

HAND TRAPS WILL HELP SHOOTING ONES NOW IN USE CAN BE FOLDED AND CARRIED IN POCKET

By Peter P. Carney

On the recent tour of the Winchester Shooting Team—which series of exhibition shoots by the way stirred up a wonderful interest in trapshooting and will help greatly in making 1920 the greatest of trapshooting years—a number of new devices were shown and tried out, all of which should aid in the progressive development of the "sport alluring."

One of the new devices is a hand trap—which when not in use can be folded and carried in one's pocket. It is so much of an improvement on the hand trap in vogue for a number of years that it seems strange no one thought of perfecting it before. The target is placed in a shot carrier, extended from a wooden handle, and can be thrown just as far as the thrower's strength and arm will permit. You throw the target just as you would toss a baseball.

Having complete control of the trap and the target you can throw the target in any direction you see fit, right, left, straight up in the air, straightaway—anyway to suit your own convenience and that of the shooter.

The Winchester expert shot at targets thrown from large and small hand traps, shooting at the large targets with the 12 gauge ventilated rib shotgun and the small targets with the .410 gauge shotgun. The load in the shell in the little gun is about one-third that of the 12 gauge shell.

Each member of the team shot at 155 targets thrown from the large hand trap, five in each of the 31 cities. John R. Taylor and Charles G. Spencer each broke 142; Fred Bills, 140; J. Mowell Hawkins, 138; and Mrs. Topperwein, 127. Spencer has 21 scores of 5; Taylor and Hawkins, 20 each; Bills, 17 and Mrs. Topperwein, 12.

At the small targets the shooters each fired at 270 and in this exhibition Mrs. Topperwein excelled, breaking 243 targets. John Taylor was next with 240. Spencer was third with 235; Hawkins, 230 and Bills 200

There isn't a doubt but that this trap will be carried by every shooter going any distance in the days to come, for with it, one can engage in trapshooting on most any open space.

CAN'T BE BEATEN

THAT'S THE POSITION IN WHICH RUSH RAZEE FINDS HIMSELF IN PROFESSIONAL AVERAGES

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There isn't any doubt but that Rush Razez, of Curtis, Nebr., will be the high average professional trapshooter of the year. There hasn't been any doubts about this in our mind for many months—or ever since Rush stopped shooting after compiling that .9801 average. Why he didn't go on and make the average .99 we don't know unless he figured that .98 was a large average. It is.

But it isn't a good thing for the sport for a shooter to stop shooting at

registered targets in the middle of the season. It isn't likely that this will happen again. Instead of the professionals having their averages totaled on 2,000 targets, it is more than likely that 3,000 will be the figure worked on in 1920.

The professionals shot better this year than they have for many years. No less than 11 state leaders have averages above 96, and these are not the only professionals with averages above that mark. In Illinois and Iowa there are several shooters beyond the 97 mark, but are unfortunate in having to live in states with so many high class professionals.

The registered target season is just about over and it isn't likely that the averages appended will be changed much. Here are the figures of the various state leaders:

Rush Razez, Nebraska	.9801
Homer Clark, Illinois	.9761
J. R. Jahn, Iowa	.9755
W. S. Jones, Pennsylvania	.9697
C. G. Spencer, Missouri	.9677
R. C. Reid, California	.9672
J. E. Dickey, Minnesota	.9647
Walter Huff, Georgia	.9619
G. H. Chapin, Massachusetts	.9608
Frank Huseman, New York	.9606
C. C. Mitchell, Wisconsin	.9645
L. H. Reid, Washington	.9571
J. R. Taylor, Ohio	.9559
C. O. Le Compte, N. Carolina	.9561
G. N. Fish, Maryland	.9475
Edw. O'Brien, Kansas	.9471
Fred Slear, New Jersey	.9440
K. L. Eagon, Oklahoma	.9455
B. F. Duncan, Tennessee	.9433
P. R. Miller, Texas	.9382
E. L. Moss, Virginia	.9343
P. J. Holohan, Oregon	.9360
O. J. Holoday, Indiana	.9303
E. R. Galvin, Delaware	.9350
C. N. Wray, Mississippi	.9316
E. G. Lemke, N. Dakota	.9120
G. B. Cragg, Louisiana	.8910
G. M. Dunk, Canada	.8467
H. A. Kellar, Connecticut	.8382
G. M. Wheeler, Maine	.8526
J. W. Magill, Colorado	.7953

There was once a small boy of Quebec,
Who was buried in snow to the neck.
When asked, 'Are you friz?'
He replied, 'Yes I is.'
But we don't call this cold in Quebec."

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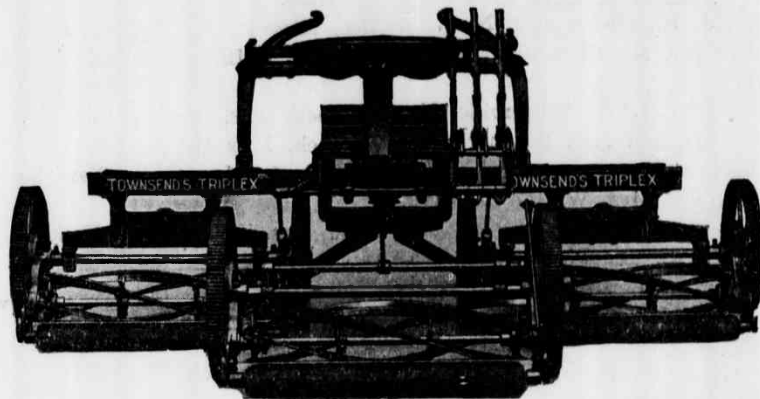
It was in a street car. The woman wore a long wisp of artificial grain which, protruding horizontally, tickled the ear of the roughly dressed man who occupied the seat beside her. At last he could stand it no longer. He took out his jack-knife and opened it.
"Lady," he said, "if them oats gets into my ear again there's going to be a harvest."—*Boston Transcript.*

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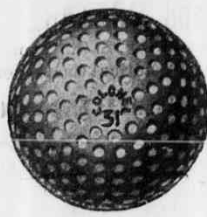
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