#### POOR MARKSMANSHIP.

Firing In Both Army and Navy Less Accurate Than Formerly.

The training of naval artillerists has in recent years been given a good deal of attention, and no end of powder and shot has been expended in target practice designed to serve a more telling purpose in actual warfare should the oceasion present itself. It would seem, therefore, that the floating equipments of naval powers of today ought to give good accounts of themselves in point of marksmanship if called into action, though it would be presumptuous to undertake to foreshadow possible results. If, on the other hand, past experience counts for

anything, there would seem to have been a notable decline in accuracy in naval gunnery, growing with successive improvements in naval architecture and naval armament. It was estimated some years ago

from data furnished by target practice at sea that a heavy gun must be discharged 50 times to make one effective hit. The old smoothbores were credited with killing a man by the discharge of the forge," and letters of Governce Wingun's weight in shot. In other words, three tons of 32 pounder shot were required for the purpose. Actual service test with modern high power guns, however-guns weighing 12 tons-has within the past 10 or 12 years shown that it took about 16 tons of projectiles to accomplish the same thing.

It is interesting to note from what statistics are available that the introduction of rifled muskets into the armies has had a somewhat similar result. The old time muskets, it is said, killed a man by firing at him his own weight in gether, they would seek a retared with lead bullets, but the modern rifle in the hands of the average soldier, so it has they were stopping, and with a draw been figured out, does not effect a fatality until it has discharged twice the below. It was their delight to see these man's weight in lead. Both here as people going faster or slower, as they in naval shooting, therefore, there has chose been shown to be an important domand

for greater skill and care. Whether this has been met in any measure future hostilities only will tell .- Cassier's Maga- their feet to crawling. It often happenzine.

### "Skates" or "Skeets,"

When I was a little boy, my playmates at a country school in southeastern Indiana wore "skeets" and went "skeeting," though the village boys said "skates." I counted "skeet" a curions corruption. Fancy my surprise at meeting an old acquaintance in a faroff land and in strange company, when, long years afterward, I read the passage in Evelyn's "Diary" for the year 1662, in which he speaks of "having seen the strange and wonderful dexterity of the sliders on the new canal in St. James' park, perform'd before their majesties by divers gentlemen and others with Tit-Bits. scheets after the manner of the Hollanders, with what swiftness they passe,

how suddenly they stop in full carriere by the invention of a migratory buttonupon the ice," and so forth. The ch in "scheets" is Dutch, and therefore hole. This is the way the originator desounded like "k." scribes it:

Pepys tells of being at St. James' "A readily removable and transfer-park on the same day: "Where I first able attachment, adapted to be fitted to "A readily removable and transferin my life, it being a great frost, did an article of personal wear, to temposee people sliding with their skeates., which is a very pretty art." I here discovered that the country boys in the folded upon itself, so that its bight may hills of Craig township, when they said be fitted over the edge of the garment 'skeet," were only one or two centuries and its folded members made to clasp behind the fashion and were using the both sides of the part of the garment word as pronounced by Charles and his through which the broken buttonhole is courtiers when they brought the "very made, the members having openings pretty art" to England. A New York formed in them near the centers, with neutralize or destroy it could be preournal of 1784 complains of the time the major axes extending transversely

same pace.

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# Early Ironmaking In America. The manufacture of wrought iron and

Lynn, Mass.

in Cassier's Magazine.

The Power of Music.

and fife play a march for pedestrises

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Sometimes a brisk measure was se

lected, and then the stream of people

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On warm days they did cruel execu-

steel must have been entered upon con- fre Odd Bedfeilow of a Sheriff Who Held temporaneously with that of cast iron, a Flier as Security.

ns John Endicott of Salem, the first gov-"There are more unique experiences ernor of Massachusetts Bay, wrote to to be encountered in serving writs and Governor John Winthrop at Boston, various legal documents than in almost Dec. 1, 1642, "I wish to hear much of any other business," remarked a young your son's iron and steel," the son belawyer the other day to a Chicago Hering John Winthrop, Jr., who was inald reporter. "The constable and the deputy sheriff are required to do more strange things in the line of duty than terested in the Saugus Iron works at The iron works also included a ma any one clase I ever heard of.

SLEPT WITH THE HORSE.

chine shop, from which the first fire en-"One of them attached a horse for me at the Washington park track, and I gines in America were built for the town of Boston, in accordance with a vent along with him to see that everyvote of the town meeting, March 1, hing was right. We located the horse 1654, that "the select (men) have nower irst, and when the stable boys found and liberty to agree with Joseph Jynks out what the trouble was about there for ingins to convey water in case of fire, if they see cause so to do." Alwas the greatest furor you ever saw.

though the works were in operation hem, 'dat hoss kin win mo' den dat in very soon after building was comne race. Jess you let 'im alone!'

menced, yet additions were made dur-" 'Dat hoss am good foh a hundred ob lem claims jess at dis one meetin!' asing a number of years. In 1645 an order serted another. of the general court shows that the

works had "some tons of sowe iron east "They kept up a regular fusillade while the deputy and I were looking for and some others in readinces for the the owner, but we paid no attention to throp in August and September, 1648, them. When we finally found the ownr, he did not seem inclined to pay. state that the furnace produced seven to There was a dispute as to the claim, he ight tons per week. The principal prodsaid, but he admitted that he had put ict was bar iron "as good as the Spanhis name to the note that we had sued on. He could not pay that afternoon sh," costing £20 per ton; also axes and agricultural implements.-Albert Spies anyway, and the deputy wanted to take the horse right away. I was opposed to that, however, for he was entered in a

race for the next day, and it seemed un-To force a crowd of people to move fast or slow at their will was a favorite fair to prevent his running. "'You stay with the horse,' I said to joke with two young men who had a

the deputy. 'He is in your charge and alent for music. When traveling toyou simply remain with him." " 'All night?' he asked. low, or even the roof of the local where "''Certainly,' I replied. 'Give the

owner a chance to raise the money. If he doesn't succeed, you can take the horse away tomorrow. " 'But where will I sleep?' he inquired

unxiously. "'Wherever the owner does,' I returned. 'He lives out here somewhere.' ""Where do you sleep?' he asked the

ed that the attention of the musiciaus "' 'I sleep with the horse, ' was the rewould be attracted to the peculiar walk of some person who, having no music "The deputy looked the blooded ani-

in his soul, could not be brought into mal over and seemed in doubt. But it step. In that case they performed Mowas business, and he made the best of it. hammed's miracle of the mountain, and He growled a little, but he slept that accommodating fife and drum to his gait night with the horse and its owner. brought the rest of the street into the And the next day the note was paid."

#### Cobra Venom.

Often did it happen that some Dr. Calmette began his experiments stont old gentleman would be precipi-tated for some distance at a lively rate with the most powerful of the reptile upon Stanley's record in the dark con poisons and made an analysis of the tinent. under the hot sun and would disappear venom of the cobra. from sight as a brisk and fiery execution

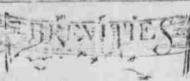
One of the most curious facts in sci of "The Girl I Left Behind Me" carried ense is that two substances having alhim steaming round a corner.-London most identically the same chemical compositions can have effects so different upon the human body as to repre-The Deficiency In the Buttonhole Situation, sent the best support of life on the one A long felt want has just been filled hand and the quickest termination of it on the other. The albumen, or white,

of an egg and the poison of the cobra of India are so nearly identical in composition that it takes a very careful analysis to detect the difference

It was long supposed that the fatal principle of snake poison was an animal alkaloid, but late analyses have caused the abandonment of this idea. The fact which, for a long time, placed cobra poisoning beyond the reach of a remedy was its very similarity to albumen, it being held that no specific which would vented from neutralizing and destroythe albumon of the blood as well.

The Lightwood of Florida.

"Lightwood" is one of the most use



# PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Dr. Charles Eastman, the Indian, and his wife, Elaine Goodale, are living in It. Paul and are well and prosperous. Lawton Sherman, who died in Provi-

dence recently, aged 99 years, was mar tied 78 years ago. His wife, who is still iving, is 99 years old.

Ex-Governor Curtin's will fills less than one side of a sheet of legal cap. He bequeathed everything to his wife. The estate is valued at nearly \$1,000,000.

The Rev. Dr. George Dana Boardman of Philadelphia is an indefatigable worker. He often spends the entire day in his study, paying little attention to neals

Henry Glos of Two Rivers, Wis., has for a third time married the woman from whom he had been twice divorced. Real estate and monetary considerations had been the cause of their troubles.

Admiral Ito, the Japanese hero of the day, who is known among his devoted sailors as "the lean admiral," on account of his extreme thinness, has a daughter who is one of Japan's very few blond beauties.

M. Barthelemy Saint-Hilaire, the distinguished French statesman of bygone days, who is in marvelous mental and physical health at the age of 90 years, says, "If you want to live to be old, work always and diligently."

Sir John Astley, who has just died in London, lent the glamour of his baronet cy to the cause of professional pedes trianism on both continents. It was Sir John who offered the Astley belt for competition, and it was open to all the world's fast walkers.

Henry Hemingway and Mary Robinson were married in a balloon which was sent up from a fair ground at the town of North East, Md. The balloon took an erratic course, and they do not know whether the marriage took place in Pennsylvania, Delaware or Maryland. Colonel Chaille Long, the explorer

who was formerly on the staff of the khedive, lives with his family at Lusignan, France, and appears to take little further interest in African affairs than to make an occasional vigorous criticism 6 for \$2.50.

STAGE GLINTS.

Paul Lindan's latest piece is called The Spoiled Children.

Thomas Frost has written a comedy in four acts called "Consequences. Beatrice Selwyn has been engaged by

Mrs. Langtry for her coming American tour

La Petite Freddie sailed for South America recently under an engagement for six months.

C. Garvin Gilmaine contemplates starring Alberta Gallatin through the south. He is negotiating with Gus Frohman for a suitable play.

Miron Leffingwell of "The Galley Slave" company and Effic Darling were married in Rochester by the Rev. Dr. Austin of St. Luke's church in that city.

Hormann Sudermann, who has been fly identified as an exponent of the



Saco, Maine.

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# Why Alsace-Lorraine Remains French.

There is no liberty, as we understand own religion and the use of the French tongue under certain restrictions. But the term in Alsace-Lorraine. The na- tonhole. these restrictions import the presence of The rest can use the patent portable German detectives in the churches. No more need be said to show that they must be irksome and oppressive to the last degree. It is the German method, mu might almost say the method of our time. We are is a burry, and we holt our food, even when great employed are making their meal on small states. In 1871 France left Alsace presty much no slite found it when it was asked by Louis XIV. At the time of the misure as little as possible was changed in laws, contains, manners or observations. In communication Almaco remained Geranimal has appeared into his smere himblidge, which a gratitude for fair transmissions alowly readered hor French in southment. The graphles way sony second the longer, but It is containly the factor, and that the complies is, to suy the least, no enories we have one experience in Ireland to Intige, stuffelly, Repland prove. Our mielake indeed was one of alues ignorance, while disputny's is something of a six syminet the light. Louisian Barris

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"A Bowery Girl" is the title of a new play by Ada Lee Baseom, which Harry Williams has bought. He iutends to produce it in New York city soon after the holidays.

ful conthern products, especially in Florida, where it is used by all sorts of country folk, and particularly by the hunters. A cordwood stick carried into F. C. Whitney has arranged with H. C. Minor for the opening of Louise Boandet's starring tous in "Jacinta" at the wilderness will out up into fragthe Fifth Avenue theater, New York, ments with which a descen meals may on hoy. 96. The engenment is for two he cooked. The rich, rednous pins weeks

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