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neither the lady nor the burglar knew that the weapon was not loaded, the result was just as satisfactory.

I think of all the fool pieces of legislation the law in New York which forbids people to have fire arms in their homes is about the worst. It protects the burglar. He has the advantage, because he has no conscience about the law. As he knows that most people are law abiding, the element of danger is greatly lessened for him.

I have always advocated that children should be taught the careful use of firearms. They are quick to learn. They almost invariably get enthusiastic about the sport of it. I have a boy in mind who had never had a shot gun in his hand before last August. Within a week, after a little painstaking coaching, he was able to score 19 out of 21 clay birds. He is only 11 years of age. If he started the sport later in life he would have spent years of labor and a great deal of money to attain anything like this success, and might never have gained the form that he already shows.

Not only have I successfully taught thousands of men, women and children but I have been called upon to make many practical suggestions to policemen and others whose work partly consists in guarding the public by the use of firearms. Take for instance the police department of New York City, and Newark, N. J. They are both working under a regulation that I gave to the chief of police of each of those cities.

About seven years ago a policeman in Newark and two others in New York were killed by letting their revolvers fall accidentally. I suggested a plan which I had adopted for myself to avoid the danger of such an accident; that was, to load only five chambers, leaving the sixth and empty one opposite the hammer. I believe other cities have adopted the same regulation.

Automatic revolvers are exceedingly dangerous and every one should be taught their use before they are permitted to use them. A friend of mine and one of the best amateur shots in this country, was killed when his automatic dropped to the sidewalk and exploded a cartridge as he was alighting from his automobile in front of his home.

My knowledge of firearms once helped to acquit an innocent man of a murder charge. A circus rider named Sholes was accused of killing a bar

tender at Long Branch, N. J. The trial was held at Freehold, N. J. I was called as an expert.

It was brought out in the testimony that Sholes had entered the saloon, called for a drink, and claimed to have thrown his revolver on the bar to pay for it, as he had no money. His lawyers further claimed that when he threw the pistol on the bar it exploded and killed his friend. The State claimed that he killed the bar tender and took the drinks he wanted. There were no witnesses and it was a pure case of circumstantial evidence.

The decision hinged on whether or not an automatic pistol thrown on the bar could have gone off and killed the bar tender. I demonstrated this easily by loading an automatic and dropping it, that it could. I loaded the automatic with blank cartridges and made the demonstration in the court room. The circus rider was acquitted. He came to me afterward gratefully thanking me, and assured me that the man who was killed was the best friend he had in the world. I was satisfied that I had been a means of saving a man from being branded as a murderer, and suffering the extreme penalty of the law.

It has always been my contention that boys and girls should be taught the use of firearms. It would be ideal if every school house could have a rifle range with a competent instructor in charge.

While many people have a fair knowledge of shooting very few know how to care for the pieces they use. Beginners are forever putting pieces out of commission. If children were taught how to handle them so as to avoid danger, there would be fewer accidents in the world, especially the "I didn't know it was loaded" kind.

And if women and young girls would take up the practice and gain the skill which requires but little effort, they would add to their happiness by falling in love with one of the finest of outdoor sports.

Miss Alice Presbrey, daughter of Mr. Frank Presbrey of New York, has purchased a farm out Linden Road way and plans to come down to Pinehurst this coming summer and personally supervise the development of this property. We expect Miss Presbrey to demonstrate that a woman can make money in the peach business, at the same time enjoying la vie bucolique in the Sandhills of the old North State.

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