INDESTRUCTIBLE GUN.

Experimenting with a Queer Cannon That Can Be Taken to Pieces.

The exports of the United States Ordnance Department at Washington have under consideration a new gun that is expected to revolutionize the gentle art of cannon making. The difficulty encountered by the makers of heavy ordnance has always been that when constructing a gun to be used for firing the tremendously powerful charges used in these days, it has been impossible to guarantee that the explosion will not damage the gun so as to in time render it useless.

The claim is made for the new gun that it is indestructible and meets all the needs of heavy ordnance that experts have been seeking in vain for so long a time to procure. It was invented by Edwin F. Blood, of Chicago. The most interesting feature of the gun to those who are not experts in the matter of the force exerted by exploding powder on metal is that the cannon is constructed in such small sections that it can be carried around by the artillerymen who use it. It can be taken to pieces and put together again in an amazingly short time, and when ready for firing, according to the claims of the inventor, it is the strongest cannon ever invented.

Here is what Mr. Blood says about it:—

"The gun is constructed in sections of moderate weight, each section being made not of cast, but of rolled steel disks, carbonized to the desired degree. Each section is ring shaped, and of a size to match the central steel tube, which is forced into place through these rings by hydraulic pressure. The sections are held immovably together by means of steel rods, which are bolted on cross heads at each end. The largest and heaviest part of the gun is the central tube of thin steel containing the bore. The simplicity and ingenuity of this arrangement of steel tube fitting into steel rings of tapering size will be seen at once. When the inner tube expands with the heat it is only clasped the closer in the embrace of the steel rings, which take up the heat.

"In case the inner barrel is powder burned or its rifling impaired it can be quickly removed and a new one supplied, making practically a new gun.

"The vast advantage this gun possesses is the feature which permits it to be quickly knocked down, shipped in sections of moderate weight to any desired location, and again quickly assembled will be readily seen."

AN IMPORTANT CASE.

A Pedlar Sent to Prison for Representing an Imitation Pill to be the Same as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills — A Far-Reaching Decision.

Montreal, Jan. 24, 1898.—A case of more than ordinary interest to the public came before Judge Lafontaine here to-day, the facts being as follows: For some time past one H. E. Migner has been going about peddling a pill which he represents as being the same as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The Dr. Williams Medicine Co. placed the matter in the hands of Detective Haynes, of the Canadian secret service, who soon had collected sufficient evidence to warrant the arrest of Migner on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences. Meantime Migner had left Montreal, going to St. John, N.B., On his arrival in that city he was at once placed under arrest and an official sent to bring him back here. He was brought before Judge Lafontaine this morning on two charges, and pleaded guilty to both. It was pointed out that his offence was a grave one and left him liable to a lengthy term of imprisonment. The counsel for the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. stated that his clients did not wish to press for severe punishment at this time; they only wished to establish the fact that representing an imitation pill to be the same as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills was a crime which left the perpetrator liable to a lengthy imprisonment. On one charge the judge then imposed a sentence of ten days, with the option of a fine of ten dollars, and in the other case a sentence of two days in jail without the option of a fine.

This decision is likely to have a far-reaching effect, as it seems to establish the principle that substituters and those who sell imitations representing them to be "the same as" Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, are liable under the criminial code, which is in force all over the Dominion, and it will no doubt, to a considerable extent, put an end to this nefarious business, as it is evident from the fact that the Dr. Williams Medicine Co. went to the expense of bringing this man back from so great a distance as St. John that they intend sparing no expense to protect both the public and themselves in such cases.

A bride and groom started on their wedding tour from Lansing, Mich., on the way to Chicago. At Jackson the groom left the train to buy a paper, and on his return got on the wrong train. He was whirling back to Lansing before he discovered his mistake, while she was rolling westward toward Chicago. Eleven hours elapsed before the couple were reunited.

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DWARF LIFE IN AFRICA.

The Natives Are Noted Trappers and Hunters.

Most of these people are smaller than their Bakoko and Mabeya neighbors, but not all, as the dwarf women, are sometimes married into these tribes. They deserve the name dwarf more from the similarity of their habits to the true dwarfs further inland. They live a wandering, Indian-like life, hunting. They have nets 120 feet long and 3 or 4 feet high, a number of which they stretch across the bush, and the men, women and children drive the game into these nets. They are experts in trapping, too. They do not stay in one place long enough to plant, so they trade their game to their agricultural neighbors for vegetable food. These Mayeba head men have a certain kind of ownership over them, sometimes furnishing them with powder and guns and nets and a very little cloth for their game during the time they are in that community When not successful in the hunt they must depend upon the wild plants, nuts, honey, which they know so well how to find. They often have a feast and more often a famine.

Their sheds are from 15 to 50 feet long, the leaf roof touching the ground on one side and being about 4 1-2 feet high on the other side. Where there are large trees the roofs are made of the bark of a tree 4 or 5 feet in diameter, which often does not have time to crack and leak before the dwarfs want to move. Under these sheds are the pole beds, supported by forked sticks 4 or 5 inches from the ground. There is a space left for a fire between every two beds. If they have any boxes or small tin trunks they keep them

HID IN THE BUSH.

there is nothing to be seen unless they have a pot or bowl, or basket, a net or gun, or a native ax; and no one man is rich enough to possess all of these. They can move all their possessions on fifteen minutes notice; may be living here to-day and twenty miles away to-morrow. Three moves do not equal one fire with them.

For amusement a man goes through violent form of exercise, trying to move as many of the muscles of his body at one time as possible, the spectators clapping their hands and calling, beating on sticks and their drums during the performance. They seem to believe in one supreme being, who is good and kind, but of course, have no definite knowledge of him. They fear the spirits of the departed, and are said to move at once from a place where one of their number died. They fear and try to appease many evil spirits, one of which takes a dreadful form for his punishment. Among the Mabeyas near here I know of but one blind man; yet it is the rule to find one blind man in a community of from fifteen to fifty dwarfs, and sometimes as many as three blind ones made blind some night by the agent of this evil spirit as a punishment for some offense.

Miss MacClean, a lady of Glasgow, has given the funds for the work for these people. It is the purpose to establish a station about ninety miles from the beach, doing regular station work with the YMabeya-speaking people there, and at the same time doing everything possible for the speedy evangelization of these wandering people. But the workers are needed, men with good constitutions and a real love for itinerating bush travel. If a man has a love for plants and insects and birds, so much the better. These people might be able to show him a medical property of some of the plants they know that would be helpful to all. The power to shoot a parrot out of a high tree with a Winchester ought not to be lightly overlooked in a country where everything is eaten, from a snake to a monkey.

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"On one occasion the superintendent being away, Tom took so long a spell at the ale that Jack grew tired, and the trace fastener being long enough, he put his head inside the beer house door, and seizing the astonished Tom by the collar with his teeth dragged him out to his duty at the truck."

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