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IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING that I am wholeheartedly in support of the Constitutional provision that the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be abridged in any way. On the other hand, I am not a hunter, nor do I shoot for sport and, as a result, I do not feel that I am equipped to set forth my views from the standpoint of one who engages in such commendable pastimes.

Congressman Leonard Farbstein 19th (New York) Dist., N. Y.

THE QUESTIONS YOU PROPOUND call for a lengthy historical treatise rather than a fifty word response. You may print this, however, as my passing comment:

I believe the Second Amendment was urgently needed when enacted and still serves to protect a common law right subject only to regulations made necessary by our transition from frontier life to an industrial economy. I would emphasize that this amendment grants no new rights to bear arms that a citizen already had under the common

Congressman Carl T. Durham 6th Dist., North Carolina

CERTAINLY I BELIEVE that people should have the privilege of bearing arms. Being a lover of hunting, I have always opposed any infringement of this privilege. It has been tried here on several occasions (in North Carolina) but so far has not made any headway. When you take away the privilege of bearing arms from the ordinary citizen, in my opinion, it deprives him of his own individual rights. I am enclosing the only photograph I have at present in which I am holding a gun. The snapshot was taken after I had shot a wild turkey recently.



Senator Paul H. Douglas. Illinois

I THINK IT IS MOST important for our defense forces to be properly schooled in the uses of arms. But I do not believe I have anything new or different to contribute at this time on the Second Amendment in answer to the searching questions you raise. My own shooting was done as a Marine in World War II, and I have not kept it up.

Senator J. W. Fulbright, Arkansas

THE SECOND AMENDMENT PROHIBITS the Congress from infringing the right of the people to bear arms for a lawful purpose. The apparent purpose of the Founding Fathers to prevent encroachment on the right to arm for local defense may not be as valid today as when the amendment was adopted, but the tremendous interest in hunting and target shooting throughout the country gives the amendment new vitality. Congress must carefully examine proposed regulatory legislation with the ideals of the amendment firmly in mind.

Congressman LeRoy Anderson 2nd (Great Falls) Dist., Montana

It could never be seriously advocated that our founding fathers were so shortsighted that they framed laws applicable only to their own time. The Second Amendment was incorporated in our Constitution as one of the basic principles by which this

Nation would live and grow. The danger to our democratic tenets has increased a thousandfold since the era of the Revolution, rendering obvious the vital necessity of maintaining the modern offspring of our first "militia." the National Guard, to say nothing of our Armed Forces. Repeal of this Amendment would be a crippling blow to our democratic system. It would impose upon us a veritable police state where a man's home could be searched with impunity, and the mere possession of a weapon would be deemed a criminal offense on a par with robbery. During the Second World War, while in combat in Europe, I personally witnessed the terrible results wrought by the force of police rule, and I can safely say it is a condition our citizens would not long endure. In my opinion, existing laws regulating the sale and possession of



firearms are more than sufficient. I am strongly opposed to any proposal aimed at repeal of the Second Amendment, and I would do all in my power to prevent the passage of legislation that might accomplish that end.



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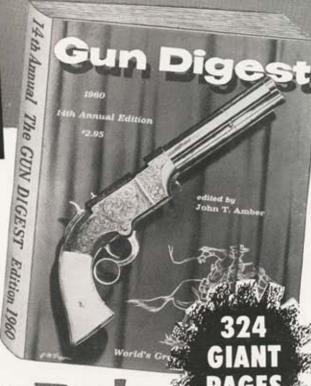
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Guns Writes Gallup

As promised in our telephone conversation, I enclose herewith copies of our reprint of the statement of the National Police Officers Association of America regarding anti-firearms legislation. Also enclosed, the New York Sullivan law, is a copy of Guns Magazine, June 1959, in which you will find an article on this subject. And, finally, I am sending you copies of two small pamphlets published by the National Rifle Association of America on the subject of firearms legislation, I could flood you with such material, but I suspect that you will get a flood of it from other sources.

The best I can hope to do, perhaps, is to weaken your conviction that you were correct in your editorial conclusion that laws prohibiting or restricting gun ownership would prevent crime. Surely it is axiomatic that no such law would keep guns out of the hands of criminals, whose business is the breaking of laws, I quoted to you the statement of New York homicide officers regarding the worthlessness of the Sullivan Law in law enforcement. On the other side of that coin is my personal knowledge that, during Prohibition's gangster-ridden era in New York City, the mobsters (including Big Dutch Schultz himself) carried guns for which they had police-issued Sullivan Law permits.

I expressed, over the telephone, some doubt as to the validity of the cross section of opinion claimed for your poll. I had just finished talking by phone with representatives of shooting associations and sports publications with memberships and readerships totalling well into the millions, Not one of these had had any inkling of any such poll until your first article actually appeared in print. Perhaps you will pardon my amazement that (a) no member of any shooting organization had (been polled?) reported being polled, (b) or that any such well-intentioned poll should have been conducted without some contact (at least to the point of "let's hear the other side") with the publications and organizations in the field who might be expected to have facts worthy of consideration.

And perhaps you will pardon, too, me and the millions of others who love guns and the gun sports if we wonder why people who want things prohibited don't, for a change, pick on golf or some other sport! After all, a putter is a deadly weapon in the hands of a maniac; and a gun is just a piece of wood-and-metal too!

E. B. Mann, Editor,

Readers Write GUNS

Enclosed letter is a copy of a letter sent to each of the four Chicago daily papers: The recent Gallup anti-firearms articles made no mention of Pennsylvania Senate Bill #412 . . . publicity for which ceased abruptly when it was learned that the promoter had been a member of a Communist front organization for the past 15 years.

Mr. Frank J. Schira, President of the National Police Officers Association of America states: "For every criminal that uses a gun to rob and kill, we have ten times that number of armed citizens who are able to assist the police in capturing these potential killers because they are armed. Let's not tie red tape around the hammer of the hand gun and restrict good men and women from owning firearms."

It is stated that approximately 40 persons daily die in the United States because of gun shot wounds. How many of these are shot by policemen in the line of duty? How many by private citizens in the protection of life and property? The articles do not say.

The Sullivan law has been in force in New York City for some 40 years. Yet the teenage gangs in that city have no difficulty whatever in arming themselves. Anyone with the high school equivalent of shop and chemistry would have no trouble at all in making his own gun and ammunition. Our forefathers did just that,

If we in fact had a law requiring every shopkeeper to own a gun and be proficient in its use we would soon see a very drastic reduction in crime.

> Edward Mansch Forest Park, Illinois

The first move any police state makes is to restrict the personal firearms of its citizens. When Germany moved into France, they picked up a very neat list of registered personal weapons, and very quickly picked up the guns too. There was not a chance left for civilian resistance. Should we, by registering our personal firearms, create lists like this and make them available to other nations?

Laws against an inanimate object will not prevent crime. The criminal will merely use another weapon. To quote an "oldy," "With what gun did Cain slay Abel?"

When the citizens of Dade County, Florida, arose against the Metro gun restrictions, they invited all of the local police chiefs to search their records for ten years back, and list all of the crimes solved because a gun was registered. There was only one case, and this one was also solved in another way, without the gun clue.

Severely restrictive firearm laws have been proposed also at Federal level. These proposals are highly suspect. I would look closely at the men behind such legislation attempts. If they are not Communists, they must be incompetents, and high in our Government is a hell of a place for either.

The criminal who lives in New York has a fine time. He knows that the house he enters or the car he stops has no gun in it. The New York Sullivan law has seen to that, and this protects the criminal. Crooks and murderers run rampant in New York, and New York has the strictest gun laws in the United States, When the United States Congress was shot up a few years back, every one of the shooters had a registered gun, and all hailed from New York.

William B. Nash Miami, Florida

As a purported poll of public opinion by none other than the celebrated Dr. George Gallup, this "guff" is . . . a high-powered attempt to brain-wash the uninformed and unthinking general public. You may be sure this is a preliminary salvo in renewed attempts to put over anti-gun legislation on a broad front by those who would disarm us. I'm not as concerned with the obvious misstatements and distortions . . . as I am over the basic question, "Who's behind it?" The good Dr. Gallup doesn't work for peanuts, and I doubt that this is a "labor of love." The whole slant of the approach in-The whole slant of the approach indicated that this is not an opinion-sampling but, an opinion-molding effort . . . The crack about New York's having one of the nation's lowest homicide rates is bunk; in 1956 (latest figures I have) N. Y. had 315 murders and 3 times the population of Los Angeles with 104. It's people who kill people . . . not guns. The point is, . . . who's hiding behind, and using, Gallup?

Just a few rapid-fire comments and sug-

gestions:

1. Get an expert statistician to take Gallup's methods and 'objectivity' apart. "Figures don't lie, but liars sure can figure." A good start would be with Darrell Huff's book, "How to Lie With Statistics.'

2. Check the F.B.I.'s uniform crime reports . . . for a comparison of L. A.

police methods vs. N. Y.'s.

3. How about getting the United Nations figures on relative crime rates for various countries? Correlate overall homicide and crimes of violence with respective gun-laws. How does England compare with Switzerland, where every adult male is required to own and know how to use a gun?

4. Dr. Gallup quotes un-named 'authorities': how about getting the opinions of some real ones on both sides of the law, peace officers . . . and the criminals themselves? Ask a good sample of convicts doing time for crimes of violence, "If you had known that one out of every 10 members of the general public was carrying a handgun and knew how to use it, what effect would it have had on your actions?" You might get some surprising results!

Robert J. Martin, 3rd Pasadena, California

I have written to the editors of the Chicago "Sun-Times", as follows:

You make an issue of the fact that two former mental patients were able to purchase hand guns outside of the city of Chicago without any restrictions of any kind. It is my emphatic opinion that the tragic events pursuant to these two incidents were not

caused by these two former mental patients obtaining firearms, but because these two proven psychopaths were released from confinement by the institutions charged with their care. A cola bottle, beer bottle, knife, or piece of rope would have been just as lethal in their hands as a gun.

You make much of the firearms restrictions in New York, yet these restrictions did not hamper in any way the recent deplorable and senseless knife killings in New York City that have shocked everyone.

Because a knife can be an instrument of homicide, are you going to declare for police permits to purchase a set of silverware? Because people drown while swimming, and sometimes in the bathtub, are you going to declare for police permits to go swimming. or to take a bath?

Your publication would better serve the public interest and our national defense program by directing your efforts toward a greatly increased participation in small arms proficiency by the citizens of Chicago, and of this state, and of the nation as a whole, than to embark upon a campaign to disarm the citizenry to leave us an easy prey to any and all of the world's dissidents,

Duane Creviston Skokie, Illinois

Mr. Gallup wrote of various crimes, "These might not have happened with stricter firearms regulations which the American public is ready to accept today." New York City's Deputy Police Commissioner Walter Arm wrote in "This Week" magazine September 4, 1955, an article entitled, "Is the Sullivan Law Loaded?" in which he said, "Law-abiding New Yorkers have few guns but the underworld abounds with them."

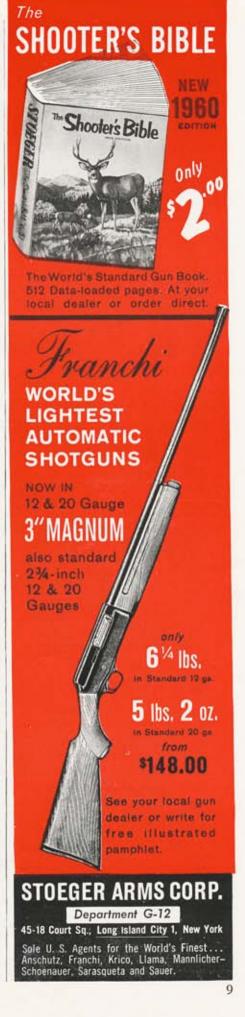
He wrote of an ex-policeman, a jewelry store messenger, who defended himself against four thugs, one of whom stabbed him, "In many states, the man might have been hailed as a hero. In New York he was arrested for carrying a gun without a permit, a violation of the Sullivan Law."

Commissioner Arm declared that "hot guns" come into the city "at the rate of 100 a day, or 36,500 guns per year." Police believe over 100,000 unlicensed guns are carried illegally in New York City.

Speaking of proposed harsher laws, former assistant New York D. A. Lester Lewis Jay concluded, "The problem of the armed criminal will not be disposed of by amending the Sullivan Law. It is time . . . to realize that the approach to the firearms problem by way of the Sullivan law and all its amendments has failed dismally. When a gun law, like the Sullivan Law, is directed against honest citizens as well as criminals, it is doomed to failure. It cannot be strong enough to stop the criminal because it would then too grievously oppress honest citizens and sportsmen."

Steve Merritt Canastota, New York

These are only bits and pieces from a few of the countless fine letters we have received. We wish we could publish them all. Butyou don't have to convince as; we're with you! Address those letters to your newspapers, your lawmakers, your law enforcement officials, your misinformed or misguided dogooders. Dr. Gallup has appealed to "public opinion;" stand up and be counted. He who remains silent is not heard!-Editors.









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In this country, Winchester's fine old Model 86 .33 W.C.F. was and still is a mighty good close-range deer rifle, and I have

seen many elk killed with it.

I tried out a .333 Jeffery back in 1929, and tried to interest John Dubiel in necking down the .300 Magnum cartridge (then in its abrupt-shoulder form) to .333. John agreed that it would make a fine long-range cartridge for all-around use on American big game, and he made up the reamers for the cartridge, that later became the .334 O.K.H. However, John got side-tracked on a 6 mm Magnum and was already working on his .280 Dubiel and .276 Dubiel, so he never made the rifle for me.

In 1935, I tried to interest C. M. Oneil in bringing out a rifle for the cartridge. At first, Oneil thought a smaller case would be all that was needed and he brought out an 8 x 57 mm, case in ,333 caliber. It worked very well for so small a cartridge, even with the heavy Kynoch 300 grain bullets that we imported. Next, he made it up in the .30-06 case, and that, as Don Hopkins joined forces with us, became our original .333 O.K.H. We used this cartridge on about all American game with both 250 grain and 300 grain bullets and heavy charges of various powders, Later, with the advent of Dupont 4350, I settled on a load of 60 grains of this powder with the 300 grain round-nose soft-point and solid Kynoch bullets for a velocity of 2400 feet. It seemed to carry up better at extreme ranges than even the great .375 Magnum with same weight bullet, and it killed all American big game including Alaskan Brown and Grizzly bear. Don Hopkins killed some record Alaskan Brownies with it, and I also used it on my last trip to Alaska in 1929.

I still wanted the long magnum case, and Oneil finally brough out our .334 O.K.H. and made us rifles for it. We used these on about all American species, and soon found that the big case gave us an overall cartridge length of 3%" and handled perfectly from 73 to 75 grains 4350 with the 250 grain bullets, or 73 grains of 4350 with the 275 grain Barnes bullets, or 68 grains 4350 with the 300 grain bullet-all with easy working pressures. I found it the finest tool I ever used for long range game shooting at anything on this continent, at extreme ranges from 300 to 500 or 600 yards from probe position with scope; but I also learned that it would blow all existing bullets to fragments at any closer range than 300 yards, then giving very poor penetration. I shot one mule buck in the ribs at 35 yards with the 275 grain Barnes soft-point and it did not even mark the rib cage on the off side, but blew heart and lungs to atoms. Hopkins and Mrs. Hopkins used it successfully in Africa on plains game and also on lion and leopard, using the 300 grain Kynoch steeljacket solid with a hollow point drilled in its nose. They also found that the .334 O.K.H. was just too big and handled too much powder for existing jacketed bullets for ranges under 300 yards. We badly need the 300 grain bullet in Nosler make, but Noslers were not then in production.

Getting older and not caring for the 12 pound weight of my ,334 O.K.H., and not liking the way it blew up bullets at under 300 yards, I went back to the .333 O.K.H. on the ,30-06 case. Oneil made us three good Mauser rifles for the load, and they have served the Keith family very well for over twenty years, I carried one to Africa in 1957 and killed all of my plains game with it. It had to be loaded lighter for Africa (58 grains 4350 with the 300 grain Kynoch bullets), because the heat there raised the velocity to probably 2500 feet and bullets blew up badly, Just the same, I made 13 one-shot kills out of some 23 head shot with the .333 O.K.H.

Don and Marge Hopkins had Oneil make up a shorter version of the .334 O.K.H. by cutting off and reshaping the .300 H & H Magnum brass. This we called the .333 O.K.H. Belted. They used this cartridge extensively on several trips to Africa and found it about ideal with the 300 grain Kynoch solids drilled for a small hollow point; but, like me, they did not get enough penetration with the Kynoch soft points. Oneil made up a great many of these rifles in both .333 O.K.H. and .333 O.K.H. Belted and they were and still are widely used all over this continent. Nosler has long promised 250 grain spitzer and 300 grain round-nose bullets, but they have never appeared. Speer

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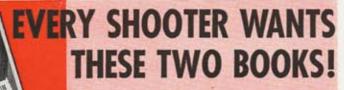
Weatherby chamber you can also fire .300 II & H loads which, reloaded can give you shooting results from the "low powered" .30-06 up to full hell-for-leather Weatherby Magnum power.

The lowest priced Mark V is a beautiful rifle, A guy (who knows nothing about guns) saw mine and remarked, "Gee, the stock is as pretty as plastic!" He meant it for a compliment. The guns are factory tuned, ready for superb shooting right out of the box. They are proofed, fired for accuracy, and the target included. The group with my Mark V was 15/16" at 100 yards-not the best the gun will do, either-with a 6X Imperial scope in a Buehler two-piece mount. One group went in .5", and it practically stays under one minute of angle, which is darn good shooting with any sporter. The Buehler mount holds perfect zero perfectly. I bought the gun "for kicks," and wasn't a bit disappointed. The kick is in performance, not on my shoulder. The stock is well designed to reduce the recoil you feel, being less than many .30-06s.

Weatherby cases, made by Norma, are not stressed by forming, so should give longer life than H & H brass, Both are very strong. Max length is 2.825", and they should be trimmed before exceeding this figure. Length is not important, so long as it's uniform and not too long in the neck to chamber. Lacking a mike or case gage, set your trimmer to barely face-off the mouth cleanly. Weatherby calls 2.815" "minimum length", which is a good figure, perhaps minimum factory specifications. One lad found 2.800" worked okay. Stretching is less than with a .300 H & H, for example, and extraction is easier. Let me emphasize you do not have to wear out brass by running this hot-shot wide open for routine shooting. Lower loads will greatly increase case life.

Directions with the excellent Forster Case Trimmer omit stating that the Collet and Cutter Holders also adjust for these long cases. Bottom screws allow ½" extra bed length. If you use the Forster Hollow Point Tool, you can now buy an extra long trimmer base for \$3. I suggested this gizmo to Forster-Appelt, and believe me it makes pills blowup Fast on varmints. Another gadget I suggested is the Forster Nose Cutter that works well to make flat point bullets (allowing bullets to be seated out), or to use before hollow pointing. It's neat for commercial or cast pills, but there is a remote possibility altered G.I. bullets will shed a jacket in the bore, causing the next shot to ruin the gun. I've never had it happen, but lets you play it double safe.

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Neck Reamers, to correct thick necks only. If one is used, discard any cases with necks thin on one side, Forster, Wilson, Grigsby, and others supply handy Case Length Gages. Max O.A. loaded cartridge length is 3-9/16". A good tip, along with weighing bullets and sorting by weight, is to weigh-in cases after trimming and sizing. This will assure you have cases of the same weight, hence similar interior capacity, grouped together. Anything to increase uniformity in all parts of your reloads may help increase uniformity in bullet placement; accuracy, to you!

Weatherby offers a special hot No. 215 Federal Magnum primer. They give perfect ignition in Magnums, but could give dangerous pressure in regular cartridges. If you use them, be sure not to mix them with standard primers. They have a round face, and require extra pressure to seat below the case head face, being some .004" longer than flat-face CCI or Western makes. My tests indicate standard CCI L.R. primers give perfect ignition in the .300 W.M., and I can recommend them. Many handloaders use CCI or Winchester makes because they are entirely satisfactory and readily available. Some other standard primers do not give good ignition in this caliber.

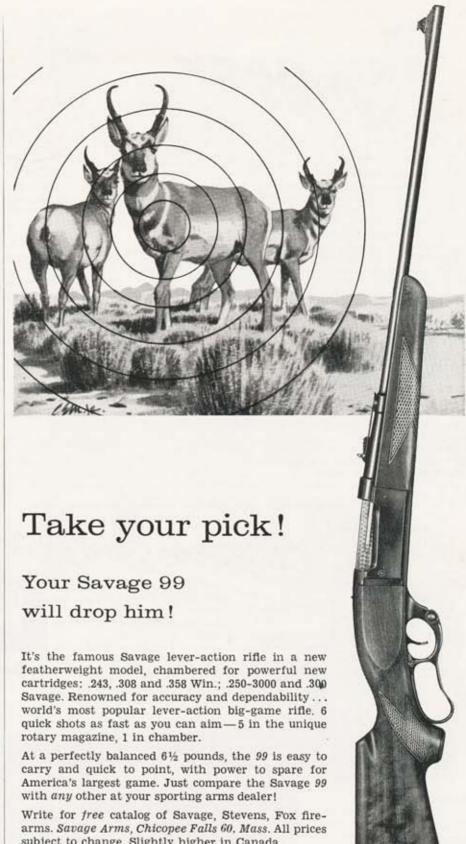
Best powders are 4350 (Weatherby recommended) and 4831. Factory loads start a 110 grain pill at the amazing speed of 4050 feet per second, still going 2835 at 300 yards, with mid-range trajectory only 6.6" at 400 yards. A 150 gr. starts at 3630 f.p.s., is exceeding the speed of the light bullet at 300 yards, with approximately the same 400 yard trajectory. At 400 yards and beyond, a 150-gr. bullet seems superior to any other in velocity and trajectory. This is my choice for all-around work at long range. Recoil is moderate. As an instant protein converter, this load makes fast, fast kills with superb bullet blowup that produces terrific tissue destruction, shock and hemorrhage. A slug in the lungs will reduce the lungs to liquid, for a clean kill.

In the new Mark V action, a 150 gr. Speer bullet ahead of 84 grs. 4350 in Weatherby cases and CCI primers gives a whooping 3,620 f.p.s. Weatherby lists the breech pressure of this huge charge at 56,230 pounds per square inch. It shows no indication of high pressure in my Mark V, but is not recommended in other actions.

Dropping the charge to 82 grains 4350 with a 150 grain bullet at 3560 f.p.s., gives 52,380 p.s.i., safe in any good bolt action and barrel. Muzzle energy is over 4,000 foot pounds, adequate for nearly anything. This is the load, most accurate I have fired, that I like for varmints of all sizes at all ranges in any weather, or any game in Texas. My straight-shooting friend, Sunday School Supt. Kenneth Shackleford, was boasting about taking a big cat at long, long range across the wind-swept prairie. I asked him about the expansion. "I don't know about the bullet," he said, "but the kitty expanded to cover about a 20 foot area!"

Like me, "Shack" considers this the ultimate .30 cartridge. His Mark V generally shoots in less than 1 moa, with accuracy better at long range than at 100 yards. Hi-V pills do not always fully "go to sleep" at real close range, so that groups will screw down a bit way down the road. A gun may not only hold 100 yard accuracy, but improve it at 500 yards, strange as it seems.

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SCATTER GUN SCATTERINGS

By Charles J. Beise and Paul Von Rosenberg

W E USUALLY THINK of an improved cylinder bored gun as one producing a 50% pattern, a modified gun as one producing a 60% pattern, and a full choke gun as one producing a 70% pattern. The assumption is that a barrel so stamped will meet these standards with commercial ammunition, patterns being scored in a 30-inch circle at 40 yards. We are frequently prompted by magazine articles to pattern our guns to find out what size of shot or what load the individual barrel will handle best. The basic assumption is that patterns will tell you how your gun is bored and what load to use.

All of these are generalities of the loosest order. What is printed on the gun barrel is not necessarily reflected by what is printed on the target-and what is printed on the target does not necessarily mean what you've been told it means, either. These are conclusions we have reached as a result of extensively testing 18 guns over three years time, during which we carefully tabulated approximately 400 patterns produced by these guns and various loads. If this is not a fair cross-section, then our conclusions are of dubious value. But we have spent far more time testing than the average man will; so there is no reason for believing that the average shooter will come up with any better answers. Anyway, here are our methods, our results, and the conclusions we draw from them:

Our method of pattern tabulation is as follows: Figure 1 represents perfect distribution of a theoretical load of 100 number 2 shot in an 80% pattern. (In fact, however, distribution is never perfect.) Figure 2 has the same number of shot in it, but there are two segments showing less than the average and two with more than average number of pellets. Our method of evaluating distribution is: do not credit any segment which has more than 10 shot in



should be selected.) Dock the segments with less than the average number of pellets, for those are the "holes" in the pattern. Thus, the two segments in Figure 2 with 5 pellets each are 50% each in scoring. The total percentage for the circle is: 6 segments of 100% each, 2 segments of 50% each, or 700% out of a possible 800%, or an 87.5% uniformity for the target.

We then multiply the gross figure (80%) by uniformity (87.5%) to obtain the net; in this case, 70%. Thus the 100 pellets producing an 80% pattern have a true effective killing pattern of 70% or "70 (If you do not want to spend the time and effort of computing each segment, one can assume the distribution for any load is 90% since the average figure we obtained for over a hundred actual tabulations is 90,19%.)

The results produced by shotgun barrel choking appear to us to be somewhat less exact than the manufacturer's intention. In two instances in the past year, we have obtained new standard American arms-in each instance, a pump action repeating shotgun. Each gun had two barrels, one bored full choke and the other bored modified choke. Since these guns are currently produced by the best of American industry, it is reasonable to assume that they were designed for the modern type of shell. In each instance, the modified barrel has delivered a better, tighter full choke pattern than the full choke barrel. Gun #1 is a Remington Wingmaster, 16 gauge, in the 870 BDL grade, 28 inch barrels. Both barrels were fired from this gun on the same days with the same loads, and we checked for percentage, uniformity, and net result.

We obtained the listed results which are typical of selected



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- Arlington, Va. Elizabeth Anne Babbitt credits the fact that she was "raised around guns" on an Arizona ranch to probably saving her life. When an intruder jammed a gun into her stomach at her apartment door, she didn't panie. Automatically, she grabbed the gun, pulled its muzzle away from her and began to shout. Police captured the man as a result, an individual wanted as a bandit in other cases.
- ◆ Springfield, Vt. Mrs. Eugeniz Frazier explained why she celebrated her 93rd birthday by marching up and down main street with a rifle on her shoulder. "It's spring," she beamed chipperly, "and I always wanted to be a soldier."
- ◆ Wellington, New Zealand. In this country. not only is there no off season for deer hunting; the bag is unlimited, and you can even get paid for deer hunting. Deer are considered pests here due to crop depredations, and professional hunters are being hired to help bring the deer population under control.
- Crockett, Va. Donald Musser, local banker, proved that a pistol can be a mighty handy thing even when you're gagged and bound. Mr. Musser was put in that condition by a would-be bandit, but the banker managed to wriggle his hands free, grab the intruder's gun and turn the tables on the thug, capturing him for police.
- San Diego, Calif. When two would-be bandits entered her store wearing western-style bandanas as masks, it didn't faze Mrs. Earl Rhodes, 65. She grabbed her gun and chased them out. * * *
- ◆ Greenbelt, Md. It was like father, like son, at the Maryland Rifle Club matches, Freeman Morgan and his 18-year-old son, Bob, a high-school student, dominated the shooting. The Morgans wound up tied for overall honors, each with 1573x1600 and 69xs,
- ◆ San Francisco, Calif. Duty in a downtown office building here doesn't keep the Marines from maintaining the Corps' sharpshooting reputation. They go up on the roof and indulge in daily rifle practice.
- * * * ◆ Washington, D. C. Open the closet of Congressman Bob Sykes of Florida and you'll find a veritable arsenal in his House of Representatives office. He keeps a dozen or more rifles on hand all the time, all varieties, makes, and sizes. He's a hunting bug and wants to be sure he's ready if a hunting invitation comes along, no matter what kind.



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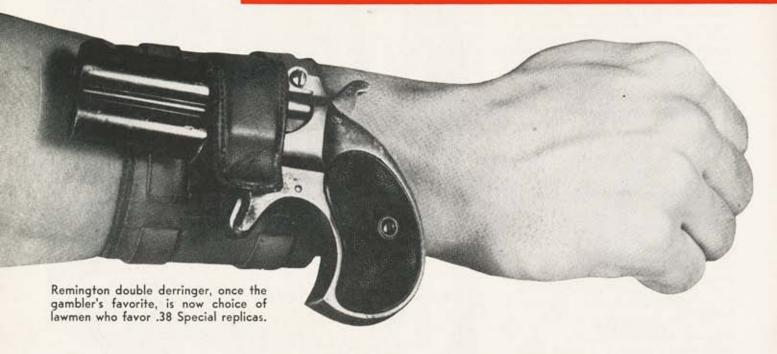
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An Old Villain Is Making New Friends



SPELLED WITH ONE R OR TWO, DERRINGERS KEPT BAD COMPANY

IN THE OLD DAYS, BUT ARE MAKING A COMEBACK

By NORMAN B. WILTSEY

Research Editor "True West" Magazine





TV'S RICHARD BOONE, "PALADIN" in Have Gun, Will Travel is not the only modern-day gunslinger who packs a derringer in addition to a revolver. But whereas Paladin is stuck with the low velocity, sadly inaccurate old-time Remington .41, today's pistol totin' citizen can carry man-stopping .38 Special and .38 S&W derringers. These deadly little pocket guns are manufactured by the Great Western Arms Co. In addition to these, Golden State Arms distributes an inexpensive .22 caliber German-made "double derringer." And at long last back in the running is the Colt Company, which has just begun production on a pistol identical with their famous "gamblers' model" No. 3 Derringer. In practical .22 caliber instead of costly-to-shoot .41, the new Colt is dubbed "No. 4 Derringer."

As every pistol fan knows, that old-time Remington twoholer was no dream gun. First, it certainly was not designed for a large hand—I practically lost it in my paw that fits so comfortably around the butt of a Colt Peace-



Best derringers of all time are ornate gold-silver-abalone set (cover) in Jay Altmayer collection, given by Mayne and Opera House partner J. B. Felton to 'Frisco singer in 1860.

maker. Second, the hammer spring was so powerful that I sure would have got ventilated before getting off a shot in a bang-bang gunfight. Third, I couldn't hit a five-gallon milk can at twenty feet in several tries. Unkind friends will smirk knowingly at this confession, but the fact is that the old vest pocket .41 was made only for ranges of 3 to 10 feet; say the length of a poker table. Beyond that, it holds no target records.

The modern derringer is not so bad. A friend on the New York City Police Force carries a beautifully blued and finely made Great Western .38 Special as a supplement to his .38 Special service revolver. One afternoon on the police pistol range he astounded me by scoring four bulls and two hits in the 9-ring on a ten-inch target at thirty feet with six shots. I tried this gun and was agreeably surprised at its smooth trigger pull and lack of jolting recoil. I didn't score with it as well as my officer friend, but at least I hit the target four out of six shots, and that's a lot better than I

could have done with the old .41. It takes plenty of practice, sure but when the little pistol might mean the difference between going home at night to your wife and kids, or getting a hero's funeral, it's time and ammo well spent. The New York officer bought the derringer with his own money and considers it cheap life insurance.

A lieutenant of detectives on the Houston Police Force is equally adept with his .33 Special derringer and equally enthusiastic over its performance. Both officers, typical of police everywhere who are buying the new derringers, used the same phrase when discussing their hideout pistols—"cheap life insurance."

With revival of interest in this stubby hand gun, it seems timely to take a good look at the colorful history of this famous American firearm, that gives the new ones glamour as well as "grit."

To begin with, there is considerable confusion among laymen about the term Derringer, The original pocket pistol so named was spelled with one r after its manufacturer, Henry Deringer, Jr. Deringer was born in 1786 in Easton, Pennsylvania, and apprenticed as a gunsmith. He moved to Philadelphia in 1806, where he opened shop. Henry was a good businessman, with connections in high places in Washington, and soon began making martial pistols and militia rifles for Uncle Sam. Many "Deringers" were used at the Battle of New Orleans on January 8, 1815, when musketeers and backwoods riflemen turned the tide of battle against British regulars.

Deringer's business prospered. He hired workmen and filled government orders. In addition to rifles and pocket pistols, Deringer's gunsmiths also made about 1,000 Model 1843 .54 caliber percussion pistols for the Navy and the U. S. Mounted Rifles. The famous—or infamous—Deringer pocket pistol, single rifled barrel, percussion type, was first made about 1825. On this single arm rests Deringer's undying fame as a master gunsmith, although the weapon and its maker did not burgeon into national prominence until 1850. The California Gold Rush of 1849 gave the little hand gun a needed boost to popularity. The assasination of Lincoln in 1865 gave it a reputation for infamy.

The Philadelphia "Deringer derringer," as gun collectors term it to distinguish it from the later double derringer, was the first true hideout pistol available to the public. Barrels varied in length from 1½ to 6 inches and in calibers from .31 to .55, but most customers perferred the

California-made GW derringer is faithful copy of old over-under, comes in .22 and .38 S&W caliber.



Colt No. 4 Derringer is only such pistol made now by same firm which sold them in "old days."

shorter barrel pistols in what was approximately .41 caliber.

Such a gun could be hidden in an amazing variety of ways; from boot-tops, trouser waist-bands and weskit pockets to, in Double Derringer days, leather wrist-bands holding the weapon with the muzzle pointing up the wearer's arm.

Drawing was much faster for a person sitting at a card table than for his unlucky opponent wearing his gun in a conventional hip holster. Hence, the Deringer was branded with the title of the "Gambler's Friend" as early as 1850. Gentlemen, particularly in the South, usually carried a pair of deringers in case a second shot was required to dispatch an assailant, a card cheat, or some such scoundrel. Affairs of honor began to be settled with a set of Deringer's matched dueling pistols.

Deringer never patented his pistols. Both breech and lock-plates were stamped DERINGER PHILADELA. The barrels were of twisted iron; the locks cheap back-action design. Originally modestly priced at \$3.25 each, the California Gold Rush zoomed the cost to \$12 and up. Miners, gamblers, men and women of all description in and around teeming San Francisco and the outlying gold camps carried Henry Jr.'s pocket pistol.

Imitators moved quickly into the lucrative market, among them being one J. Deringer who obviously seized upon the similarity of his last name with that of Henry Jr. to make himself a fast buck. Just who J. Deringer was seems to be clouded in mystery. Many of his pistols are in existence today, bearing the misleading imprint J. DER-INGER PHILADELA on the lock-plate. One story has it that J. Deringer was a Philadelphia tailor who was approached by a group of unscrupulous gunsmiths and consented to selling the use of his name for a small royalty on each pistol. John E. Parsons, in his book Henry Deringer's Pocket Pistol, names J. Deringer as John Deringer, a tailor, with a shop on Race Street in Philadelphia. Since tailors are not ordinarily gunsmiths, it would seem that John was guilty of trading upon his name to fool the purchaser.

Slotter and Company of Philadelphia, formed of four former employees of Henry Deringer, was another outfit to cash in on the sudden popularity of Deringer's brain-child. Californian A. J. Plate was the (Continued on page 47)





Favorite reclining position, wrist and forearm braced against leg, gives Keith amazing accuracy with big Ruger .44 Magnum at extremely long ranges.

SIXGUNS AT 600 YARDS MAY SOUND FANTASTIC, BUT PRACTICE MAKES BIG HANDGUNS FORMIDABLE FAR BEYOND USUAL RANGES

By ELMER KEITH

L ONG RANGE HANDGUN shooting is an art, and an almost forgotten one. Forty years ago, a revolver club in Kentucky regularly held 300 yard turkey shoots with sixguns. Used mostly were Smith & Wesson heavy-frame target revolver in .38 and .44 special calibres. Special high rear sight blades were fitted, and those old long-shooters became so good at it that several in the club would make three hits out of five shots on a turkey silhouette at 300 yards practically every time. Some even made four out of five. And this was off-hand shooting, with one hand only.

These matches were well publicized at the time, but they were soon forgotten and people reverted to the belief that pistols or revolvers were effective only at very short ranges. Few shooters realize the possibilities of a sixgun for long range shooting. The fad now is quick draw, to see who can draw and bust a cap first. Fast draw, safely practiced, is fun, and fast draw for serious purposes is a very useful and important part of a real gunman's training; but it should not overshadow the other and even more useful phases of sixgun work.

While the fanner and gun juggler prefers single actions with very low sights, or no sights at all, the long range sixgun shot needs the finest in high target sights for best results. (In my opinion, with proper equipment, a target single action, or a Smith & Wesson double action, can be drawn and fired just as fast as a smooth gun with no sights. But I'm going to talk more about fast draw in a later article.) The rear sight should be of the Patridge type, wide, flat topped, and fully adjustable for any given point-blank range up to 100 yards. The front sight should have a high, flat topped blade, necessary for "holding over" at the longer ranges. The cut

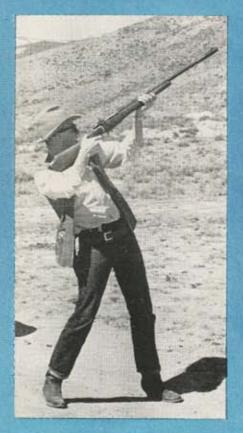


Left hand gives extra support for long range off-hand shots at game.

THESE POSITIONS LENGTHEN ACCURATE HANDGUN RANGES



Front view of position shown at right below, shows multiple "Vrests" which give best possible steadiness for long range hold.



Recoil of heavy rifle helps even odds for long range pistol expert.

in rear sight should be amply wide to allow a good strip of light to be seen on each side of the front sight when the arm is fully extended.

We experimented with many types of rear sights, and even developed a long range front sight with three gold cross bars across its face, each bar representing correct hold for a different range. This is still the best front sight I have used for long range shooting. King Gunsight Co. made them for a time, and now the Gun Reblue Co. of Biltmore, North Carolina, makes and fits them.

Before the turn of the century, Colts made their long barrelled single actions with barrels 10, 12, 14, or even 16 inches long, to order, priced at one dollar per inch over the standard 7½" length. Some of these so called "Buntline Specials" were fitted with a long range tangent rear sight, very similar to the carbine tangent sight used on model '92 and '94 Winchester carbines. This was and is an excellent long range sight once it is adjusted for line. On their last model of the Dragoon, particularly those cut for shoulder stocks, they also fitted an excellent three-leaf rear sight. We had one of these made up and fitted to a modern single action flat topped Colt, and it worked out very well for long range shooting. Of the regulation target sights, we prefer the Smith & Wesson micrometer click rear



Steadiest and best of all positions, in Keith's opinion, is the one above, head and back braced, two-handed hold between shooter's knees.

sight to all others. It can be fitted to most any single action Colt.

Ruger's Micro sight is higher than necessary, requires a very high front sight, and has very sharp corners, hard on both clothes and hands. The high front sight on the Ruger is excellent in shape, but the ramp proper should be much lower, leaving a higher blade for holding up for the longer ranges. A front sight blade width of one-eighth inch seems perfect to me for any and all long range work.

Unless you have a tangent or three-leaf rear sight that you can change for the longer ranges, the best aiming system we have found is to hold up more front sight over the top of the rear sight blade for each longer range. There is where my Keith front sight, with the three narrow gold bars spaced evenly down the face of the front sight blade, comes in handy. With it, you can hold up a certain amount of front sight and perch your



Keith demonstrates prone handgun position which, though often recommended, is less accurate, less adaptable to hunting conditions, than others shown.

target on top. Needless to say, long range accuracy with a sixgun requires a perfect sight picture, and that perfect picture must be maintained until the gun recoils. The very slightest deviation from a perfect hold will throw the slug vards off the target at any long range.

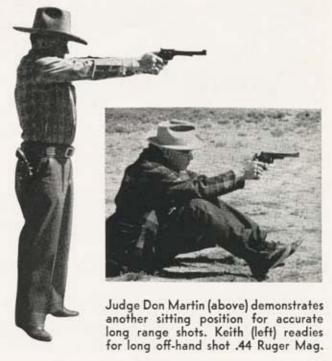
Long range sixgun shooting may be likened to artillery firing. You do not need a very long barrel on a good artillery piece to deliver fine long range accuracy, actually, most cannons have very short barrels in proportion to their bore; yet good artillerymen can lob a shell over a mountain and onto a house at several miles range. The short tube has the same *inherent* accuracy as the longer one. But for long range handgun shooting, long barrels are also best because they give maximum sight radius. However the long Buntlines are not necessary and we have done even better work with $6\frac{1}{2}$ " to $7\frac{1}{2}$ " barrels at long range.

Long range sixgun shooting is the finest test possible of both gun and ammunition. We have seen many target pistols and revolvers that would deliver good accuracy at 25 to 50 yards, but would not hit a barn at 600 yards, regardless of how carefully you held them. Both gun and load must be super-accurate for long range work. Lugers are traditionally fine-shooting long range weapons. My good Colt .45 auto has too low a front sight for very good long range work. We have done creditable work with it out to 250 yards, but this required holding so high that we could see some of the slide between the base of front sight and the top of the rear sight. Its low velocity is also against this gun for long range shooting.

Super-accurate high velocity long range loads are a necessity for creditable long range shooting. The .38-44 Remington, the .357 Magnum, the .44 Special with heavy loads, and the .44 Magnum make the best long range loads we know, and the .44 Magnum is the finest of them all for extreme accuracy at very long range. However, I have

seen Harfield Conrad, back in the early 20's, do very creditable work on the standard Army B target at 600 yards. Once he learned how much front sight to hold up, he stayed inside the three ring of the target, with a considerable number of hits in the 20" bull, shooting off hand with one hand. This was with factory Remington ammunition of that time.

Owing to cost of ammunition, the tyro should start long range sixgun practice with .22 LR (Continued on page 60)





Baiting an open area with carrion will draw crows well within range of a scope-sighted .22 fired from bipod rest from a selected overlooking cover.

HUNT with your .22 RF



Life-size sight-in targets, crow or other game, enable shooter to test rifle accuracy and learn how to hold for the actual game he plans to hunt.

By JIM BRADY

WITH ALL THE BALLYHOO about the modern hotshot cartridges, the old standby .22 rim fire is being pushed into a position bordering on obscurity, at least in regard to its use as a serious hunting cartridge. Shooters have been conditioned to think of the .22 as being suitable only for the small bore target game, for punching holes in tin cans, and for bagging an occasional rat at the town dump. Yet, size for size, the .22 Long Rifle cartridge in the high speed hollow point version is the most powerful cartridge in existence. It's a savage and vicious little package, one on which the loading companies have lavished more research and experiment than on all the other cartridges on their lists.

To today's shooter, the .22LR has much to recommend it aside from its accuracy and dependability. One of its virtues is low noise level. Due to the ever increasing encroachments of home and commercial building into the countryside, shooters are hard put to find a place where they can enjoy their favorite pastime. The touching off of a center fire rifle, even though you may be 300 yards from the nearest building, is in many areas a signal for the police to arrive, sirens wailing and arms flailing.

People who know nothing about guns are afraid of NOISE! (This, however, does not deter them from keeping their TV sets

going full blast at 1 A. M. when I must arise at 3 A. M. to go duck shooting, nor from screaming loudly for antigun legislation.) It's of little use to explain that the thin-jacketed varmint bullet you're using, driven at high velocity so that it breaks up on impact, is probably the safest type to use in settled areas. The non-shooter is more disturbed by the report of the rifle than by the possibility of ricochets. The .22 rim fire can be used in areas where the use of a larger caliber would result in complaints and loss of hunting privileges.

With the little rim fire, you can hunt all day within 300 yards of a building housing a meeting of the Ladies Aid Society, and (providing you don't perforate Mrs. Throckmorton's pet cat on its hunt for song birds) the good ladies will very likely never know you're within a hundred miles. I like to use a high speed, flat trajectory varmint rifle as well as the next fellow, my latest acquisition along this line being one of the factory 6 mm. jobs; but there are some situations where, if I am to shoot at all, the .22 rim fire is the answer. I'm beginning to find that it's not such a handicap after all.

In the average .22 rim fire sporting rifle and cartridge we have what is probably the most accurate hunting combination that can be bought "as is" over the counter. When used with the brand of ammunition which gives the best accuracy in a particular rifle, most rim fire sporters, especially the bolt actions, will give five-shot groups at 100 yards which will stay within the ten ring of the 100 yard small bore target. Since 100 yard shots are the exception when hunting with the .22, the accuracy of the rifle and cartridge combination is more than adequate.

Woodchucks are the largest animals on which I would care to use this cartridge in hunting, and I've found it entirely satisfactory on them when used within its working range, 100 yards. I use only the high speed hollow point cartridge, as the solid bullet is a very poor killer. I used cartridges loaded with the solid bullet for a time in hunting squirrels, but some of these fine little game animals escaped after being well hit with neck and shoulder shots. On switching to the hollow points, I had no further trouble on this score. My last chuck of the past season was killed with the high speed hollow point at a range of 30 yards. The bullet entered high in the chest as the chuck sat facing me. I performed an autopsy on the spot and found the perfectly mushroomed bullet lodged against the spine.

It is as a crow and hawk rifle (Continued on page 39)

DON'T OVERLOOK THE HUNTING-FUN POTENTIAL OF YOUR .22LR PLINKING RIFLE ON CROWS, SMALL VARMINTS, EVEN CHUCKS



Light report of .22RF lets rifleman hunt semi-settled areas not open to hunters using sharp-cracking high-velocity varmint rifles.

Well operated from good cover, crow call will bring crows in to .22RF range. Bipod rest at right gives bench rest accuracy from prone for long shots.

GUNS .



THE "HOW TO"



Talking crows in, Popowski holds two hands to modulate caller tones to be alluring to crows. His WRACo pump is cradled firmly by his side, ready for shooting crows on sight.

By BERT POPOWSKI

M ORE TRIPE has been written about crow shooting than on all other varmint-hunting sports combined. Much of this wordy windjamming stems from sheer ignorance of crow habits. The rest comes from folk-lore windies, which give the birds credit for unnatural, even superhuman intelligence.

Let's be realistic. The crow is smart; has to be, if only because he spends most of his life in near proximity to humans, most of whom would dearly love to liquidate him. But the average crow is just average. And the stupid ones are mere bird-brains. Therefore, the guy who admits that crows are too smart for him hasn't seriously put much intelligence to the wheel; or maybe he prefers to lean too heavily on luck instead of cool calculation; or maybe he just can't hit 'em.

No intelligent crow hunter expects success if he wears easily visible clothing, lets the sun pour into his misplaced hideout, or waves a glinting gun barrel above his blind; and not even the stupid crows are inclined to come where bursts of gunfire are interspersed with loud talk, triumph-

OF CROW SHOOTING

SUCCESSFUL CROW SHOOTING IS

JUST A MATTER OF COMBINING THE

RIGHT TIME AND PLACE WITH

GOOD SENSE AND GOOD SHOOTING

ant shouts, or other oral human advertisements. Yet many hunters commit all of these sins—then complain that crows "just too smart."

There are six major basic tenets of successful crow shooting. The first one is—the time of year. In the late spring, summer, and early autumn, crows are mating, nesting, and raising the young birds to mobile independence. The adults, liberally intermixed with the young of the past year who are still learning crow lore from their elders, are then scattered in twos, threes, and fours,—small family groups head-quartering in choice bits of woodland that serve for nesting, keep the young birds fairly safe, and provide food.

The able crow hunter who goes abroad during these seasons will likely kill crows about such premises, but his total bag on any given day will be limited by two factors: there just aren't too many adult crows in a given area, and the young birds are still too immature and dependent to answer calling readily; and the amount of such cover the individual hunter can search in a day's hunting is limited.

In mid-winter, birds are ganged up in big roosting flocks, usually in relatively isolated timberlands that are difficult of access. Out of these hideouts, they fly as much as 30 miles in every direction in daily search of food, spending a great portion of daylight in scattered feeding flocks. Isolation of roosts, short winter days, and wide dispersal of the flocks handicap hunters during this season.

This leaves the spring and autumn migrating seasons. Food is most plentiful in the fall, in the wake of harvests. But it isn't in short supply in the spring, either. There are a lot of winter-killed carcasses, plus left-over grub that has been covered by winter's snows and under the previous summer's growth of vegetation. Sex enters into it, too, during the spring migration. The birds are in an excitable frame of mind, ready for fun, fight, or frolic, as ready to jump, orally, down a great horned owl's throat as to bedevil a hunting fox or house-cat. Or to come post haste in answer to a cunningly-manipulated call.

If I was limited to only one month of the twelve for crow hunting, I'd take that shotgun holiday in the spring. In spite of muddy side roads, scant vegetation out of which to contrive blinds, and uncertain weather, I still prefer



Over fifty dead birds in sight is called "lean shoot" by Nebraska hunters who seek crow migration flyways.

spring for crow shooting. The records bear me out, too. I've been crow hunting many times during every month over some 35 years of avid crow pursuit, and my kills have always been best in the spring. If all other factors are equal, spring is the best season for the hunter who is interested in high scoring.

The second basic need for big shoots is flock concentration. You can't kill birds that aren't there, or flocks you can't reach. I have known of huge flocks that couldn't be touched because they were in game refuges that were kept inviolate. And I've known of (Continued on page 56)





Mark of crow roost may be pelleted indigestible matter spit up by crows onto ground below nests, plus whitewashy droppings on tree trunks. Left, author studies flyway for good spot.

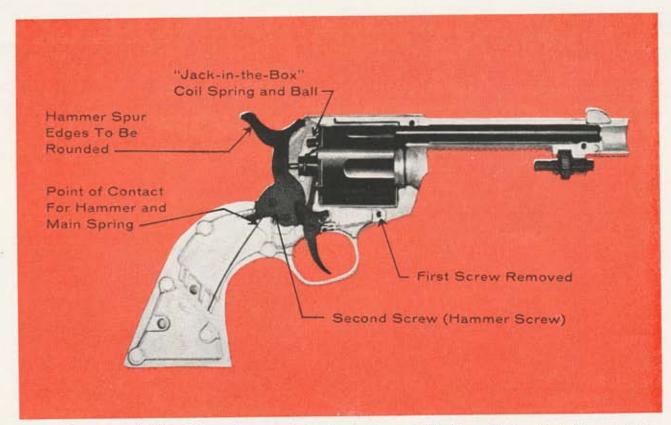
Disassembly of most single action guns is obvious, giving access to parts needing minor smoothing up.

Tune-Up Tips For Fast Draw

By DEE WOOLEM National Fast Draw Champion

DO-IT-YOURSELF ALTERATIONS CAN CUT SPLIT SECONDS OFF YOUR DRAW TIME

I HAVE BEEN THROUGH all phases of fast draw in the past six years. In fact, I have literally done nothing but live with a single-action revolver. I had to; it's my business. And what a business! In order to be top dog in this new and growing sport of fast draw, you have to be able to outgun all comers—and do it safely! Fast draw fires the imagination. After watching his favorite hero on T.V., a man is apt to think all he has to do is strap on the old thumbuster, tie it down just above the knee, put a mean snarl on his face, and—presto! He's John Wesley Hardin.



Crosman and Hahn CO₂ revolvers need attention to the parts listed to easily be adjusted for quick draw efficiency (see text). Screw on barrel holds gas cartridge in place. Cork, wax plug, can be "shot" from muzzle.

. . . If only it were so easy!

Most people fail to realize that the modern "Fast Gun" is more than twice as fast as any of the old-time gunslingers. This is true, despite all the fantastic tales we see in the movies, or read in Western novels. This is not because we are better physical specimens than they were, nor have we, in the years since the 1880s, learned to move more than twice as fast as they did. It all boils down to one simple word: equipment. My dad used to say, "If you can't out-fight 'em, out-smart 'em." I have found that, in fast draw, this is very good advice. And the way to out-smart 'em is to improve your equipment—and the basic piece of equipment is—what else but the gun?

So sit back, partner, break the seal on a new sack of Bull Durham, and lets roll us a smoke—with our left hands, of course, leaving our gun hands free—while we give this

thing a mite of thought.

It is foolish to think you can take any single action gun, regardless of make, in its production-line condition, and attain any kind of real speed, or without getting a torn thumb from its sharp edges. Do you think any of the top target shooters in the U. S. are using production line guns? Well, possibly a few, but if so it is only because the manufacturers of target guns have recognized the needs of competitive target shooting. Has any company done likewise for the Fast Draw boys? We must have special guns, finely tuned for our sport. Crosman Arms Company has done a lot in this direction with their low-cost Hahn 45 and their CO2 Single Action Six. So has Ruger, with the positive action of their Single-Six. But even these fine guns can be improved for fast draw speed and fast draw safety. And for this improvement, each fast draw sportsman must be his own gunsmith. He must sweat it out over the work bench.

So-o-o, Cowpokes, hang and rattle. Here's a few timely tips on "Tuning for Time."

Let's start with the Hahn 45. Strange as it seems, this low-cost gun requires only a little effort to make it a real,

rootin'-tootin', fast, rugged piece of equipment.

Don't get nervous; this is easy. Grab the Hahn 45 in your grubby little mitt and hold it up to the light. Cock the hammer a few times and release it slowly. What do you see just back of the cylinder? You see a little round bearing ball jumping in and out of a hole like a "Jack-in-the-Box." There's your gremlin, my fast draw friend. Back of that ball bearing is a coil spring. When the hammer is cocked, the ball bearing has to compress this spring to ride from one cylinder positioning hole to another. The hard spot in



Most SA lockwork designs are development from old Colt Navy 1851 system (above, shop model). Cylinder bolt rocks off hammer stud to disengage as gun is cocked.

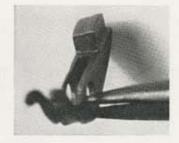
the action occurs when the ball bearing starts to ride out of the positioning hole.

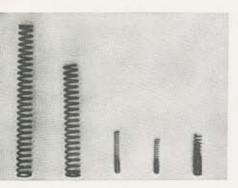
No we are ready to dismantle. And here's a tip: make sure all the gas is expelled from the powerlet by depressing the trigger and pushing forward on the hammer with the ball of the thumb. If this isn't done, the powerlet will take off like a Nike. It doesn't even need a launching pad.

First remove the grips. Now, what's the handiest thing on the workbench? An ashtray? Right! Lay the Hahn across the ashtray so that the cylinder of the gun is suspended. Remove the screw just above and in front of the trigger guard. Next, remove the hammer screw. Take the screw removed first, and insert it in the back side of the frame where the hammer screw was removed. This keeps the hammer in place when the gun is disassembled. Remove the other two screws

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 As Colt is slicked up inside, increase lock bolt angle to make sure it catches.

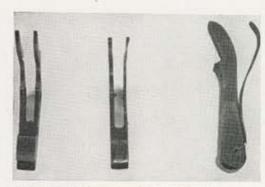




 On Rugers, shorten main, trigger springs a few coils as shown to ease interaction of lockwork.



3) Mainspring (1) can be slimmed on SA Colt and notch deepened at full cock. Quick Draw trigger should creep.



 Colt bolt limb should be thinned and pawl spring made narrow, all easing up motion of lock parts.

Guns and Gear



Moi savage (top left) shows S&W .44 Magnum which Askins gave a thorough field test in Indo-China. Regulation Army combat harness (above) is perfect carrier for small essentials. Cases (left) are a must to protect guns against rust and rough use.

Bengal and coastal tigers roam Indo-Chinese jungles. Performance of Winchester .458 on big cats and other big, dangerous game earned Askin's praises.



For Game in Indo-China



Author took deer and like game with .44 Magnum, fowl and snakes with .22 Ruger.

HUNTING in Indo China is like love in August: good, but sweaty. By comparison, a Turkish bath is chilling. That hackneyed old phrase, "the steaming jungle," is a misnomer; it isn't the jungle that steams—it's the accustomed-to-air-conditioning Yank who ventures therein. In 90 days I shucked 17 pounds.

I touched down in South Viet Nam during the enthusiastic first beginnings of the rainy season. "Ve'y blad time make hunt," said my friend Ngo Van Chi, the ranking shikari this side The Roof of the World. "Game sclatter. Much ve'y high glass. No go'd." Then his face brightened. "But cool. Ve'y cool. Ve'y nice".

I found that the Chinese idea of what constitutes bracing weather differs from mine by about 57 degrees. While it was raining it was comparatively pleasant if you shucked the rain poncho and let the moisture trickle betwixt your shoulder blades. The trouble was, the rain would stop. Tropical showers, I found, don't abide by the movie scripts, in which they always let fall by the buckets-full. Not so your Indo-Chinese sprinkle. It rains with piddling intensity for a brace of hours, then shuts off for half a day; and when the skies dry up, it gets hotter than a four-dollar pistol.

And the terrain is rugged. Add this to the temperature and the average Americano needs about, say, "two stone" (28 pounds) of excess lard to see him through a 30-day hunt. It's a great country for slimming.

Spooring elephant can run into a chore of 15 to 20 miles a day, on foot. For gaur it may add up to only 15.

BY AN AMERICAN, ASKINS TELLS WHAT GUNS
AND GEAR HE USED ON THE BIG,
TOUGH, DANGEROUS GAME OF INDO-CHINA

By COLONEL CHARLES ASKINS

Both critters have an abiding affection for mountains, the rougher the better. If your legs aren't in good shape, I'd suggest you swap 'em in for a new pair—a set about as long as Anita Ekberg's and slightly stronger than those Milt Campbell used to win the last Olympics decathlon.

The country offers game in variety. The Number One trophy is the gaur, pronounced "gohr". Called "seladang" in India, this critter is bigger than the African Cape buff, standing from a shade under to sometimes a full hand over 6 feet at the withers; measuring 9 to 11 feet from wicked muzzle to ropy tail, and weighing up to 2500 pounds. With a hide as black as a Communist's heart, wearing cream colored stockings, and a boss of short



Middle gun in author's jungle battery was the Savage M99 in .358 Winchester caliber, with a IX Weaver shotgun scope in Weaver top mounts.



Thompson Shikari hat (top) and Corcoran Paratroop boots (bottom) earned Askins' approval. Dark Army fatigues proved better than lighter colored garb. Handsome Browning 28 (below) killed many a snipe.



reddish hair, his most engaging feature other than the great curving horns, is a facial expression which, for sheer savagery and devil-incarnate malevolence, is matched only by the late Ringling Brothers gorilla, Gargantua. He is as tough as he looks, and he plays for keeps, especially if you wound him and he runs off to sulk in a bamboo clump and waits for you to pry him out. He is as fast as a Texas quarter horse, and comes equipped with an amazingly keen nose, sharp hearing, and eyesight that detects any movement within his range. He is called "Con Minh" by the g-string Moi savages of the high plateau country, and he is one of the premier game animals in the world.

Besides the guar, there is Old Stripes, the tiger. We have two varieties: the Royal Bengal who indicates an affinity for the higher country and is larger than his cousin, the coastal tiger. This latter feline is marked a bit differently than the Bengal, is not quite so hefty, but is a handsome trophy for all that. The big cats have a lot of little brothers—some 11 in all—including an Asiatic leopard, a puss a bit smaller than the African species. Mutations are not uncommon and these are sometimes coal black. I found myself looking right down the throats of not one but two black leopards in the road the other day. A rare sight it was, too!

The country needs men with time, nerve and hunting skill to hunt the tiger. On the plateau in the vicinity of the twin villages of Pleiku and Kontum, tigers killed in the neighborhood of 300 Moi natives during the past 12 months. This figure comes from the local missionary, who is not given to pulling the long bow, and who is a shooting man himself.

Elephants are here too, in numbers; but the ivory is poor. Many times a bull will be stalked for a span of days, only to find that he has only one tusk. Elephants have been hard hunted for many years and it is my opinion most of the good ivory has gone to Hong Kong for mah jong sets.

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Raincoats are a necessity in rain-soaked jungle, and Askins took four, says the two Hodgman coats (above) with parkas were most practical for jungle conditions.



A tarp, an Army cot, gas and water cans for Jeep, C rations, blankets, mosquito nets are essential items.

There isn't a more appealing game critter in Indo China than the banteng. I sometimes suspect the banteng is the forerunner of all the domestic cattle in this end of Asia. Stack a banteng beside one of our western Brahma steers and it would be hard to tell them apart, An old "solitaire" bull will weigh 1500 pounds, is a reddish yellow in color, carries an indifferent set of horns highly reminiscent of old Daisy, the family Jersey. But he is sly, alert, keeps his guard up, and can soak up lead.

The Asian water buffalo seen in every rice paddy in Cochin China has a wild brother with a somewhat broader muzzle and a larger head. These buffalo aren't hard to stalk, but your old buf hunter places his shot with a lot of care, and it is seldom indeed that a single shot does the trick. The .375 will get the job done, but the .458 is better, as is the .416 Rigby, A wounded buffalo will charge, and once he lowers those gigantic horns, only death will stop him!

Besides these major species, we have the Sambhar deer and many lesser varieties, plus wild boar, the Asiatic sloth bear, and small game ad infinitum, both feathered and furred.

Indo China is a one-gun country, Sportsmen here do not go afield with a heavy first and a medium second rifle. Game here is extremely hard to come up with. You do not see it by the hundreds as in Kenya. You may hunt for a span of days and get no shots at a major species. Carrying a medium rifle for lighter game and a heavier weapon for the big ones is not practiced. The hunter arms himself with the heaviest artillery in his battery and if the camp larder demands the execution of a 50 pound Muntjac with a .375 solid, the deer is then and there over-killed.

The long-odds choice of the Indo-Chinese shikari is the Winchester .375 Magnum, Ngo Van Chi swears by this rifle, uses only the 300 grain bullet, which turns up 2550 fps. velocity and 4330 ft. lbs. of energy. The Chi .375 is a straight-out-of-stock model, with simple open rear and iron bead front sights. Chi does not approve of the Redfield No. 70 micrometered sight on my weapon. "Too slow for jungle," he says. Capt. Al Pope, grandson of Harry Pope, the great barrel-maker, pilot for General Chennault of "Flying Tiger" fame, and my hunting partner on many a soirce, is another exponent of the .375. He has a pair-one for himself and the other for his wife, Yvonne. One carries open sights straight from the factory, and the second has a Lyman No. 48 rear and the standard iron bead front. But Pope's enthusiasm for the .375 isn't quite so bubbling as Chi's. Pope has killed a lot of game in Indo China, perhaps more than any other American, and his verdict is that, though the .375 will kill our heavy game with fair regularity, it is not the whole answer. Chi himself, when he could get the fodder, (importation of which is now forbidden) used to the exclusion of everything else a .416 double rifle made by Victor Sarasqueta of Eibar. The 410 grain bullet driven at 2350 ft. per second and delivering more than 5000 lbs of energy, is probably the nearest thing to the all around rifle for this particular corner of the world. The original .416 was made by Rigby. It is a magazine arm, weighs, generally, from 81/2 to 10 pounds, and when built by Rigby or Holland and Holland is a superb weapon.

A common rifle here is the 10.75 mm (Continued on page 49)

THE GALLUP "POLL"

OTHING IN YEARS has stir-red up such a furor among red up such a furor among shooters, produced such a flood of letters to GUNS, as the Gallup Poll series published in newspapers across the nation. For those lucky enough to live in communities whose newspapers do not publish Gallup syndicated releases, the articles reported a "poll" of citizens (gun owners and non-gun owners included) from which it was deduced that public opinion favors stricter restrictions on gun ownership.

Here is what we were able to get from a telephone conversation with Mr. E. H. Ruby, Editor, The American Institute of Public Opinion, Princeton, New Jersey (the organization of which Dr. George Gallup

is the Director):

Mr. Ruby "thought" that "about 2,000 people" selected at random "in about 20 cities" were questioned. Asked who instigated the poll, Mr. Ruby stated that it was their own idea, in line with their policy of exploring "interesting, controversial subjects." Asked if he believed that the off-the-cuff answers of "about 2,000" people in "about 20" cities provided a fair cross section of public opinion, he said, "I do." Asked if he felt that the results so obtained were as accurate as those of the Gallup Poll which predicted Dewey's election as inevitable in the 1948 election, Mr. Ruby said that the question was "a low blow, but we have learned a great deal since 1948."

So, we hope, have we. The great "Chicago Tribune" learned in 1948 not to trust "polls," does not any longer publish Gallup releases. If the newspapers over the land who did publish this one have received as many indignant letters from readers as we have received here, perhaps they too are learning a lesson.

Interesting, we think, are the following excerpts from a letter sent by the American Institute of Public Opinion, Dr. George Gallup, Director, to the editors of newspapers buying these Gallup syndicate releases:

"We believe that your readers will find our upcoming series a particularly interesting one. Our interviewers working on this assignment reported the questions provoked great interest on the public's part.

'The headlines in the attached promotion testify to the news-worthiness of this subject. Reports of teen-age gang killings, 'Quick Draw' clubs, accidental shootings and the possession of guns by the 'wrong person' have become a daily occurrence in the nation's press.

"We believe that this is an ideal series for local 'tie-ins.' How do readers of your paper feel about stricter control of firearms? What, if any, efforts are being made by local organizations to educate the youth on firearms safety? How easy it is to buy a gun, or ammunition in your city?

"We need not emphasize the seriousness of this. It is urgent that we know the reception this gets in your papers. Please clip and send all stories and editorials."

We suggest that citizens interested in the Constitutional rights of citizenship answer Dr. Gallup's questions-in letters addressed to your newspaper.

We suggest further that the above is not a typical letter from a disinterested agency. That it is not



Polls, Gallup and others, paved way for this classic journalistic goof. Present poll is equally misleading.

typical is apparent from the testimony of newspaper editors who state that similar letters have not previously accompanied Gallup syndicate releases. We suggest that the claim of disinterest is not borne out by the tone or wording of the letter, or by the urgency of the agency's need to know the public's reaction to the articles.

GUNS is doing what it can, actively and aggressively, to combat all such "disarm America" movements. We are delighted by the many highly indignant letters we have received. But writing us is not enough; we're on your side. Write your newspapers. Talk. Scream, if you like. The people against guns (whoever they are, and some of us have our suspicions) are aggressive. We who are for guns have too long been quiescent and silent. Make yourselves heard. It can happen here, and nothing would better please America's late exalted visitor from behind the Iron Curtain than the news that American citizens were no longer armed. Owning guns is as much your right as is the right to vote in free elections. Lose one, and you might lose the other! . . . E. B. Mann, Editor.



At shop of Major Fiala (left) guns for Britain were packed. Holding '03 Springfield is C. Suydam Cutting, chairman, while Fiala puts .45-70 trap door Indian War carbines in box.

GUNS IN OUR "BUNDLES FOR BRITAIN"

By WILLIAM B. EDWARDS

War Museum today holds US "bundles" guns.





Treasury confiscated arms, mostly short Marlin and Winchester carbines, were in shipments to Britain.



AMERICAN GUNS TO DEFEND ENGLAND DID YOEMAN DUTY IN A TIME

OF GRIM NEED, THEN WERE CALLED IN TO BE DESTROYED

THE HOUR WAS late. We, an American family, sat around the radio, intently listening. From far away, as with a sound of waves washing on a distant shore, a slow, methodical but firm voice crackled from the speaker:

"We shall fight them on the beaches, we shall fight them on the landing grounds, we shall fight them in the fields and the streets, we shall fight them in the hills—

"We shall never surrendah!"

And they say as the broadcast was momentarily interrupted by applause, Winston Churchill turned sadly and angrily away from the mike and said:

"But I do not know what we shall fight them with . . ." High priority on Churchill's list of needed war material, when he traveled to the U.S. that fateful first year of the war, were small arms. The beach that June, 1940, at Dunkirk was a vast pyre, the ashes of a British Army vanguished by the Panzers. Estimates of rifles lost as the British Army waded into the Channel to seek refuge in an armada of pleasure craft succoring them range as high as a half-million. Loss of so many rifles and related small arms, plus the spares and ammunition which would accompany them, placed Britain in a virtually defenseless position. The invasion of Britain, Operation Sealion, was well advanced. Hitler was confident of success, and along the North Sea and the Channel, exercises were carried out by German troops training for the attack. Nazi commanders were readying the biggest invasion effort since Hannibal crossed the Alps.

Britons today agree that, had Hitler followed up his advantage, there would no longer be an England. Desperate times called for desperate measures. I was told by a leading London gun dealer that selected personnel were called secretely to the War Office in Whitehall, given individual keys to lorries full of Bren guns, grenades and ammunition, and told to "take the bloody stuff and bury it—we don't want records and we don't want to be able to be forced to tell where it is—and use it for resistance in the invasion." Even today some Lancashire farmer will demolish a longuntenanted farm shed and find munitions stored beneath its dirt floor, or chase a fox to earth and find his lair filled with old rabbit and grouse bones plus a case of Mills bombs or chest of Enfields.

The desperation reached across the seas. Under the cash-and-carry plan of the U.S. Neutrality Act, British munitions buyers could pick up whatever was loose in the U.S. market and float it home. Ads appeared in the sports magazines, principally "The American Rifleman," proclaiming "Wanted To Buy, Arms For a Friendly Foreign Power." The list of arms wanted was general: \$40 would be paid for a Colt, Smith & Wesson, or other big revolver or automatic pistol in .45 caliber. \$30 was the price on .32 and .38 automatic, and \$25 would be paid for smaller revolvers and .22s and .25 automatics.

Mark Dinely, bristly senior member at Bapty & Co., big London arms dealers, told me something of the British side of the picture. "The Ministry (Continued on page 41)

Actress Anita Loos and wife of author Michael Arlen examine donated Mannlicher-Schonauer and M86 sporters.



Gun fan Churchill (at pheasant shoot 1910) knew value of armed citizenry.





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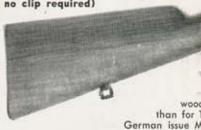
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U.S. Guns Sweep Pan-Am Games

U.S. WINS IN PAN-AM GAMES BREED NEW HOPE FOR BETTER SHOWING IN OLYMPICS



Muzzle loading match and barbecue was attended by Rebel gunners from Milwaukee. At left, Waukegan Mayor Sabonjian stood by to welcome Pan Am shooters.

By WILLIAM C. L. THOMPSON

THE THIRD Pan American Games are history, but the memories live; memories of a world's record toppled, of friendly rivalry between our Latin-American neighbors and "Los Americanos del Norte" who swept the individual and team matches, andmore tangible than a memory, a layout of rifle and pistol ranges that are among the best in the U.S.-ranges that offer new hope for civilian shooting in the Chicago area. Chicago hosted the games, but it was the city of Waukegan, 40 miles to the north, that built and managed the rifle-pistol ranges, first of their type to be built according to International Shooting Union standards in this country.

The U.S. shooters, most of them from the Advanced Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, but some (such as Capt. Verle Wright) from Air Force and other outfits, practically swept the matches. A friend from the north, Gerry Oulette ("How To Be A Smallbore Rifle Champ," Gers, Sept., 1957) headed the Canadian team which took the 50 meter individual and team rifle "Firsts," but Yanks took the rest. And the scores they made stand as evidence of their growing familiarity with international-style shooting, lend new hope for a far-better-than-last-time U.S, showing in the next Olympics.

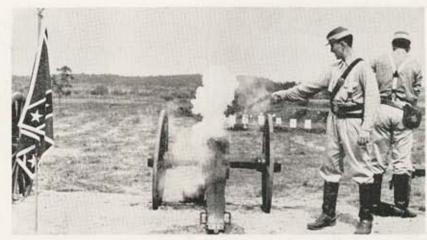
The guns at Waukegan verified our October forecast. The Latin competitors seemed to prefer the Hammerli Walther-designed Olympic pistol for rapid fire and many of the newest round-barreled models were on the line. Range gunsmith Al Melka, well



"Gen." Wolff of Milwaukee museum announced the events.



CF pistol winner A. L. Smith, USA, receives congrats, medal from Pan Am exec Dave Moore. Cervo and McMahon (Can.) placed. Middle, Lt. Cartes smiles beside rapid fire score board. Pistol is short H-S with sight on slide and weights. Bottom, Marine signals tower to start Stineman's (USA) RF time.



Brass cannon was fired by snapping blank pistol at primed vent. Range backstop was given by Lake Cy. Home Builders to Museum for the shoot.



Novelty match was running deer shoot. Two shots are allowed. Deer target was fired upon only two days in Games.

and favorably known in the Chicago area, officially weighed trigger pulls, checked barrels and sight distances. "Nothing unusual was in use," he told me. "But I did wonder if the South Americans have any decent stock makers. Many pistol grips were puttied up or taped, to fit the shooter's ideas, if not his hands." US shooters, on the other hand, used High Standard Supermatic Trophy and Olympic models, both with and without muzzle brakes.

Of the guns used, a number were Finnish Lion Free Rifles in .22, and in bigger calibers for the 300 meter event. Straight-pull Hammerlis were also favored. One unusual arm tried out by the US team from Fort Benning's Advanced Marksmanship Unit was an experimental U.S. model Olympic rifle. The trigger looked like an old nail, but the trigger pull was a revelation in sharp break-off.

The first days were devoted to practice matches and some pistol shooting for scores. The turning targets, ISU style, were grouped in fives across six shooting positions. Portable frame sheds gave each competitor protection from sun and wind. By each booth stood a Marine who, with arm raised, signalled the control tower from which the shooting officer operated the electrically-controlled targets. When the markesman was ready, pistol hand raised not more than 45° from the vertical, the Marine signalled the tower. At some time indeterminate after that, the targets flashed front for their eight, six, or four-second duration.

Rituals long-lasting in memory were the awarding of prizes ceremonies, Before the scoreboard across the back of the rifle shooting pavilion were three pedestals, the middle one highest. I watched as Art Cook, U.S.A. English Match individual champ (582), received his gold medal; Sr. Ernesto Montemayor, Mexico, was second (581) and Miss Lita Baldwin, of Peru (579) took third. But in Miss Baldwin's showing was a story seldom told. Miss Baldwin is one of Peru's leading physicians, While other competitors had been practicing, she had been spending her precious hours in this country in Chicago medical equipment and supply houses, purchasing enough gear and medicine to outfit a hospital back home.

Latin-American competitors in these muchheralded Games events suffered other handicaps besides urgent business duties. In some cases, those entered in specialized sports were not specialists! One country's Athletic Federation did not at first consider entering any shooters. Hearing of this, Guns Magazine's distributor there, key spot in the Caribbean, got together with some friends and, at their own expense, came to the Games to make up a shooting team.

In honor of their guests, Waukegan gun fans held a most unusual hospitality program —The Great Exhibition Muzzle Loading Match and Barbecue, acclaimed by all who attended as the highlight of the Games shooting events.

The scheduled date was Saturday afternoon, 29 August, after termination of the English Match second relay which was to end at 1:30 PM. Catering arrangements were elaborate. Lake Countians teamed up with "foreigners" from other areas of Chicago-

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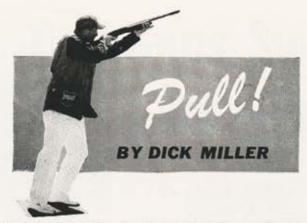
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PREDICTIONS that the 60th Grand American trapshooting tournament would be colorful, record-breaking, and unpredictable turned out exactly as predicted. Now, let's see; where were we—predictable, unpredictable, as predicted? Well, anyway, the Grand American lived up to all that is annually expected of it.

Trapshooters have always maintained that the unexpected could be expected to happen in the Grand. The prediction that a record entry was expected turned out to be a welleducated guess. Two thousand three hundred and ninety-one shooters toed the mark on Friday of Grand week for the Grand American Handicap Championship, peak point of the trapshooting year. This entry list exceeded the previous high of 2202, set in 1958.

Another trapshooting trademark is the history of an unknown winning all but two of the Grand American handicap titles. The prediction that the winner was unpredictable held true in 1959. Clyde Bailey of Oquawka, Illinois, won the big bag of marbles, after a shoot-off in near darkness. In 1958, Clyde averaged .8884 on 950 handicap targets, beginning the year on the 20 yard line, and ending on the 20½ yard stripe. He began the year of his "hour in the sun" with that 21½ yard handicap.

Now, .8884 is a perfectly respectable handicap average for a year's shooting, and one of which the owner can be proud; but it won't win any major events. So, once more the dark horse came through in the Grand American Handican.

On the other side of the performance-predicting fence, trapshooters have always pointed to a few household names in the clay target game who might be expected to add to long lists of previous titles the current 16yard and doubles championships.

Vic Reinders, the University of Wisconsin chemistry professor who has won almost as many shooting championships as the elements have protons and neutrons, added the 1959 doubles title to his formula, with 99 out of the 50 pairs. He was three targets stronger than in 1941, when he won with 96 of the 100 targets. Vic won the 16-yard title (Amateur Clay Target Champion of America) in 1958, with 200 straight.

Ned Lilly, who won the doubles toga in 1937 and 1956, broke 97 of the twin targets this year.

John Kurth of Columbus, Wisconsin broke 972 of the week's total 1000 championships targets, and thereby broke a strangle-hold on the High-Over-All title, which has been the exclusive property of Ned Lilly. Joe Hiestand, Rudy Etchen, and Arnold Riegger for a decade or more. Back to the unpredictable, we find Kevin Onka, a 16-year old marksman from Sugar Creek, Missouri, showing no respect at all for his elders in the 1959 Grand American. He had a busy week, and wrote into the record books some new accomplishments for posterity to shoot at. All Kevin did was to win the 16-yard title with 200 straight, followed by another 150 straight in a shoot-off. He then polished off the week by breaking 99 targets from 23 yards to win Saturday's concluding handicap event.

This column will do a little predicting of it's own here, by saying that there will be many millions of trap targets thrown before another shooter wins the 16-year Grand race and one of the handicap events in the same year.

In other shooting performances by younger trapgumers, Gene Durant, Jr., also of Waukesha, Wis., Vic Reinders' home, surprised no one by breaking 97 of the handicap targets to finish with 968 of the 1000 High-Over-All targets, Gene has been burning up the traps for a couple of years.



Beautiful Greenbrier field was site of 39th W. V. trap tourney July 24-26.

Bob Andrews shook up the ranks of professional shooters by crushing 970 of the 1000 championship tarkets during Grand week, and set a new record for the All-Around title by losing only 7 of the 400 targets, for a score of 393x400. The All-Around title is based on 1000 total targets of Grand week: 600 16-yard targets, fired in increments of 200 targets each of three days (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday), 300 handicap targets fired at the rate of 100 targets each day Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and 50 pairs of doubles targets, recorded on Saturday (Saturday's program calls for the 50 pairs of doubles followed by 100 handicap clay birds).

The All-Around Championships are based on 400 targets, which are the 200 16-yard targets on Wednesday, 100 handicap birds on Friday, and Saturday's 50 pairs of doubles.

Trapshooters and spectators at the 60th

Grand American also saw history in the making, while Arnold Riegger of Castle Rock, Washington, was making his bid to become king of a shooting castle by breaking 1.422 consecutive 16-yard targets, besting the 1404 string of Joe Hiestand, the Hillsboro, Ohio, shooting machine. Needless to say, Riegger thereby set a new world record. Wonder how long 1.442 will hold up, with youngsters like Onka and Durant and a few other junior hot-shots on the scene, and moving along?

Back once more to the predictable side of the 1959 Grand, two of the ladies who might be expected to take a fair share of feminine laurels upheld the reputation of dopesters. Helen Urban of Mentor, Ohio, took the Ladies High-Over-All with a 938; and Iva Pembridge Jarvis, the Kansas schoolmarm, got the All-Around apple for 374x400 right answers. Vic Reinders knew the correct All-Around formula for men. The answer was 390, just 10 targets short of perfection. Mercer Tennille took the All-Around in 1948 with 390 targets, Julius Petty hit 392 in 1950. Vic took the title once previously, in 1957, with a score of 386.

Team balance won the skeet shooting events for the United States in the 1959 Pan-American Games, held at Lincoln Park Gun Club, in Chicago. The Yank team broke 779 of the 800 international-skeet targets for a team gold medal. Venezuela was second with 770x800, and third place went to Cuba at 757 targets. Canada, Peru, and Puerto Ricco rounded out six places, in the order listed.

Gilberto Navarro of Chile broke 197x200 in the individual competitions. Juan Garcia of Venezuela and Bernard Hartman of Canada deadlocked at 196. Jose Artecona of Cuba and Kenneth Pendergras of the U. S. also had a stand-off, with twin scores of 195. Venezuelan Arnaldo Rincones was alone at 192.

Skeet fans have cause to be clated over the showing of the U. S. team in the Pan-American Games. A team gold medal in the 1960 Olympics would help the Yank cause there no end, and could be the margin between a free world or iron curtain victory, unofficial though it might be, in the 1960 Olympics.

HUNT WITH YOUR .22RF

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the .22 rim fire really shines. The low noise level is of primary importance in hunting these two predators, more important than power and trajectory because these smart birds know where the most food is to be found, namely in the rich and fertile farm areas. Have you ever noticed when cruising the back roads looking for crows that the greater number of shots will be presented in plain sight of farm buildings? Remember how many shots you had to pass up when armed with a rifle having a loud and high pitched report?

It is a most satisfying experience to me to bust a crow wide open with the 6 mm, at extreme range, particularly when a stiff wind is blowing and no other bullet would stay on course so well. Even so, right along with the Big Six rides the .22 rim fire, and on most crow shooting expeditions I'll average more shots with the smaller cartridge, solely because common sense and a desire to be allowed to shoot again in that vicinity dictates its use.

One of the easiest ways to get shots at crows with the .22 is to hide in some dense brush within rim fire range of a tall tree and go to work with a crow call. Keep well hidden and motionless, The crows when they come in will usually circle directly over your head for a few minutes, then light in the tall tree to hold a conference. You can then go to work on them with the rifle. It's not unusual to get two crows at a setup like this before the others smell a rat and depart.

I remember one time when using a crow call in this manner, I heard the sound of running feet approaching. On looking in the direction from which the noise came I beheld a red fox coming at me full tilt. I rose to take a shot at him but at that instant he put on the brakes and reversed himself. Before I could locate him in the field of the scope, which was very small at the short range of about 15 feet, he had disappeared. It might be well to keep this in mind when using the crow call. You might bag a real prize!

Another method of getting some shots at crows is to tie in your crow shooting with the results of your woodchuck shooting. Since crows are notorious eaters of carrion, I frequently take the carcasses of chucks I have shot and distribute them where they will do the most good. This is usually in an open spot adjacent to good cover and which can easily be seen from the road. On returning in a day or two I usually find several crows dining on the banquet I have so thoughtfully set before them. I have found that results will be quicker if I give the crows an assist by opening the carcass of the chuck with a knife, as they seem to have some difficulty in accomplishing this themselves.

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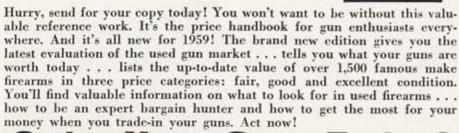
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Hawk shooting with the .22 will usually be

incidental to other excursions afield, and shots are presented when least expected. I had been patrolling the back roads one winter afternoon and had managed to shoot one crow off a fence post at about 80 yards. I overestimated the range and a high hold with the crosshair resulted in the removal of the top of this crow's skull. A short while later, I alighted from the car for a drink from a roadside brook. While returning to the car I saw a large hawk leave a tree on the ridge above the road and alight in another further on. Through the scope I identified it as a large Coopers hawk and, from a convenient rest against the side of a tree at about 90 yards, I squeezed off the shot. The .22 did its work well. Holding on the neck, the bullet entered the chest area, causing considerable destruction. The road I was traveling surrounded a large convalescent institution and was certainly no place to take a shot with an .888 Magnum Bagnum! I'd certainly have passed up this shot if the .22 rim fire hadn't been available.

A rifle need not be expensive to be accurate, and many of the moderately priced bolt actions will give fine accuracy with the proper ammunition. Try various brands, as the target shooter does, and stick to the one which gives the best average accuracy in your rifle. Target the gun with a cold barrel, leaving the action open and the chamber empty between shots to promote cooling. My shots while hunting are fired from a cold barrel, and that's the way I want my rifle zeroed. I find the groups from a warm barrel printing in an entirely different place on the target, and for this reason I fire slowly, about five minutes between shots, when sighting in.

I've found the game silhouette targets put out by various firms to be excellent for the final targeting of my rifles. These are life size reproductions of chucks, hawks, and crows, and they give a very good idea of the size of varmints at various ranges as seen through my scope. A shooting friend of mine makes his own silhouettes out of cardboard.

Since many of my targets are partially concealed by foliage and grass, I've found a scope to be essential equipment on the rim fire hunting rifle. A scope of four power is just about perfect for this purpose, allowing me to hold high or low, right or left, according to the range and wind conditions. When sighted so that the bullets group at the point of aim at 75 yards, I find them striking not more than an inch above or below the line of sight from about 15 yards out to about 85 yards.

Remember, the .22 rim fire is not a toy. Observe the same precautions when using it as you would when using a .300 Magnum. Be quiet, hunt alone, and stay out of sight; this is one game where it does not pay to advertise. Dust off that .22 and you'll find shooting opportunities that are unavailable with any other arm.

GUN BUNDLES FOR BRITAIN

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scoured the lunatic asylums and jails for idiots, stuffed their pockets with gold, and sent them over to America with strict orders to buy everything they could find, whether it worked on not, and not get a stick of amunition to fit it." So forcefully did Dinely say this that it took me a moment to decide if he was joking or not. To Dinely, who experienced the Battle of Britain, it wasn't much of a joke. As an arms expect, his bitter jest was a severe denunciation of the whole system which had left Britain so unprepared.

In the U.S., Anglophiles formed volunteer groups while friends of Britain in legislative circles cut red tape to free surplus arms for defense overseas. The New York State Assembly at Albany voted to suspend a provision of Chapter 1897 of the State Penal Code which made mandatory the destruction of confiscated small arms, Instead, tons of assorted weapons of every description were shoveled loose into the holds of Liberty ships destined for the United Kingdom.

Loaded or unloaded, working or not, off to Britain they went, I bought, in a Birmingham gun shop, a beautiful little late model Colt Pocket Positive, the tiny .32 revolver with 3" barrel. Its nickel plate was almost new, its recoil plate showed little evidence of firing. But every single number, including that stamped inside the sideplate (often overlooked by the criminal), was deeply ground off, I brought it back to the U.S. with a new number, the date of its purchase, stamped on the butt by the gunmaker. In its way, this little trinket is an historical gun.

New York, great shipping port, was also the headquarters of the volunteer American Committee For Defense Of British Homes. Chairman was C. Suydam Cutting, N.Y. attorney, and their offices were at 10 Warren St., New York, the address of Fiala Outfitters, Inc., not far from Hudson's Sporting Goods, and Bannerman on lower Broadway. In England, the Committee's mentors were the Hon. Wickham Steed, Edward Hulton, and Lord Davies, with depot in Castle Bromwich, a suburb of Birmingham.

This group, numbering such gun-wise men as Major Anthony Fiala, Col. Douglas B. Wesson, Albert Foster, Jr., of Colt's and others, grew to include about 364 local committees established throughout the U.S. Favorable nationwide publicity from the formation of the Committee in September, 1940. period of greatest emergency, until December, 1941, when we entered the war officially, caused thousands of arms to be given for Home Guard use. Up to the last weekly progress report of December 6, 1941, the Committee had collected and shipped the following material:

Guns (shotguns, rifles) 5,133 Revolvers 6,337 Thompson submachine guns 110 Binoculars, Telescopes 2 993 Stop Watches 379 Helmets (U.S. WWI type) 16,322 Rounds of ammunition 642.291

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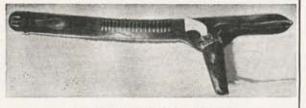
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The total comprised 84,037 pieces and 2,042,291 rounds of ammunition. Although the solicitation of gift arms tapered off after Pearl Harbor Day, the Committee continued to maintain its offices and collecting points. From December 7 to June 3rd, 1942, the American Committee received and shipped:

Guns Thompson submachine guns 40 Revolvers 212 Binoculars 79 Stop Watches 4 Helmets 14 Rounds of Ammunition 103,523

The bulk of the above material was received from the U.S. Treasury Department and consisted of weapons confiscated by Federal agents. Only four shipments, consisting of 35 cases of arms and ammunition, were lost at sea out of 64 shipments or 795 cases

shipped by the Committee.

By September of 1942, the weapons gathering Committees had pretty well done their work, and regular Lend Lease shipments were swelling Britain's store of arms for Home Guard and her new Armies. Lord Halifax. Britain's Ambassador to Washington, sent to the Committee's Chairman, Mr. Cutting, "the thanks of the British Army Council to the American Committee for the Defense of British Homes for the very valuable assistance they have given during the last two years in obtaining and forwarding to the United Kingdom so large a quantity of muchneeded weapons.

"These, as you know," Halifax' letter of appreciation continued, "have been distributed through the corresponding British committee to the Home Guard and other local organizations and have been a splendid and useful addition to the defense of the country

Major Fiala of the American Committee developed many friendships with gun experts in Britain. One man, Commander Ward, later of Bapty & Co. (Arms & Weapons: "Machine gunners on the Premises. Their services may be hired" proclaims their letterhead) became a good friend to Fiala. He was visibly shaken when I told him in the summer of 1951 that Fiala had then recently died. "Well," Ward gruffly remarked, "there's another one off the Christmas list," and pulled a memo from his desk and ran a line through Fiala's name.

Fiala, designer of the combination riflepistol .22 game getter bearing his name. specialized in outfitting expeditions.

Fiala's experience with survival on the basic level was invaluable in guiding the American committee in choosing arms to send to Britain.

Such a miscellaneous lot of arms would have given any supply officer a nightmare. To get ammunition for them was virtually impossible, yet the principle was like that which later caused production of the stamped-metal .45 FFI pistol, dropped by the thousands by our bombers to the Free French. A single magazine full of cartridges in an odd-caliber automatic, a single round of shots in some outdate spur trigger rimfire revolver, would still be enough to complicate the life of a Jerry paratrooper. While "Winnie" was arranging for 1917 Enfields by the millions, many a Home Guardsman stood his vigil armed with nothing more lethal that a "Pony Colt" chock-full of antideluvian outside-lubed .30 rimfires.

How these variegated small arms were used is well-detailed by Bert "Yank" Levy, in his introduction to Tom Wintringham's "New Ways Of War." Specialist in guerrilla and irregular fighting, Levy on July 1, 1942, expressed the belief that Home Guard defense was why "Britain can no longer be successfully invaded." The rapid transition in those first War years of old concepts of battle to the new defense and attack in depth, made possible by new major weapons like the airplane and the paratrooper, threw added emphasis on the individual stay-at-home Englishman. "In order to frustrate and smash any enemy landing in their rear, all the civilian manpower capable of fighting is organized, equipped and trained to be on the spot as a constant hindrance to the invaders . . ." Levy declared.

To achieve this effective hindrance, the British Home Guard, at first armed with a motley lot of weapons including springloaded grenade launchers enigmatically called Piats- Projector, Incendary, Anti-Tankwas organized "as an elastic web which will seriously slow up any invader, no matter from what direction he comes. Wherever the enemy may land, he will immediately be confronted by a nucleus of men born and bred in the district, knowing every foot of topography, fighting from every city, town, village, and hamlet, from every ditch, copse, wood, hill, and valley. . .

"The importance of the Home Guard idea in world politics is vast," Levy noted. "For instance, this approach to war is proof that where a government trusts its people, its people trust and protect their government . . .

The British carried those donated arms to protect their government. Letters poured in to Chairman Cutting's New York office from air raid wardens, fire wardens, professional people and workmen of every trade, who served in the emergency as deputy law officers or active Home Guard soldiers of the home front, Supplies of small arms, even though ill-assorted, saved thousands of man hours in arms factories already burdened for production.

After War Two, Britain went through as thorough a cleansing of firearms in the hands of the civil population counteracting the distribution or arms short years before. Some of the turned-in arms went into museums-in the Imperial War Museum on Lambeth Road is a display of rifles, a nice Model 1892 Winchester and a fine Savage 99, bearing donors' tags on them from Home Guard days. Thousands of arms turned into police stations were chopped up or burned. Though never present at such festivities, I have seen photos showing ivory-handled Colt Frontiers and Starr double action percussion revolvers being shoveled into the furnace, on police orders. Other arms, once issued to Home Guards stayed issued, retained unlicensed not as souvenirs, but "just in case."

But by and large, the British people obeyed the mandates of a government which felt that somehow it could not trust the citizens with arms. The lesson in this most curious piece of history of freedom is a sober one: If need arises, to whom can Americans appeal for arms, to defend our homes?

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TUNE-UP TIPS FOR FAST DRAW

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and lift off the top half of the frame.

Woops! We've lost the main spring. Nope, here it is, in the part we just lifted off. Pick it up and take a look. You will notice at one end of the spring a shiny spot where the hammer has been riding. Look at the bottom of your hammer. There you'll find a flat spot. Did you ever teeter-totter with a 12 inch plank across a railroad tie? It's a rough ride. So take the pliers and kink the main spring just enough on the end so that you have a curved surface riding against the hammer. That's part of your trouble cured already.

Next, you must take care of the little gremlin we mentioned before—the coil spring, which holds the ball bearing against the cylinder. With a wire cutter, remove one to one-and-a-half coils from the back end of the spring. . . What's next? Nothing. Put 'er back together, friend. Now you've got an action that's finer'n silk and just as smooth.

Smooth? Wait! There is something we've overlooked. What are we going to do about sharp edges on the hammer spur that keep chewing up your thumb? They need some smoothing! So—take a piece of medium one-inch emery cloth. Gock the Hahn, Hold the barrel between your knees, and make like the Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy on that hammer spur. Problem solved. No muss, no fuss. And watch your fast draw time improve!

Now let's take a look at a Ruger Single Six. To tune a Ruger for fast draw requires a little more effort than the gas-operated Hahn 45, but is still well within the ability of most of the hobbiests. Again, the tools required are few: a screw driver, side cutters, a ball pean hammer, and an acetylene torch.

Again, the manufacturer has come up with a gun with an action that is much too strong and rough for super-fast draw. And those target sights have got to go! Who uses sights firing from the hip? Why not knock the rear sight out entirely and shape a piece of aluminum—or even a piece of hard wood—to fill the slot? It will save torn thumbs.

You will notice in the butt end of the frame, after the backstrap is removed, about three coils of a spring jutting out like the springs in the seat of an old Model T. This spring and pin has one purpose and one purpose only: It's to hold the hand against the ratchets of the cylinder so that the cylinder will be rotated when the hammer is cocked. As long as the spring is strong enough to accomplish this, any more tension is useless; in fact, it only creates a drag. Not much drag, mind you, but a little; and if you want a fast gun, you don't overlook anything. So pick up the side cutters and start weeding out the gremlins. The same thing should be done with the trigger spring. Note: The full-cock notch on the hammer should be deepened when the trigger spring is lightened. This avoids the possibility of the hammer bouncing off full cock. The fast draw gun, unlike a target gun, must have a lot of creep in the trigger for safe fast draw.

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sliding pin. This pin is what activates the locking bolt-and it's one of your gremlins. To show you what I mean, put the locking bolt and spring back in the gun, along with the hammer (leaving the hand and the trigger out). Now grab the gun by the barrel and raise and lower the hammer a few times with the opposite hand. What do you feel? A hard spot, when you push the hammer down. That, buddy, is known as drag. And please note: Any time you lighten the main spring on a gun, you have to remove all possible drag, so that the hammer will fall hard enough to pop a primer, Make sense?

In this case, the drag is caused by the spring-operated cam in the side of the hammer. It cannot be completely overcome, but it can be improved. Remove the dowel pin in the hammer that holds this cam in place, and lift out the cam with the fingers or a pair of needle nose pliers, taking care to note that the flat side of the cam is turned toward the cocking notches on the hammer.

Now you will note that the spring did not come out with the cam, This creates no problem. Just take a common straight pin, stick the head up in the hole, hook on to the spring, and pull it out. It is not advisable to remove coils from this spring, because it changes the timing of the locking bolt, causing it to fall too soon. (However, on my own gun I did remove 11/2 coils and suffered no pain.) But at least take a 2" piece of bailing wire, wrap it with very fine sandpaper and smooth up the inside of this hole. This enables the cam to move back and forth more freely and with less friction. Now, replace the cam spring and dowel pin after cleaning and oiling the hammer.

No; on second thought, wait a minute. Before this is done, take some fine sandpaper and knock off all the sharp edges from around the cocking notches. Remember, every little bit helps. And here's another tip: before replacing the hammer in the gun, clamp it in a vice, take your torch, heat the hammer spur at its thickest part, and bend the spur up 3/16". A crescent wrench works very nicely for the bending.

The main-spring alteration is no problem, except that you will find it's a little hard to remove and replace; but not after it's been shortened. Remove the spring and clip off seven coils. Replace the spring with the clipped end toward the hammer. This still leaves a flat surface on the lower end of the spring. You will now find that the spring is much easier to replace.

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The only change necessary on the hammer is to deepen the full cock notch for more safety.

Well, gun hands, that just about does it except I wish you good luck in "Tuning for Time." It will mean three times more fun, and split seconds off your shootin'

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OLD VILLAIN—NEW FRIENDS

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money man behind Slotter and Company. Plate, a dealer in genuine Deringers, decided that he could make bigger profits by manufacturing his own deringer-type pistols.

An irony in the life of Henry Deringer is that the finest pair of "derringers" in the world is a set made by his former employee and San Francisco imitator-Slotter or more correctly, Slotterbek, These Slotterbek pistols (shown on Guns' cover) were presented to famous opera singer Mme. H. de Laurencal, by John Felton and Charles Mayne, in 1860. Both Mayne and Felton, leading San Francisco merchants and businessmen (Mayne was a speculator; Felton a lawyer) were backers of the San Francisco Opera House.

Though given to a distinguished lady by distinguished men, the Slotterbek pair do not typify the history of "the derringer" to the modern reader. The moment in history which made the Deringer pistol famous was when that deranged actor, John Wilkes Booth, used one of Henry Deringer's .44 pistols to assassinate Lincoln on the evening of April 14, 1865, at Ford's Theater in Washington. The murder weapon was erroneously described in the news dispatches next day as being a "single-shot brass derringer."

It was a single-shot weapon but it was not brass and it was not a derringer. Seen today in the Lincoln Museum in Washington, the pistol is just under six inches in total length, a fine example of Deringer craftsmanship, handsomely decorated with German silver and engraving. The barrel is rifled with seven narrow grooves, with lands twice the width of the grooves, and a very slow right-hand twist. The pistol has a cap box in the butt. The forestock is badly chipped, and the head is broken from the hammer screw.

During my all too brief visit at the Museum, I could not ascertain for certain under what circumstances the weapon had been damaged. Conceivably, it could have occurred when mad Booth dropped the Deringer in Mr. Lincoln's box after firing the fatal shot and stabbing Major Rathbone, the President's aid, before vaulting the rail to the stage.

Shortly after President Lincoln's assassination, an imaginative New York newspaperman dubbed the deringer pistol the "Murderer's Accomplice," Such macabre publicity of Booth's weapon boosted sales of the derringer throughout the nation. D. Moore, the National Arms Company, the sliding-barrel AI caliber Williamson, Colt, Ballard, Remington, and E. Allen and Company, were some of the gunmaking firms who profited.

The most popular derringer of all was Remington's famous .41 caliber rimfire overand-under Double Derringer, patented in 1865. Remington produced over 150,000 Double Derringers from 1866 to 1935, making this the most popular pocket pistol of all time. At least three times Remington began to number these from "#1" up, and some were even issued without being numbered.

There were two reasons for the Remington's popularity, aside from the huge press the little weapon had received. First, of course, was the psychological advantage that went with being armed without appearing to be armed. Second was the peculiarly paralyzing effect the wicked-looking two-holer produced upon an opponent you wanted to scare, but not to kill, I had a first-hand



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glimpse of this phenomena one night in Saratoga in the wide-open early Thirties.

I was kibitzing a poker game in mob-king Lucky Luciano's "Chicago Club"-a game in which sat as oddly assorted a group of players as ever hit New York State's storied Spa. One of these improbable characters was Silk Despard, an old white-haired geezer who grandiloquently called himself "The Last of the Mississippi River Boat Gamblers." Another was a two-bit mobster from Manhattan's East Side, named Tony Lanza.

Silk was winning and Tony was losing; a clash was inevitable since Tony was hitting the vino right along, and his normally vile temper was getting nastier. Presently, after losing a fat pot in which he had held kings back-to-back to Silk's two aces, he leaned across the table and snarled: "Pops, you dealt seconds that time! I gotta notion to let you have it right now!" The punk made a threatening motion as if to draw the snubnosed .38 he carried in a "fast-draw" away shoulder holster-but it was only a motion. Suddenly, startlingly, this modern-day badman found himself looking into the gaping twin muzzles of the old gambler's pearlhandled derringer.

"Don't ever speak or act like that again, young man, when you're playing poker with me," said Silk mildly. "This pistol has a hair-trigger and my hand is not as steady as it once was. You hear?"

The tough boy heard, all right, Never, before or since, have I seen a man turn so white so fast. Like a man in a nightmare, he shakily cashed his chips and walked out. It was a shocking thing because it was so unexpected; card players and kibitzers sat as if paralyzed. I didn't see Silk draw-but one split-second the old-timer's right hand was empty and in the next it held a derringer. I knew then why Silk invariably unbuttoned his coat when he sat down to play pokerand why the slanted right-hand pocket of his fancy weskit sagged the way it did.

Despite its chilling appearance when viewed from the wrong end, the Remington .41 derringer could hardly be considered a man-stopper. The conical bullet of the rimfire cartridge weighed a sizable 130 grains, but the black powder charge was so low that only about 500 feet per second muzzle velocity was generated. The preferred target was the belly-but if a man happened to be wearing a wide money-belt, the slug could be stopped by it. Infection made the derringer belly wound usually fatal, for the bullet invariably remained within the body cavity. Even if the victim received the doubtful benefit of the crude surgery available in those days, death generally was only a matter of hours.

The modern .38 derringer packs enough punch to stop a man dead or, at least, put him out of action. My officer friend on the New York Police Force uses the Colt Super Police cartridges in his Great Western .38 Special Derringer, handloading the shells with a very fast-burning powder to get added muzzle velocity with the 200-grain bullet. Most law enforcement officers do the same. No doubt about it, old Henry Junior's pet pocket pistol has developed into quite a gun. The ol' boy would be proud of it if he were around today.

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Mauser; also, to somewhat lesser extent, the 9.3 x 74 mm. The first is loaded with a 347 grain bullet at 2200 fps. with an alleged 3750 ft, lbs. of muzzle oomph. The 9.3 mm, -.366 caliber-fires a 285 grain bullet and performs in a fashion pleasingly like the .375 Magnum; not as potent (muzzle velocity is 2175 feet per second, with only 3000 ft. lbs. of energy), but an excellent killer withal.

Another rifle often seen is the staunch .404. The firm of Jeffery introduced this cartridge a good many years ago but I have seen no Jeffery rifles in Indo China. The .404 hereabouts is the German Mauser. The load comes in two bullet weights, 400-grain and 300-grain. The former is much to be preferred, stepping along at 2125 feet per second and delivering 4020 ft. lbs, of energy. The lighter slug is okay for tiger, but on brusiers like goar and buf it fails to get the needed penetration.

When I came to Viet Nam, I fetched with me the new Winchester .458 elephant rifle. In addition, and because I am a southpaw, I brought along a wildcat, a hybrid built around the Winchester Model 71 lever action. The gun has been rebarreled to a .450, using a blown-out .348 case. The assembled load uses a Barnes 400 grain bullet ahead of 62 grains of 4895 powder. The progenitor of this young howitzer is Harold Johnson of Cooper Landing, Alaska. He calls his offspring the .450 Alaskan.

Besides these two big busters, I fetched with me the Savage Model 99 in the new .358 caliber, To complete the battery, I was lucky to receive almost on departure date the handsome new Browning 22 auto rifle. For shotguns, I brought my Model 12 Winchester, a show piece engraved and chromed by Agustin Aranzabal in Spain, equipped with an Ernie Simmons raised ventilated rib and a Poly Choke. Later, the new Browning "Twentyweight" 12 was shipped to me. I used this latter gun for a great deal of my snine shooting.

This was some time ago, when the Smith and Wesson .44 Magnum had just been introduced, and as this seemed like a madeto-order opportunity to try that powerful shooting iron, I added it to the battery. A standard Ruger .22 auto completed the list.

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after being hit with the big slug. The moral: don't use an elephant gun on triffing stuff,

When first I started with the .458, it was standard in every way: a handsome shooting iron with the Super grade stock, an especially appealing piece of walnut, equipped with a sensible small recoil pad and sling swivels. The sights were the type since cashiered, a 3-leaf version of the double rifle express sight. The front sight was the standard factory bead. I found in the light-and-shadow nightmare of these jungles that the open sight was not for me. At 30 feet for elephant. it was okay; at 80 yards on a guar going full steam, it would not do. I wrote posthaste to Redfield and installed the excellent Redfield No. 70 micrometered rear sight and their Sourdough, patridge-effect front post. It has been a perfect combination. Otherwise, the big Winchester remains just as issued.

On the Savage M99, I installed the Weaver 1X scope in the Top Mount. I concluded, and it has been borne out here to my complete satisfaction, that the one-power scope would be just the thing for jungle shooting. I have used the .358 cartridge on all the lesser and most of the medium game, including tiger. I'll be shooting it again next year in Africa.

Before embarking on probably the longest shikar an American has ever made in Indo China, I cased all my shooting irons in the remarkable envelopes, called V-Lopes, made by the Westwill Co., of Westport, Conn. These remarkable containers keep a gun free from rust if it is placed in the sheath completely dry. Once the gun was encased in the V-Lope, I stuffed the combination into National Sports Co. gun cases. These cases, some made of rhino-tough plastics and others of heaviest canvas duck, have given my shooting hardware all the protection I could ask. The handguns I have carried in Myres and Lawrence scabbards. In addition to the belt harness, I used a Lawrence cartridge pouch for my rifle cartridges. This pouch is neatly designed to acept 20 rounds and, be these .358, .450, or .458, it takes 'em all.

A most important accessory over here are the fine Mitchell Yellow Lense shooting glasses. These specs are ground to my prescription and with the special yellow lense, the deceptive light and shadow of the jungle is minimized.

Despite many shots at ridiculously short ranges, I find you need a pair of binoculars here as much as in the deserts of Sonora, I used the Dave Bushnell's 7 X 35 Featherlight binoculars and am completely happy with them. The magnesium chassis coupled with the excellent coated optics gave me a glass which could not have performed more satisfactorily.

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I wore Norm Thompson's "Shikari" hat, and it is a lulu! It sheds the water off your face in front and clear of your collar behind. In this climate, it needs some over-sized grommets for ventilation, and these I cut with an empty .450 case. The hat gives plenty of protection against the dangerous sun, and against leeches brushed from overhanging vines. All my rain suits are Hodgman, tops for quality.

My ammunition has been factory Winchester for the .358 and the big .458; and for the scatterguns and the .22 Ruger, I have stuck to Federal, The .44 Magnum Smith & Wesson has been fed the new, potent Remington fodder. Care of firearms, despite a trifling downpour that only lasted six months, has not been difficult. I have used Stoegeroil for cleaning and preserving and, when I sat a gun away for a time, I treated it with Hoppe's Gun Grease, I use the Outer Laboratories rifle and shotgun rods and a Mill-Rose kit for the sixshooters.

I have eaten Army C-Rations almost exclusively. It is compact and nourishing and a far cry from the C-Ration we ate during the last two shooting scrapes, I prepared this food on a Coleman one-burner camp stove, which is a honey. It was brand new when I drew it, and altho it has been banged and battered around and has never had a change of generator, it never fails me.

Finally, my camera equipment consisted of two of the best, the new Contax with f 1.2 Sonnar lense, and the latest Nikon camera with f 1.2 Nikkor lens. The film has been Eastman Tri-X, exposed after consultation with my Weston Master exposure meter.

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HANDLOADING BENCH

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Barrels are throated 34", which reduces pressure by allowing a bit more "young" gas to escape, a good feature I think, for hot Magnums. The standard 1:12 twist is my choice, but you can obtain a 1:10 or 1:14 if desired. The factory bedding and tune-up on Mark V rifles I've seen is superb, with varmint accuracy right out of the box.

Nosler Partition bullets are available in Weatherby ammo at \$2, extra per box. Of course they are not for varmints, but are made for fast nose expansion and deep penetration without blowing up on large game. The jackets are drilled from solid stock, leaving a center partition. A core is swaged in each compartment and the nose section is turned thinner to a taper. To prevent high pressure, a relief band is turned to land diameter outside the partition. Considering the extra machine work, I do not see how they can be sold for such a low price (about double the price of conventional bullets). They are quite popular and have excellent accuracy.

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Despite the terrific ballistics, hand loading a .300 W.M. is no more dangerous than any high intensity round, perhaps even less so, as velocity fans are happy with less than full throttle loads. My good shooting friend, Frank Philips, has old model Weatherby on the excellent F.N. action that has served him well. Frank found the 82-4350-150 load is right in the top bracket for his gun, using formed Super-X .300 H & H cases and

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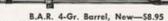
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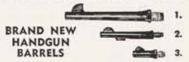
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targets, and the average of all targets fired to date is approximately the average of these.

Gun	Choke	Gauge	Load	Gross	Uni- formity	Net	Count
Rem. 870	Modified	16	R-3-11/8-6	86	92.5	79.5	204
Rem. 870	Full	16	R-3-11/s-6	86	91	78.5	199

Gun #2 was a high grade Remington Trap Gun (Model 870TC) purchased with two barrels. The typical results again are illustrated by the following tests:

Gum	Choke	Gauge	Load	Gross	Uni- formity	Net	Count
Rem. 870 Trap	Modified	12	W-3-11/8-5	78	91	71	136
Rem. 870 Trap	Full	12	W-3-11/8-5	77	89	68.5	132

Again, the modified barrel, with No. 5 shot in the field load, produced the tightest patterns.

As a result of extensive patternings, we concluded that a different make of shell in the identical load with the same size shot in the same barrel will produce results which vary as much as the difference between the theoretical standards of a 50% improved cylinder and a 70% full-choke barrel; that is, 20%.

Gun	Choke	Gauge	Load	Gross	formity	Net	Count
Winch, 12	Full	16	FED-31/2-11/4-6	85	92	78	218
Winch, 12	Full		W-31/2-11/4-6			56	159

Field loads may be and oftentimes are better killers than magnums in the same gun with the same size of shot.

Gun	Choke	Gauge	Load	Gross	Uni- formity	Net	Count
Smith L.B.	Full	16	W-MAG-6	66	89	59	166
Smith L.B.	Full	16	R-3-11/8-6	83	94	78	198

The same size and charge of shot in two different loads may produce results in the same barrel varying 35% more than what is considered to be the standard difference between improved cylinder and full choke.

Gum	Choke	Gauge	Load	Gross	formity	Net	Count
Smith R.B.	Full	16	SX-11/6-6	48	91	44	110
Smith R.B.	Full	16	W-2%-1%-6	75	95.5	71.5	181

The same powder and shot loading, but of different brands in the same barrel, may also vary more than the difference between a 50% improved cylinder and a 70% full choke.

Gun	Choke	Gauge	Load	Gross	Uni- formity	Net	Count
Winch. 12	Full	12	R-3%-1%-6	69	89	61.5	173
Winch, 12	Full	12	W-3%-1%-6	89	93	83	234

The same shot charge in two different guns may produce results which are widely variant, even though the same guns with two other equal shot charges may produce nearly identical results.

Gun	Choke	Gauge	Load	Gross	Uni- formity	Net	Count
Rem. 870	Full	16	R-21/2-1-6	80	90	72	162
Smith L.B.	Full	16	R-21/2-1-6	60	90	54	121
Smith L.B.	Full	16	W-23/4-13/8-6	80	87	69.5	176
Rem. 870	Modified	16	R-3-11/s-6	81	91	73.5	186

Even after extensive patterning, when one finally selects a gun and load for a particular type of shooting, one is unlikely to know what results will be obtained under slightly varying conditions. In particular, we concluded that a very fine dove load was obtained for a Smith double gun in the 16-gauge. To our amazement, we found that the same charge of shot with a different load in the same gun a year later gave just two-thirds as high a net count as was obtained the previous year. The results are as follows:

Gun	Choke	Gauge	Load	Gross	Uni- formity	Net	Count
Smith	Full	16	R-3-11/8-71/2	91	93	84.5	331
Smith	Full	16	W-314-114-714	57	92	53	207

There is one salient observation we reached from these tests. Our tests may not be conclusive of anything; but if they are, the one conclusion is that one must use the smallest size shot that will produce kills under the ordinary field conditions to be encountered.

We shoot ducks on ponds in Colorado, using 12 and 16 gauge guns. While we do use No. 6 shot, No. 7½ shot is preferable for the reasons best illustrated by the last tabulation just above, If No. 4 shot was used and had received the same variation in results, it would have been impossible to hit one's hat past 30 yards with the poorer load.

We have read and believe that ammunition manufacturers tend to hold trap loads to higher standards than other loads. Our experience in patterning as well as in the field establishes to our complete satisfaction that a standard 12 gauge 3 dram 1½ oz. load in a good patterning gun will kill any duck up to 50 yards if properly centered. Contrary to modern literature, No. 8 shot is good on smaller ducks and decoyed mallards under 40 yards. We concluded that we would never recommend shot larger than No. 6 in either a 16 or 20 gauge gun.

Frequently, Magnum 4s in the 12 gauge gun are a delusion, as the pattern often is so poor that they are unreliable past 45 yards. Here is a typical substantiating test:

Gun	Choke	Gauge	Load	Gross	Uni- formity	Net	Count
Smith	Full	12	W-4-11/4-4	61	84	51	103

This same barrel and gun often produce net average patterns of 81% as against the 51% produced by the above tabulation.

A fluoroscope may reveal small shot in crippled live birds, but the flouroscope will not reveal dead ducks shot out of range that flew off with one No. 4 pellet in them! Most cripples die, and just as many ducks are crippled with big shot at 60 and 70 yards as are crippled at 40 and 50 yards with small shot, and the result is equally bad in either case.

Far more important for the average shooter than worrying about chokes and patterns and the size of shot, is his ability to estimate range and know when the bird is within 40 to 50 yards. As a result of our extensive testing, unless a shooter wishes to make his own exhaustive tests, we would recommend to the average shooter the following: Use trap loads or size 6 shot, don't shoot past 45 yards, and you will make more clean kills and produce fewer cripples than your friend who thinks he is throwing an 80% pattern with Magnum 4s when in fact he may be shooting a 50% pattern.

For the ordinary shooter with an ordinary gun, 50 yards is the extreme maximum range. The dispersion of shot from the center of the column increases faster than the distance traveled. A 100% pattern at 35 yards will not be 50% pattern at 70 yards. Actually, it will approach 50% at 55 yards.

The selection of a choke should be such as to produce 20-inch diameter patterns at minimum ranges, 30-inch patterns at ranges most frequently encountered, and 40-inch patterns at maximum ranges. Beyond the 40-inch pattern the spread becomes such that, except for extremely large birds, it is impossible to provide a sufficient density of hits per square inch.

Unless one wishes to spend many hours in patterning and then purchase a great supply of the few really good loads for the gun, there is only one alternative solution for the average gunner. Use a size shot that will put 200 pellets in the 30-inch circle at 40 yards. This requirement can be satisfied by 1½ ounces of No. 6 shot in a very tight gun, or 1½ ounces of No. 7½ shot in a more open gun. Learn to recognize when a duck is beyond 40 yards and rarely shoot if he is. The load will be good for everything from doves to mallards at reasonable ranges. If one can hit 70% of birds at 40 yards or under, one can hit about 35% at 50 yards and possibly 20% at 60 yards.

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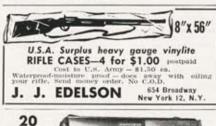
smaller roosts that were established within city limits, or in cemetaries or parks where no shooting was permitted. And I've known roosts located in such inaccessible or naturally protected areas that the fantastic labor involved was out of all proportion to the sport. The Missouri and Mississippi river bottoms are famous for the protection they afford crow concentrations. The birds may establish an extensive roost on one side of the river and, if they are called and shot there, may fly across the stream and roost on the opposite shore. Since bridges are few and far between, such a move foils hunters. The only solution is to attack the problem with two parties of hunters, going in from each side and synchronizing their invasion.

Winter roosts are notorious for being established where access is difficult if not impossible. Large islands in streams and lakes are popular roosting sites that are frequently difficult of access, Small islands, or stands of trees that have "wet feet," are seldom used for roosts, Crow roosts in mountain country are always in the deep valleys and canyons,

The selection of a shootable roost is based on the roost's accessibility, or the accessibility of the flyways leading to it. Actually, the latter is far preferable, since it gives the caller-gunners a longer period of shooting time; from the time the first roost-bound arrivals show up until it's too dark to shoot, Shooting the flyways does not break up the roost, whereas, if the shooting is done in the roost proper, it is quite likely that the birds will abandon the premises.

The third factor in a good shoot is wind and weather. Wind is especially important, because it may reflect flyway routes away from the normal. Crows don't like to work any harder than they have to, nor do they enjoy being buffeted by winds, especially upsetting tailwinds. Thus they're very susceptible to air-flow, seeking out and following the line of least resistance, even if it's the long way home.

They're also fully aware that air at different elevations moves at varying velocities and may even be in a different direction from that prevailing at ground level. That's why, on occasion, they'll approach a roost 100 or even 200 yards high and then descend in a series of circling glides or dives. That's especially true when the birds have to go a long ways for food and are then faced with a strong head-or tail-wind at ground level for the return trip, Setting up in a tail-wind flyway under such conditions is a direct invitation to an exceedingly poor shoot.





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Of course, there's a point at which all the flight lines converge-at the roost. But that's not the best spot to set up for a shoot. Disturb them too much at the roost and they'll leave it. The the hunter has to find the new roost. Disturb them there and they may bounce back to the first roost, or they may locate a third one.

The fourth requisite of a top shoot is the expert use of calls. Crow voices have a moderately narrow range of tone. If a call is pitched too high or too low, it will still get crows, in limited numbers. A good caller can compensate somewhat for such tonal faults, but not completely, and not without exhausting effort. So I always carry at least a pair of calls, one pitched high and the other low, but both well within the preferred crow range. There's a second and very important reason for that high-low range. In heavy air. fog, rain, or wind, the high-toned call will cut through the aerial turbulence much better than its low-toned twin, thus reaching crows at greater distance. When the air is light, dry, and quiet, I prefer the low-tone.

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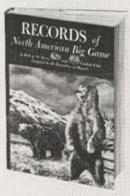


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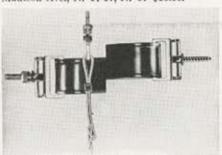


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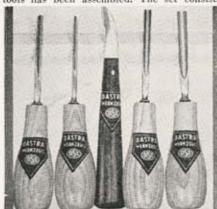


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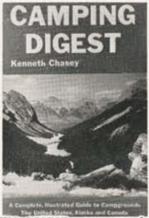


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slight motion of the hunter, or somethingbut this should not occur, in most cases, until they are within range. Shoot them! Crows that see the gunner and are not downed can be the very devil to get back

into shotgun range. The final requisite of a good shoot is be-

ing able to hit the birds. Good blind deportment, as cited above, will help greatly; but good gun handling is even more important. The gun should be held across the body, so that a single forward thrust and lift of the stock to the shoulder mounts it. It should be a single, continuous, flowing motion. Then pause just long enough to get on target and-shoot. Jerky or slow motions in getting the shot away catch the crow's eyes,

allows it to assess the hazard, and give it the opportunity to offer a needlessly tough target. When the crow is within range, there's a

point in its flight where it is an easy target. Taken too soon, it isn't as easy; and taken too late, it is even more difficult. But that precisely perfect split-second, 75 per cent of the targets should be downed as one-shot kills. Practice will teach you the timing that

is best for your style of shooting.

Successful team shooting depends on superb coordination by every member in any given blind. On single birds, this requires a pre-determined order of rotation of shots. If a gunner knows that one crow is his sole responsibility, he doesn't have to hurry his shot, will usually make the kill. On multiple shots, each gunner takes only the birds in his lane of fire, or on his side.

A crow that has been over-led usually sits back on its tail as the shot charge sizzles past its beak. One that has had a shot charge whizz past its tail assembly tends to speed up in flight while making its getaway turn or fall-away dive. If the gunner notes the behavior of the birds he has missed, the next shots at similar targets can then compensate for such errors in lead. But if his attention is on firing a second or third shot he loses that basic training, misses a lot of crows before he begins to catch on to the timing that produces respectable scores.

There seems to be a pretty general belief that, during a big shoot, shot crows fall out of the sky like rain. Believe me, they do not. The big kills are scored exactly like the small ones-one or two crows at a time, out of handfuls of crows that are very briefly in range. The difference is that the targetproducing bunches come in more frequently in the big shoots-and are greeted by good gunners.

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LONG SHOTS WITH SIXGUNS

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high-speed in any of our good 6" target .22 autos or revolvers. Shoot either over water or dry dusty ground, so you can see the splash of the slugs and thus "walk" your shots onto the target, A super-accurate .22 target gun will do good work on still days out to 400 yards. Smith & Wesson are now boreing and chambering their excellent K-22 for the new Winchester .22 W.R.F. Magnum with a 40 grain jacketed bullet at 1600 feet from revolvers, and this will be a very fine long range pistol to use as an understudy for the big guns. Be very sure of your background and never attempt long range shooting unless you know you have a safe bullet-stopper. Heavy sixgun slugs, and even the lowly .22, will skip along for a mile.

The finest long range guns I have used are the .38-44 Outdoorsman, the S & W Triple-Lock Target 61/2" .44 Special, the .357 S & W Magnum with 61/2 or 83/8" barrel, and-king of them all-the S & W .44 Magnum with 61/2" barrel. I have also done very good work with the 61/2" Ruger .44 Magnum to very long ranges, and I have two .45 Colts and four .44 Special workedover single action Colts that will shoot with any gun of similar calibre to long range. The Ruger .44 Magnum Blackhawk and the Colts in .44 Special with my heavy loads are more accurate to long range than either my fine old 43/4" reworked S.A.s or my 12" barrelled Buntline, I believe this to be due to the cartridge rather than the guns, as the .44 Special and the .44 Magnum are both more accurate long range loads than any load I have ever been able to cook up for the .45 Colt. If the Colt Buntline was made in .44 Special and fitted with target sights it would be a fine long range gun, but I believe would be better with a 71/2 to 8" instead of the 12" barrel, as it is very hard to hold that much barrel with one hand and maintain a perfect sight picture while the hammer falls. The little Buntline Scout Colt shoots very well to long range, and would be a perfect long range .22 if fitted with target sights. It should also be brought out for the new .22 W.R.F. Magnum.

Long range sixgun shooting requires a good, solid, steady gun platform. Learn to assume the steadiest possible position, and always use both hands. Grip the gun high and normally with the shooting hand, then bring the other hand up to support and steady the shooting hand. Do not grip the shooting hand or the gun with the other hand; use it merely as an additional support. Shoot with arms fully extended if possible, so that the sights are as far as possible from the eyes. Take advantage of any rest offered. Right-handers can help eliminate body sway by resting the left shoulder against a building, tree, or post; left handers, vice versa. Reclining over the hood of a car or over its front fender is also a very good steady two handed position.

When you have to shoot off hand, when no rest is available and grass or weeds does not permit a lower position, spread the feet wide enough to eliminate side sway and face the target squarely, using both hands, gun fully extended. This is a very good gameshooting position for the sixgunner. When it is possible to sit down with back against a boulder, tree, or building, this is the steadiest of all sixgun positions. Lean well

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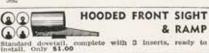


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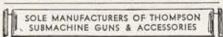
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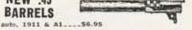
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I like the prone position least of all with a sixgun. Although it is the steadiest of all rifle positions, I consider it the poorest of all long range sixgun positions. The gun is too close to the eyes for the best sight picture, and the least obstruction in height blots out the target.

Anyone with good eyesight and steady nerves can learn long range sixgun shooting, with enough practice. During the Seventies and Eighties we had many old cavalrymen who were expert long range sixgun shots with the old 7½" Peacemaker and government loads—certainly not the finest equipment for such work. They knew their guns and pulled themselves out of tight places by accurate long range sixgun shooting.

Any good experienced long-range sixgun shot armed with a 6½" barrel .44 Magnum, can make it very hot for any enemy caught out in the open up to 600 yards. It means two-handed rest shooting, but it can be done if you know your gun and ammunition. I have already proved this to a great many skeptics, and can do so again, any time. It is much easier to do than to stand up on your hind legs, target style, and make a 90 or better on the NRA target off hand at 50 yards!



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(Caxton Printers, Caldwell, Idaho. 1958. \$5) First published in 1934, this book has not only become a classic in the guns-and-Wild-West field, it put the word "triggernometry" into our language, A student of western gunfighters too (and a non-Texan), this reviewer has long quarrelled with Texan Cunningham about some of his appraisals of subject characters (as to which were "good" and which were "bad"), but Gene's book is nevertheless one of the most valued and most thumbed in my library of guns and Western Americana. This new edition puts it within reach of many who haven't been able to get it or who haven't wanted to pay what was getting to be the pretty stiff price of a hard-to-get item. -EBM.

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U. S. GUNS AT PAN-AM GAMES

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land to make the afternoon a success. Restaurateur Glenn Rodkin, owner of Skokie's famed "Prime Rib" steak house, contributed vittles. He is an avid quick draw shooter, and fast, too, Art Murdock, member of the Chicago Westerners Corral and a travel agent, chipped in. From La Preferida, a Chicago Mexican supply house, came groceries for the feast. The North Shore Catering Co., of Waukegan fried chicken for 300 people, and donated 300 ice cream cups. Serving was under direction of Mrs. "Woodie" Barndt and the ladies of the Waukegan Women's Club. The North Shore Council Boy Scouts handled traffic and controlled the spectator lines during shooting. Behind the lines, Coca Cola, orange pop, root beer and cases of Blatz and Pabst from the Milwaukee breweries were cooled, ready to serve the shooters.

From Milwaukee came "Lance's Raiders, also known in the North-South Skirmish Association as the 17th Virginia Cavalry, C.S.A. Eldon Wolff, curator of arms of the Milwaukee Public Museum, showed up in genuine Civil War general's uniform, did exhibition shooting, and talked up the events over the P.A. The Fort Dearborn Frontiersmen were well represented by Commander Charles Miller, U.S.N. Ret. and Jim Holley and their friends. Charley Miller pitched in soon after his team arrived and, with spade and sledge, fixed up the posts to which the targets were nailed. From Franklin Park, far to Chicago's west side, came the Bell Quick Draw Club, with president Bud Greenwald, Jim Bell, Jr., and others. And members of the Honourable Company of Artillerists showed up in Union blue. MC-eeing was Bob Vogel, while his Lake Co. Museum of History at Wadsworth, housed in a big barn, sported a fresh coat of red paint for the occasion.

Shooting got under way at 3:00 PM when Sabonjian snapped off the first roaring blast from one of Artillerist Dorr Carpenter's home-made 6-pounders, a slightly scaled down replica of a Civil War brass 6-pounder. Then musket shooting began informally. Targets at 60 yards were 50-yard Standard American pistol bulls, stapled to fiberboard back cards nailed to the stakes. Next came a highly interesting exhibition of quick draw by the Bell team, using blanks.

Some excellent live-ammo shooting was later done by the quick draw fans, Single Actions with straight arm hold at 60 yards. The "Frontiersmen" fired their long rifles with Eldon Wolff, Bob Vogel, or Bill Edwards taking turns at the public address mike to make sure everyone understood what was going on.

A demonstration of "firepower" was put on by Bill Edwards. Incongruously garbed in a fringed leather jacket over Union breeches and cap, Edwards first fired a Stanley rifle, a German .22 holding 48 shots. After having fired this rifle without taking it from his shoulder for what seemed like several minutes, he put it down and took up an Armalite AR-10 machine rifle. Throwing it to his shoulder, he leaned well forward, braced, and ripped off a full-auto burst of 20 shots at the bullseye, in contrast to the powder, ball, cap, loading of the old Civil War rifle muskets.

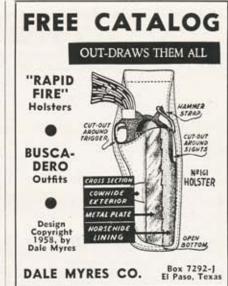
By 4:30, the Women's Club began to serve the hot fried chicken, Big photostat signs featuring a picture of the Artillerists shooting at the Museum, and description in Spanish of the event and time, had been posted in all the billets and range places where the Pan Am competitors could see it, so a record turnout was expected. Preparations to feed 300 were made, including the visiting muzzle loading rifle shooters.

And as the Women's Club, the interpreters, the Boy Scouts, the colorfully garbed Blue and Gray soldiers, and the wild-west cowboys moved about the picnic grove, only one thing marred the perfection of the day. Not a single Pan American Shooter showed up!

Nobody knows what happened. Maybe they thought it was "manana." But in spite of the disappointment, those who shared in the feod and fun agreed never before had so many people so much enjoyed a party, although the guests failed to arrive.

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The new cartridge is I understand, made from the .458 Winchester Magnum case blanks. It is almost a duplicate of our .333 O.K.H. Belted except that it is blown out a bit more, has less taper to body of case, and is ,338 caliber, Winchester now loads a 200 grain at 3000 feet, and a 250 grain Silver Tip at 2700 feet.

The rifle sent me for test is in medium weight, with 25" barrel and high Monte Carlo comb (scope) stock with soft rubber recoil pad. It is a very good rifle, well stocked and bedded and with a perfectly straight barrel. Sights are a ramp gold bead with hood, and a very good folding rear flat-top sight. A good 4 X scope is required to bring out the best in this rifle, so I fitted it with a K-4 Weaver Series 60 with cross-hair reticle in Redfield Jr. mounts. Trigger pull was crisp and clean but went over six pounds on our scales, so I had Eddie Schaller reduce it to 31/2 pounds. The rifle extracts fired cases as easily and smoothly as a National Match rifle.

Ammunition sent me was 200 grain semipointed soft-nose, and 250 grain Silver Tip with a blunter nose. This is an exceptionally accurate rifle with either load. With a good solid rest, either load groups into one inch at 100 yards.

After shooting some exceptional hunting rifle groups with the 200 grain, I switched to 250 grain ammunition and landed exactly in the same group. This is something one seldom sees, as very few rifles will shoot two radically different weight bullets to the same point of impact. The 200 grain bullet is loaded to 3000 feet, while the 250 grain is loaded to around 2700 feet. I prefer the 250 grain, and would like a 300 grain better.

Recoil is rather mild from this rifle. You notice a slight increase in recoil from the 250 grain over the 200 grain load, but like the .333 O.K.H. Belted, recoil is mild for so potent a cartridge,

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I give this rifle a clean bill of health, From many years experience on all our game, I know what the cartridge will do, and Americans can now buy this fine all-around rifle and loads over the counter instead of waiting to have the rifle custom made and having to load their own ammo. The 250 grain slug has very good sectional density and is a fine long range load.

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H & R Gunfighter

We have just finished testing the new H & R Gunfighter Model 660 .22 sixgun. This is a very strong, rugged, all-steel revolver of the single action pattern but having both single and double action features. Barrel length is 51/2", grips solid walnut of S.A. shape. Loading gate is on the right side, with the usual, half-cock position permitting revolving of cylinder for knocking out empties with the sliding rod ejector. Shell heads are counter sunk in the chambers. Hammer spur is long and wide, Balance is excellent. Sights are fixed square rear notch, and blade front, Shoots .22 shorts, longs, or long rifles.

This new arm has one feature I do not care for, though others may: a locking system whereby the action can be locked safe. This is a small sear button to the rear of the trigger. To lock the gun, pull hammer to the rear until bolt stop engages the cylinder, then let hammer go forward to half cock position. To unlock, hold thumb on hammer and depress the sear button back of trigger and allow the hammer to go slowly forward.

The sample tested (Serial No. V17291) shot perfectly with the sights as issued and seemed a very accurate gun, although the trigger pull is too hard and creepy for fine shooting. A bit more work on the action and trigger pull would produce a very fine shooting gun. The double action feature is also a bit rough and needs polishing up, but the gun points well for fast draw work and we did very good hip shooting with it.

I would prefer adjustable target sights on this gun but most fast draw artists want plain fixed sights. More room between grip and trigger guard could be an advantage, as it is tight there for men with heavy fingers.

Aside from these minor and correctable faults, we found the Gunfighter a very good and reliable gun. It is accurate, rugged, will take a lot of hard service, and its low price of \$34.95 will appeal to many shooters. It is an excellent man-sized .22 for quick draw artists to practice with for either single or double action shooting, since it has excellent angle grip-to-frame angle, good pointing qualities, and cheap ammunition. It is a lot of gun for the money.

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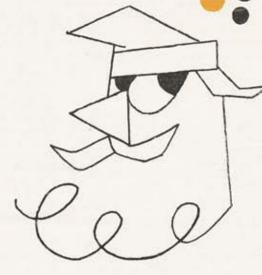
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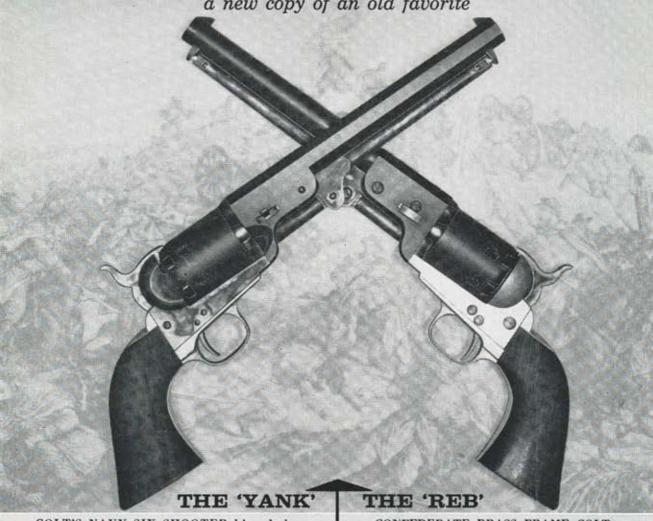
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