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iomething About Rifles and Cartridges for Hunting This Summer and Fall-How to Buy a Cheap and Good Gan-Shot, Seells and the Londing.

Any man who intends to go hunting this mer and wants a new gun can save money by making friends with some retail lealer. Let him decide what kind of a gun se wants and whose make, and then have a small retailer buy it for tim. There is a big fiscount on all sporting goods, which no man who is unacquainted can get from any of the big dealers. The manufacturers of guns and cartridges have to keep their rates up so thatthey shall now undersell their customers, the

retail dealers. For the bulk of their oustomers Mrs. Hoodgr as a quart of that nice sweet are theretailers It is the same in the gun bust . . cider .- Puck. ness. The big manufacturing concerns do not care to sell a single gun or a few boxes of loaded shells. If it were known through the trade that they were seeking the retail business the retailers would decrease their orders. By using a retail dealer the purchaser may got more than half the discount. The discount runs from 25 per cent; 45 50 per cent; it is the biggest in cartridges. The retail price of a box of cartridges is two or three times as much as they can be bought from the manufacturers for in a large order. All the standard grades of guns are so well known that the buyer can get from the manufacturer a price list of all his stock, and pick out by

number just what he wants. In hunting for any length of time the cost of the shells piles up. Improved methods of manufacturing, the extension of the big plants, and new inventions have cut down the price of guns so that a good repeating rifle can be got for \$15. and a good double-barrelled breech-loading shotgun for \$25 or \$30. These guns are not fanciful, but they will do as good shooting as if their stocks were varnished and hunting scenes were etched on the locks. A hammerless gun does not shoot any better than a gun with hammers, and rebounding locks with patent catches and double bolts are so common that they do not cost much extra. The standard rifle costs from \$15 to \$35, the shotguns from \$30 up. Fancy shotguns can be bought for as much as \$600 or \$700, but

there is little difference between the shooting

qualities of them and the \$40 or \$50 guns. All the changes of recent years have been made for the convenience of the sportsman. The makers now will furnish him with a gun with any charge of powder, any kind of wads, and any size and quantity of shot. Some sportsmen prefer to load their own shells, as it is a pleasure to them to measure out the powder and to ram down the wads and pour in the shot. But there are dozens of houses in New York that will do all that for them by machinery. The usual size of shotguns is ten or twelve gauge. The four-gauge guns are seldom used, and are too big for ordinary shooting. The fourteen andsixteen gauge are big enough for birds, but not for larger game; the twenty-gauge are good for birds only, and are intended for only small sizes of shot.

The ten and twelve gauge will do for pretty much of anything. The rates have fallen so that loaded paper shells of the best quality can be bought for 23/2 cents apiece. The shells unloaded cost \$8 or \$9 a thousand, and the difference between the two is hardly more than the cost of the caps, window, while I sat down beside it to watch wads, powder, and shot. Good primers in centre-fire shells cost 1/4 as much as the powder. The primers are worth \$3 a thousand or five for a cent, while good powder can be bought so that flue charges will cost as much as the caps. The shot costs more, as it does not take many 1%-ounce charges to use up a 25pound bag. The wads cost from 30 cents to \$3 a thousand. The shells can be loaded with either a big one-third-of-a-cent wad and with powder, or with a cheap cardboard wad, one or two pink edge wads, a pink and black edge wad, another cardboard wad, and the shot. The manufacturers, will load it in any desired way. Brass shells are cheaper from one point of view, though they cost ten cents apiece, for the bras, shell can be used almost indefinitely, while a paper shells can be used only a few times. Crimping the shells uses them up more rapidly, but it is an advan-tage, as in a louble-barrelled gun the discharge of one barrel will loosen the shot in the other cartridge, particularly if it is a brass

cartridge, unless it is crimped. A reduc tion of ten to twenty-five per cent. can be had on these cartridges by buying them through a small retail dealer, if it is worked properly. This reduction can be obtained more easily on paper shells than on rifle cartridges. Some of the manufacturers make a bid for the retail trade by refusing to sell any cartridges retail. The list price for four drams of powder and an ounce and one-eighth of shot, and with one card and two black-edged wads over the powder, and with a cardboard over the wad, is \$26 a thousand. This rate can be cut some, and a well-known customer may get his cartridges for two cents each.

There are extras in the cartridges. Chilled moonlight, and from the way they acted I shot-costs \$1 a thousand more. Buckshot is knew that they were "on" to Mr. Bowser. \$1 a thousand extra. Three black-edged wads over the powder instead of two black- the hammock before dark and suspected his edged wads over the cardboard cost ninety cents extra per thousand. One cord and two plack-edged wads, instead of the blackedged wads alone, cost ninety cents extra. The cardboards are the cheapest things about a cartridge, as the regular price for them is "Jewhittaker! but what on earth is that?" only thirty cents a thousand, Some men | gaspel Mr. Bowser as he sat up. prefer to cut their own cardboard out with punches. That is for the pleasure of it and not for economy.

There are rifle shells that cost more than any shotgun shell even with the wire cartridge. Rim-fired cartridges run as high as 840 a thousand for 56 calibre, with 45 grains of powder and 350 grains of lead. One of these cartridges will bore a hole through a frame house. There are centre-fire cartridges | thing was quiet. Then the boys came out which cost five cents each in thousand lots at the factory. The Winchester Express, 38 calibre, with 90 grains of powder and 217 grains of bullet, one part tin to forty parts lead cost \$50 a thousand. The Sharps, 40calibre cartridge with 90 grains of powder and 370 grains of lead and the Ballard rifle also have cartridges costing \$50 a thousand. To the man who is going away for a week or two of sport the cost of his ammunition is a thing to be but little considered, but to professional hunters it is a big item. The men who shoot game in the Adirondracks, particularly small game, have to regard the cost of their eartridges. It would not pay to use eight-cent rifle cartfidges on squirrels. In shooting small birds the cost of the ammunition may easily run up to as much as the value of the birds before they are shipped That is one reason why some of the old hunters still cling to the muzzle-loading rifle and

shotgun, aside from their sentimental attachment to them .- N. Y. Sus. Fighting a Railway Strike. The recent collision between Pinkerton train guards and the citizens of Albany, N. Y., which resulted in the shooting of several people, directs attention anew to the labor troubles on the New York Central railroad. The mat temporarily in charge of the interests of this great corporation is Mr. H. Walter Webb, the third vice president, who is at the head of affairs during the absence in Europe of Mr. Chauncey M.



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MR. AND MRS. BOWSER.

"Humph!" suddenly ejaculated Mr. Bower the other evening as he sat reading his pa-"What is it?"

"Nothing, except that I've been a fool!" "Why, here we've been roasting almost night this summer in our bedroom, the exercise of a little common sense

natural philosophy on my part would have made us comfortable. Mrs. Bowser if the wind was blowing into the window over a hot pan of coals, would it be not or cold?" "It would be hot." Now, suppose the wind blew over snow and

"Certainly, and I'm an idiot for not think ing of it before. I'll try it to-night."

When we went to bed Mr. Bowser brought up a large lump of ice and placed it on the window-sill. He contended that it made a great difference, and tell asleep chuckling over his natural philosophy. By midnight, we'ver, he had all the clothes kicked down the foot-board and his pillow on the floor as usual. The lump of ice had disappeared but we soon found the results of it. As it melted the water had seaked into the carpet half way across the floor, and running through the parlor ceiling had flaked off two square yards of the fresco. I fully expected Mr. Bowser to declare that the idea was mine and that I urged its adoption, but he surveyed the ruin and then calmly observed: "Fhat's what comes of marrying a woman who doesn't know anything!"
"But what did I do?"

"It's what you didn't do. Why didn't you tell me to put that ice into the bowl! Here's fifty dollars' damage all on your account!" That evening he came home an hour earlier than usual, and he had a large bundle under his arm. He didn't wait for me to what it contained, but unrolled it and said: 'Here's a better thing than ice, I propose to sleep in this hammock after this.'

"But where will you hang it?"
"Oh, I'll find a place. How stupid of me not to have thought of it before!" After prospecting for awhile he decided on the flat, graveled roof of the kitchen, which was ensily reached from an upstair window. He found a place for the books and stretched the harmnock; and an hour before our usual bed time be was prepared to occupy it. He removed his coat, vest, collar and shoes, kissed baby good night and went out of the the course of events. Mr. Bowser had slung the hammock about three feet above the roof. He walked over to it, gave it a shake and fell into it. No, he didn't. It dodged him and he went down on his hands and knees and got up muttering: "Oh! That's your game is it! Well, you

don't beat me again!" It took him ten minutes to get stretched on his back in the folds of the hammock, and he 'had scarcely heaved the first sigh of satisfaction when he gave a kick and growled: "Consurn it; but the mosquitoes have found

me out miready! Take that!" For the next ten minutes he was busy with the pests, and it was while he was thrashing his arms about and kicking his feet that the hook at the foot of his hammock pulled out, and Mr. Bowser came down with a crash on the roof. The gravel flew and he uttered a yell, and I appeared at the window to ask; "Mr. Bowser, what has happened! Has the roof collapsed?"

"Collapsed nothing!" he growled, as he hunted for the hook. "But what was that awful noise?"

"I didn't hear a sound. I got out of the hammock to lower it a bit. Go back to bed When he thought I had gone he fixed the book and got back into the hammock, but I could hear him growling under his breath about pitch, gravel, mosquitoes and idiots, and I knew he wasn't at peace with all mankind, for the next half hour I could hear him slapping at the insects and twisting about, Then I suddenly caught sight of three or four toys skulking up the alley. It was bright Some of them had probably seen him slinging design. They came opposite, stood in line. and at a signal all let fly, and jumped behind the barn. Each one threw a potato, and while only one hit the hammock, the others crashed against the house with a loud noise,

"Mr. Bowser, is ever thing all right?" I asked from the window. "Everything all right! What's the matter with you? Way don't you go to bed!" "I -I thought I heard another noise,"

"Oh, you did! Well, I didn't, I was almost asleep when you yelled out." I pretended to go away, and after a bit Mr. Bowser se'tled down on his back and everyagain. There were four of them. They had a hat full of missiles, and each threw three or four before making a retreat. Mr. Bowser was hit in the bead with a patato, and in the side with a temato, and on the leg with a

against the house was like a rannonade. "Here-whoa-police!" shouted Mr. Bowser, as he struggled up, but that moment the head of the hammock gave way and he was poured out on the roof in a confused heap. He made two jumps for the window and got in, but not in time to catch me. He came into the ted-room with pitch on his hands and feet and gravelstones in his bair. and hefore I could say a word he began; "Mrs. Bowser, I'll get even with you for this, if I have to live 100 years !"

"Why, what have I done?" "Never you mind | Look at me ! Aren't I a purty sight!"
"Yes, but why did you try to slee

"You ask why-you! Why-why-f" around on one leg and couldn't flud the soap and towed until I got up and placed them in his hands. It took him an hour to get the pitch off, and as he came to bed he said ; The rain leaves at 10:30 in the morning."

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about on the borders of the Persian and Ottoman empires, we expressed our conviction that the subsidence of the epidemic was merely what might be expected at that season, and that it would reappear with the return of spring. And so it is; cholers is reported now as having broken out on the Imperial domains of Djedil and in the village of Hollek, near Bagdad, where six persons have died out of thirteen attacked. Bagdad was the headquarters of the epidemic last year, whence it was carried by the river boils. far up the Tigris. We believe that the Foreign Office received information of its occurrence as far north as Diabekr and Erzefoum, though in the latter case it was more probably conveyed by road from Tabruz. But, though it may thus appear to have receded, such a phenomenen would be without precedent. When, in 1847, it seemed to invade India from Turkestan, or, in 1863, it appeared in Armonia after it had ravaged Constantinople and Saloniki, it was not re-treating but performing a flank movement, and doubling on its own advance, as we have seen in the spread of influenza to India and Australia after it had overrun all Europe. Cholera requires human intercourse for its conveyance, certain meteorological and local conditions for its development, and the ingestion of specifically infected water, etc., for its communication. Thus, while it will cross the Atlantic in a fortnight, it marches by slow stages through lands where railways are still . uaknown, retiring into winter quarters when traffic and -travel are suspended, to reopen the campaign with the return of warm weather, which is naturally earlier in the south and the plains than in northern or mountainous regions. In the winter of I846-47 it had reached precisely the same points as it did last auturan, and in like manner withdrew for a time to the lower valley of the Euphrates and Tigris, recrossing the mountains and p atean of Armenia in the spring, reaching Astrakan and Jaganony in July, and Moscow and St. Petersburg in September, when, with the approach of winter, it di-appeared only to reak out with renewed intensity, and, as it had travelled with tenfold greater rapidity along the good military roads between the Caucasus and the capitals than it had previously done through Persia, so when once it touched the margin of the restless life and commercial activity of Europe it was drawn into the vortex; and there was not a country or large town but had been inwaded before the summer was over. If we may venture to prophesy, we would say that it will not proceed further up the Tigris Valley, but, traveling by the Euphrates, will be next heard of at Aleppo, and perhaps Beyrout, and it will enter Egypt via Yeddah and Suez, and then leave Alexandria for the Levantine and Mediterranean ports. From Tabruz it will take the route via Erzeroum

over Russia, -: British Medical Journal. Our English Cousins. England is the banking-house and financial agency of the world. She is a great factory and shipyard, but in the next century will have to give up her pre-eminence in these particulars. She does the ocean carrying trade of the world, but in this, too, she cannot always stand first. Some of her scientific and economical inve tigators give her only one hundred years in which to exhaust her supply of coal situate for inexpansive mining. With her cheap coal, her superiority in facture will depart. Till Babylon itself shall fall, England seems likely to be and remain the banking-house of the world. A recent esoutside of the United Kingdom at \$5,000,000 a day or \$1,825,000,000 a year. The taxed income alone of Great Britain in 1888 was \$3,180,000,000, on which the tax, at 6 pence the pound, was \$63,500,000. Of the income and profits of the people of Great Britain only that which is above a certain amount is taxed. Hence the income taxed does not notify the total income of our English cousins. That is estimated carefully at somewhat more than \$7,000,000,000 a year. It costs England a round sum to support her royal

and Trebizoued to Constantinople, Odessa,

and by Baku, Tiflis, Derbeut, and Astrakhan

Queen Victoria is paid \$300,000 a year into her privy purse. She is paid \$1,156,000 a year, for salaries of the royal household. She is paid \$23),000 a year for retiring allowances and pensions to servants. She is paid \$60,000 a year to give away in royal bounties, alms, etc. She has \$181,000 a year for incidentals. As Duchess of Lancaster she gets \$250,000 a year from that duchy. This makes a total of about \$2,175,000 a year. Her son Alfred, the Duke of Edinburgh, is paid \$125,000 a year. So is her son Arthur, Duke of Connaught. Her daughter Victoria, ex-Empress of Germany, is paid by Great Britian \$40,000 a year, and each of the other girls \$80,000 a year. Her cousing too, are paid all the way from \$15,000 a year to \$60,000 a year, her cousin George, Duke of Cambridge, getting the latter sum. Her eldest son and heir apparent, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, . paid \$3,0,000 a year for himself and \$185,000 a year for support and maintenance of his children. Besides this from his duchy of Cornwall he gets about \$310,000 a year .-

Public Opinion. The Restraints of Invention. The profounder and more original the thinker, the greater is the barrier between bimself and the learned and unlearned multitude, whom he would approach. Every advanced thinker must meet his obstacles. One might suppose that simple mechanical inventions would e-cape the hostility of fools; but they don't. So simple an invention as the percussion lock, which has superseded the old fligt lock, was invented in 1807, but it was thirty years before it could be introduce 1 into the English army. How difficult was it to introduce coal or even to introduce gas; the candle still survives in Engand. When the first oil-well was sunk in Pennsy-Ivania by Colonst Drake, it was considered so crazy an affair that he had great difficulty in getting men to do the work. When anthracite was discovered in Pennsylvania, by Nicholas Allen, near Pottstown, he tried to sell a load but got discouraged, dumped it in the river, and emigrated westward. When Robert Morris and others secured a large tract of easl lands expecting to make a fortune, they failed to introduce it and gave up their scheme. When coal was first introduced in London (early, I believe, in the fourteenth century), it produced a great outery, and a law was passed against it, making the burning of coal a capital offence. It is said that one man was executed, but this is hard to believe. Some persons were so hostile to coal that they refused to est any food cooked by a coal fire. The opposition was not quite as great to the introduction of gas. The first cargo of ice sent to New Orleans was driven away by the mob. It was imported something like seventy years ago, by Judah Touro, and being put into an ice-bouse in Congo Square, before it was completed, a mob rushed in, drove off the workmen, demolished the building and ordered the captain to leave the port. The ice was sent to the West Indies. and the newspapers next day were flores guint the importation of ice,-The Arena

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