

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 occasion present itself.

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 gun's weight in shot. In other words, three tons of 32 pounder shot were required for the purpose.

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 lead bullets, but the modern rifle in the hands of the average soldier, so it has been figured out, does not effect a fatality until it has discharged twice the man's weight in lead.

When I was a little boy, my playmates at a country school in southeastern Indiana were "skeets" and went "skeeting," though the village boys said "skates." I counted "sket" a curious corruption.

Pepps tells of being at St. James' park on the same day: "Where I first in my life, it being a great frost, did see people sliding with their skeetes, which is a very pretty art."

There is no liberty, as we understand the term in Alsace-Lorraine. The natives are permitted the exercise of their own religion and the use of the French tongue under certain restrictions. But these restrictions import the presence of German detectives in the churches.

One of the most remarkable and manufacturing epitaphs ever written is to be seen on a weather beaten stone in the quiet churchyard of Calmar, a few miles from Londonderry, Ireland.

It is always to be regretted, I think, when love comes to a girl before she has attained her mental and intellectual maturity, writes Mrs. Boston Kingsland in The Ladies Home Journal.

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Early Ironmaking in America.

The manufacture of wrought iron and steel must have been entered upon contemporaneously with that of cast iron, as John Endicott of Salem, the first governor of Massachusetts Bay, wrote to Governor John Winthrop at Boston, Dec. 1, 1642.

The iron works also included a machine shop, from which the first fire engines in America were built for the town of Boston, in accordance with a vote of the town meeting, March 1, 1654.

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On warm days they did cruel execution. Often did it happen that some stout old gentleman would be precipitated for some distance at a lively rate under the hot sun and would disappear from sight as a brisk and fiery execution of "The Girl I Left Behind Me" carried him steaming round a corner.

The deficiency in the Buttonhole Situation. A long felt want has just been filled by the invention of a migratory buttonhole. This is the way the originator describes it:

A readily removable and transferable attachment, adapted to be fitted to an article of personal wear, to temporarily repair a broken buttonhole, consisting of a strip of noncorrosive material folded upon itself, so that its light may be fitted over the edge of the garment and its folded members made to clasp both sides of the part of the garment through which the broken buttonhole is made.

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SLEPT WITH THE HORSE.

The Odd Bedfellow of a Sheriff Who Held a Flier as Security.

"There are more unique experiences to be encountered in serving writs and various legal documents than in almost any other business," remarked a young lawyer the other day to a Chicago Herald reporter.

"One of them attached a horse for me at the Washington park track, and I went along with him to see that everything was right. We located the horse first, and when the stable boys found out what the trouble was about there was the greatest furor you ever saw."

"You stay with the horse," I said to the deputy. "He is in your charge and you simply remain with him."

"Wherever the owner does," I returned. "He lives out here somewhere."

"I sleep with the horse," was the reply. "The deputy looked the blooded animal over and seemed in doubt. But it was business, and he made the best of it."

Dr. Calmette began his experiments with the most powerful of the reptile poisons and made an analysis of the venom of the cobra.

One of the most curious facts in science is that two substances having almost identically the same chemical compositions can have effects so different upon the human body as to represent the best support of life on the one hand and the quickest termination of it on the other.

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 neutralize or destroy it could be prevented from neutralizing and destroying the albumen of the blood as well.

"Lightwood" is one of the most useful southern products, especially in Florida, where it is used by all sorts of country folk, and particularly by the hunters.

Reading the 1888 Year. The treasury department recently ruled that books of receipts known as "old time" and similar games which are played with cards other than the regular pack should be used to duplicate what, under and occasionally upon the law, are not subject to the 1 cent duty.

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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Dr. Charles Eastman, the Indian, and his wife, Elaine Goodale, are living in St. Paul and are well and prosperous.

Lawton Sherman, who died in Providence recently, aged 99 years, was married 78 years ago. His wife, who is still living, 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 meals.

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 baronetcy to the cause of professional pedestrianism 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 upon Stanley's record in the dark continent.

STAGE GLINTS.

Paul Lindau's latest piece is called "The Spotted 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 Gilman 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 Effie Darling were married in Rochester by the Rev. Dr. Austin of St. Luke's church in that city.

Hermann Sudermann, who has been chiefly identified as an exponent of the problem drama, has written a light comedy which he calls "The Battle of Butterflies."

Henri Casman has returned to this country and will be seen in Harry Williams' company with his proteges, La Petite Florette, an eccentric singing and dancing soubrette.

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

F. C. Whitney has arranged with H. C. Munn for the opening of Louise Bonnet's starring tour in "Jacinta" at the Fifth Avenue theater, New York, on Nov. 26. The engagement is for two weeks.

Grace Kimball has been engaged for two additional years and will continue this and next season in E. H. Botson's company. Daniel Frohman states that Mr. Botson is not to star next year on his own account.

Mike and Phil Dwyer are ready to try the feat of walking, it is said.

George E. Smith ("Pittsburg Phil") is for behind on the season's betting.

A jail presiding judge seems to be one of the magnificents of the trotting turf.

California trotting horsemen are considering the matter of organizing a new trotting association.

George Hankins thinks the prominent saddle is bound to set off a revolution in the matter of weights.

James Thompson is the favorite of the book-makers in the ring. He frequently handles \$100,000 in a day.

Fred Orchard, because of fancied grievances, has resigned his membership in the Long Island Pure Breeding association.

"Henry of Navarre" will just about get top night in the Brooklyn Handicap for next year and will be, says Walter Kilgus.

Walter J. a grand California power, and for you know a sporting, is now a game old and you know a little in his old days, it is said.

James Clark is perhaps the greatest horse of showing game on a race track. The boy was his master and a successful race which gave to the world.

Helenstein, 20000, was sold at public auction last year for \$2,000,000, \$11,000,000, \$2,000,000, and \$1,000,000, \$1,000,000, and \$1,000,000. Four times these prices would not buy them today.

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Governor Penoyer, Secretary of State McBride and State Superintendent of Public Instruction McElroy, acting as the State Board of Education of Oregon.

First:—Your petitioners, patrons of the public schools, taxpayers and citizens of Oregon, respectfully petition you to take no action to bring about adoption of new series of public school text-books under the law passed by the last legislature, nor to enter into any contract at present publishers prices adopting the text books now in use, or those that might be authorized by your board at present prices, such prices to be fixed and maintained by the publishers for the next six years, as specified in that law.

In view of the fact that by state publication the people of California are obtaining public school text-books at an average price of about 30 cents apiece for the entire series needed in the common schools, or about one-half what we pay in Oregon, we demand state publication at the earliest day possible.

(Cut out the above form of petition, sign and address it to one of the State Board of Education, or mail it to THE JOURNAL, and it will be published and forwarded to the board with others. Men not wishing their signatures published in protest against perpetrating the present system of high-priced text-books for six years to come.)

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