

would be easily avoided by having every man examined beforehand to see that he thoroughly understands the duty he is expected to perform.

And now a word or two about the challenging of shots by the range officers. There is a right and a wrong way of doing this, and as there seems to be no set worded rule as to how a shot is to be challenged, the wrong way is often used, and this is a sample: Pte. Grasp fires. The target does not go down. He is so sure his shot struck the target that he invests fifty cents to find out. The range officer (perhaps for the first time) calls up the officer in charge at the butts to have the last shot signalled on No. 5 target. Down goes the target and up comes an inner disc; the consequence is that in five cases out of six Pte. Grasp gets credited with the inner although he never struck the target. It is simply the inner made by Lt. Saynothing, who fired before him. Now, one of the right ways to challenge a shot is this: "Examine No. 5 target and see if there is on it a shot not marked." If a shot is found Pte. Grasp will get the benefit of it. If not, he does not get what belongs to another as in the first case.

One more item and I am done. Ricochets are signalled at the D.R.A. by a black bar (or the "rake" as the riflemen generally call it) and misses by the waving of a black disc (*i. e.*, where the target has been lowered thinking there was a hit and none found). Now, the trouble is, the markers have had no black discs to signal a miss with, so the old rake comes up for a miss just the same as for a ricochet. It is not always easy for the unfortunate competitor to tell which it is meant for. This could be easily rectified by furnishing the disc. A competitor may have just grazed the top of the target, and the marker puts up the rake for him, so he concludes he has gone too low, puts up his sight and it will be some time before he finds the target, thus perhaps ruining his chance for a trip to Bisley.

FORE-SIGHT.

18th August, 1890.

DIVINE WORSHIP.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—Queen's Regulations, Sec. 7, para. 268, reads:—(1) No soldier being a Roman Catholic, or of any religious belief differing from that of the Established Church, is to be compelled to attend the Divine worship of the Church of England, and (2) every soldier is to be at full liberty to attend the worship of Almighty God according to the forms prescribed by his own religion when military duty does not interfere with this arrangement. R. & O. para 269, 1883, and R. & O. para 234, 1887, contain section 2 of above and to this date I fail to find that any alteration has been made thereof.

What I want to know, sir, is this,—On what authority Methodist and Presbyterian soldiers are forced to attend the Church of England in certain of the permanent schools of Canadian militia? Are our religious views to be respected? Are we to be allowed to worship God according to our own religious convictions, or is the Canadian militia to be made a recruiting ground for the purpose of the Church of England.

"JANET GEDDES."

A CHALLENGE.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—Having strong doubts as to certain scores being honestly made in the recent League matches, I hereby challenge any Nurseryman to shoot for the sum of \$50, who, during these contests, is credited with a score of 98 points or better, match to take place on Rideau range (with kind permission) immediately after the Dominion matches are completed. Queen's ranges. Snider rifles. The money to be deposited in the hands of Thos. Mitchell on Monday, 1st Sept., immediately before the Dominion matches commence.

S. B. GREEN, Pte. (Nurseryman),
Essex Centre, August 11th, 1890. 21st Essex Fusiliers.

TEAM CHALLENGE WITHDRAWN.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—Will you kindly insert the following letter: A few weeks ago I issued a challenge on behalf of the 21st Fusiliers to the 13th Battalion to shoot for any suitable trophy that might be named. The challenge, as yet, has never been accepted, and I hereby withdraw such challenge, as I freely admit it would be useless for my team to cope with such a strong aggregation of shots, who can average nearly 95 points per man with Snider rifles at Queen's ranges.

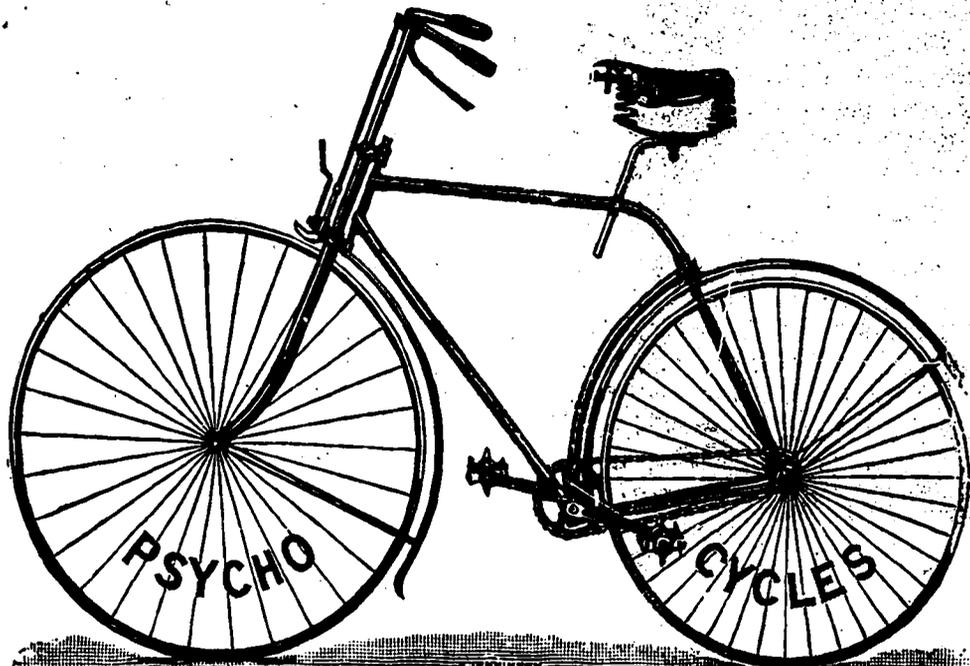
A. E. JONES, Capt. Team.

Essex Centre, Ont., August 13, 1890.

A Paris paper holds that the French artillery may be favourably compared to that of any other European Power. The field guns range 9 kilos. Their breech system, which works on a hinge, is superior to the German screw, and enables the French gunner to fire more rapidly. The destructive power of melinite shells is so great that two steel towers with walls 10½ in. thick, and two solid ramparts of granite mounted on a layer of the hardest concrete 3 ft. thick, were pulverized in 22 rounds. There is talk of a new explosive, 30 times stronger than melinite, which will render steel plates, concretes and granite useless!

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