

The Making of a Marksman



Things She Must Learn to Do.



The Old Campaigner - and Very Much a Novice.

Practice.

In the first place, says this woman who knows, the female beginner must become accustomed to handling and discharging the firearm, whether it be a rifle, shotgun or revolver.

One of the earliest lessons, which must never be forgotten, is that you should not draw back or flinch as you pull the trigger. Such motion tends to raise the muzzle and alter the aim. When firing at a distant object with a rifle, a deflection of a fraction of an inch will send the bullet astray.

In order to shoot well one must practice, just as one learns anything else by constant application. A great deal is almost instinctive in shooting, and it can only be done well through thorough acquaintance with the weapon and its use.

Rifle shooting is different from using the shotgun, or fowling piece. With a rifle one usually shoots at stationary objects, or, at least, at large game. Smaller game, generally quick moving, is usually the quarry of the shotgun sportsman. The bird piece, therefore, must be handled more speedily than the rifle, and there is not the same opportunity for accurate aim. That is why a load of shot is made to distribute itself over a larger space in its flight.

Aspiring to become an expert with the rifle, a woman should begin shooting with a small piece generally known as the cat-and-rat rifle. It is of light weight, easily handled, yet at the same time affords adequate practice in handling, aiming and firing. She can find excellent practice in beginning in the shooting galleries found in nearly all cities.

With this little twenty-two-calibre rifle is used what is called a BB cap, or else a "twenty-two short" cartridge. It is important to have the stock of the right length, one that will permit the rifle to be adjusted readily and easily to the shoulder.

In bringing the piece to position for firing, the butt of the stock should fit the arm at the shoulder joint. Some women rest the butt a little lower on the arm, but in this position, the piece, especially a shotgun, is more apt to kick.

Hold the gun firmly against the shoulder. This is important, if one wishes to avoid the kick. In making a wheeling shot, the upper part of the body should be turned to follow the direction in which the gun is pointed.

For practice with the cat-and-rat, pin a small paper disc to a tree trunk or place a tomato can on a fence and blaze away at it. Keep this up until proficiency in aim is acquired.

Good practice is afforded by shooting frogs in the marshes. Frogs can be killed with the BB cap, while the "22 shots" will slay a rabbit or a pheasant.

Feeling in time that she has become a good marksman with the small rifle, the ambitious woman should take up the regular size—a .32 or .38-calibre. With this she can materially increase her range until she finds herself plunging away with confidence at a distance of 500 yards.

Let her try her accuracy of aim at a bird in a tree, or a cross sitting meditatively upon a fence on the other side of a five-acre field.

When she can drop one of these with ease she is ready to pack her outfit, and lie away with husband or father, to the shooting camp in the northern woods.

To attain proficiency with the shotgun, or bird piece, a somewhat different course of practice is necessary. One should not begin with a small gun. In the first place, but with a regular weapon.

One of seven pounds is heavy enough. Some women begin with a five-pound, single-barrel piece, but if they are strong enough to engage in the sport at all, the heavier gun is probably better for practice.

Necessity for careful handling should be impressed from the time the weapon is first picked up. The muzzle should never be permitted to rest in line with any other person. When climbing a fence hold it toward the ground, and never draw the gun toward you, never foremost.

Accidents from handling shotguns are comparatively rare, considering the number of gunners, and those that occur are usually due to carelessness.

The person practicing with this weapon should shoot at moving objects. No true sportsman will ever shoot a bird or rabbit that is still, and as the woman is preparing for the enjoyment of sport she should observe this ethics.



Getting a Sight.

moment when the object is easier to hit than at its start. Then, too, the gunner must take time to steady herself for careful aim.

The rifle should have what is called an easy trigger—one that is easily pulled—a hair trigger has no place on a shotgun. When using the hammer-gun is closed except when preparing to shoot. This will prevent accidental discharge, as the gun cannot be fired when the "safety" pin is in place.

For field shooting—a seven-pound, double-barrel, sixteen-gauge, an excellent weapon for a woman. In some places it is difficult to obtain sixteen-gauge ammunition, as a twelve-gauge is the standard size, so that an ample supply of shells should be taken on a trip.

Successful women gunners have the right barrel of their gun of the ordinary cylinder type and the left barrel a choke-bore—smaller at the muzzle than at the breech. The first scatters the shot, the second carries the load in a bunch.

When a flock of birds spring up at random, and you have a better chance of bringing down one or more of the load in shot scatterers.

As the birds get farther away the shot should be hurled after it will bunch.

But to begin practice—the best results in the way of proficiency are found in shooting at clay pigeons, sprung from the traps. These rise at unexpected angles, so skimming through the air, and afford a thoroughly satisfactory target.

Many women, however, do not have traps available. These can practice at tomato cans or other objects thrown into the air.

An apple orchard forms an excellent shooting gallery. Have some one pick up apples on the point of a sharpened stick and hurl them into the air. Shooting through or between trees enables one for bringing down game mammals that may be raised in a wood.

Different birds have different manners of flight. Excellent practice is afforded by the river snipe, which has a swift, but flat flight.

The flicker is a difficult bird to shoot. Its flight being quick and dash-like. Somewhat similar is that of a meadow lark.

After practicing until able to hit a can tossed aloft or an apple thrown with considerable speed, the gunner should take to the fields or woods in the search of real game, for, after all, the best practice is at whatever is the object of the sportsman.

of the woodcock by shooting at tin cans.

Each woman should learn to clean and care for her own rifle or shotgun. She should be able to take it apart and fit the pieces together again. This gives her an acquaintance with the mechanism that is useful in the field.

After a gunning trip near the water the piece should be oiled to prevent rusting.

"Woman is more or less of a dilettante in such sport," remarked the one who gave the above as the results of her experience. "She can learn to shoot well, but she talks at some of the features of killing game."

"It is the hardest thing in the world for a woman to pull the trigger upon a deer, for instance—at any rate, until she has done so several times. It seems to her like murder to shoot down the big, handsome thing in cold blood."

"Rifle shooting is usually done from blinds, at what are called 'deer licks.' When the animal approaches these haunts and begins to lick the earth or sip the water, the hunter gets his or her chance."

"Then, too, a kind of stage fight seizes you when your first specimen of big game appears. You become excited, and, as a general thing, forget all about having a rifle."

"In gunning for birds the hunter frequently commits one without killing it. The humane thing to do is to break its neck by a quick bite of the teeth, but not many women can bring themselves to the point of doing this."

"There is no reason why a woman should not become a good shot with a bird gun, and thoroughly enjoy the sport. The exercise of trapping the field is certainly beneficial."

"Let her bear in mind when she first goes on a hunt, to keep her wits and feet started by the sudden rising of the birds as they swim upward for flight. And she must not shoot too fast."

Get Your Bowels to Move. Now see here a minute my friend, you ought to know that you can't cure pains in the head, or heartburn and shooting pains in the stomach and headache powders and blinners. That stuff you rub on doesn't remove the cause. You have got to go down where the trouble is. What you want to do is to get your bowels to work. Take three Huts to night. Take one after each meal. It takes out these pains by stopping the fermentation of the food. It is easily taken, better than salting, magnesia, iron and acid preparations. Don't lose time fooling with such things, but start on the Huts as quickly as you can. Its a doctor for ten cents.

quickly. If the birds get thirty yards or more away before she pulls the trigger, the shot will overtake them.

"Just how much she must aim in front of her path, or above or below it when it is rising or descending must be learned by practice. In a little while she will be able to judge the point where shot and bird will meet."

"At a certain point of its flight the bird becomes almost stationary when flying directly from you, poised at the apex of some angle of its way; then this is the time to pull the trigger."

"The matter of costume is one that should be carefully considered. The woman who is venturing in the northern woods after big game, for example, cannot wear the ordinary woolen outfit that would be possible in the usual fields."

"Boots are not satisfactory; they bother one in climbing fences or over tree trunks. Heavy shoes should be worn, with leather leggings coming well up to the knees."

"It is important to wear buckskin or canvas trousers under the skirt, and to wear heavy woollen socks, and to bring gaiters, and these are liable to become poisoned from contact with harmful vegetation."

"The trousers should not be cut like bloomers, but like a man's riding breeches, should fit tightly below the knees, covered there by the top of the leggings. Flannel or mohair will not prove satisfactory material for these trousers because such goods are too easily torn by brambles."

"In the fields such heavy trousers are not as necessary, and a longer skirt may be worn, extending say to three inches below the knee when bent. Shorter skirts are needed in the woods, coming about to the lower edges of the knee cap. A corduroy skirt is excellent."

"I wear a coat short in back and front. It has five pockets; a large one on each side for game. Ammunition may be carried in the pockets or in a bag. It is best not to load oneself down with shells or cartridges. One seldom has occasion to use more than ten or a dozen rifle cartridges in a day."

"Color of the costume must be considered in planning a trip after deer. These animals recognize white at a great distance. It is best to dress in dark, but not black, brown."

"When you become better acquainted with the pleasures of hunting, many more will be found perfecting themselves in the use of shotgun and rifle."



The Wrong Way - Impossible to Get a Sight.

A Difficult Shot - On the Wing.

AVALANCHE OF MUD

Over 200 People Reported Killed in Caucasus.

Moscow, Oct. 6.—The township of Kwardi, covering an area of more than three miles, in the district of Telav (Caucasus), has been almost entirely destroyed by an avalanche of mud, sand and stones from the neighboring mountain side.

Fifty dead bodies have been recovered from the mire, which is six feet deep, and it is believed that another 200 persons as well as many cattle have perished.

A great deal of corn and the vintage which this year was particularly good, have been destroyed.

MOTOR-BOAT DISASTER.

American and His Two Children Drowned.

Paris, Oct. 6.—A motor-boat belonging to an American painter named Bowen has been lost in Begmél Bay, near Concarneau. Mr. Bowen and two of the other three occupants were drowned.

The accident was caused by the motor breaking down while the boat was in a rough sea about a mile from Begmél. The boat was thus at the mercy of the waves, and she sank quickly.

The engineer managed to clamber on a rock, and was taken off later by a fishing smack. The bodies of the three others have not been recovered.

SHOT BY HIS OWN DOG.

Animal Accidentally Presses Trigger of Gun.

Paris, Oct. 6.—A sportsman named Lecorbac was shot by his dog near Yverdon, yesterday, while out after snipe.

He stood in his boat holding the barrel of the gun, the stock of which rested on the bottom of the boat. As he was about to push off, the dog sprang aboard and dashed against the trigger, discharging the gun and killing Lecorbac on the spot.

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Engineer of Navy Favors Large Vessels.

Paris, Oct. 6.—M. Laubeuf, chief engineer of the French navy, has an article in the *Matin* declaring that the size and power of a country's battleships are the test of its naval strength.

France should, he says, build vessels more powerful than the *De Gaulle*, and she had better have four large battleships, at a cost of \$18,000,000 each, rather than six at \$10,000,000 each.

Great Britain, he continues, leads the navies of the world because she was the first to build battleships of 15,000 and 18,000 tons, and the nation which first constructs vessels of 25,000 tons will at once pass all competitors.

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Also Keep in Mind! Oct. 10th—H.M.C. at Quebec. Oct. 10th—Track Sports. Oct. 11th—Toronto at Quebec. Oct. 12th—Montreal at Quebec. Oct. 13th—Excursion to Montreal. Oct. 14th—Ottawa at Toronto. Oct. 15th—Excursion to Toronto.

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