

In the Public Eye.



TARGET SHOOTING ON THE DINING ROOM TABLE.

Figure 1 shows the target cut out of cigar box wood. A circular piece is first cut, about one inch in diameter, and eight small round pieces of card-

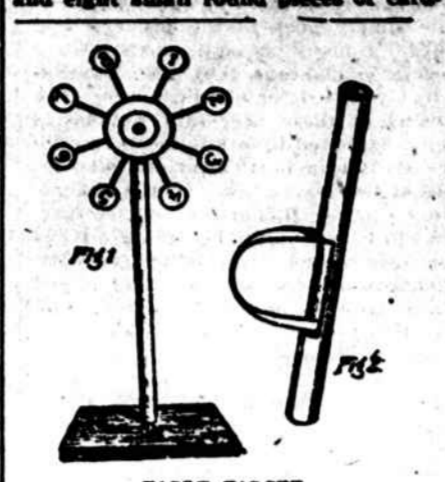


TABLE TARGET.

board with the numbers 1 to 8 on them are mounted on toothpicks and grouped around it at even distances; the other ends of the toothpicks are then inserted in the sides of the circular piece of wood. The target itself is fastened to a stick of wood about eight inches long, fastened to a stand, as shown in the picture. The gun consists of a paper tube, which is made by winding card-board well covered with glue, around the stem of a lead-pencil. When it is dry, a piece about five inches long is cut off. One and three-quarter inches from one end, we make an incision about two inches long, cutting down to about one-half

the thickness of the tube (see Figure 2). Figure 2 shows how a piece of whalebone about six inches long is inserted, acting as the propelling power of the gun. You shoot with a wooden peg about one and a half inches long, fitting loosely into the barrel of the gun; to give it more weight and strength, we insert a carpet tack. To shoot, hold the gun with the right hand, pulling the whalebone back with the index finger, and inserting the peg; as soon as the index finger releases the whalebone, it springs forward and forces the peg out. To aim well, hold the tube in such a way that the whalebone spring points downward.

Live weight, 1550 lbs.; dressed weight, 1046 lbs. Retail prices: (1) Neck, 40 lbs., worth 4c. per lb. (2) Chuck, 2 1/2 lbs., 7c. (3) Prime of rib, 117 lbs., 12 1/2c. (4) Porterhouse steak, 103 lbs., 18c. (5) Sirloin steak, 87 lbs., 15c. (6) Rump, 36 lbs., 8c. (7) Round, 183 lbs., 10c. (8) Shank, 50 lbs., 2c. (9) Flank, 52 lbs., 4c. (10) Ribs, plate, 138 lbs., 5c. (11) Shin, 23 lbs., 3c.

GENERAL OKU.
(The Japanese Officer Most Prominent in the Operations Around Port Arthur)

Spring Mattress to Fall On.
Device Which Will Prevent Many Elevator Accidents.
A new life-saving device, designed to prevent serious injury to one unfortunate enough to fall down an elevator shaft, has been made by Joseph G. Brant, Inspector of Hoilers and Elevators, and is shown herewith. It consists of a woven wire net covering the full opening of the well and supported just above the bottom by stout arms. The whole is supported in an outstretched position under normal circumstances by a pair of springs. When the falling body strikes the net the fall is broken by the combined action of it and the springs. It will give and sag to a position indicated, the arms themselves closing up sides-like, as in shown, and being re-elastic in this movement by the compression of springs. The pipes are



know, she was a pupil of Madame Buchanan, of the Champs Elysees, and is quite proud of her needlework. Every young woman these days must have at least one hand-made dress, that is, a dress made by her own hand. Eloise spends four hours a day ornamenting her latest creation with French knots. Last night she informed me that she had made already over 1200, and expects to make 800 more. The knots look like little hummocks of thread, and are built right in the cloth.

Initials For Names.
Brevity is said to be the soul of wit, so the man in England for initials as abbreviations of the names of persons, societies and newspapers seems to be growing. The lively periodical, M. A. P., commonly understood to mean "Mostly About People," has already a secure standing, and the London correspondent of the New York Times Saturday Review notes the starting of several other papers named on the same principle. Among these are P. O. P. and T. A. T., and the latest is M. G., which is devoted to the banjo, mandolin and guitar.

Several Malian villagers have been visited by a plague of adders. In Frenchtal alone 452 snakes have been killed.

THE MAN WHO WILL BUILD THE PANAMA CANAL.



JOHN F. WALLACE.
He has been appointed Chief Engineer of the Panama Canal. Mr. Wallace has been General Manager of the Illinois Central Railroad.

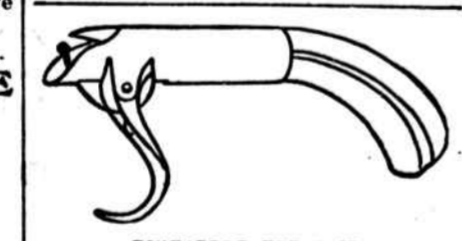
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DURING THE celebration of the gold-anniversary of the Earl and Countess of Strathmore will once more excite speculation as to the gloomy mystery which has burdened his lordship's house for many generations, says the London Chronicle. This great secret, which is in some way connected with Glamis Castle, the family seat in Forfarshire, has never been shared by more than three persons. It is known to the earl and the factor of the estate, and is communicated to his heir-apparent when he has completed his twenty-first year. For this purpose the young man is for the first time introduced into the hidden chamber, the knowledge of which is part of the secret. No entreaties or inducements have ever persuaded one of the trusted three to break the strange bond which seals his lips. It is related that one countless anxious to ease the mind of her lord by sharing his sorrow, implored the factor to tell her all. He replied, "My lady, if you could guess even the nature of this secret, you would go down on your knees and thank God that you are ignorant of it."

Popular fancy has played with the mystery in its usual wild and irrational fashion. None of the suggested solutions of the problem are at once possible. The Scotch country folk, it is actually believed that on one period "a human toad," whatever that may be, endowed with immortality, was born to the house of Strathmore, and that this unpleasant creature is the denizen of the hidden chamber. Another story has it that the secret room holds the bones of a band of prisoners, who, in Scotland's stormy days, were immured there and starved to death. A very circumstantial story would appear to indicate the key of the mystery would lie in visible material form in the hidden apartment. A workman, it is said, who was engaged in repairing the roof of Glamis, suddenly left his occupation and returned to earth with considerable rapidity. He requested to be allowed to see the earl, with whom he had a long interview. From this he departed to his home, and after a few days, in which he had made preparations for his journey without holding any unnecessary converse with any one, he set out for the other side of the world with a comfortable annuity in his pocket. It is also told that on one occasion, when a Lord and Lady Strathmore were paying an afternoon visit, some guests who were staying at the castle resolved to probe the mystery to the bottom. Making a tour of rooms, they hung a towel or handkerchief out of every window they could discover. They then walked around the castle, and at one point where a casement from which no signal drew. Nor could the most careful search either the rambling building discover either where the window was or how there could be any apartment to which it could afford light.

IN OPEN BOAT.
A Toledo man will undertake a trip of 7500 miles in an open boat. The man of this quite extraordinary undertaking is A. Stanley Parker, who has had experience in the past with similar expeditions on a smaller scale. Parker will start from Toledo on a long and perilous journey by water to Panama. The trip will be by the lake route to Chicago, thence through the Chicago drainage canal to the Illinois River, to the Mississippi to the Gulf. Then the coast of the Gulf of Mexico will be skirted to Panama.

CUTS OUT THE PINEAPPLE EYE.
The preparation of a pineapple is a long and tedious operation because of the size and shape of the fruit, and for the reason that the fruit is rather hard to cut. After it has been pared it must be carefully gone over and the eyes cut out. These tough portions being allowed to remain, interfere largely with the enjoyment of eating the fruit, whether it be in its natural



PINEAPPLE EYE CLIP.

condition or cooked, and the economical and quick removal of the eyes with the ordinary means is impossible. A pistol-like device with which this is accomplished with celerity and dispatch is shown in the accompanying cut. In use the pineapple is pared and the band on the clip is placed under the eye about one-half inch and then the trigger is pulled, and in its descent it completely cuts out the eye. The trigger, being released, throws out the bit. In this manner the eye is cut out with great economy of the fruit as compared with the usual method of procedure.

Fuel Without Smoke.

A French naval officer has made it possible, with certain changes in the fireboxes, to burn a fuel in the form of petroleum briquettes, which gives off no smoke. The officer claims his invention will give fuel of which one pound is equivalent to four pounds of coal. The briquettes are made by adding to petroleum oil, for each liter, 150 grammes of ground soap, 150 grammes of resin, and 300 grammes of caustic soda lye. This mixture is first heated and stirred until near solidification, when it is poured into molds, which in turn are then placed in an oven for ten or fifteen minutes, and the briquettes are ready for use after cooling for a few hours. Greater solidity may be obtained by the addition of a little quantity of sawdust and a little clay or sand.—New York Times.

There are 18,000 to 15,000 street casualties which call for the use of an ambulance in London every year.

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THREE DAYS IN A WOLF DEN.
An Oklahoma named Lawson had an unpleasant experience while visiting his brother-in-law, Milo Blodgett, who lives near Adobe Walls in the Texas Panhandle. Lawson went wolf hunting. Next day his horse was found saddled, but without a bridle. Blodgett summoned about thirty neighbors and began searching for Lawson, who was located after nearly a day's hunt. His feet were sticking from the top of a wolf den and about three feet of dirt rested on his body. Lawson was so fastened that he could not extricate himself. He had dug down in the wolf den about five feet on a slant in a manner something like the entrance to a digout, then lay down in the trench to reach in after some coyote pups. He caught one and threw it out, and it is supposed that this frightened his horse, which was tied to a bunch of bear grass near the hole. The horse making a lunge caused the bank to cave, the dirt falling on the prostrate body of the man, covering his body and head. The dirt caught him with his arms stretched out in front so he could not use them to much advantage, but he managed to work his hands and shove the dirt down the hole until his head was uncovered and he could get air from the top. He lay in this position from 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon till 10 o'clock Sunday morning.—Kansas City Journal.

RESCUE OF A CHILD SLAVE.
On one of her raids Miss Donaldine Cameron, head of the Presbyterian Chinese mission in San Francisco, whose adventures are told in Every-body's Magazine, followed a five-year-old slave to a Chinese camp in the foothills of the Sierras. She drove ten miles by night with one Healey, a country constable. They hitched their horse outside the gambling-house where the girl was known to be and peeped through a hole in the screen which shielded the door. The child was sitting on a table, rolling cigarettes for six gamblers who were playing fan-tan. Overthrowing the screen and rushing on the little girl, Miss Cameron snatched her up and Healey held back the gamblers at the point of his revolver. As they backed through the door a Chinese seemed to rise out of the ground. He drew a revolver and fired point blank at Miss Cameron. The Chinese slowness with a gun, traditional in the West, saved her, for Healey had time to strike it up so that the bullet splintered the ceiling. They drove ten miles to civilization, and all the way Healey kept his revolver in hand against pursuit and attack. That was probably Miss Cameron's closest call.

BAGGED BEAR.
A bear hunt from a private car, a chase of three hours and the bringing down of a 300-pound silver tipped bear is the record of a hunting party from Cleveland, Ohio, last Thursday. The party, consisting of W. H. Silverthorne, E. C. Buell and Mr. and Mrs. J. Odell, reached here Thursday morning at 7:30, were met by Steve Baxter, the bear guide, and his bear dogs, and left for the mountains west of town within half an hour after they arrived. The bugle calling the dogs had hardly finished sounding when the party was seen coming back with the pelt of the finest bear yet killed dangling from Mr. Silverthorne's saddle. The bear had been caught between breakfast and lunch. Steve Baxter declares that bear are becoming more plentiful with each year, and the record of this season has certainly proved it, for there have been nearly two dozen bears captured within twenty miles of Glenwood Springs since they began crawling out of their winter holes a little over two months ago.—Glenwood Springs Correspondence Denver Post.

ADVENTUROUS WOMAN.
Among the passengers who left Liverpool recently for West Africa by the steamer Burutu was Mrs. French Sheldon, the well-known traveler and explorer. This lady has made a journey of over 2000 miles through Africa on foot, and the natives have everywhere received her with great cordiality. Her explorations have given much valuable information to the world on scientific and commercial matters. Her present mission is undertaken at the request of Sir Alfred Jones, who has instructed her to report as to the development of the country in connection with minerals, vegetable life and other substances likely to be commercially useful. Mrs. Sheldon, who is reported to be a great hunter, said she was looking forward to some good sport among the lions. After spending some time at Sierra Leone she will proceed to Congo, and report on the Belgian concessions there for the information of the King of the Belgians.—Pittsburg Press.

A BATTLEFIELD JOKE.
To look at Gen. Jack Hayes it seems almost incredible that he could have served for forty-eight years in the United States Army, because he seems no older than that. In narrating some of his experiences recently, the general said: "I was in a hot fight with the Indians out in Western Texas in 1859, in which Fitzhugh Lee received an arrow in his side from the bow of a Comanche chief. Not one of my men who crowded about him expected he would live. His look was so ghastly, his voice so faint, that we expected every breath would be his last. My heart was nearly broken, for I had the same wariness for him then I have ever since cherished."

Wife of the Trooper.
"Yes," said the conductor, as he gave the motorman the double ring, "I can tell what day of the week it is by the size of the money these young fellows have. Now, there is that kid in front just gave me a five-dollar note and made me hustle for change. That's his salary. He'll be walking down town next Friday morning. That young woman there, who just gave me a dollar bill, had to look through a pocketbook full of samples on Saturday morning to find a nickel."

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News of Interest TO AFRO-AMERICANS

Colored Democratic League.
In person and by proxy there was a representation of 550 in the convention of the Negro National Democratic League, which convened in St. Louis the past week to elect officers, organize a campaign committee and prepare an address.
Herbert A. Clark, of Mississippi, chairman of the campaign committee, presided.

Measure Would Be Unwise.
The general agricultural committee has reported adversely upon the bill to cause all street car companies to provide separate cars for white and colored passengers—in other words, Jim Crow cars. The committee decided that the measure would be an unwise one, and that the present arrangements are as good as any that could be adopted. The report of the committee practically means the defeat of the bill.—Atlanta Constitution.

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Colored Farmers Organize.
A news item from Hawkinsville, Ga., says: The Negroes of the county have organized in a society for the improvement of their conditions, and in a meeting held recently pledged their support to any movement that would result in better labor conditions in the county. A number of the most progressive Negro farmers of the county were present and expressed themselves as being in hearty accord with the white planters in their endeavors to secure more reliable labor for the farms.

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A Race Problem "Platform."
The Atlanta Journal says: William De Witt Hyde, president of Bowdoin College, writing in a recent number of "The Outlook," suggests that the time is ripe for a "platform" concerning the relations between the white man and the Negro, on which all men, both north and south, can unite. Mr. Hyde writes in a dispassionate spirit, and an understanding one, which makes the text of the tentative platform which he suggests worthy of sincere consideration on all sides. And certainly the idea itself is worthy of that.

Hobson Praises Booker Washington.
Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson of Merrimack fame, was one of the speakers at the recent democratic convention in St. Louis. In the course of his address he said:
"Tell me what American stands for the fairness and acumen of law. The democratic American. Aye, at this juncture it is demonstrated what the party in power is playing politics with this vital question that affects our internal happiness.
"Yes, look further. Not merely on the question of our economic policy they play politics and stand pat when opposition is coming over our people, and further, when in the nature of providence this nation is called upon to take the great problem of how the white man and the black man can live together and work out their salvation with mutual helpfulness; when the first of all laws, is that ignorance must not control in government. (Cheers.)"

In Alabama we have a great Negro that we are very proud of. He has been helping do the great work of uplifting, and yet, in his last speech a few days since here in St. Louis, Booker T. Washington stood, he said, for the whites and blacks together in the schools and the churches. I ask you to look at his earliest teachings;

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The Same Old Proposition.
The proposition to limit the amount of money to be appropriated to the education of the colored people in Georgia to the sum which they pay as taxes has again made its appearance in the house of representatives. This question has been taken up from year to year, and from time to time has been extensively discussed.
This time the bill is introduced by Grice, of Pulaski, and proposes to amend the state constitution, paragraph 1, section 1, article 8, by adding at the close of the paragraph in question the following: "And the taxes paid by the colored race only shall be applied to the education of that race." The measure was referred to the committee on education.

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