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THE RIFLE

How to Use it, and How to Ruin it

One of the most important requirements that the owner of a gun can possess, is to know how to leave it alone. Many expert mechanics have been engaged in its construction; a crank can spoil it in one operation. We have no advice to offer regarding the choice of a gun, except that it be procured from some manufacturer with an established reputation. Do not expect to get a good weapon for little or nothing. Propositions to this effect, emanating from irresponsible parties, may be found in flashy advertisements; but it is always better to pay more for guns and less for accident policies.

Do not clobber your gun. The men who made it knew what they were about, and thus have a decided advantage of you. The worst foe of a painstaking manufacturer is the half-fledged amateur mechanic, who, spending half his time tampering with his gun, and most of the remainder in grumbling at the result, never succeeds in making his mark as a sharpshooter. If any important changes or repairs are necessary, have them made by a competent mechanic. In the majority of cases poor shooting is due to want of skill in the alleged marksman; he either does not know how to shoot, or cannot manage a gun or prepare ammunition properly.

It is easier to prevent rust than to remove it. It is also more important. After using, clean and oil your gun carefully and repeat this operation the succeeding day. Examine it frequently, allow no dust to gather anywhere, and do not neglect the working parts. A gun should never be left against an outside wall, nor in any other place where it is exposed to dampness, nor in a position that may have a tendency to warp the stock. Safety is the most important requisite. It is better to shoot poorly or not at all, than to pause or be the victim of an accident. No one intends to be careless, nor will any one plead guilty to such a charge; yet on this point the majority of men need admonition.

Every rifleman has his own peculiar views regarding the preparation and use of ammunition. Effective shooting may be done by following any one of several methods; the best results, however, are only obtainable by the practice of what some may deem overcautiousness. Pay attention to details.

Every shell should have an even foundation for the primer to rest upon, in order that it may explode the instant it is struck. If the pocket of the shell is uneven the gas may escape, or a hangfire be the result. The pockets should also be of even depth and diameter. Primers when seated, should be entered straight and pressed carefully to the bottom of the pocket, care being taken not to crush the fulminate. Improper seating of primers frequently cause even a hang or miss-fire. It is well to sort shells and lay aside those in which the primers seem to fit even too snug or loose, using them for warning shots or experimental shooting, but not in an important match. After priming, some assort the shells, using those with deepest pockets at the shortest range. Owing to a slight difference in thickness, metal shells are of unequal capacity some holding a few grains of powder more than others; but this does not seem to cause any variation in the flight of the bullet. It is customary to fill the extra space with an additional wad or two. A better

elevation can be obtained by the use of shells that have been fired at least once, and are, by expansion, better fitted to fill the chamber.

If convenient, it is well to throw the shells in water as fast as used. This softens the powder crust and renders their cleaning a comparatively easy task. A solution of cyanide of potassium will cleanse them quickly and effectively, but this is deadly poison, and is also likely to injure the shells unless applied by one who understands its use. The safe way is to use a brush and water; let them be carefully cleaned and rinsed, and thoroughly dried. A good plan is to drive nails in a board and hang the shells thereon, or they may be tied in bundles and dried in a moderately warm oven, or by being left several hours in the hot sun. If the least moisture remains, good shooting cannot be done. Before reloading rub the outside of the shell with a slightly oiled rag, and clean the inside of dust with a dry brush. Examine the pocket carefully, scraping out anything that may adhere to it, and see that the primer hole is unobstructed. Shells should be carefully scrutinized and any that show imperfection thrown aside. Sometimes a slight flaw will be visible; the shell can be rejected before bursting and a poor shot avoided. When you make an unaccountable shot examine the shell carefully, or mark and preserve it for future inspection; it may have been imperfect or improperly primed.—*Forest and Stream.*

The Passion for Dosing.

Even the most confirmed "hydropath" or "manipulationist" will admit that it is necessary sometimes to take medicine. The human system, under the persistent ill-treatment that it receives on every hand, must occasionally need to be revived and restored by positive medication. The truly judicious take just as little medicine as will suffice to keep them "in repair;" but we see continually, particularly among the less cultivated classes, a sort of recklessness in the use of drugs, and a blind faith in any remedy advertised as "a sure cure" by its owners, which is nothing less than startling. It is impossible, seemingly, to teach such people that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure;" that correct habits of living, though somewhat irksome, are vastly less so than the payment of doctors' bills, and the long and seldom perfect convalescence after an illness; and they have really degraded themselves by getting sick at all. In order to keep well, people must sleep at least seven or eight hours out of every twenty-four; they must eat plain food regularly and in abundance; they must exercise freely in the open air; they must keep themselves and their surroundings clean, and they must clothe themselves warmly and comfortably. As long as ardent spirits are allowed to be drunk so recklessly; as long as women will persist in impeding their circulation and displacing their vital organs by tight dressing; as long as the health of feminine heads is impaired by long hair, with its heating, absorptive and uncleanly qualities; as long as men and women will persist in sacrificing everything for fame, money, for fashion, for physical enjoyment, so long will disease and decay be awfully prevalent. Yet even they, and the most aspiring among us have not always the strength of mind to rise superior to benighted public opinion and to follow our

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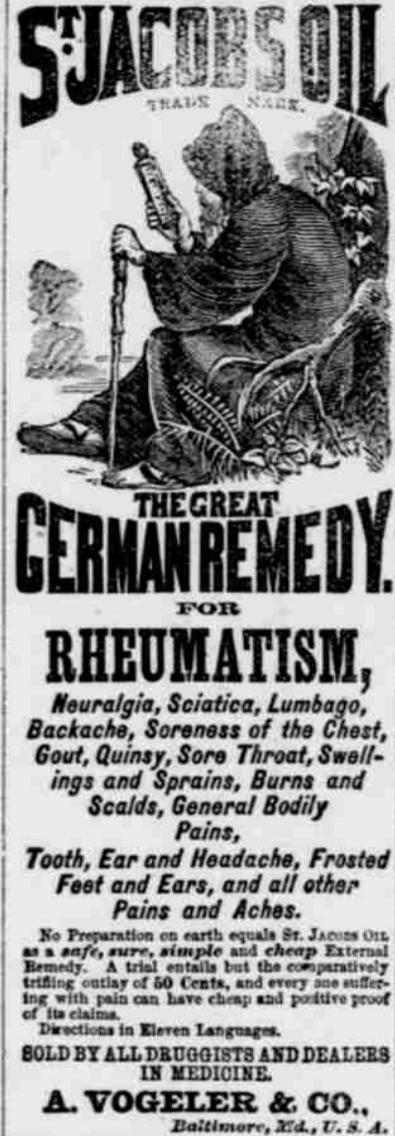
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