

BOTH HANDS GONE, OHIO PRODIGY IS CRACK RIFLE SHOT

Winemiller Carries Gun with a
Leathern Thong and Loads
the Magazine with
His Mouth.
THEN HE PULLS THE
TRIGGER WITH TEETH.
Wins Many Matches Against
Men Who Are Whole, but
Objects to Term "Freak."

"DEAD SHOT" HAS NO HANDS;
PULLS TRIGGER WITH TEETH.



WINEMILLER PULLING TRIGGER WITH HIS TEETH. READY TO CLIMB FENCES

(Special to the N. Y. World.)
WAPAKONETA, O., April 15.—Possessing only the stump of an arm on the left side, and no arm at all on the right side, and using his teeth to pull the trigger, Al Winemiller is conceded to be one of the most amazing rifle shots in Ohio, if not in the United States, a statement that will be attested by all who have entered into competition with him, either in shooting at clay pigeons, live birds or a bull's-eye target. So far as is known there is no living man handicapped as he is who has made such a record, and not for the purpose of revenue or exhibition, but purely for the love of a sport that he has followed from boyhood. He would rather win a match with no stakes at all than forego the pleasure of the competition. His winnings since the 1st of January have been two quarters of beef, one beef hide and one dollar in prize money. What makes Winemiller's performance all the more extraordinary is the fact that he did not lose his right arm until fifteen months ago. His left hand was caught in the coils of a traction engine and crushed into pulp in 1908, and his amputation above the wrist became necessary. Up to that time he had been an enthusiastic hunter, always securing a station and employing a rifle exclusively, even in the shooting of small game. He had a wonderful eye for range, and with his old one-shot rifle and black powder charges, instead of the metallic cartridge that he uses now, he made some wonderful scores. His accuracy of aim continued even after his hand had been crushed and removed. This accident did not interfere with his love of his chosen sport any longer than it took the stump to heal and to enable him to devise a strap hold which he used in lieu of a hand.

Arm Gone, Keeps on Shooting.
In January, 1910, Winemiller's right arm was caught in a four-inch belt running from a bolt cutter in the shop of the Wapakoneta Wheel Company. He was drawn up to the line shaft and whirled around until his arm was mashed and mangled close up to the shoulder socket. The surgeons look at it entirely. Winemiller made a marvelous recovery, and as soon as he was able to be about he began devising means to enable him to keep on shooting. He bought a twenty-two repeating Remington and had a hole bored in the trigger. Through this he fastened a wire and covered the free end of it with a leather bit which he could take in his mouth. This device was made under his direction by a gunsmith and then he went off into the woods where

no one would see him so that he could practice and carry out the plan he had in view. This town is sixty miles north of Dayton, in the gas and coal region, and almost everybody within a radius of forty miles knows the armless marksman, and he is proud of his skill and courage in continuing in a sport after being crippled in a manner that would have discouraged ninety men out of a hundred. When Winemiller is ready to go into action he selects a stump or a fallen log, wiggles out of his coat, shakes the box of cartridges out of a specially prepared pocket, removes the lid with his teeth, and dumps the cartridges on the ground. Then—and always to the amazement of a veteran marksman—he places his Remington at rest with the muzzle pointing upward, holding it in position with a leathern thong strapped to the stump of his left arm, leans over and presses the spring of the magazine with his teeth, causing the receptacle to open. With his mouth he drops in the cartridges. The magazine is snapped into place by pressing the top against a tree stump, and the armless shooter, again employing his teeth, puts on the cartridge box lid and returns the box to the pocket in his coat. Then he lifts the stock of the rifle to his armless socket and draws a bead at the object at which he intends to shoot. The thong is in the form of a loop, fastened to the barrel, and is slipped over the headless stump, holding the gun rigidly in position.

PRESSES LIPS, GUN IS FIRED.
Those who see this exemplification of necessity being the mother of invention

are somewhat perplexed to know how Winemiller will pull the trigger with his teeth and avoid deflecting or raising the muzzle of the rifle. He has made provision for this by having the breech mechanism so delicately adjusted that the trigger is what might be termed a sensitive hair trigger. By contracting his lips he is able to draw the taut wire just the merest fraction of an inch without the slightest movement of his head. The cartridge is exploded and the bullet is driven to its target. The armless marksman has such a steady nerve that he can stand perfectly motionless for one minute and hold his rifle in position without showing a tremor. Notwithstanding his great affliction Winemiller is cheerful, courageous and is eager to enter the lists against all comers as he was when he had two arms. He has a clear piercing eye, a square jaw and a laughing, kindly expression. He can leap ditches and climb fences with his gun strapped to the stump of his left arm with as much agility as any man of his age, and he can outrun most of them. He wants to practice now for clay pigeon shooting so that he may enter contests at county fairs. Winemiller has a great horror of being regarded as a freak, and under no circumstances could he be induced to display his marksmanship for pay. He is one of the most highly respected citizens in the community, and is proud of the fact that he has had the patience and perseverance to bring his shooting up to the present state of perfection by the invention of the strap and using his teeth to pull the hair trigger.

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News of Nearby Towns

CULLINGS OF COQUILLE.

News of Coos County Seat as Told by
The Sentinel.

P. A. McNabb of Portland, a brother of the homesteader who was murdered in Douglas county recently, and a special deputy sheriff of Douglas working on that case, spent several days in Coos county, leaving today for Roseburg. McNabb had several clues which he was following, but none of them bore fruit, hence he will return to the scene of the crime and endeavor to secure additional evidence to aid him in his pursuit of the criminals.

Already the effects of the work that the government dredge Oregon is doing are being felt in Coquille. The steam schooner Albion of San Francisco arrived Wednesday morning with a consignment of general merchandise, this being her first trip to this port.

Gene O'Connell of Marshfield, Coquille visitor the first of the week, coming over to meet Attorney General Crawford and C. O. Lauritzen with whom he transacted business at Bandon.

Attorney General Crawford of Oregon and C. O. Lauritzen of Portland and Minneapolis were business men in Coos county this week. They came in by the Middle route and proceeded direct to Bandon from Myrtle Point the first of the week, returning through this city

and leaving by auto stage yesterday on their return journey. Their business in this section was arranging for the purchase of a tract of land near Bandon which will be immediately platted and placed on the outside market.

L. H. Hazard cashier of the First National Bank of Coquille expects his wife and three children home from Pasadena, Cal., on the next trip of the Effield. Mrs. Hazard and the children have been touring southern California all winter and Mr. Hazard says that they are certainly glad to get home.

Married—Chas. E. Wroe of Douglas county and Miss Alma Mable Cotton of Coos county were married at the Justice of the Peace office in this city on June 28th, 1911. Judge E. G. D. Holden officiating.

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PORT ORFORD TRIBUNE.
A. A. Jamieson was in from Sixes river Thursday, and says that good progress is made on the wagon road up the river as far as Edson creek. He reports that "Dad" Corbin did well mining on his lower bar last winter averaging eight dollars a day. The Randolph arrived yesterday from Coos Bay, and is unloading at the wharf this morning. Mrs. Anna Gauntlett of Seattle and Jas. Caughell of O. A. C. came down on her, and will go to Gold Beach.

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