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Controlled entirely by one hand—always ready. There's nothing to set—no steel trap feature—no danger. A spring holds jaws open. Just reach out—touch the fish—close your hand. Jaws of gaff shut with a flash and grip fish like a vise.



The gaff will grip and hold any fish from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 20 pounds. Fish can't slip through no matter where he is gripped, for his circumference is considerably reduced. He can't twist out because you can let your arm turn™ and he has nothing to twist against.

The only humane gaff on the market. Leaves no ugly holes or tears. It is safe to use; no sharp points to accidentally snap and cut or tear. Quicker and surer than a landing net.

Gaff is 18 inches long; $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches between points; can be locked with points together. Made of polished steel, heavily nickeled. Very strong and durable.

Remarkable Ball Game.

Baseball fans the country over will be delighted to know that at last a mechanical baseball game has been perfected that permits the playing of a regular game of baseball with all the stirring action, all the strategy, and all the inside play that is seen in a hotly contested game in the big league ball park.

It is rather surprising, however, that we had to look to Canada for the development of this game. Baseball Improved, as the game is called, was worked out in every detail by a Canadian, and it is a Canadian corporation—Baseball Improved, Limited, which is manufacturing it and putting it on the market.

It is very fitting, however, that the manufacturing and selling offices are to be in

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Chicago, that hotbed of baseball enthusiasm.

While the writer of this letter has seen it played, it is very hard to convey in cold type the enthusiasm and spirit of rivalry which is engendered when two contestants who really understand baseball engage in a fight to the finish.

The mechanism of the game is wonderfully clever. The pitcher pitches the ball with terrific speed; the batter hits it or strikes out; the players field their position, run the bases. In fact, all the action and excitement of a big league game.

We have seen the game played, and we find that the scores average as low as a regular baseball game in the outdoors. Oftentimes a team is shut out, and it is very seldom indeed that over nine runs are scored on a side.

The wonderful popularity that the game has already achieved speaks for it a big success this winter, and you may look for indoor league, with Baseball Improved furnishing the excitement the country over.

DRAPER & MAYNARD.

Draper & Maynard Co., of Plymouth, N. H., manufacturers of baseball goods and other athletic material, announce that their new Fall and Winter catalogue is ready and will be sent on request. This concern will send you also gratis their new book on Foot-ball and Basket-ball Rules. Readers of this magazine purchasing foot-ball and basket-ball material, and other winter sports articles, will find same to be of the high grade and quality as applies to their baseball material of all kinds.

EASTERN HANDICAP DRAWS
RECORD ENTRY.

With more than two hundred and fifty shooters entered for the main event, the Eighth Eastern Handicap, held at the Du Pont Gun Club grounds, Wilmington, Del., July 14-17, set new attendance standards for this popular number of the Interstate Association's yearly program.

W. H. Heer, of Guthrie, Okla., shooting a Remington pump gun and the speed shells, broke the ground record in making the long run of the big shoot, 264 straight. M. L. Wise, of Marysville, Pa., and R. F. Hall, of Waynesboro, Va., both shooting Remington-UMC ammunition, tied with G. M. Howell, of Northumberland, Pa., winner of the handicap event, with 95 out of 100, but lost in the shoot-off. Walter Welnoski, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., won the preliminary handicap with 94 out of 100 and twenty straight in the shoot-off. J. R. Graham, who holds the title of world's champion trap-shooter, broke 48 out of 25 pairs of doubles, using the same Remington pump gun with which he beat the world at the Olympic Games in 1912.