

MODERN ARMY RIFLES.

Evolution of the Old Smooth Bore Muzzle Loading Musket.

The gun is the little brother of the cannon. Artillery was made first, but it was easy to see that something a man could carry was needed, and in the fourteenth century the Flemings were the proud possessors of hand cannon, small copies of the bigger weapon fitted to a stock. They were interesting more than effective, however, and did little damage beyond scaring badly every one who faced them for the first time.

Improvements came in the course of time, and the arquebus, also called the caliver and which was modeled somewhat after the crossbow, came on the market. The work the Spanish did with the new weapon was not a joke. And under the Duke of Alva, a little later, they also introduced the musket, an improvement on the arquebus, but still a clumsy affair, fired by a match and so heavy that it could only be aimed from a rest. It had a tremendous bore, however, and could stop a horse at 500 yards, so it soon became the universal military arm.

Early in the eighteenth century the flintlock displaced the matchlock. The Charleville musket, introduced by Lafayette and the first regulation gun in the hands of American soldiers, was of this type.

A Scotch clergyman, Alexander Forsythe, was responsible for the next big advance, the percussion cap, which he invented in 1807. The Prussian needle gun was the first successful military breechloader, although the principle was not new—the Spanish had them aboard the ships of the armada.

Rifling also is very old. Gaspard Koller of Vienna and August Kotter of Nuremberg were rivals for the honor of the invention about 1520. As has been pointed out, however, these improvements had to be laid aside until a day of better workmanship.

Most of the fighting up to 1850 was done with smoothbores, even Napoleon discarding the rifle. Breechloaders were used near the close of our own war, and very soon the muzzle loader became a curiosity.

Winchester, an American, invented one of the first successful repeating rifles, and the Turks used them against the Russians in 1877. Then all the great military powers began rearming their troops with small caliber repeaters, using high power smokeless powder. One of the best is our own Springfield rifle.

No one need wonder what the weapon of the near future will be. All war departments of the world are eagerly searching for the perfected automatic rifle, which will be a terrible weapon indeed—a miniature machine gun.

Teutons and Slavs.

A Teuton is one of an ancient German tribe that dwelt north of the Elbe and first appeared in history along with the Ainbe, about 300 B. C. The German people in general are called Teutons. The name means "the people," as opposed to foreigners.

A Slav is one belonging to any of the Slavonic groups of Aryans. These are all domiciled in Europe except the Russians of Siberia, and a large number of emigrants settled in America. They are divided into three groups, eastern Slavs or Russians, northwestern Slavs and southern Slavs. They are the most numerous race in Europe. Their original habitat seems to have been the basins of the Vistula and other rivers to the northeast of the Carpathians.

Maids of the Mist.

The old Maid of the Mist passed through the Whirlpool rapids once. She was built originally to cruise about in the comparatively quiet waters at the foot of Niagara falls. Becoming involved in debt and being threatened with seizure, her owner tried to escape with her through the rapids and did so, though she was badly battered and lost her smokestack. This happened in 1864, and she never tried to ascend the rapids. The name, given by Sir Walter Scott to the heroine of "Anne of Geierstein," has been taken by succeeding boats which cruise about the foot of the falls.

Free Trip For Him.

"The best thing about this trip," said the retired merchant as he lay back luxuriously in the comfortable chair on the porch of a twelve dollar a day hotel, "is that it is not costing me a cent."

"How's that?" asked an envious spectator.

"It's all coming out of what I'm going to leave to my heirs," said the man, smiling happily.

Encouraging.

"Did the doctor give you much encouragement?"

"Sure."

"Said you would soon get well?"

"Not exactly. But he told me I could pay his bill when I got the money."

Not Far Wrong.

"A-u-t-o-c-r-a-c-y." spelled Tommy, reading aloud. After a pause he pronounced it triumphantly—"autocracy." And he wondered why his father laughed.—Chicago Herald.

Partly True.

"James told me that he gets \$200 a week from the concern he works for."

"So he does—to put in the bank for them."—Baltimore American.

Sad, Too.

"I'm saddest when I sing," said she. "I share your grief, my dear," said he.—Boston Transcript.

A failure establishes only this, that our determination to succeed was not strong enough.—Bovee.

JUNETOWN

March 19

Miss Annie Caghan Athens, is visiting her cousin Miss Ettie Caghan.

Miss Arlev Purvis spent last week with Mrs. Walton Sheffield, Athens.

Mrs. Jane McGuire returned on Friday from visiting friends at Jones Falls and Athens.

Mrs. Wallace Green and children, of Tilly, spent a few days last week with Mrs. Norris Ferguson.

Mrs. C. Phillips, Escott, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Arnold Avery on Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Claude Purvis and Miss Myrtle Purvis spent Friday last in Athens.

Miss Mary Ruttle, Quabbin spent a few days last week with Mrs. Fred Graham.

Mrs. Harry Vollich and children, Athens were at W. H. Ferguson's last week.

Mr. John Guill, Kingston, is spending a few days at Mr. E. T. Tennant's.

PURVIS STREET

Miss Beatrice Dickey spent Sunday at her home in Caintown

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gibson and son Donald spent Sunday at Mr. Lampson's, Caintown.

Mr. and Mrs. James Manhart and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chick attended the concert at Mallorytown on Saturday night.

Mrs. Norman Baile spent a few days visiting friends in Brockville.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Graham and Velma spent Sunday at Caintown, guests of Mr. John Kincaid.

Mrs. James Pottenger is expected home this week from the hospital much improved in health.

CHANTRY

Mrs. Henry Halladay was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Sandy Elliott.

Mr. Sandy Elliott has purchased a new binder.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Gallaway have taken up residence here.

Miss Pearl Seed has returned from Westport where she spent a few days.

Our cheese factory opened on the 15th for the coming season.

A number in this vicinity are tapping their bushes.

Mrs. John Imerson, one of our oldest residents, passed away on March 17, after a long illness. The funeral service was conducted at the family residence on Monday.

Messrs. Sandy Elliott, Carman Eyrre, and J. M. Davis were called to Brockville on the 20th as jurymen. They returned the following day as there were no cases.

THE HOLLYHOCK.

A Flower That is Intertwined With Our Colonial History.

The hollyhock gets its name from two words that indicate its origin in the Holy Land and its membership in the mallow family. But apparently it was known in India before it flung its cheerful banners to the air in Palestine.

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Some of the old colonial blossoms are shy and modest, but the hollyhock has the courage of its convictions. It knows its beauty, as it should, and has no mind to hide it under a bushel or beneath a hedgerow. It is the province of loveliness to display itself, not vauntingly, but with a due sense of its worth. And the hollyhock, the statelyst of our "old fashioned" flowers, aspires unabashed.

In two books of "popular quotations" there is no reference to the hollyhock, though the holly has its fair share of space. But it can afford to be thus ostracized.

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On the Line.
"You say you have spent hours over a single line?"
"Yes; and sometimes days."
"Then you're a poet?"
"No; I'm an angler."

Unusual Behavior.
Lerret—You look worried, old chap.
Yadilloh—Yes; I'm afraid my wife is sick. She stayed at home all yesterday afternoon.—Life.

Remembered Too Well.
Howard—Did your aunt remember you in her will? Henry—She sure did. Directed her executors to collect all the loans she had made me.—Puck.

Holding His Own.
"Stingy, isn't he?"
"You've said it. Why, he holds fast to everything he gets his clutches on and even bolts down his dinner."

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