

# THE WORLD OF SHOOTERS.

## 147 WINS AGAIN.

### HE DEFEATS FRED GILBERT IN A MIXED MATCH.

#### Each Shot at 100 Live Birds and 100 Targets—147 Wins Easily on Live Birds and Loses on Targets, But Wins the Match For Best Total.

J. (147) L. Winston, representative of the Austin Powder Company, defeated Fred Gilbert, of Spirit Lake, Ia., in a match at 100 live birds and 100 targets at Watson's shooting grounds, Chicago, Ill., on December 24. Each shot at 100 live birds, 30 yards rise, A. S. A. rules, and 100 targets thrown from five traps, under expert rules. Winston killed 81 out of the 100 live birds, while Gilbert made the poorest score he ever knew and grassed but 68. The live birds were shot first, and it was expected that Gilbert would win, but he was entirely out of form, and fell down badly, killing 20 out of the first 25; then 16, 15 and 17 respectively out of the next three rounds of 25. At targets Gilbert came out winner, but not enough to make up the lead that 147 had secured on the live birds. At the fiftieth round on targets the men were tied on 43, and on the seventy-fifth were still even on 60 breaks each. On the last 25 Gilbert gained on 147 by scoring 23 to 17.

The match was at 100 live birds and 100 targets, the total on the 200 to count, for \$100 a side, and loser pay for birds. A large number of spectators were present. John Watson furnished a good lot of birds, and Gilbert was weak on many of the fast drivers that came to his gun.

Following are the scores:

J. (147) L. Winston, Washington, Ind., 100 live birds, 30 yards' rise—

22222	20222	222*2	20202	22222	21
20222	22222	02222	22*22	22020	20
02222	22222	20220	22202	2222*	20
22222	20222	2222*	22022	20022	20—81

100 targets, expert rules, 16 yards—

11101	11111	11111	11111	11111	24
11101	11101	10101	11011	10111	19
11101	10110	10110	10101	11111	17
01111	11100	01111	11101	01100	17—77

Grand total ..... 158

Fred. Gilbert, Spirit Lake, Ia., 100 live birds, 30 yards' rise—

20222	20221	*2110	11111	02122	20
1002*	02022	21212	2210*	22002	16
01222	2022*	02002	*1021	201*2	15
22222	20222	02*22	01202	**202	17—68

100 targets, expert rules, 16 yards—

01101	11111	10111	11111	11111	22
11111	01101	11111	11111	01101	21
10100	11101	10110	11011	01111	17
11111	11110	11110	11111	11111	23—83

Grand total ..... 151

In the live-bird match "147" lost the 14th, 17th, 19th, 27th, 43d, 50th, 65th and 95th, which went to the left quarter; the 7th, 48th and 98th on the right quarter; the 36th, 51st, 69th, 75th, 82d and 93d all straightaway drivers, and the 62d and 97th, which were incomers.

Gilbert lost straightaway drivers on the 2d, 11th, 31st, 33d, 44th, 45th, 51st, 61st, 64th, 68th, 82d, 88th and 96th rounds. He lost left quarterers on the 15th, 21st, 27th, 30th, 57th, 60th, 66th, 72d, 74th, 86th, 91st and 94th rounds. He lost right quarterers on the 48th, 63d and 99th rounds. He lost incomers on the 7th, 28th, 49th and 97th rounds. Winston used an L. C. Smith gun and Austin factory load. Gilbert used an L. C. Smith gun and DuPont powder in U. M. C. trap shells.

## SHAABER WON THE MEDAL

### At the Shoot of the South End Gun Club at Reading.

The South End Gun Club, of Reading, Pa., celebrated their tenth anniversary of the organization on December 25 with a shoot at Blue Rocks, for the club's medal. The entire day was spent on Independence Island, a popular resort in the Schuylkill River, a short distance below the city. The club's medal has been won by several members on one or two occasions, but the winner must win it three successive events. The latest competitor is John Shaaber, who broke 22 out of 25 targets. There was a large attendance to witness the sport. The contest was shot according to A. S. A. rules, at 16 yards rise, from five traps, and the scores were as follows:

F. Yost	.....19	G. P. Texter	.....6	M. M.	.....6	19
Essick	.....19	Gauster	.....16			9
Eshelman	.....18	Shaaber	.....22			3
Harrison	.....19	Miller	.....19			6
Gerhart	.....18	H. Yost	.....16			9
Rhoads	.....14	Kelly	.....16			9
Miles	.....16	Wilson	.....20			5

## Silver Lake Gun Club.

A live-bird shoot was advertised to take place on Christmas Day on the grounds of the Silver Lake Gun Club, in Philadelphia, for a Smith hammerless gun, but owing to the small amount of tickets sold the match did not take place. A number of sportsmen were present, and a sweep was shot and a match between Murphy and Young. Following are the scores, three live birds, \$1.00.

Reweroff	.....111-3	Perry	.....101-2		
Murphy	.....111-3	Young	.....110-2		
Lea	.....111-3	Ford	.....101-2		
Apker	.....111-3	Price	.....010-1		
Woodstager	.....111-3	Harris	.....000-0		
Match at 10 birds, \$5 a side.					
H. Young	.....11111	1110	.....9		
P. Murphy	.....11010	01111	.....7		

## CONTESTANTS FOR THE "CAST IRON MEDAL."



DR. CARVER.

Dr. Carver is well known all over the world as a wonderful shot with rifle and shotgun. He has won matches at pigeon shooting in every part of the world. He won the title of champion pigeon shot in London a few years ago against 14 of the best shots in the world. His exhibition of fancy shooting from horseback is simply wonderful. As a rifle shot he has some records that have never been beaten, and for endurance can defeat any man in the world. He has a record of breaking 120,000 glass and wooden balls in 12 days. In order to accomplish this he had to break seven balls a minute, and he broke 99 out of nearly every 100 shot at. Carver has some great records, and in a match against J. A. R. Elliott killed 99 out of 100 a couple of years ago. In an exhibition match in Scranton, Pa., a year ago he killed 99 out of 100 selected birds, and killed 95 straight before missing. He recently defeated J. L. Winston four out of six matches, and at 300 birds in three different days averaged 90 1-3 per cent. Two or three years ago he entered into a contest at Chicago with a number of the professional pigeon shots, for the famous "Cast Iron Medal." He failed to win it, but challenged the winner, George Kleinmann, and took the medal on default, as Kleinmann was not well enough to shoot on the day set for the match. Since that time Carver has rested on his laurels, and did not receive a challenge for the medal until a few weeks ago, when Charlie Grimm concluded to try for it. The match was decided at Chicago on December 23, and Carver was defeated, although killing 98 out of 100 birds, Grimm's score being 95 dead. Carver's collection of trophies, medals and prizes is among the most valuable in the world, and have been won in individual matches, sweepstake events, or were presented to him by admirers in different parts of the world, where he gave exhibitions of shooting. Dr. Carver expects to make a trip to Europe soon, and will meet the best shots of that country in pigeon shooting match.



CHARLES GRIMM.

Charles Grimm, of Clear Lake, Iowa, is well known to trap shooters all over this country, and is one of the experts that has a record to be proud of. Charlie Grimm has a reputation for fair and honest shooting ever since he began his career at the traps. He is a fine shot at either live birds or inanimate targets, but owing to business interests does not devote the time to shooting that many other men do. Mr. Grimm killed 50 birds straight in a match at Fonda, Ia., and also killed 49 out of 50 in another match. He also defeated Dr. Carver a few years ago, and did not feel afraid of that great marksman at Chicago on December 23. Mr. Grimm attends many of the big tournaments, and is often at the top in for three or four days' shooting. At live birds he won a great victory at Chicago in 1893 by winning the World's Fair championship, killing 96 out of 100 birds, which were selected for that event, and only the best birds were used. He was around the circuit last year, and some of his records were very high. At Memphis, Tenn., in May, he broke 597 out of 660 targets, and killed 24 out of 25 live birds, an average of .904 per cent, for five days' shooting. At Cincinnati during the Hazard tournament he landed among the winners, and broke 449 out of 510 targets, an average of 88 per cent. At Chicago in June during the Illinois State shoot he killed 20 live birds straight, dividing first money in a big sweep. At Cleveland he won fourth average for three days' shooting. At Pittsburg he averaged 93 per cent, on the first day. He was one of the Iowa team that killed 49 out of 50 live birds at Chicago during the Du Pont shoot, and he scored 24 out of 25 for the trophy. His recent victory over Dr. Carver places him at the head as a live-bird shot, and he has as much right to claim the championship as anyone. His score of 98 out of 100 in this match is the best record ever made on Watson's grounds, as it is a very hard place to make high scores. Charlie Grimm is a true sportsman, and deserves success.

## WAYNE GUN CLUB

### Shot For Turkeys and Prizes on Christmas Day.

The Wayne Gun Club, of Philadelphia, held a clay pigeon shoot on their grounds at Sixteenth and Cayuga streets, on Christmas Day. Soistman carried off first honors by winning several firsts and a couple of second and third prizes. The conditions of the shoot were classified shooting, known angles, unknown traps, five targets each event, and American Association rules to govern. The officials were: A. Soistman, referee; H. Kane, scorer. The scores:

First event—Soistman broke 5, Urary 4, Seidel 3, Kleibert 2, Brey 2, Kane 2, Yost 2, Hansbury 1, Beatty 1.
Second event—Soistman broke 5, Urary 4, Hansbury 4, Seidel 3, Kane 2, Brey 1, Yost 1.
Third event—Mercer broke 5, Soistman 4, Brey 3, Kane 3, Hansbury 2, Stotesford 2, Seidel 1, Urary 1, Yost 1.
Fourth event—Scargle 5, Kane 3, Soistman 3, Hansbury 3, Brey 3, Seidel 2, Urary 2, Merver 2, Stotesford 1.
Fifth event—Brey broke 4, Urary 3, Soistman 3, Hansbury 3, Scargle 3, Seidel 2, Brey 1, Kane 1.
Sixth event—Brey broke 4, Soistman 4, Scargle 4, Kane 3, Seidel 2, Stotesford 2, Urary 1.
Seventh event—Soistman broke 4, Brey 3, Hansbury 3, Urary 2, Kane 1.
Eighth event—Soistman broke 5, Seidel 3, Brey 2, Scargle 2, Kane 1.

## WADSWORTH WON THE TROPHY

### At the Boston Shooting Association Tournament.

The Boston Shooting Association held a shoot on December 25 at Wellington, Mass. The principal event was a 100-target handicap race for the W. A. Trophy, presented by the Laffin & Rand Powder Company, which was won by Captain E. B. Wadsworth, president of the association. The sweepstakes was shot as follows:

Event.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Targets.	10	10	25	25	25	25	10
Allison	.....9	10	19	23	18	24	8
Jones	.....8	10	22	20	21	22	10
Puck	.....7	9	15	21	17	23	9
Pray	.....7	8	19	22	18	23	10
S. Wood	.....9	8	17	22	23	19	10
Bond	.....7	9	21	20	23	17	8
Dickey	.....6	9	19	21	22	20	8
Oliver	.....5	7	16	20	19	21	7
Henry	.....10	7	22	19	21	18	10
Ellsworth	.....10	7	22	19	21	18	10

## Can Laugh at Explosions.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 19.—The fulminate mixing house at the Winchester Repeating Arms Works was blown up this afternoon. The building was a single-story structure with canvas roof. Jeremiah Sullivan was killed there in an explosion a year ago. Now a safety arrangement has been made whereby the fulminate is mixed in a pit and the machinery operated by a man concealed at the end of a tunnel. It was this precaution which to-day saved the operator's life.

## CHARLIE GRIMM

### WINS THE CAST IRON MEDAL FROM THE "EVIL SPIRIT."

#### He Defeats Dr. Carver in Chicago at One Hundred Live Birds—Grimm Makes a Great Record and Scores Ninety-Eight Out of One Hundred.

Charles M. Grimm, of Clear Lake, Iowa, now has possession of the famous "Cast-Iron Medal," having defeated Dr. Carver for that costly trophy, at Watson's shooting ground, Chicago, Ill., on Dec. 23, 1896.

The race attracted a great deal of attention among trap shooters, since Grimm is the only man who has ever challenged Carver for the medal, which is a bronze plate slightly larger than a silver dollar, with a gold pigeon in the centre. Its intrinsic value is not great, which fact, coupled with its appearance, gave it the name "cast-iron." The medal was paid for by subscription from a number of prominent shooters, and offered in 1893. It was thought such a medal would mean more and be more appropriate than one more elaborate, and obtained from a powder company. A galaxy of cracks were in the competition for its first possession, among whom were Chas. Budd, C. M. Grimm, J. A. R. Elliott, "Jack" Brewer, George and Abe Kleinmann, Dr. Carver, J. R. Mott and "Eddie" Bingham. The conditions were 100 live birds, with \$25 entrance, winner to take all. Dr. Carver challenged and obtained the medal later, when Kleinmann was unable to shoot on account of sickness.

Some time ago Dr. Carver invited challenges to get the medal again in circulation among the shooters, and this race was the first fruits. The position of the men at the score was noticeably different. Grimm stood with his left foot well forward, while Dr. Carver, six feet tall, stood upright, with his feet well together. At the outset neither did well with the second barrel, frequently missing the birds entirely when using it for safety. When the need for it came both did effective work.

Grimm obtained the lead at the twenty-fourth round, when Carver missed a towering outgoer. He increased the lead to two in the next 25, but at the seventy-fifth round he had lost the advantage. Carver lost the race in the last 25, missing two difficult towering birds. The remarkably high scores were largely due to the easy birds whose flights were sluggish under the influence of the snowfall, the dark day, and absence of wind. They seldom got far from the traps, and showed a tendency to hover. Thus about the only difficulty they afforded the experts was in twisting and changing speed while in flight. Dr. Carver, in particular, complained of the birds.

Grimm took the lead in the beginning, dropping the first 12 birds straight. Firing the second barrel just as a towering outgoer tried "corkscrew" antics lost Carver the twenty-fourth bird, and a circling right quarterer gave him another blank in the thirtieth round. A round of applause greeted his "kill" of the forty-eighth pigeon, a hard twisting outgoer, dark in color. The dark birds troubled the shooters not a little, on account of the dark fence in the background.

Grimm came to grief on a "corkscrew" right quarterer bird after his straight score of 51, and again fell down in the fifty-ninth round on an outgoer, which changed its flight to the left quarter as he was firing. He then ran out the race, with 41 straight. After missing two birds Carver ran 47 straight, so the men were on even terms from the sixtieth to the seventy-eighth birds. A hoverer which then towered to the left quarter gave Carver a blank, and Grimm led by one. The latter had a narrow escape on his ninety-second bird, which dropped dead within two yards of the boundary. When Carver missed his ninety-fifth bird the victory was clinched, and Grimm, one of the "Iowa Indians," became holder of the "Cast-Iron Medal." The conditions of the match were: 100 live birds, for \$100 a side, loser to pay for birds; winner to take the "Cast-Iron Medal" in addition to the money. Both stood 30 yards rise, A. S. A. rules. Following are the scores:

Chas. M. Grimm, Clear Lake, Ia.	22212	22212	22221	12222	12222-25
	22222	22222	22211	11111	12121-25
	20221	11201	22222	12122	22221-25
	22222	12221	22222	22222	25-98

Dr. W. F. Carver, Chicago, Ill.

22222	22222	22222	21221	22202	24
22220	22112	22222	22222	22222	24
12122	12222	22222	22122	22222	25
22022	22222	22222	22210	22221	23-93

Grimm used a 12-bore, L. C. Smith gun, 7 3/4 pounds, 3 3/4 drams Schultze, 1 1/4 ounce No. 7 shot, in U. M. C. Trap shell. Carver used a 12-bore Cashmore gun, 8 pounds weight, 4 drams of Carver powder, 1 1/4 No. 7 shot, in U. M. C. Trap shells. Grimm lost the fifty-second bird, a curving right quarterer incomer from No. 2 trap, and the fifty-ninth, a zig-zag left quarterer from No. 4 trap.

Carver lost the twenty-fourth, a towering outgoer from No. 3 trap; the thirtieth, a zig-zag driver from No. 1 trap; the seventy-eighth, a curving incomer, on the left from No. 3 trap, and the ninety-fifth, almost identical in flight to the seventy-eighth, being an incomer on the left, which started straightaway, but curved around and came toward the dead line on the left, starting from No. 5 trap.

## WALSRODE GUN CLUB.

### Shot at Live Birds and Targets at Newark.

There was a large gathering at the annual Christmas Day shoot of the Walsrode Gun Club at Newark, N. J., on Dec. 25. Seven events were shot off, two of which were for live birds. Summary:

Club shoot, 10 birds—Baar 10, Perment 10, Hassenger 9, Leuthauser 8, Reinhardt 8.
Seven-bird sweepstakes; live birds—Perment 7, Leuthauser 6, Clinchard 4, Hassenger 5, Koegel 4.
Fifteen-bird sweepstakes; inanimate targets; unknown angles—Koegel 12, Baar 12, Perment 12, Leuthauser 11, Hassenger 11.
Ten double-bird sweepstakes; inanimate targets; known angles—Perment 7, Clinchard 6, Schaefer 6, Koehler 5, Baar 5, Koegel 5.
Ten-bird sweepstakes; inanimate targets; known angles—Hassenger 8, Baar 8, Perment 7, Schraft 8, Perry 7.
Fifteen-bird sweepstakes; inanimate targets; known angles—Baar 14, Leuthauser 12, Fisher 12, Perment 10, Hassenger 11, Koehler 10, Brown 10.
Fifteen-bird sweepstakes; inanimate targets; known angles—Koehler 13, Perment 12, Baar 12, Leuthauser 10, Koegel 10.

## GLEN WILLOW GUN CLUB

### Held a Shoot at Targets at Manayunk.

The annual Christmas shoot of the Glen Willow Gun Club at inanimate targets took place on their range at Manayunk. The sport opened with the club handicap. James Innis secured first prize, William Butler second, and James Cowen third. Several sweepstakes followed, in which Pepper, Cowen and Whitehouse carried off the money. Summary:

Club shoot, handicap, 15 targets each.	Hit.	Missed.	Handicap.	Total.
James Innis	.....14	1	0	14
W. Butler	.....12	3	1	13
James Cowen	.....12	3	0	12
C. Whitehouse	.....9	6	2	11
J. Hopkins	.....8	7	3	11
Dr. Pepper	.....10	5	0	10
J. McFall	.....7	8	3	10
F. Hinkle	.....7	8	3	10
W. Free	.....6	9	3	9
Frank Winkler	.....7	8	1	8
T. Royds	.....8	7	0	8
H. Crowther	.....5	10	2	7

Sweepstake 7 targets, \$1 entrance—Pepper 7, Cowan 7, Free 6, Innis 6, Whitehouse 5, McFall 5, Kirk 4, Becler 4, Hopkins 3.

Sweepstake, 7 targets, 50 cents entrance—Kirk 6, Pepper 6, Cowan 6, McFall 5, Whitehouse 5, Free 5, Hopkins 4, Crowther 4.

Sweepstake, 7 targets, \$1 entrance—Pepper 6, Kirk 5, Cowan 5, Free 4, Butler 4, Hopkins 3.

Sweepstake, 7 targets, \$1 entrance—Whitehouse 5, Butler 6, Pepper 6, Cowan 6, Kirk 5, Innis 5, Free 5, McFall 4, Hopkins 3.

Sweepstake, 20 targets, \$2 entrance—Cowan 15, Pepper 15, Whitehouse 15, Free 14, Kirk 14, Butler 13, McFall 12, Innis 12, Royds 12, Hanson 10.