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THE NOISELESS RIFLE.

The noiseless gun which was given a demonstration last week was not accepted entirely as one more terror of war, but also as a threatening weapon of crime.

It was shown that the discharge of the gun invented by young Maxim was no louder than that of the ordinary "pop" bottle. Part of the noise came from the impact and noise were listening for the explosion, the firing of a rifle was no more noisy than the footfall of a heavy man, the rattle of a car passing a distant corner, the dropping of a book.

The advantage of such a weapon in the hands of an army of reconnoisseurs might be tremendous. Added to the defense which smokeless powder gives it would be almost impossible to locate a squad of sharpshooters armed with the Maxim rifle. The weapon will undoubtedly be purchased by one of the big countries, but this, of course, will not insure exclusive possession. As in the case of all other inventions of the sort the rival governments will set to work at once to offset the advantage with a superior arm. As the Maxim contrivance is only slightly noisier so the improvements may be altogether free of sound.

It is the hope of Maxim to keep the noiseless gun confined to the military, which is to expect the impossible. There will be a commercial demand that it is doubtful, the passage of time could restrict. The up-to-date burglar will feel that he cannot afford to be without a revolver of the sort. The man who sets out to wreck private revenue will look for such a gun. The irresponsible will desire the Maxim appliance, the vicious and all the "gun-riding" people of the underworld. Mr. Maxim was reported several months ago to be regretful that he had designed a weapon with such possibilities of danger. It would appear that he has recovered from his misgivings. Let us hope that he has found arguments altogether convincing to cause him to resume his initial confidence.

THE SAVAGE'S HORSE.

A rather curious exhibition of savage tribes occurred when the military authorities, resolved not to recognize the savage creed of the Apache chieftain, Geronimo, refused to let the old fellow be buried with his war horse. His aged widow, therefore, is greatly troubled and will die with the conviction that her last promise to him, she has doomed her lord to wander the happy hunting grounds alone, through eternity.

Before he died Geronimo made special arrangements to have his mount sent to the promised country with him. According to his belief, he will be unable to compete with his ghostly companions without the old horse. He will become footsore and weary in the glad land to which he thought he would go and must and be happy forever. Without his horse Geronimo will not get much of a figure in his new home, say his people.

As long as the old man believed these things, what harm could there have been in respecting his last wish? It is rather a beautiful idea, anyhow, and no white man, however incredulous would have been seriously polluted by participation in the ceremony.

German cough syrup for colds and coughs at the RED CROSS.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

Have hope. Though clouds environ now,
And gladness hides her face in scorn,
Put thou the shadow from thy brow—
No night but hath its morn—
—Selected.

MOTHER'S ALMANAC.

I tell you, when it comes to dates,
My mother's just the boss!
She tells me all I want to know
'Thout ever gettin' cross.

You'd think she'd get mixed up sometimes!
At school I know I do—
Hout Washington and Plymouth Rock,
And 1492.

But mother says: "The war with Spain
Was fought in '98.
The year you all had chicken-pox.
Ewespin' Sister Kate.

The Poor War in Africa—
That was a dreadful thing—
Began in '99, I know,
For Jack was born that Spring.

In '88 the Spanish ships
Were sunk in Cuba channels.
Twas Summer, for you children had
Just changed your Winter dandies.

In 1864, my dear,
The Russians fought the Japs.
That year was very cold, and you
Had chilblains and the chaps."

There's six of us, and we're mixed up
With history just that way.
Sometimes it's measles, croup, or diphtheria,
But there's no date that ever stamps
My mother, night or day.

MAY KELLY.

The candidates who do not give
office become harsh critics.

Some men, who are supposed to
work, have mighty little to do.

Of what avail if a man works to
save his country and ruins himself?

The fools are not all dead yet,
and, what is more, they never will be.

Worthless people are terribly
calike in always landing on their feet.

Half the medicine a man takes
is for what the doctors can't cure—
old age.

It is all right to vote for the country's
prosperity, but you must work
for your own.

A woman changes everything
about her husband, from his habits
to his middle name.

One of the surprising things of
this world is the respect a worthless
man has for himself.

Don't feel sorry for a man because
he is cheap. He doesn't know he is
cheap; he thinks he is superior.

The discovery of a new spark to
the Liberty bell has already given a
number at with a chance to ring in
a new tone or two.

A girl poet named Inez Thompson
has written a poem entitled,
"The Boy I Used to Be." Must have
been during her first time on earth.

If you want a friend to read a
book and you have it, give it to him;
don't bother him with the fact
that he may forget to return it and
be abused.

No matter how hard a mother
tries to find the uplift in every detail
of domestic duty, she can't find
any trace of it in the task of wiping
the children's noses.

"Piano tuners are born, not
made," declares an expert. Possibly
there would be more peace in this
world if that same rule applied to
piano torturers.

In Lisle, Ga., a man named
Drunkie fell off a sprinkling cart
while drunk and was killed. That
shows how dangerous it is at times
to ride on a sprinkling cart.

"The stage," says an ancient
New York preacher, "can only be
as good as society." This is de-

pressing news, in view of the hard
time society has trying to be good.

Germany now has a gun that can
shoot higher than any balloon can
go, but people yearning to go sky-
ward will doubtless prefer to be
lifted by a balloon just the same.

A Nebraska man threw his mother-
in-law out of the window the
other day, but, like Jack Rins, he
will be denied a Carnegie hero
medal, though for a different reason.

The Chicago theatre manager
who was arrested for asking a police-
man to step out of the aisle now
knows what is worse than permit-
ting an indecent play to appear on
his stage.

Some day we will give an elaborate
and costly present to the man
who steps into this office and doesn't
say anything about the sanctum
sanctorum or calls scissors the Editor's
Friend.

A woman thinks, and thinks and
thinks; then sits upon her own
thoughts, puts it in the oven, sets
the table, and calls the family, and
this is what she gets: "Is that all
there is for supper?"

A Philadelphia physician declares
that fresh eggs have a medicinal
value in the treatment of stomach
troubles. The principal one, we
presume, is that empty feeling first
thing in the morning.

If you have tact always call a
little baby in long clothes "he."
A mother does not mind it when
a girl baby is called "he," but it
makes her furious to have some one
call a boy baby "she."

The waiters in a certain New
York hotel are to have their hands
manicured daily. Presumably they
have noticed that guests are more
liberal with their tips when assured
that real estate is being kept out
of the soup.

"There are boys and girls in Buffalo
who can not go to school because
they have no shoes," says the
Express of that city. Too bad.
Possibly Mr. Carnegie could do
something for them if he were not
so busy giving away his millions
for libraries.

The statesman does the speaking,
The editor booms the town.
The lover does the popping.
The tamsel turns him down.
The poet does the dreaming.
The farmer clears the woods.
The eagle does the screaming,
But the stock delivers the goods.

"DON" GARDINER.

"This learned professor says there
are 20,000 microbes in every kiss!"
remarked a Coos Bay mamma as she
folded the paper down.

"Gracious, Mamma," exclaimed
the pretty daughter.

"And I suppose when your dances
ends you don't even stop to count
them?"

"Why, no. We don't even stop to
count the kisses."

"He! haughty beauty!" hissed the
villain. "You refused much because
I was poor, but now your father has
lost his fortune. We are in the same
boat now!"

"We are in the same boat," she
acknowledged, coldly, "but I have a
first cabin ticket. Back to the steer-
age for yours!"

WIDTH OF SIDEWALKS.

Henry Sengstacken Secures Data On
New York Walks.

"It may be of interest to know
the width of sidewalks in New
York," remarked Henry Sengstacken,
"since it is proposed to establish
uniform walks in Marshfield." The
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