## SILENT GUN WON' MAKE CRIME EASY

Hiram Percy Maxim Defends
the Noiseless Revolver—
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The couple were going through the woods near Rockey when the fluttering of the woman's skirts evidently aroused the ire of a seven-foot reptile, which they failed to see until they almost tred upon it. Says It Does Not Mean

Hartford, Conn., May 10.—"The criticism of the so-called noiseless gun," said Hiram Percy Maxim, "is that it shoots in silence and therefore in secrecy. Those of us who are untrammeled by facts jump to the conclusion that any gun which shoots thus means that anything can be killed thus—in silence and in secrecy. Upon this they build a lurid story of death and extermination. If it were only that the facts could be ignored, only that the facts could be ignored, this must be so. But, fortunately, facts must be taken into account.

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"I have found a way to silence 95 per cent. to 99 per cent. of the noise made at the muzzle of a rifle. It might be thought that this cuts out all the noise of firing, but this is where the wrong conclusion is jumped at. It does not cut out nearly all the noise. There is a curious noise left. I say curious, for it is curious, and cannot be described by words. It seems to be a general, all-pervading, reverberatory sort of noise, coming from nowhere in particular. One of its astonishing properties is that it seems to depend upon the configuration of the country over which you shoot. For example, a 30-40 rifle fired up into the air makes more noise than a big boy's air rifle. The same gun brought down and fired across a field in which there are trees and bushes makes a loud, curious reverberation, which may be heard a long distance. Fired in thick woods the noise is like that which comes after a fleet of lightning and just before the noise is like that which comes after a flash of lightning and just before the arrival of the thunderclap. It sug-gests a 'tearing' or 'riping.'

Calls It "Ex-gun" Noise "I have experimented a long time, and I have found that this noise is entirely apart from the gun. I call it 'ex-gun noise,' because it has nothing to do, is outside of, the gun itself. It is made by the bullet tearing its way through the air.

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should be taken into consideration. In the ordinary revolver there is a considerable space between the chamber and the barrel. If the gas cannot get out through a silencer on the muzzle there is no reason why it should not take the open space referred to; but now suppose that a revolver were made with no chamber or space. Could this be silenced? Actual tests show that it cannot, with any guippowder that we know of today. The reason is because the short length of the barrel enables the bullet to get out before all the powder is burned. One of the most engaging booklet that has come to our notice in many The burning powder inside a silencer.

## MAN IS CHASED

York, Pa., May 10.—Kurvin Kinard, of Craleyville, says he can verify that to be chased by an angry bull is nothing compared to being chased by an angry blacknake, and his wife can bear him out.

most trod upon it.

They fled down the path and across a field and declare the snake was in chase, until Kinard, in desperation, hurled a stone and by a lucky shot killed it.

POST OFFICE FOUND LETTER'S OBJECTIVE

Addressed to "Sky of Tufts" t Blind Readers Got It to Proper Man

Washington, D.C., May 10.—That there are some first class "bling readers" in the postal service, in addition to those in the dead letter office, was shown a few days ago when a letter mailed in Abbeville, Ga., and bearing no other address than "Sky of Tufts, U.S.A.," was delivered promptly to the person for whom it was intended.

The postmaster in Abbeville sent the letter through to Medford, Mass., where Tufts College is located. Familiarity with the students had taught the postmaster of the college post-office here that "Sky" was the nickname of Irving Tolles, a junior. The letter reached Tolles, and he admitted that it was intended for him.

# GUN IN EACH

## HASED BY A BLACKSNAKE SHOT AT HIM BUT

Such Was Report of Old-Kansas Sheriff Sent After Bad Man - Desperado Afterwards Died of Wounds

Great Bend, Kan., May 10.—G. N. Moses, of this place, tells an interesting story of one of his adventures in 1872, when he was sheriff of Barton

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In the summer of 1872, according to the former sheriff, the region between the Arkansas and Smoky rivers was a vast grazing ground for Texas cattle. Among the men handling one herd that went through that territory was a bad man" who had the reputation of being a "killer" and an all around bad character. He committed an assault upon a defenceless woman when she was all alone in a sod house, and a warrant was given to Sheriff Moses to bring in the criminal. The sheriff got a man named Gainsford to help him in the chase. The husband of the unfortunate woman was also in the party, and the three set out.

A stranger who said that above everything he wanted to be protected from giving the information told the party where the "bad man" could be found, and Moses, Gainsford and the husband set out after him. The informant impressed upon the party that "they should be sure and kill their man."

The posse rode until they came to a bluff and there discovered the camp of the man they wanted. The husband was unused to fiterarms and he was persuaded to hold the horses, and Moses and and Gainsford detoured to get to the camp. The man they wanted was sitting on a log, his Winchester leaning against a wagon. They began by shooting at each other, and then the "bad man" tried to make his escape. Moses tells the rest of the story in this manner:

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"There was a deep ravine that came in close to the creek there, and he undertook to run up over a point to get into this deep cut. I saw that if he made it over the point he would surely get away. A short distance of his climb was quite steep and a part of it brought him in full view.

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Interesting Suggestion By Secretary Of Shawnigan Development League

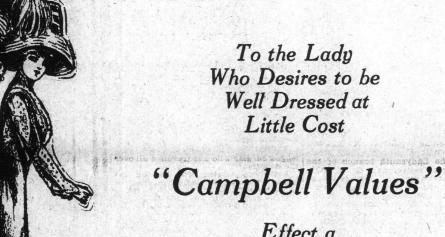
or "The Battle"

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FRENCH **GLOVES** 

Merchants Anticipate Frenzied Summer - Railway Work Proceeding Apace

Prince Rupert is busier now than it ever was, according to F. B. Casey, a surveyor who has been identified with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company for two and a half years. He arrived from the north yesterday. He says that not only are things humming there at present but the prospects are

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There at present but the prospects are that the forthcoming season will see the new Pacific coast transcontinental railway terminus as transcontinental railway terminus a veritable hive of activity. The preliminary work in connection The preliminary work in connection with the establishment of what is expected to be one of the largest commercial centres of the coast, Mr. Casey says, is well underway. The townsite of Kaien Island is assuming some kind

of Kalen Island is assuming some of shape. Hitherto it has been impossible for the casual visitor to understand how the company proposed converting that site into the beautiful city, the plans of which have been prepared and admired everywhere. Now they can obtain some idea of what the town is going to look like when the workmen are finished with the herculean task that has been initiated. to use the paper as a cigar light—
When he discovered what he had the Johnson's mind gave way.

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Lean task that has been initiated. All the sewerage system has been commenced, and that the place is rapidly beginning to assume the appearance of the modern up-to-date city that has been so carefully designed.

A Grand Harbor.

There is one point about the new townsite with which Mr. Casey is particularly impressed, and that is its harbor. For more than a year he was working on its survey and he has come to the conclusion that it is about the finest land-locked body of water that can be found anywhere in the world. He is convinced that it would be im-He is convinced that it would be impossible to find any spot so spacious, so well calculated for the convenient handling of large amounts of shipping, and withal so remarkably easy of access. This, in Mr. Casey's opinion, is the great point in favor of the situation that has been selected by the G. T. P. for their coast terminus.

Mr. Casey thinks that the majority of people have a wrong idea of the

of people have a wrong idea of the city in embryo. They believe that it is going to be built on a bog. That is not so, asserts Mr. Casey. He says that the topographical feature of Kaien Island are much similar to those at

intending to enter upon agricultural pursuits.
The work of railway construction is proceeding apace. When Mr. Casey left the north the grading had been completed for over one hundred miles in land. He meant by this that practically all that had to be done had been finished, although there remained a few grots where the cutting was especially and the construction of the contract where the cutting was especially all the contract where the cutting was especially all the contract where the cutting was especially and the contract was all the contract where the cutting was especially and the contract was all the cutting was especially and the contract was all the contract where the cutting was especially and the contract was all the cutting was especially and the contract was all the cutting was especially and the contract was all the contract where the cutting was especially and the contract was all the cutting was especially and the contract was all the cutting was especially and the contract was all the cutting was especially and the cutt few spots where the cutting was espe-cially heavy, that had to be dealt with. That, however, would soon be disposed of as the working force was constant-

by being augmented.

While at Prince Rupert, Mr. Casey says, there were from thirty to fifty men arriving by every incoming steamer to take up employment with

the railway company. What with the Grand Trunk employees, the speculators, and those who will go into the interior to prospect along the route of the new line, Mr. Casey affirms that Prince Rupert's business men are looking forward to a frenzied summer. They anticipate a boom of no small proportions and, accordingly, are making all necessary

## ON REGORD WAS 1908

Decline of Passenger Traffic on North Atlantic During Year Was Marked-Cunard Returns

London, May 10.—The North Atlantic passenger-carrying business was during 1908 depressed to a degree never experienced since there was sufficient of this class of business to justify the running of regular lines to cater for it. The German companies operating on this route issued their reports for 1908 a few weeks ago. The results then disclosed were regarded as about as bad as could possibly be.

possibly be.
In common with all other shipping In common with all other shipping enterprises, the Cunard has experienced ups and downs at various stages of its career, but 1908 will probably stand out for ever as marking a climax in the matter of unprofitable working, for not only is the dividend of 5 per cent. on the ordinary shares paid in respect of 1905 and 1907 not forthcoming on this occasion, but after transferring £100,000 from reserve account there remains to be carried forward a pairty £3,600 as against £109,000 brought with the 1908 balance sheets.

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twelve months ended December 31 last totalled only 335,000, as against 1,116,000 in 1907. Nor was this all, for unremunerative fares were brought about by excessive competition, while in addition the coal bill was far in excess of the normal figure.

Most of those hostile forces, however, have now spent their force, and it is believed that this year the former prosperity will be renewed. Summer Resort Burned

New York, May 10.—The Golden City, the largest summer amusement resort, at Carnarsie, on Jamaica Bay, Brook-lyn, was swept by fire Saturday. Fif-teen buildings were destroyed; loss \$125.000. The resort will be rebuilt at

### BATTLESHIP TARGETS IN MILITIA ARMORY

New York, May 10.—Moving pictures will assist in the training of artillery men, inasmuch as they have been adopted as targets, and will soon be installed

## The Music Store, Ever Try



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ticularly pleasing new arrivals. Come in and look through our 10c catalogues of sheet music. "Moon Winks," "Maple Leaf Rag," "School Days," Queen of the Earth" and

### Took Six-Got We

Tuesday, May 11, 1909.

Mrs. R. C. Small, of Ottawa, cert ly ought to know a lot about rheu tism. Goodness knows, she suffe ong enough. For years, she was most a cripple and at times, the was so severe that she was compe to lie helpless in bed.

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# **NEWLY-PAINTE**

Birds Fly Against Boards Dwelling and Commit S cide When Owner Hold "Quail Dinners"

Topeka, Kan., May 10.—C. O. Asp gren, a McPherson county farme painted his house yellow, and becau of that fact he dines on broiled qua Six times this winter this newly pain ed house has proved a veritable dea trap to coveys of quall, the flocks having dashed against the south side the house and each time from four ten birds being killed. ten birds being killed ..

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The queer incident was repeate when a flock of quail coming from the south struck the house with almobulletlike force. Several of the birds struck the glass which is in the south side of the house, and the impact nonly shattered the large pane of glass but the birds and pieces of glass struct the opposite side of the room. Six of the birds were dead and four of the others were so badly stunned that Maspegren picked them up.

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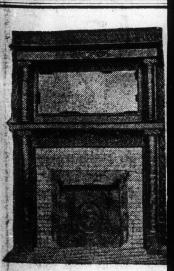
At one time a flock just missed the top of the house and one bird was killed by striking against the roof. The next time the flock passed between the house and the windmill, and one bir which was straggling to one side was caught in the death trap. Again the flock coming over a clump of tree from the south struck the side of the house. Seven were killed and for others were so stunned that they were caught.

Mr. Aspegren cannot account Mr. Aspegren cannot account f this strange fatality to quail, which h protects on his farm. They may color blind, he said, but he is rath inclined to believe that the strawlil color of the house and the fact thi it is partly secreted by trees on t south, from which direction the floc of quail come, is a better explanatio The quail is a bird that files low an very swiftly, and he thinks that it coming over the trees and bushes from ing over the trees and bushes fr the south they do not see the hountil it is too late to turn.

Following each of the quail slaug-tering periods at his home Mr. Asp gren has invited his nearest neighbo to enjoy with him a quail dinner. T state law is very strict in its proh tion of quail dinners in Kansas. Mr. Aspegren contends that he has right to eat these birds when they d liberately commit suicide in the m ner described.

Cariboo Pioneer Killed. Vancouver, May 10.—Theodore The malien, aged seventy-four, a Carib pioneer, died at St. Paul's hospital Sa urday morning as the result of inju through being struck by an interu ban Friday night.

Actor Hackett Bankrupt New York, May 10.—James K. Hacett, the actor, filed a voluntary petion in bankruptcy, giving his liabities as \$126,457, and his assets as \$7 He named 140 creditors, of whom tactor's wife, Mary Mannering Hacke has the largest claim, \$60,000. Dan Hanna, of Cleveland, is named as creditor for \$10,000 in money loan. The claims of only two of the creditors are secured.



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