



HISTORIC CHAMPIONSHIP PICTURE. Above is a rare picture of Adolph Topperwein, now 85 (1954), America's greatest aerial marksman, as he appeared in 1906 at the San Antonio Fairgrounds, after setting his great record of 72,491 out of 72,500 targets in 12 days of shooting. The great Western-Winchester shooter, who retired in 1951, is shown sitting atop what was left of 50,000 blocks. After shooting 50,000, Ad's assistants sorted out 22,500 of the larger pieces and Ad continued on to his world record.

Ad Topperwein, The Texas Triggerman



This is the story of Ad Topperwein, the Texas Triggerman, who holds records that probably never will be broken. Frequently referred to as "America's greatest aerial marksman," his feats during 76 years of shooting are far beyond the average man's horizon.

Adolph P. Topperwein joined Winchester Repeating Arms Company in 1901 as an exhibition shooter and later continued to shoot for Olin after it acquired Winchester in 1931.

In 1951 at the age of 82 he retired to his home, Piedras Tintas (Painted Rocks), near San Antonio, still interested in the shooting game, active physically, but not participating in exhibition. (To-

Position meant nothing to "Top" who could shoot even when standing on his head. At the right is his late wife who was wearing the ammunition pouch given to her by her great friend William F. ("Buffalo Bill") Cody.