

THE WORLD OF SHOOTERS.

M'ALPIN'S MATCH.

WORK DEFEATED IN A TWO HUNDRED BIRD MATCH.

McAlpin Has Hard Luck With His Guns — Work Unable to Kill More Than Nineteen Out of Twenty—The Score Good For a Thirty-Yard Boundary.

One of the most important pigeon shooting contests of the season was decided on the grounds of the Westminster Kennel Club, at Babylon, L. I., on Jan. 12, when George Work and George S. McAlpin, of the Carteret Gun Club, shot a 200-bird match. The latter won by a score of 151 to 142. While the score does not look very good, the birds, as they always are at this ground, were unusually fast, and with a heavy gale from the northwest behind them they spun from the traps like so many canvasbacks. It is doubtful if the redoubtable Captain Brewer could have scored 160 under similar conditions, particularly as only a 30-yard boundary was used.

While McAlpin has only been shooting live birds a little over a year and is not nearly so well known as Work, his victory did not surprise the knowing ones a great deal, as many consider him to be the best shooter in the amateur ranks. He showed wonderful nerve and had three guns break down, which was enough to rattle any one, particularly as the stocks of two of the guns did not suit him at all. Work did clever execution at times, but started off poorly. He pulled up nearly even at the end of the 100th round and then fell away again.

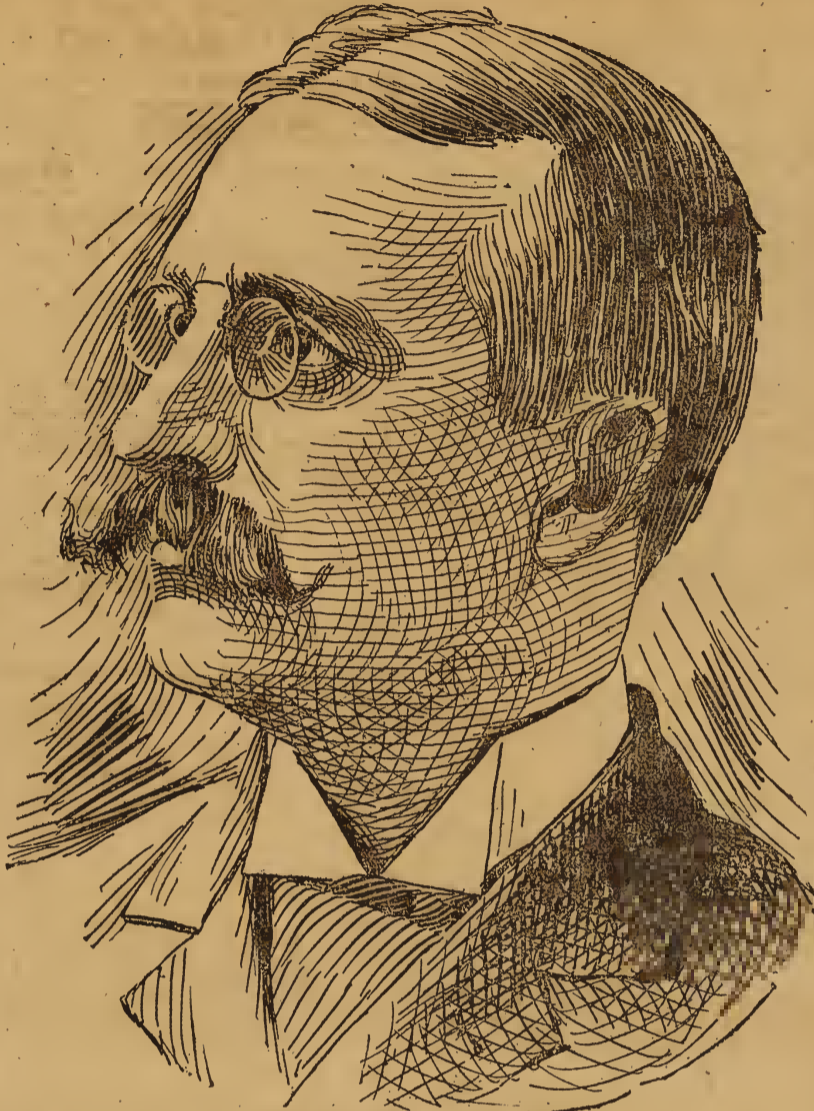
Both men had any number of birds die outside of the boundary, nearly all of them being either lightning drivers or right quartering drivers. Sensational kills 50 yards away were frequent, and scores of birds, particularly McAlpin's, who, in spite of a deadly first, is a little slow with his second barrel, were only stopped by the wire boundary fence. The contestants, who arrived at the ground on a special train, were accompanied by a number of well-known club men, including Fred Hoey, Walter W. Watrous, J. K. Palmer, Harry Dey, Benjamin Klittridge, George Magoun, John Dallett, Jr., J. S. S. Reusen, Fred G. Moore and Justus von Lengerke. They lost little time in practice, and the match was started at 11.30 o'clock. Fred G. Moore was the referee. Fred Hoey handled Work's gun, while George Magoun looked after McAlpin's interests.

Work was the first to shoot. On account of the wind no one was surprised when the bird, a fast right driver, died outside. McAlpin drew a dark left driver and killed him within a few yards of the trap. Work dropped a lightning right quarterer in the second round, only to slip up on a twisting driver in the following round. His fifth bird, a straight driver, though hard hit, died outside the boundary. McAlpin lost his first bird, a straight driver, in the sixth round. Work, however, could not take advantage of his opportunity, as he missed his seventh bird, a right driver, and then had his eighth, another driver, die outside. Work had lost five of the eight birds. He recovered himself, however, and made a beautiful stop of a cyclonic right quarterer in the tenth round, and then McAlpin missed a twisting incomer in the eleventh.

Work made a fine stop, a fast right driver, in the 15th round, and McAlpin missed his 19th, a fast bird of the same type, and then killed 10 straight. Work, after killing 13 straight, his longest run of the day, lost the 22d and 25th birds, both right drivers. At the end of the 25th round McAlpin was four birds ahead, the score standing 22 to 18. He increased his lead in the next string of 25, killing 20 to Work's 18. At the end of the 50th round the score stood: McAlpin 42, Work 36. In the second string Work missed his 31st, 32d, 38th, 43d, 49th and 50th birds, all drivers, except the last named, which was a fast left quarterer. His 55th, also a driver, died outside. McAlpin's misses were his 30th and 46th, both drivers, and his 42d, a right quarterer. His 32d, a left driver, and his 41st, a twisting right driver died outside.

In the third string Work gained two, killing 19 to McAlpin's 17. Work's misses were his 51st, 55th, 56th and 71st birds, while his 58th and 59th birds, drivers, died outside. McAlpin's misses were the 52d, a right quarterer, and the 64th and 63d, drivers. His 59th, 61st, 67th, 73d and 74th, all drivers, died outside. McAlpin's gun broke down in the 75th round, and he was forced to change his weapon, which, in a measure, accounts for some of his misses in the fourth string. While he killed only 15, Work gained only one, the score at the end of the 100th round being as follows: McAlpin 74, Work 71. McAlpin's misses were his 77th, 81st, 83d, 86th, 88th, 96th and 97th, all drivers, and his 91st, a right quarterer. His 80th, a driver, and 95th a twisting incomer, died outside.

McAlpin in spite of frequent breakdowns and changes of gun, continued to draw away, and finally won by nine birds. McAlpin killed 74 of his first 100 birds, and 77 of his second 100, while Work killed 71 in each half of the match. The conditions were 200 birds for \$500 a side, 30 yards rise, 30 yards boundary, Car-



IRBY BENNETT, Representative of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company.

Irby Bennett, connected with the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., of New Haven, Conn., is known to shooting men throughout the country, and especially in the South. For several years he has been located at Memphis, Tenn., where he has a large host of friends, and was one of the mainstays of the Memphis Gun Club, which, by the way, is one of the finest in the South. Mr. Bennett held a high social position in the South, and is one of those popular, clever men who have no trouble in making and keeping friends everywhere. A few weeks ago Mr. Bennett was changed from Memphis to New Haven, Conn., and placed in the office of the Winchester Co. He will have no trouble in finding friends among the sportsmen of the East, and, if he continues to improve in his shooting as he has in the past year, the Winchester Arms Co. will have another "crackerjack" on their list. Mr. Bennett did but little shooting at the trap until about a year ago, when he suddenly came to the front with a rush. At first his scores were irregular, but he seemed to catch onto the knack or science of trap shooting in a remarkably short space of time, and at the Interstate shoot at Charleston, S. C., on April 14 and 15, 1896, he won second average on the second day. At the Interstate shoot at Birmingham, Ala., on April 29 and 30, he won best average on the first day and on the second came out on top of the heap with best average. At the Natchez tournament in June, he got third average on the first. At live birds he handles the repeating shotgun in a rapid manner and kills his birds well. He is very enthusiastic over the good qualities possessed by the arms and ammunition manufactured by the company which he is connected with, and can explain the mechanism of their shotguns and rifles in a clear and explicit manner. Mr. Bennett will be warmly welcomed by the sportsmen of the East, and his presence will be acceptable at any shooting grounds in the country.

teret Gun Club rules. Following are the scores:

G. S. McAlpin, 30yds.	22222	10221	02222	22102	22222-22
	22220	2*222	22222	*0221	01222-20
	20202	12*22	*2022	1*222	22*2-17
	1022*	02022	01012	0220*	00222-15
	02220	22220	22122	*0212	12222-20
	20222	21022	20222	02222	2222*-20
	22222	12222	22222	0*22*	20222-21
	22160	22100	20202	22202	20022-16-151

George Work, 30yds.	*202*	20*12	22222	22222	20220-18
	22222	0022*	22021	22022	22200-18
	02220	02*22	22222	22222	02222-19
	2**20	22002	20002	20222	22222-16
	20220	20022	22222	02222	22022-19
	02222	22202	02200	22222	00222-18
	22102	1**20	02220	02222	02222-17
	1222*	22210	00222	21202	02200-17-142

Referee—Fred G. Moore. Scorer—Jacob Pentz.

SOME REASONS WHY

You Should Attend the Mid-Winter Shoot at San Antonio.

There are many men who wonder if they should attend the midwinter tournament to be given in San Antonio, Tex., on Jan. 26-30 by Ole Gueszaz, Albert Steves and Joe George, and are trying to get some excuse for going. There are several reasons why every trap shooter should go who can afford it, as it will be a big shoot with \$2000 added money, and an entertainment provided for the following week that will alone be worth the trip. Here are a few reasons why you should attend:

If you have spells of dizziness, caused by drinking too much liquor. If you have that punctured tired feeling, caused by coming in contact with glass or glasses. If you have spots before the eyes, either two, four or eight spots or ace of clubs. If you have a bad taste in the mouth in the morning, caused by eating mackerel the night before. If you have wakeful nights, caused by cats or fire-alarms. If you have cold feet, caused by low thermometer and cotton socks. If you have loss of appetite, caused from over-eating. If you have a loss of memory, caused by

being forgetful. If you are nervous and shaky, caused by being fidgety. If you want to meet some of the greatest sportsmen in the country. If you want to have two weeks of solid fun. If you want a week of trap shooting for good purses. If you want a week of the greatest shooting you ever had on ducks, geese, snipe, jack rabbits and ten-foot snakes. If you want new blood put in your body. If you want to feel that life is worth the living, and make you feel fit to associate with your fellow-men, then go to the San Antonio shoot.

BREY WAS BEST MAN

At the Monthly Shoot of the J. F. Weiler Gun Club.

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 6.—The John F. Weiler Gun Club held the regular monthly shoot at the grounds, at Griesemerville. The score was as follows: M. Brey, hit 24, missed 1; H. Acker, hit 20, missed 5; M. Brey, hit 20, missed 5; Obediah Heil, hit 19, missed 6; Charles Hohe, hit 18, missed 7; O. H. Acker, hit 18, missed 7; Ed. Minnich, hit 16, missed 9; M. Desh, hit 16, missed 9; Charles Kramlich, hit 16, missed 9; Charles Hoey, hit 15, missed 10; Acker, hit 15, missed 10; Shindle Weiler, hit 13, missed 12; John Rehrig, hit 11, missed 14; F. Miller, hit 8, missed 17; Alfred Griesemer, hit 4, missed 21; Lewis Grammes, Jr., hit 4, missed 21; A. S. Weiler, hit 2, missed 23.

After the regular shoot John Rehrig, of Lehighton, and F. Class, of Morris-town, N. J., shot a match at ten birds. Rehrig killed all his birds and Class missed one. The same men then shot a match for \$5 a side. Class killed eight birds and missed two, and Rehrig killed five and missed five.

John F. Weiler and Oscar H. Acker then shot a live-bird match. Acker killed seven and missed three, and Weiler killed five and missed five. Rehrig and Class were matched to shoot in two weeks for \$50 a side. Fifty birds will be shot at.

AT MONTE CARLO.

CRITTENDEN ROBINSON WINS ANOTHER MATCH.

The San Francisco Pigeon Shot Kills Ninety-two Birds—The Match Was a Very Exciting One—More Matches to be Arranged.

Monte Carlo, Jan. 5.—A return match, 100 pigeons, at thirty yards, for 2100f. a side, between the California shot, Robinson, and the well-known English marksman, Orchardson, took place this afternoon at Mont Boron, and ended in favor of the Pacific coast champion.

It must not for a moment be thought that there was any collusion between the shooters. On the contrary, unfortunately, there was bad blood between the rivals from the commencement, for no sooner did Robinson arrive on the ground than he asked to see the birds, and remained in the pigeon room alone with the employes fully ten minutes.

Coming out, he proposed to M. Bertrand, the directeur of the Tir, to ask Orchardson to allow two strangers, in the shape of two street boys who never trapped pigeons in their lives, to take the place of the ordinary trappers.

WEATHER FAVORED THE AMERICANS. To this the Englishman, a splendid specimen of the British sportsman, replied, although evidently nettled:

"Anything you like, so long as we begin the match. Have two ladies to trap if it pleases you," and after a pause he added, "Say, would you like two boys to retrieve, instead of dogs?"

Here the incident closed. The two did not exchange a word until they shook hands when all was over.

The light was dull and gray, with not a breath of air to help the birds. This was considered by the betting division to be worth fully £150 in wagers over the result in favor of the American.

THE RIVALS AND THEIR WORK.

Orchardson won the toss and led off, but missed the initial bird. Robinson killed his first bird. Then the game went merrily on until eighteen pigeons had been grassed in succession, and at the end of the first twenty the score stood Robinson 18, Orchardson 17.

When twenty-eight birds had been trapped Robinson had twenty-five to his credit.

At the conclusion of the second twenty the American had thirty-six out of forty to his credit and still leading by two. The same difference separated the pair at the sixtieth round, when Robinson's total stood fifty-two to his opponent's fifty-three.

A CLOSE AND EXCITING CONTEST.

In the fourth twenty Orchardson accounted for every bird, while Robinson missed the eighteenth, after a capital run of thirty-three consecutive kills, thirty-one of which were made with the first barrel.

Then came the last stage. Robinson failed to grass the eighty-fourth, a low out-flier from No. 2 trap, and "tie seventy-seven" all proclaimed.

The excitement now ran high, but Orchardson for some unaccountable reason commenced missing, as the loss of his eighty-sixth setter from No. 2 trap closed a glorious sequence of forty-three kills. He also let the following bird go and failed over the ninety-second and ninety-eighth.

It was all over then, for, although Robinson missed his ninety-ninth, he killed the next, and was returned winner by ninety-two against Orchardson's eighty-nine, out of a hundred pigeons shot at by each.

Out of the number of birds grassed seventy-nine fell to Robinson's first barrel and sixty-eight to Orchardson's. Although the pigeons were very moderate, it was a good performance on the part of each.

After the contest several friendly sweepstakes were decided. The majority of the birds flew well. This M. Bertrand attributed to the difference in trapping. Be this as it may, in the match what was sauce for the goose was sauce for the gander.

After all was over everyone was pleased to see the two opponents at the buffet together. I do not think, however, that the deciding match will be shot on this side of the Channel, but probably at Hurlingham or at the Gun Club, where English Blue Rocks alone are used, and the Belgian bizet is unknown.

In a previous match shot at Cap d'Ail Orchardson killed eighty-five to Robinson's eighty-two.

Haywood Was Clever.

Long Branch, N. J., Jan. 10.—Captain Haywood, the Denver crack pigeon shot, won three out of the four matches at Elkwood Park yesterday afternoon. In the first at 10 birds, which was won by Noel E. Money, with straight kills, Haywood and Craumer, with nine killed, divided second money. In the second and third at black birds, miss and out, Haywood won both; while in the final at a 10-bird match, between Haywood and Money, the Denver man won by a score of 9 to 8.

Shack Wins Two Shoots.

Long Branch, N. J., Jan. 4.—George Shack won two live-bird shoots this afternoon from a field of five crack shots. In the first event, five birds, Shack, Cook and Becroft, with clean scores, tied, the former winning on the shoot-off. In the second event Shack won by killing straight.