

Slip the left hand along the sling as far as the swell of the firelock; bring the piece down to the *present*; stepping back six inches to the rear, with the right foot, and look steadfastly along the barrel of the firelock. 2d. *Present.*

Pull the trigger firmly, and remain on the *present*, looking steadily along the piece until the next word of command. 3d. *Fire.*

1st. Bring up the right foot to the inside of the left heel, and at the same time drop the firelock briskly down to the priming position; the top of the cock opposite the right breast the muzzle raised to the height of the peak of the cap, and pointing directly to the front, which will throw the firelock into the hollow of the right side; the left hand continuing to grasp the piece at the swell, holding it firm and steady; seize the cock with the fore-finger and thumb of the right hand. 4th. *Load.*

2d. Half-cock—by drawing back the right elbow briskly, bringing it down on the butt of the firelock.

1st. Draw the cartridge from the pouch.

2d. Bring it to the mouth, holding it between the fore-finger and thumb, and bite off the top of the cartridge. 5th. *Handle Cartridge.*

1st. Shake some powder into the pan.

2d. Shut the pan with the three last fingers. 6th. *Prime.*

3d. Seize the small of the butt with the above three fingers.

1st. Turn the piece nimbly round to the loading position; the butt within two inches of the ground, the lock towards the front, and the muzzle of the piece near the breast; the right hand to be brought on that part of the barrel on which the sight is placed; both feet are to be kept fast in this position. 7th. *Cast about;*  
as it is to be pronounced for the sake of brevity 'Bout.'

2d. Drop the butt on the ground without noise, shake the powder into the barrel, putting in after it the paper and the ball.

3d. Seize the top of the ramrod with the fore-finger and thumb.

1st. Force the ramrod half out, and seize it back-handed exactly in the middle. 8th. *Draw Ramrods.*

2d. Draw it entirely out, and turning it with the whole hand and arm extended from you, put it one inch into the barrel.

1st. Push the ramrod down, holding it as before, exactly in the middle, till the hand touches the muzzle. 9th. *Ram down Cartridge.*