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Lying snugly housed near a point on Sandy Hook is a great gun, nearly thirty feet long. It has been there for some time and is an object of curiosity to all who visit the neigh-borhood. This gun was designed in par by Mr. George Edgar, and is his property. Many thousands of dollars have been spent upon its construction and exhibition, but though a military committee reported favorably upon it, no steps were taken by the government towards purchasing the patents taken out by its constructors. The claims made for the gun refer exclusively to the breach, which is said to possess no little novelty and merit.

Not long ago Mr. Edgar visited Washington on business connected with this gun. He was accompanied by an American mechanician and designer of guns, now employed by the Russian Government to conduct their great gun works on the Neva. After a somewhat unsatisfactory visit to the war department, the two were sitting in the cafe of the Ebbit House, discussing the chances

of the adoption of the principle of the gun by the military authorities. "They tell me," said Mr. Edgar, "that what they want is a gun that won't explode; when they get such a one, they say they expect to have no trouble in finding an easy working and efficient breech mechanism.' "Yes," replied his companion, "that is what they are looking for all over the world."

The two men sat silent for some Finally, Mr. Edgar, in crossing his legs, kicked off the cover from an India rubber cuspidor. Like most of these contrivances, this cover was made of hard rubber with beveled edges, the sides as they sloped toward the hole in the center having a fall or decline of about

thirty degrees from a plane.

Mr. Edgar observed this cover intentity as it rolled and girated about the marble floor.

Before it came to a dead stop he seized it with something like precipitation, and with sparkling eyes exclaimed to his companion, "I've Got what?" asked the latter

languidly. "I've got the principle on which the non-bursting gun can be con-structed."

Not heeding this expression of incredulity on the part of his friend, a man, too, of great skill in metal working, Mr. Edgar gave such forci-ble reasons for believing a non-bursting gun could be constructed of a series of plates similar in form to the top of a rubber cuspidor, that he was compelled to admit that there was something in the idea.

gun on the plan suggested by the incident in the Ebbit House cale.

This experimental gan is four feet long, and composed throughout its whole extent of corrugated plates of Russian iron. At its completion, he took it up to West Point, which, he had

deranged or tornio action, such as Dyspepsia daybdice, Biliousness Costbeness Meiaria, Sick-headache, Rheumathem etc. It is therefore a ruism that "To have Good Health the Liver must be kept in order."

De Sanfords August Liverganager. "Why," replied Mr. Edward. "Why," replied Mr. Edward. What kind of a test do you want us to put your gun to?" he added.
"Why," replied Mr. Edgar, "I would like to have you burst it."
"Certainly," said the officer, with something like sarcasm in his voice.
"We're always glad to accommendate.

"We're always glad to accommodate gentlemen with new guns."

The gun was now taken behind a hill, a double charge of powder in-troduced, and fired with a time fuse. It turned two or three back somer-saults, but remained intact. It was now loaded with a quadruple charge, and fired, the only effect being to multiply the number of the back somersaults.

"This is very good indeed," said the officer. "I'm sorry to keep you waiting so long. I'll now load it up to the muzzle, and that will be the last of it."

Fired under these conditions, it rose in the air, whirled around a few moments, and then came down and buried itself in the earth. being dug up it was charged nearly up to the muzzle with powder and wad, and then spiked. The only result was that it rose higher in the air than before, spun around more rapidly, and buried itself still deeper the ground when it came down.

It had not even been chipped!

"Is there anything else you'd like
to put into it?" demanded Mr. Edgar,
it now being his turn to be ironical.

"No!" was the reply; "it beats
me." Having thus stumped the
guntesting authorities Mr. Edgar gun-testing authorities, Mr. Edgar brought his little gun back to New York in triumph .- [Scientific Ameri-

Another Subscriber Pays Up. Once in a great while something

comes stealing across the vision like a passing angel, having with it the odor of strange flowers, plucked by unseen hands, in unknown countries far beyond the earthly seas. We do not understand it, cannot fathom it, yet we know that it must be a thing of joy and beauty.—[Minneapolis Tribune. The Broncho.

A broncho is a horse, says the editor of the Santa Fe Democrat. He has four legs, like the saw-horse, but is decidedly more skittish. The broncho is of gentle deportment and modest mien, but there isn't a real safe place about him. There is nothing mean about the broncho, though; he is perfectly reasonable and acts on principle. All he asks is to be let alone, but he does ask this, and even insists on it. He is firm in this matter, and no kind of argument can shake his determination. There is a broncho that lives some miles from Santa Fe. We know him right well. One day a man roped him and tried to put a saddle on him. The broncho looked sadly at him, shook his head and begged the feilow as plain as could be to go away and not try to interfere with a bron cho who was simply engaged in the pursuit of his own happiness; but the man came on with the saddle and continued to aggress. Then the broncho reached out with his righthand foot and expostulated with him so that he died. When thoroughly aroused the broncho is fatal and if you can get close enough to

The broncho is what the cowboys call "high strung." If you want to know just how high he is strung, climb up on to his apex. We rode a broncho once. We didn't travel far, but the ride was mighty exhilarating while it lasted. We got on with great pomp and a derrick, but we didn't put on any unnecessary style when we went to get off. The beaust evinced considerable surprise when The broncho is what the cowbovs evinced considerable surprise when we took up our location upon his dorsal fin. He seemed to think a moment and then he gathered up his loins and delivered a volley of heels and hardware, straight out from the shoulder. The recoil was fearful. We saw that our seat was going to be contested, and we began to make a motion to dismount, but the beast had got under way by this time, so we breathed a silent hymn and tightened our grip. He now went off into a spasm of tall, stiff-legged bucks. He pitched us so high that every time we started down we would meet him coming up on another trip. Finally he gave us one grand farewell boost, and we clove the firmament and split up through the hushed ethereal untiemperature, and we could distinctly hear the music of the spheres. Then we came down and fell in a little heap, about 100 yards from the starting point. A kind Samaritan gathered up our remains in a cigar box and carried us to a hospital. As they looked pityingly at us the at tending surgeons marveled as to the nature of our mishap. One said it was a cyclone, another said it was a Returning to New York City, Mr. Edgar at once set to work to make a gun on the plan sugge-ted by the incident in the Ebbit House cate. d held our peace.

Humility.

Humility has this consolation: It finds that the greatest minds have had the least conceit; that Shakes peare bent down from the imperial height of his intellect to be taught by a clown, to be informed by milkmaid; that Socrates, in his cel ebrated voyage in search of knowl-edge, with his perpetual question concerning the cause of things. found that knowledge in a work man's snop which he could not find amongst the schools of the professors or philosophers; that Newton compared himself to a child who, playing on the seashore, had picked up a shell here and a stone there, and knew no more of them. The bullet of steel is worn smooth and polished when it has passed through the gizzard of an ostrich. The most conceited young prig who ever lived will find his level when brought to the rude experience of the whole

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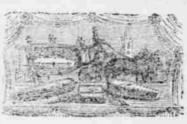
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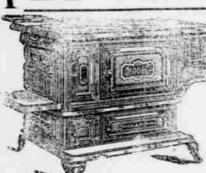
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