Plainly, our bull had turned aside and the Moi had missed the detour.

It was the General who pointed. There, not 20 yards distant and leveled on us, was a head towering over the coo grass, a head as big and ferocious as the muzzle of the 280 atomic cannon. A more utterly savage, malevolent expression, I've yet to see.

The gaur broke cover and a lucky snapshot from the General broke a hind leg. The shot did not stop the critter but it slowed him. The bull forged up a sidehill, dodging in and out through trees, brush, grass and rocks. He resembled something akin to a tank, but despite his bulk a shot would have been wasted. I galloped up the slope like a quarter horse in a stake race. As I made the point of the slope where I had last marked the gaur, I rounded a turn and spotted the game not 60 yards distant in a tiny clump. Standing there, partly concealed, he looked just slightly larger than the Communist threat. As I whipped up the .450 I had a feeling that I was leveling down on the USS Forrestal.

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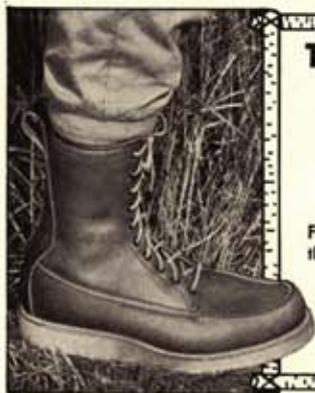
I broke into a run, stuffing fresh hulls into the old lever gun. I came up on the bull at 30 yards and found him standing, head erect, and full of fight. I proceeded to administer a triple .450 treatment, the slugs finding a target behind the shoulder. I was so close I could see bits of hair and flesh cast up as the bullet struck. He dropped.

All four legs folded beneath the gigantic body. He was down, but his head was still erect. The General, Chi, and the trackers caught up and the Old Man said, "Let me shoot."

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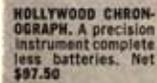
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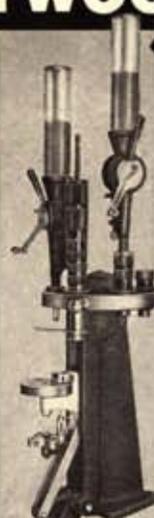
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And here is another "matched set" idea in auto-loaders for those that prefer this type of gun. I believe that the Winchester people have so far done the best job here.

**T**HE WINCHESTER Model 50 auto-loading shotgun is the starter. Add to it a Model 77 Winchester auto-loading .22 rifle, and a Model 88 high power rifle, and you have a nifty matched set of Winchesters. The high power comes in .308, .358, and .243 calibers, and the Model 50 shotgun in 12 and 20 gauges. A three-piece set here (without scopes for rifles) will cost around \$300.00, and this does not include an extra barrel for the shotgun. With good scopes for both rifles, plus an extra barrel or choking device (Poly-Choke or Cutts Compensator) for the shotgun, the total price will run near \$400.00.

The main thing we are trying to do in this piece is to get the average hunting sportsman well equipped with guns for \$500.00 or less, preferably less. Above \$500.00 can be, often is, beyond the average sportsman's budget.

Some may choose a mixed-brand collection, and this is entirely all right if one prefers it that way. Start off with maybe an Ithaca "Featherlight" repeating (pump) shotgun, then add a Browning or Mossberg .22 rifle, and then add a Savage high power rifle. Really good guns all, and well within

the price range that average sportsmen can afford.

Where the buyer can afford them, the Browning over-under and Winchester (Model 21) double barrel shotguns are really nice, more expensive but well worth the money if you have it. And you can go up, cost-wise, as far as you like.

The man who wants a "matched set" of guns covering most hunting needs at prices really well below the \$500.00 total can get what he wants by concentrating on bolt action shotguns and rifles. The Mossberg people make a good line of bolt action shotguns and .22 rifles, and good high power bolt action rifles are available in other makes. A set of three bolt action guns (both rifles complete with scopes and the shotgun with choking device) can be bought for a little over \$200.00—in some cases maybe even a little less.

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Gauge and caliber selection of course depends a lot on the kind of game to be hunted and the type of territory to be hunted over. Where an eastern brush country big game hunter can get by just fine with a short .30-30 carbine, a western open country big game hunter would probably



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want more power in his big game rifle. And a wild goose hunter would certainly demand more shotgun power than a Georgia bobwhite hunter. Gauge and caliber selection is a full story within itself. What we are trying to do here is to set the average sportsman on the right track in gun selection, design, price, capabilities, and so on.

WHERE possible, it is always better to buy new guns instead of used guns. And continuous gun trading and tinkering is rarely if ever advisable for the average sportsman. I have indulged in both, so I know what I am talking about. It is easier and better, in at least 90 percent of the cases where cost is an important factor, for the hunter to adjust himself to the gun than to adjust the gun to the hunter.

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It would be impossible to cover budget hunting from the standpoint of guns completely in any one article. The point is that you can hunt, can hunt with perfectly adequate guns, on a modest budget. The guns are there, including ones not mentioned here. Write your own budget—and buy your hunting battery to fit it.

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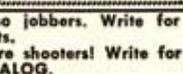
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target, over all kinds of terrain?

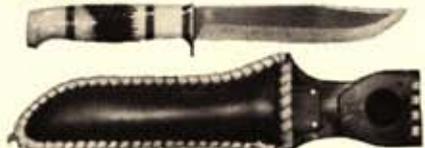
Very few men not specifically trained for it can estimate ranges beyond 100 yards within 10 per cent of accuracy. Beyond 300, the average man's range estimation is little more than a wild guess, apt to be wrong by a hundred or more yards. I learned long ago that I can't estimate long ranges within the accuracy needed to match bullet ballistics, and I've had more practice than average. I learned as a varmint that strange terrain, changing light conditions, targets above or below me, or broken country between me and the target, could throw me a hundred yards off in my guesses. That's why I like to set the extreme limit of big game range at not more than 300 yards; because beyond that point a mistake of even 10 per cent in range estimation can make a difference of a good many inches in the point of impact of a falling bullet.

**T**EST YOUR judgment of distance by picking an object in open country, guessing its range, then pacing the distance. Repeat this guess-and-pace test a few hundred times as you walk hunting-type country, and your skill in range estimation will improve. . . . But until you get better at it than most people ever do get, there are better ways of measuring ranges than mere visual judgment.

There are any number of mechanical aids to range estimation. There are actual range-finders (such as the one offered by the D. P. Bushnell Co. of Pasadena, California) which measure the distance between you and the target with real accuracy. The Bushnell instrument is a tube about 16 inches long, weighs about three pounds, sells for around a hundred dollars. There is another little device now on the market, designed for golfers, which is good, I'm told, out to about 250 yards.

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The same system can be worked out for a post reticle, or for the front blade of iron sights. Take a target of known size at a known range and see how many inches your post reticle or front sight blade covers. You can work it out from there. Some cross-hair reticles are designed especially for range measurement. Or you can take a common kitchen match or any similar article you will have with you when hunting—hold it vertical at arm's length and find out how much scenery it covers.

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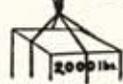
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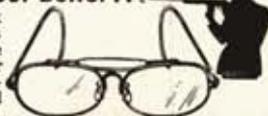


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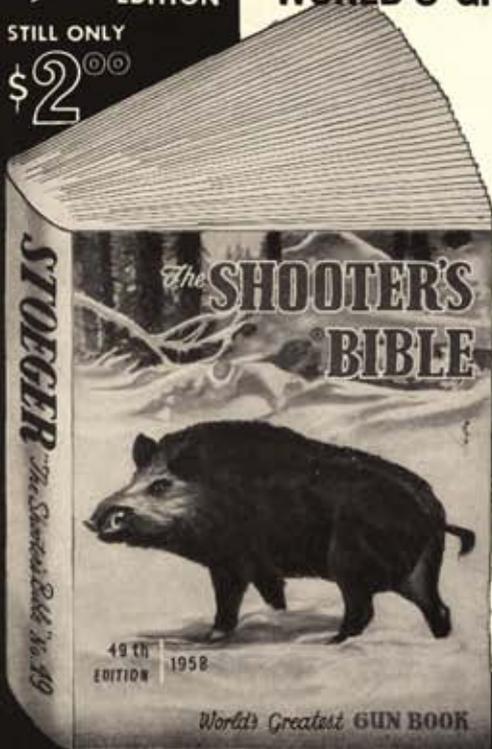
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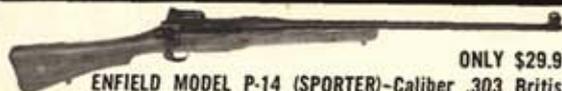


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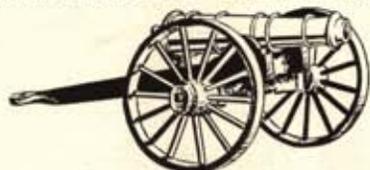
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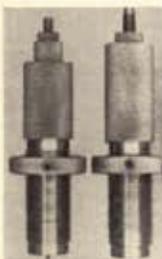
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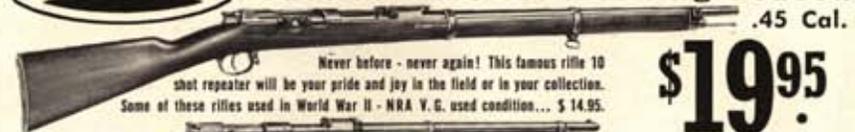
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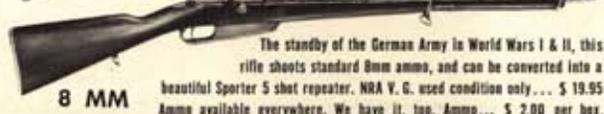
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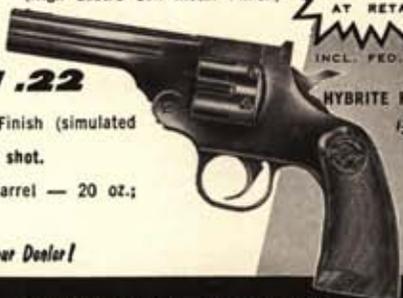
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pensator. Then back to the country to try it again.

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During the next two weeks I took that gun completely apart and put it back together again at least a dozen times. And I don't mean just "field stripping." I got a hard stone, the kind used to work on triggers, and searched out all points of friction and dressed them down. I took the safety out and fixed it so it worked as smooth as silk but still stayed put in either position.

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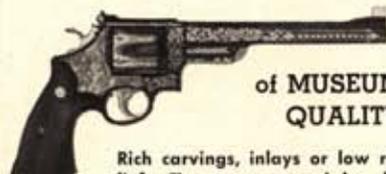
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When duck season came he actually killed a few ducks all by himself and winged a few which I brought down before they could escape as cripples. This may account for his preference for ducks over quail and doves. He says, "They are bigger, Daddy, and they don't fly so fast."

Larry was now all fixed up with a .22 caliber rifle and a shotgun. My next concern was to fit him out with a rifle capable of killing a deer. The choice for a rifle for this purpose was simple; I had a venerable lever action .30-.30 in excellent condition. I applied a recoil pad to the stock after cutting it off so that it would be one inch shorter than before, including the pad. This made it just barely short enough so the small fry could work the lever. But the full-power factory-loaded ammunition has a little too much oomph for him to handle the recoil. So far,

for the next year at least, he will shoot my special hand-loads which consist of the .32-20 soft-point 100 grain bullet backed up by 30 grains of 4895 powder. This is not exactly a sissy load, and could easily kill a deer at fairly close range, but for the time being it will be used mostly on jack rabbits for practice. I figure that within the next year or so Larry will be handling this gun with loads equivalent to factory fodder and we will be ready for our first safari.

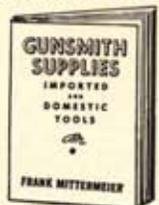
Actually, until just recently, on most of our trips afield together I could have killed twice as much game as I did if it had not been for having a small boy with a gun along to worry about. Yes, there is a lot of work and even some self-sacrifice in grooming your boy for a hunting companion. But, believe me mister, it's worth it a thousand times over.

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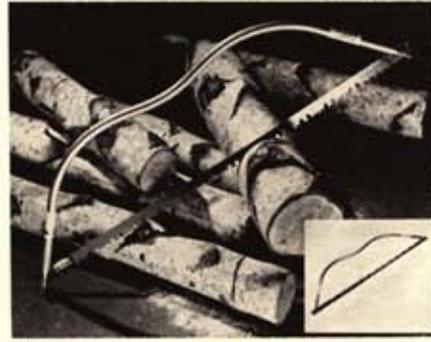
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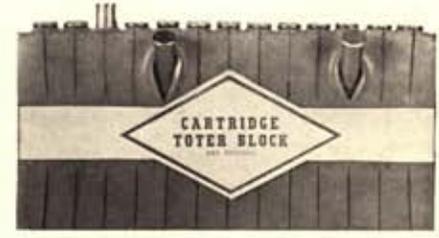
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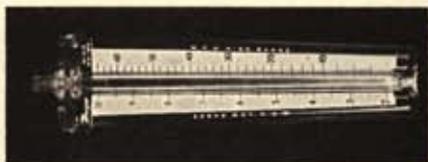


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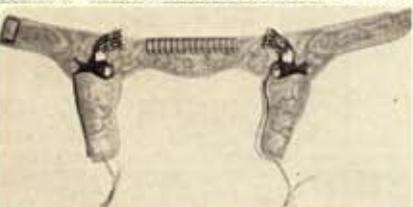
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that buck. But it was not because of a super-lucky 300-yard blast from my beloved carbine. His demise was his own fault. Slowly and cautiously, but totally unaware of my presence, he edged across the basin and tried to sneak through the saddle just below me. If he had elected to go in any other direction, he might still be alive. But it was no trick at all to bust him, at thirty yards, which is what I paced it.

I continued to use the .30-30 for the next few years, but only because my method of hunting mule bucks had changed. These deer, especially the old trophy bucks, are great game. However, unlike the flighty whitetails that vanish at every snapping twig, mule bucks, recognizing no natural enemy except the mountain lion, do not stampede easily. They can be stalked rather easily by a hunter who studies their habits and can move with some skill through wooded, mountainous country. Several more notches were added to the stock of my carbine, to mark the passing of worthy mule bucks in the unsure light of clear, rosy dawns and at the witching hours of twilight.

But came a time when, because of the bite of dawning frost and the sting of icy night winds, I decided to do my hunting in the more pleasant hours of the day. This would not be too difficult, with plenty of hunters tramping in the woods. Nesting bucks, having taken to their beds around nine o'clock, would be put on the move by the restless nimrods, and all I would have to do would be to find a good stand on some ridge or pinnacle and wait for my venison to trot by.

The theory was sound, but it didn't take me long to realize that these spooked bucks didn't always trot by within range of my carbine. That helpless feeling drove me to retire the Model 1894 Winchester .30-30 in favor of a .300 Savage. This sweet, well-balanced rifle won me over pretty quickly.



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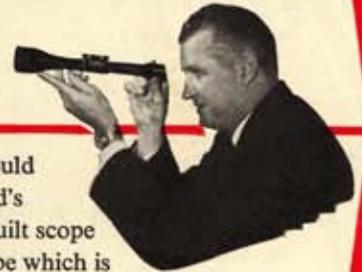
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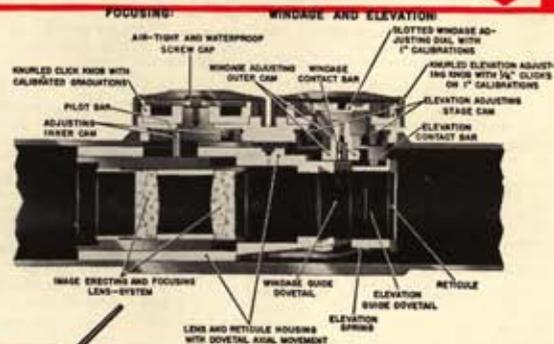
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Well, I began looking for a deer-gun with more umph, with a flatter trajectory and more striking power when it spat against the target. Other guns would have filled those specifications, but the one I chose was the .270 Remington with a K4 Weaver scope. Here was a gun and cartridge that gave me the scattering velocity of 3140 feet per second at the muzzle with the 130 grain bullet, as against the 2410 f.p.s. of my pride-and-joy carbine and the 2670 f.p.s. delivered by the .300 Savage. Both of these used heavier 150 grain bullets, but the lighter slug, I was sure, would do all I would ever ask of it.

I sighted the .270 in at 200 yards and was mighty pleased to see it lay its slugs right on the button, shot after shot. The four-power scope made the target look mighty good, too, compared with what I'd been seeing with my naked, aging eye. And there were other factors, discovered as I became better acquainted with the rifle, that fixed the .270 firmly in my esteem. Not that it took the place there of my other loves, you understand; but it made a place for itself beside them.

I killed a couple of bucks with the .270 . . . and missed a couple. I was sure it was me, not the rifle—and I was well aware that the two bucks missed had been a fur piece from me, but—wasn't that why I'd bought a far-reaching rifle? I dug out a ballistics table and made some trajectory drawings.

Even the .270, I learned, as sighted in at 200, would be low by 7.5 inches on a target 300 yards distant, and low by 21 inches at 400. At 500 yards—the distance at which nearly all of my bragging friends claim to clobber their venison—the .270, so sighted, would be down 42 inches. This convinced me that the only thing fishing liars have on hunting liars is that there are more fishermen. But it didn't solve my problem. The figures mentioned, compared to the 15 to 18 inches of vital area on a mule buck, meant that, at any range much over 200 yards, I'd still have to depend on "Kentucky windage." I began to wonder if it wouldn't be wiser for me to go back to the bow-and-arrow methods of my primitive ancestors, when hunters depended on their ability to hunt, not on long-range ballistics.

But I liked this new rifle, liked the look and feel of it, liked the sweet crack of its let-off and the sense of power it engendered. The answer was there, of course; and with the aid of some study and some advice, I found it. Maybe I should have known the answer from the beginning, but I didn't. Like a good many million others in this country, I'm a hunter, not a ballisticsian.

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300 yards distant to lift it outside a mule buck's vital area—and it doesn't drop enough below point of aim to miss that area until it gets out pretty close to the 400 yard marker. For all practical purposes, I now had a rifle that would shoot point-blank (no sight adjustment or hold-off) out to around 400 yards. Which was what I wanted. (I knew now that the .300 Savage, too, differently sighted in, would reach farther than I had used it, but this was belated knowledge).

I did some practice shooting at these new, long ranges, to make sure that I really could lay my shots home. I could and can. It goes without saying that I could also hit with this rifle at shorter ranges. Logically, therefore, the .270 replaced my other two rifles. But I loved those rifles, had no intention of turning either or both of them out to pasture. That, coupled with my sit-down method of hunting, gave me an answer. I would hunt with all three rifles!

Here's how it works. I know this country; and, after all these years, I know a little something about deer habits and hunter-habits. I load my three-gun arsenal into my car (plus my binoculars and anything else I think may add to my comfort during a given number of quiet hours), and I drive to or near a spot where I think deer will be moving. I sit myself down in a spot with a nice view and a good field of fire, line up my guns within easy reach—and wait.

It works. I have bagged mule deer as close as 27 feet, and as far as—well, maybe

400 yards, maybe 350. On five occasions in five consecutive years, I filled my ticket with nice mule bucks from the same sitting spot—and if you think I'd tell my best friend where, you're crazy. Three of these shots were taken at less than 100 yards, with the .30-30. One was at around 200 with the Savage. The fourth was a good deal farther, and made me glad I had the .270.

It was evening, with frosty shadows slanting down off the mountain and spreading themselves like a dark cloak over my sitting place and across half my field of vision. I would have called it a day in another few minutes. But just then I saw a magnificently racked buck bounce to a stop on a ridge some 350 yards distant. He turned, looking back the way he had come. I reached for the .270, leaning ready against a log along with the carbine and the Savage. Quickly I picked it up, hugged it to my shoulder and sought out, through the scope, the monarch on the ridge. He still stood like a statue. Laying the crosshairs just back of the shoulders, I took a deep breath, exhaled, and pressed the trigger.

Almost at the instant that I heard the blast, the buck leaped into the air, dropped his head, clamped his tail, and made three or four stumbles down the slope. Then he was down. When he lay still for perhaps a minute, I rose, put the .30-30 and the .300 in the car, shouldered the .270, and went to dress some venison.

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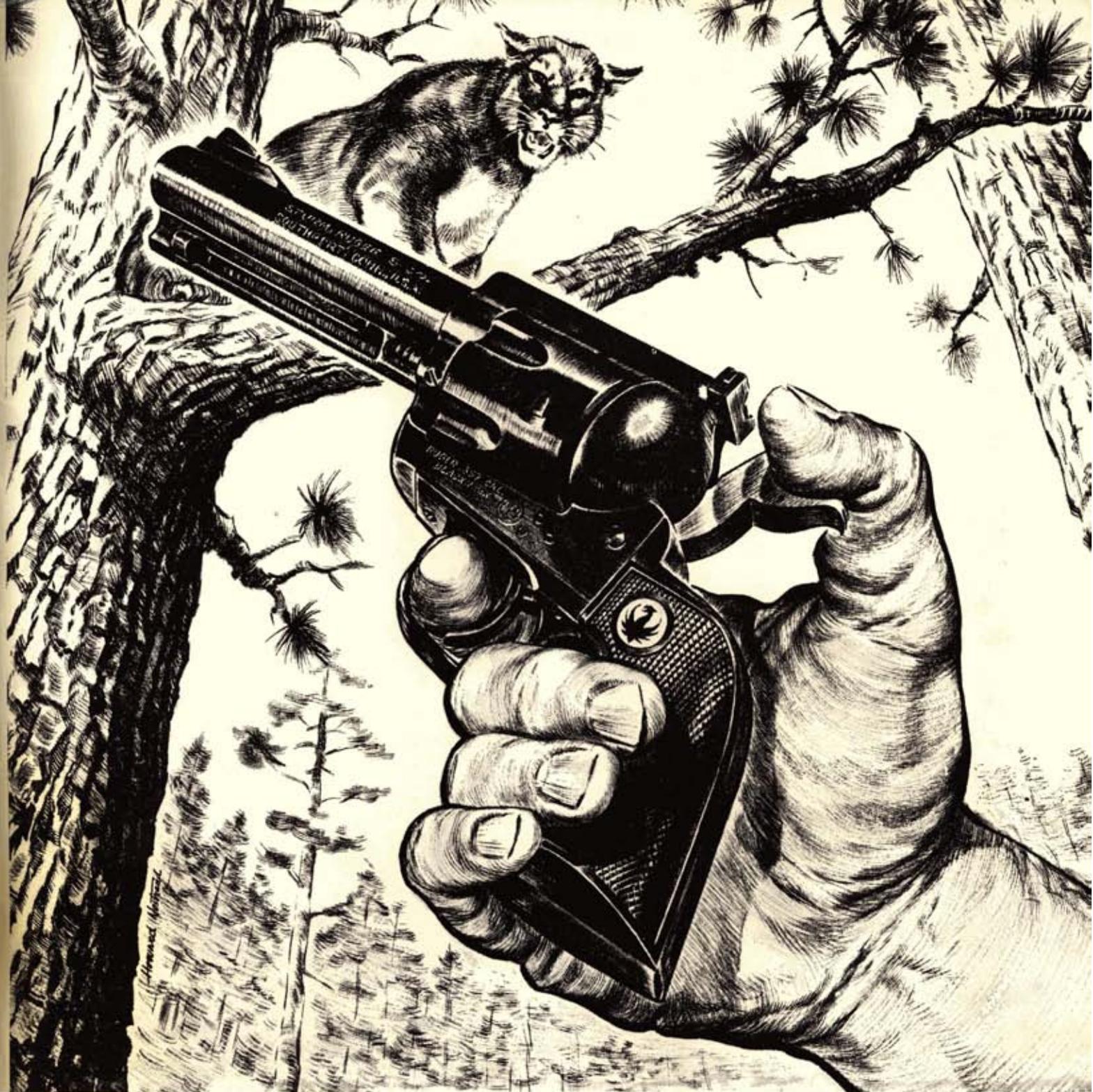
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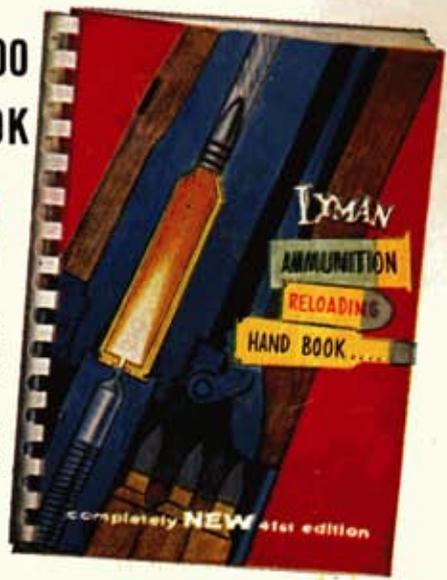
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