

Dr. Carver in England.

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I do not remember ever to have heard or read of any expert in the history of firearms or fetes that has created the interest that Dr. W. F. Carver has done in his exhibition of marksmanship before the Prince of Wales and a number of the nobility at Sandrigham, and the favorite country palatial residence of the prince. This great success of Dr. Carver has marked him as the champion rifle-shot of the world. What with Mr. Lorillard's horse Parole winning the British turf laurels, and Dr. Carver being the decorated guest of the Prince of Wales, all England's "sports" just now have but "America" as the prominent word upon their lips. The Prince of Wales heard of Dr. Carver's skill with the rifle, and in order to satisfy himself that the statements were not exaggerated, caused his private secretary and special equerry, Captain Stephenson, to write to Dr. C. inviting him to the town residence of the prince, Marlborough House. The handsome and modest doctor responded to this invitation in propria persona the following day. Every preliminary preparation was made for him, and he was received in right royal hospitality.

The group was composed of their royal highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and their children, Prince Albert Victor, Prince George, and the young Princesses Louis, Victoria and Mand, the Princesses of Hanover, the Duke of Cambridge, the Earl and Countess of Rowney, Earl of Oxford, Viscount and Countess Manderville and her sister, Miss Iznaga (well known in New York and Washington society), Sir William and Lady Flocke, Sir Henry Keppel, the Admiral-in-Chief of the British fleet, the Admiral the Hon. W. C. Glyn, the Hon. Bernal Osborne and Francis Knolbys, Miss Knolbys, Capt. Mildmay, the leading spirit in marksmanship, Gen. Sir Dighton Probyn, the Comptroller of the Prince of Wales' household, Captain Stephenson, R. N., Revs. F. Hervey and W. Rogers, Chaplains to the Prince, and many others whose names at this moment I cannot recall.

Capt. Stephenson performed the necessary introductions of these distinguished personages to Dr. Carver, who was nearly half an hour behind his time, a delay unavoidable, but in an English subject I may say unpardonable. The sun shone out for the first time in several days, the emerald turf of the lawn in its spring time verdure and magnificent dimensions made a superb carpet for the guests. Dr. Carver appeared attired in a black velvet blouse, adorned with many glittering gems and medals, the trophies of his American triumphs, his gray sombrero shading his long sunburnt locks and hazel eyes of piercing power. Unique and picturesque, tall and gallant looking was this "citizen of the west" amidst these grand nobles of the east. A buzz of admiration went up as the doctor first gracefully bowed to the princess and ladies present, and then made his salutations to the prince and his guests with a frankness and simplicity of manner so typical of prairie freedom that it at once seemed to charm every one present.

After mounting his excellent horse of true Indian blood, Winnebucca, he awaited the selection of the testing locality on the lawn; his quick eye scans the deer in their galloping brigades beneath the mighty oak and tall elms, and he sits his beautiful steed like a very monarch of ease and power.

The Prince of Wales, walking up to him, says pleasantly: "I have heard so much of your unrivaled skill that I am pleased to see you here."

"And I am pleased to see you, too, prince," responded the doctor.

"Will you first give the ladies here present an evidence of what you can do?" said the gallant prince.

This was so proposed, as the ladies had pre-arranged engagements, which were dispensed with, however, for Dr. Carver's more attractive entertainments, when his first feat was seen.

The Prince of Wales held the timing-watch and kept score himself, manifesting a delighted interest in the performance. Dr. Carver, for the first time before an assemblage of persons, broke consecutively, without the slightest interruption, 100 glass balls in 100 straight shots of his rifle, following this feat at once by breaking one hundred balls with 100 smooth shots from a double-barreled shot-gun, both transactions being simultaneous, or almost a unit, with two different weapons under similar distance and circumstances. The doctor then, with his horse running at full speed and he sitting on it like a picturesque statue, broke 28 out of 30 balls, single and double.

To prove his precision Dr. Carver, at the special request of the prince, broke 14 out of 16 balls in fifteen seconds. He also discharged 15 out of 16 shots, or cartridges, in four seconds, to prove rapidity in firing, the sixteenth cartridge failing to go off. After that came an exhibition rarely if ever seen before. The doctor caused a glass ball to be placed at a considerable distance on the lawn. He fired at and under it, so that the concussion of the shot throws the ball up, and before it falls the doctor again levels his rifle and breaks the balls, in the most finished and artistic style. This so excited the admiration of the Prince of Wales that, turning to the Earl of Rowney, in a most enthusiastic manner he exclaimed, "Bravo! I will bet £1000 that Dr. Carver will break one hundred and fifty balls without error or intermission with his rifle!" The doctor complied, though none of the group took up the prince's bet, luckily for them. I doubt if this has ever been approached in the history of shooting. Luncheon was then announced and the royal party, the guests and Dr. Carver went to the palatial dining room of Sandrigham. Though the feast was plentiful and the carving good, it could not excite the interest of Carver on this occasion; so as soon as the repast was over the entire group returned to the lawn, and our gallant American hero resumed his programme by shooting at and breaking glass balls thrown directly at him and across him in front, and turning and hitting others thrown across and behind him—shooting both right and left double shots at falling balls. Then he shot at a glass ball thrown in the air, missing it the first three shots, but loading the rifle three times while the ball is in the air, and breaking it with the fourth shot before it reached the ground. He shot marbles thrown indiscriminately in the air by the guests. The young princes threw

up shillings, and the doctor hit the entire sixteen without the slightest error or false motion. In a word, there seemed no end of variety in the fancy, plain, scientific and artistic shots that our wonderful marksman executed. All looked on with amused interest, and even the princes of Wales desired that Dr. Carver should be presented to her, upon which she asked him many intelligent questions on American prairie shooting, hunting, etc.

"How many buffalo have you killed in a day, Dr. Carver?"

To this the doctor responds, "I have shot a hundred in one day, madam."

The young princes then asked permission to mount the doctor's horse Winnebucca, and wanted to know the meaning and derivation of the name.

He gave correct information to all their inquiries, and at the same time laughingly enjoyed their curiosity and surprise. The prince of Wales then selected one of Dr. Carver's rifles and shot with an accuracy that aroused the American's expressions of approval.

"You shoot well, prince."

"No, it is your rifle; for who could shoot well after beholding your wonderful exploits, Dr. Carver?"

"Will you do me the honor to accept my rifle?" says the doctor.

It is graciously accepted. The prince then says he will present the doctor with a souvenir of his appreciation of the remarkable skill he had exhibited.

After expressing his desire that Dr. Carver should appear at Wimbledon this coming July and shoot before the great shots of the kingdom, then the prince gave some instructions to the effect to Captain Mildmay, and the doctor that he would wait until he changed his costume and bade him good-bye for the present.

In about twenty minutes the doctor returned, when all warmly thanked him for the pleasure he had afforded them, and the company then dispersed.

Agricultural Notes.

The Canadian Government has offered \$10,000 for ten years, on certain conditions, to the first sugar factory.

Asbes moistened with kerosene oil is recommended for keeping striped bugs from cucumber, melon and squash vines.

A gentleman wishes to know how far north the paw paw tree will grow and ripen its fruit. Who can give the desired information?

At the present time a heavy emigration from the eastern counties of Minnesota and neighboring States are moving to the Pacific Coast.

The yield of maple sugar in Vermont is only about half what it is in average years. The season was "short at both ends." The quality, however, is excellent.

One of the South Carolina emigrants to Liberia has returned. He says nearly one-half of those who went out are dead, and the rest are anxious to get back.

Mr. Robert Salmn, of Lincoln township, Indiana, has a Cotswold ewe that recently dropped three fine lambs.

A hand-sieve, such as plasterers use for screening sand, is recommended for sowing blue grass seed. The sieve is held in one hand and the seed rubbed through with the other.

However much poultry-fanciers differ about the merits of the different breeds of fowls, all admit that the Dorkins have the most meat on their breasts, and are the best mothers.

An honest Hibernian, in recommending a cow, said she would give milk year after year without having calves. "Because," said he, "it runs in the brado; for she came from a cow that never had a calf."

Brazil sells about three-fourths of her coffee crop, or, in 1877, 1,800,000 bags, to the United States, for which we pay chiefly in gold, the gold balance paid in 1877 for Brazilian products amounting to \$45,000,000.

Peafowl are worth the trouble of keeping on farms for their beauty alone. They may, however, be made the source of profit. It has become quite fashionable of late to keep peacocks in parks, and large prices are paid for them.

A farmer's wife in New York uses her summer kitchen for a winter greenhouse. A coal fire in the house kitchen supplies all the heat necessary for the plants when the door between the two apartments is allowed to remain open.

An agricultural exchange says: "In Holland, where sand is more plentiful and cheaper than hay, it is used for bedding cows." From this it would appear that hay is more plentiful and cheaper than sand in most if not all other countries.

Christian Jarvis, of Oswego, lent Isaac Pierce a horse. The horse was taken suddenly sick and died while in Mr. Pierce's possession. Mr. Jarvis brought suit against Mr. Pierce to recover damages, which resulted in a verdict of no cause for action.

A Vermont contributor to *The New England Farmer* the result of some experiments made by him in tapping maple trees. He finds that sap is sweeter in the early than in the latter part of the season. Sap drawn from near the surface of the tree, where the wood is white, makes light-colored sugar, but that drawn from near the center, where the wood is deep-colored, makes a brown sugar. The higher the point from which the sap is taken the larger the amount of sugar contained in it.

A bushel of Brazil seed potatoes will not make as many plants as a bushel of some other variety, hence it is not a profitable one to plant for the sale of plants; but the plants are so much stronger and so sure to live, when properly set out, and so productive, that the plants grown from a bushel of seed will produce as large a crop as the plants grown from a bushel of Nansemond, so that for the grower of potatoes, whether to sell or to use, it is more profitable than any other variety.

In this market green asparagus is preferred to white. In most European countries, however, only the white or bleached is salable. When asparagus is obtained by setting the plants several inches below the surface of the ground and cutting them as soon as the tops make their appearance and before they have been colored by the action of the sun. Our method of cultivating this plant was imported from Europe where white asparagus is in demand. In growing green asparagus the roots should not be covered deeply.

The Household.

CORN STARCH CAKE.—1 cup sifted flour, 1 cup white sugar, 1/4 cup butter, 1/4 cup corn starch, 3 eggs, whites.

JELLY CAKE.—3 eggs, 1 cup sugar, 6 tablespoonfuls cream, 2 teaspoonfuls cream of tartar, 1 teaspoonful soda, 1/2 cup of flour.

SOUR MILK CAKE.—1 cup of milk, 1 cup sugar, 1/2 cup butter, 5 cups of flour, 1 egg, 1 teaspoonful soda, 1/2 cup chopped raisins, spice.

WHITE MOUNTAIN CAKE.—2 cups sugar, 1 cup milk, 2-3 cup of butter, 3 cups flour, 2 eggs, 2 teaspoonfuls cream of tartar, 1 teaspoonful soda.

FRIED CAKES.—1 cup buttermilk, 1 cup sugar, 2 eggs, 3 tablespoonfuls butter, 1 teaspoonful of saleratus. Roll out, cut, and roll in white sugar before frying.

BEAUTIFUL CAKE.—3 eggs, 2 cups sugar, 1/2 cup butter, 1/4 cup milk, 3 cups flour, 1 teaspoonful of cream of tartar, 1/4 teaspoonful of soda. Beat the butter, sugar and yolks of the eggs together, then the whites. Put all together and stir quickly. Flavor with lemon, and bake twenty-five minutes.

TURKISH COFFEE.—In order to make Turkish coffee the roasted berries and proper amount of sugar are pounded in a mortar not made of metal; two teaspoonfuls are put into a small tin cup, with water, and allowed to boil for nearly half an hour, if not all that time. The hot liquid is poured into a small China cup and left to settle. Do not shake it up any after it settles. Coffee should never be roasted too quickly.

A BREAKFAST DISH.—Break into bits a cupful of cheese and put it into a frying pan with the same quantity of milk, when it boils and the cheese is nearly melted add a small pinch of mustard, pepper and salt to taste and a half cup of very fine cracker crumbs; stir quickly until these are heated and turn in butter size of a walnut and three eggs beaten as for omelet. Mix with a silver fork until the eggs are cooked, turn out upon a heated platter and serve at once.

CAKE.—Have ready two boards eighteen inches square; put two or three handfuls of oatmeal in a bowl, and mix with cold water, but nothing else; neither salt nor butter; beware of making it too wet; roll it out on one of the boards, put the other on the top, and turn it over, then remove the top board, and roll out thinner; repeat this until it is thin enough; bake one side on a griddle and the other before the fire; mix a small quantity only at a time. Eat with salted butter.

COLD CHOCOLATE PUDDING.—For this is required one-quarter of a pound of black chocolate, one pint of milk, a teaspoonful of essence of vanilla, one ounce of sugar, one-half ounce of gelatine, one-half gill of cold water and the yolks of four eggs. Grate the chocolate and put it with the milk on to boil; melt by the fire the gelatine with the water; when the chocolate and milk boil let them cool a little, then put in a basin the yolks, and pour over them the chocolate and milk; then add the sugar and gelatine; pour all this back into the saucepan, and stir all the ingredients over the fire until the eggs assume a cooked state; wet a mould with cold water, pour the pudding in, and add the vanilla. Serve when cold.

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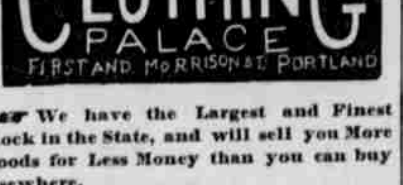
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