

EVOLUTION OF FIREARMS.

Three Thousand Shots a Minute Without Heating the Barrel.

A machine gun of a novel character has been invented by an engineer of Newcastle. It is a patent centrifugal, quick-firing machine-gun, it is five feet high and weighs about five hundred weight. It is intended for battleship, earthworks and garrison purposes. The motive power is electricity, transmitted to a motor attached to the side of the gun. The motor causes a disk to revolve at a very high rate of speed. The bullets, which are introduced into the interior of the disk at the axle, travel along curves in the interior to the circumference and are there impelled through a barrel. It is claimed that this disk will rotate, under the influence of the motor at the rate of 12,000 revolutions a minute and will eject shots from the middle of the gun with an initial velocity of 2,000 feet per second. One of the chief characteristics of the gun is that it will maintain a continuous fire. If necessary a shot may be discharged at every half revolution, but in practice one shot every fourth revolution will be found sufficient. The bullets are spherical and measure 3-16 inch in diameter.

The following are the results of the tests already made with the gun: 18,000 rounds of shot at the rate of 3,000 a minute have been discharged from the gun. These shots consisted of nickel, steel some of brass, as used in France, lead and chilled metal. It was tested seven times privately, no motor was used nor is one yet attached to the gun, although the gun is constructed for an electric motor. The tests were made by means of a belt driven by a steam engine. Under these conditions the velocity required, and which it is maintained an electric motor will produce, was not, of course, attained, but the practical working of the gun was fully demonstrated. A long range could not be had because of the necessity of secrecy, and the testing was done in a covered shed at Blyth dry docks. A steel target, 3-32 inch thick, was shattered, the disk of the gun revolving at a speed of 2,500 revolutions per minute. From the penetration of the target it is calculated that at a distance of 400 yards a penetration of a similar character will be effected of a plate 7-16 inch thick under the influence of an electric motor. There is no heating of the barrel of the gun, because of the continuous stream of cold air which is impelled through it by the turning of the disk. The disk itself is also free from heating on account of the special bearings on which it is constructed. These bearings are a highly complicated mechanical contrivance, and are similar to those used in Parsons' turbines, which can revolve at the rate of 22,000 revolutions a minute, and Leval's motor, which revolves at the rate of 30,000 revolutions a minute. To test the gun thoroughly it will be necessary to affix a motor, which will be a five-horse-power motor coupled direct on to the shaft.

CHOICE OF NAMES.

Our Puritan ancestors regarded the worthies of Scripture with such reverence that they gave to their children as Christian names, Ebenezer, Nebuchadnezzar, Obadiah, Hannah, Abigail and Mehitabel. That this custom is not entirely obsolete is shown by the fact that only a generation ago, when to a proud father of seven sons and two daughters came the crowning joy of his life in the birth of a third daughter, he chose her name from the Puritanical standpoint. A close student of Scripture history, he recognized the coincidence that in sex and numbers his family was the same as that of Job therefore, regardless of all protests, he followed literally the words of the Old Testament, "He called the name of the third Keren-happuch." Notwithstanding the word is defined as "a child of beauty," it should have been accounted a misdemeanor, if not a crime, to burden a nineteenth century child with such a name.

Although the Bible names were often ugly and inharmonious, there came a time when Scriptural phrases were used with still worse effect. It is historical that "Praise-God" Barabones was a Puritan leather dealer of Fleet street, who became the fanatical leader of the Parliament convened by Cromwell in 1653. His own name must have been satisfactory, as the one that he inflicted upon his son was "If-Christ-had-not-died-for-thee-thou-would-have-been-damned" Barabones. It is needless to add that the name was effectively shortened to "Damned Barabones." Another historic name was "Eight-the-good-right-of-faith." "White, while one worthy of remembrance is "Kill-sin" Pimple.

No one may choose his surname, but parents have the responsibility of determining what the given name of the child shall be. The decision is for a lifetime, which makes it imperative that the momentous question should receive thoughtful consideration, instead of being settled in a moment of folly or caprice.

On the Farm.

THE CANADA THISTLE.

This plant is one of the worst weeds infesting our fields, on account of its being a perennial and multiplying not only by seeds but also from its extensively spreading, long underground root stocks. This pest may be destroyed by several methods, all based upon the principle that whatever will effectually exclude the plant from the light and air will destroy it. Particular emphasis must be laid upon the effectiveness with which this is done; no half measures will do. Various specific directions have been given, but for badly infested fields, under average conditions, nothing is more effective than a thorough summer fallow, to be repeated the following year if found necessary.

SWINE DISEASES.

Mortality in swine is something appalling in this country. Of course, very much of it is due to the prevalence of hog cholera. But the fact remains that hog cholera is not nearly so fatal among swine with marked stamina as among those with less inherent vigor. And hog cholera is much less fatal with swine fed largely on a nitrogenous diet than on one highly carbonaceous. The mortality among young pigs is very great, and it

Hope Had Departed.

THE STORY OF A WOMAN'S RESCUE FROM GREAT SUFFERING.

For Years Her Life Was One of Misery—Her Feet and Limbs Would Swell; Feighfully and She Became Unable to do Her Household Work.

From the Enterprise, Bridgewater, N. S.

It is appalling to think of the number of women throughout the country who day after day live a life almost of martyrdom; suffering but too frequently in silent, almost hopeless despair. To such sufferers the story of Mrs. Joshua Wile, will come as a beacon of hope. Mrs. Wile lives about two miles from the town of Bridgewater, N. S., and is respected and esteemed by all who know her. While in one of the local drug stores not long ago, Mrs. Wile noticed a number of boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in the show case, and remarked by the proprietor "If ever there was a friend to woman, it is these pills." She was asked why she spoke so strongly about the pills, and in reply told of the misery from which they had rescued her. The druggist suggested that she should make known her cure for the benefit of the thousands of similar sufferers. Mrs. Wile replied that while averse to publicity, yet she would gladly tell of her cure if it would benefit anyone else, and she gave the following statement with permission for its publication:—

"My life for some years was one of weakness, pain and misery, until I obtained relief through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. From some cause, I know not what exactly, I became so afflicted with uterine trouble that I was obliged to undergo two operations. A part only of the trouble was removed, and a terrible weakness and miserable, nervous condition ensued, which the physician told me I would never get clear of. I tried other doctors, but all with the same result—no betterment of my condition. The pains finally attacked my back and kidneys. My legs and feet became frightfully swollen, and I cannot describe the tired, sinking, deathly feeling that at times came over my whole body. I became unable to do my household work, and lost all hope of recovery. Before this stage in my illness I had been advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, but like thousands of other women, thought there could be no good in using them when the medical men were unable to cure me. At last in desperation I made up my mind to try them, but really without any faith in the result. To my great surprise I obtained some benefit from the first box. I then bought six boxes more, which I took according to directions, and am happy to say was raised up by them from a weak, sick despondent, useless condition, to my present state of health, and happiness. Every year now in the spring and fall I take a box or two, and find them an excellent thing at the change of the season. Other benefits, I might mention, but suffice it to say I would strongly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to ailing women."

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She Like most Women Was Very Fond of

A cup of Tea
And had become accustomed
To the use of
Japan
Still
There was
Just a peculiar
Something
About the infusion
That she
Never quite liked
So she pondered
And pondered
To decide what it was
Horrid thought
Faint
Yes
This was it
Because the scum
And greenish sediment
Indicated
Nothing else
Now
She was a prudent woman
So she argued
That a remedy must be sought
For while
Prussian Blue
And
Paris Green
Were all right in their place
They were
Out of place
In her Tea
And
Must be injurious
So
She got nervous
And irritable
And told her doctor
Of her fears
You are right
Said he
Do as I do
And
He told her how he did it
He bought the new
Uncolored
Green Tea
From Ceylon and India
Sold in the
Sealed lead packets of
The "Salada" Tea Co
And declared
That no Japan Tea
In the world
Could begin to equal it
Then,
Its Pure and Healthful
Said he
So she bought it too
And
Women like
Is worrying again
Because
She did not find
The remedy
Sooner

THE CREAM.

A good cow often loses flesh when in full flow of milk. Cows will do better if they eat all of their food up clean. In making up the milk rations a variety of food should be used. Musty feed or foul weeds will give the milk a poor flavor. All the elements to make growth are in the skim milk. A poor process of manufacture will spoil the product from the finest cream. Water is a necessary constituent in the milk, and the cow must have it while it is being manufactured. When more than 20 pounds of a cow's milk are required to make a pound of butter she is not a good dairy animal. A well-fed and well-cared for scrub dairy cow will make as good butter as the best special purpose herd in the world. Milk takes its taint from any bad smell which exists wherever it is taken or placed. If milk which has been set for some time and on which the cream is partly risen is stirred the cream never rises again. Washing and salting while in the grain is the only way to get rid of the buttermilk flavor. A cow should be milked carefully and as speedily as possible, as she will milk longer, and she will learn to give down quickly. An animal giving milk is very sensitive to bad treatment or surrounding influences. Tin is the best material for the milk vessels, and they should always be kept so clean that the fingers will not slip when rubbed along the surface of them.

ROSE SOAP.

A very nice article of rose soap may be made by mixing two pounds white soap, three pounds of olive soap and one half pound of rose water. Cut the soap into thin slices, put into a kettle that sits in another kettle of boiling water. Keep the heat below boiling point until the ingredients are thoroughly mixed, and then add one ounce of finely sifted vermilion and stir until thoroughly incorporated. If a light rose color is desired, put in less of the pigment. After being thoroughly mixed and heated, take from the fire and add one half ounce of otto of roses and about half that quantity of bergamot.

GUINEA BUG CATCHERS.

A few decades ago we had millions of birds and no insects, now scarcely any birds and millions of insects and we will have to do something to maintain the equilibrium or let insects take most of our fruits. The robins are getting scarcer every year, and we might say the same of all other small birds, except the English sparrows, which seem to have taken a home-stead right on all the country, staying the year round for fear some other bird will jump their claim. They have the characteristics of the moth-eater country—get all they can and hold on to it.

A good plan to fill the want of insect-eating birds is to raise guinea fowls. They have an eye like a robin, and they turn their heads a little sideways, as though looking wise step six or eight feet away and get the worm every time. They are fond of potato bugs, and will clean a patch better than paris green. A flock of a hundred will beat spraying all to pieces; and then the young, half-grown birds are as good for a fry as prairie chicken.

DAIRY NOTES.

Whitewash the stable once or twice a year. When you find yourself growing angry, lower your voice. Too many farmers waste at home and buy abroad. To get the best results from your cows they should be well fed. Always speak gently to your cow before sitting down to milk her. To cleanse hand towels that may be used by operators, in the dairy, boil in eal soda water. Use no dry, dusty feed just previous to milking; if fodder is dusty, sprinkle it before it is fed. Never allow the cows to be excited by hard driving, abuse, loud talking or unnecessary disturbance. Dairy utensils should have the fewest number of seams possible, and those present should be "smooth soldered."

DID YOU KNOW?

Meat has been preserved in a frozen state for 30 years, and found perfectly edible at the end of that time. The cultivation of opium in China began but 70 years ago. As many as 4,061 muscles have been counted in the body of a moth. Each year about \$50,000 is expended with sand to prevent the horses from slipping. A cent changes hands 125,000 times in the course of a lifetime. The one step from the sublime to the ridiculous is usually a short one.

FLASHES OF FUN.

Elyth—Don't you think that character in a young man is everything? Ethel—Oh, yes, if he has nothing else!
Mrs Bayview—Is the blue grass of Kentucky really blue? Col. Kaintuck—No, it's green—same color as your blue sea, you know.
Stoughton—Did you have a good time at the banquet last night? Manhattan—Splendid. I drank myself into insensibility before the speaking began.
Jim Uppercut—Dis is awful—simply outrageous! Bill Slambang—Wot is? Jim Uppercut—Dese here Chinese boxers. Dey're actooly gittin' more space in de papers dan w'ot we is!
The Three Degrees—Johnny—Paw, what do they mean when they say a man takes things easy? Paw—That he is either a philosopher, a kodak fiend, or a kleptomaniac.
Richard—What's got into Billy? He goes in bathing half a dozen times every day. Robert—The doctor advised him to take a drink of whiskey upon coming out of the water.
Cadley—Jovel! I should think you'd live in more comfortable and stylish quarters than this. Hadley—So I would if I had the halves and dollars I've loaned to some people that do.
Mr. Borem—She asked me to sing, and insisted upon encore after encore. Miss Peppery—Yes, she told me afterward that anything was better than sitting there and talking to you all evening.
He—While I was out sailing this summer I fell overboard into a very stormy sea. She—My gracious! But they rescued you, didn't they? Oh yes! They pulled me out of course. Oh, my! I'm so glad to hear you weren't drowned.
No one, gravely announces Secretaries, can arrest the flight of time. No? queryingly interrupted a bystander. I thought anybody could stop a minute. And even the disciples of the great philosopher were forced to smile behind their togas.

Blood Disorders

are simply kidney disorders. The kidneys filter the blood of all that shouldn't be there. The blood passes through the kidneys every three minutes. If the kidneys do their work no impurity or cause of disorder can remain in the circulation longer than that time. Therefore if your blood is out of order your kidneys have failed in their work. They are in need of stimulation, strengthening or doctoring. One medicine will do all three, the finest and most imitated blood medicine there is.

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A VIKING.

The body of a Viking, in a wonderful state of preservation, has been dug up in a peat bog at Dornedorf, in Schleswig, and placed in the Kiel Museum. The hair is red; it is clothed in coarse, woolen material, with sandals on the feet. Kiel experts think it was buried 1,500 years ago.

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two combatants, bets are made, and each faction encourages and applauds its chosen man. There are regular rounds, and the game is usually kept up until one or the other has had enough or perhaps till one is carried off the scene wounded. Hard heads can stand hard knocks, and volunteers for the sport are numerous. At the beginning there is generally no malice. A hard blow is struck—it is expected—it is the game. But it occasionally happens that the game develops into a fierce duel.

AN OVERWHELMING THOUGHT.

Our sun is a third-rate sun, situated in the milky way, one of myriads of stars, and the milky way is itself one of the myriads of sectional star accumulations, for these seem to be countless, and to be spread over infinity. At some period of their existence each of these suns had planets circling around it, which, after untold ages, are fit for some sort of human beings to inhabit them, for a comparatively brief period, after which they still continue for years to circle around without atmosphere, vegetation or inhabitants, as the moon does around our planet. There is nothing so calculated to take the conceit out of an individual who thinks himself an important unit in the universe as astronomy. It teaches that we are less, compared with the universe, than a colony of ants is to us, and that the difference between men is less than that between one ant and another.

STORING DAHLIA BULBS.

After the frost has killed the tops and before there is severe freezing, dig up the bulbs, shake off the adhering earth and store them in a room free from frost. A cellar or pit which will keep Irish potatoes will answer nicely for dahlias. It is best to leave them in the open ground as long as possible, in order that the growth may become thoroughly matured.

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