

POLAND WATER



INTERIOR VIEW OF NEW SPRING HOUSE.

The famous **Poland Spring** is located under the glass case, which may be seen in the picture above, behind the bronze framed glass partition.

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MEN AS PISTOL TARGETS

A Parisian Innovation.

SHOOTING at living men as pistol targets is a novelty which is being enjoyed in Paris, to all intents and purposes dueling with wax bullets and small charges of powder, armours and masks being worn. The innovation was suggested by Dr. Paul Devillieres and has gradually been perfected. Bullets of loose felt were first tried, but they had no carrying power and they were later dipped in tallow in an effort to perfect them. This made them fly truer, and then it was only a step to the use of balls of tallow itself and from that to soft wax, readily handled and melting into innocuousness as it struck the object aimed at.

The first man brave enough to stand up and be shot at was M. Barillier, a municipal councillor of Paris. He wore a wire mask and no other protection. He came unscathed out of the ordeal, but his clothes were a sight. M. Devillier's aim was unerring and coat and waistcoat when the practice was over were converted into a polka dot pattern of half inch grease spots. A bullet that hit the mask also showed that wire gauze was an insufficient protection for the eyes.

To save the trouble of putting on old clothes the armor was devised; it is simply a loose rubber coat made something like an army overcoat. The mask was improved by the insertion of a plate of thick, tough glass in front of the eyes. To protect the bare hand when duels are fought the pistol has a guard like that of a fencing foil attached below the barrel.

A special cartridge is used in the practice duels. It consists of a steel shell, one end of which takes a wax ball of average duelling size, while the other has a tiny chamber for powder with a window to minimize the effect of the explosion on the ball. With this device the pellet of wax gets just impetus enough to fly from six to twelve yards, having force enough when it strikes to break a pane of glass or penetrate a stout fabric.

The society has at present 154 members. They have a field day every Friday in the Jardin de Paris. An alley has been specially prepared with butts to stop stray bullets, even through they are of wax. Under the band stand there is a long table at which an artilleryman, detailed for the purpose, loads and cleans the pistols. Besides the director of each day's practice stands a metronome beating 100 strokes a minute.

In duels the word of command: "One, two, three, fire!" is given at the speed of the beats—a word to each stroke. One of the games indulged in is shooting 100 pistols by metronome time. The second hands fresh loaded weapons as fast as they are fired, and the expert aims and discharges in the one-hundredth part of a minute. Some will make 75 per cent. of hits on a target showing the outline

of a man turned sideways, or on the living target at this speed.

It is said that firing at the living target constitutes the final education of the pistol expert. There is a nervousness that the surest shot cannot get over until he has acquired the habit of looking his adversary in the eye and aiming at him under the muzzle of a pistol aimed at himself. It is said that this habit once acquired can be carried into the duelling field and all trace of nervousness be eliminated from the aim of a combatant who has never previously taken part in an actual life and death encounter.

As an illustration of the effect of nervousness on inexperienced duellists, the story is told of a combat between two duellists wherein one staggered and declared himself hit the moment the pistols were discharged. Sure enough, he had a big patch of blood on his right shoulder, just where he said he felt the bullet strike him. The doctor and seconds carefully removed his coat and were astonished to find no mark on his waistcoat or shirt. His skin too, proved to be sound; yet there was a good sized patch of unmistakable gore on his outer garment.

One of the other seconds solved the mystery when he picked up a couple of feet away the mangled body of a sparrow. The bird had flown across the line of fire, far overhead, just as the word was given. The adversary's bullet, flying far overhead, owing to the nervousness of the man behind the gun, passed through the bird and its body in falling struck the other combatant on the shoulder.

The Ministry of War has approved the sport of pistol practice at living targets and the Paris Prefecture of Police is arranging for its men to take a course, especially those stationed at night in the more troublesome quarters.

DUCKS FROM TEXAS.

Mr. I. S. Robeson Remembers Friends at Holly Inn.

The return of Mr. I. S. Robeson of Rochester, after a duck hunting trip in Texas, has occasioned much pleasure at The Holly Inn through the distribution of a goodly portion of the birds brought back. Among those who enjoyed the *piece de resistance* are Messrs. Becker, Pierce, Creamer, Hamilton, Hudson, Nicholson, Ladd, Berwin and Parmelee.

Five Hundred at Magnolia.

Last week several tables of five hundred were played at the weekly card party at The Magnolia, prizes being offered for the highest scores. Miss Pauline Knight of Madison, and Miss Janette Pulsifer of Buffalo, Mr. J. E. Kellogg of Fitchburg, and Mr. Robert Foley of Philadelphia, were the prize winners.

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