

DR. CARVER'S RIFLE SHOOTING.

At Agricultural Park, yesterday afternoon, Dr. W. I. Carver gave his second exhibition of skill in rifle shooting before a tolerably large attendance, comprising many of the most enthusiastic rod and gun men of the city. He opened the exhibition by shooting a glass ball while holding the rifle (small Ballard) upside down, with the stock upon his head. H. A. Weaver showed his nerve and the confidence he felt in the ability of the doctor by holding the ball by the neck between his thumb and finger at a distance of about twenty-five feet, and at the crack of the weapon the ball was inverted into fragments. The next feat was shooting at a ball with the gun turned sideways. Mr. Weaver holding the ball suspended by a string, and the result was equally as successful as in the first experiment. Next the shooter lay down upon his back over a stool, and shot a ball from Mr. Weaver's hand with as much ease as though his position was more natural. For the next effort the shooter turned his back to Mr. Weaver, and sighted his rifle by means of a diminutive pocket looking-glass at a ball shot by Mr. Weaver held. The bullet converted the ball into a shower of glass, but passed so close to the fingers that their own owners expressed a belief that he was getting tired of the feat. The target being wing, this was an attempt to break a glass ball by shooting from the hip, the ball being suspended by a string. The wind caused it to swing a little, and the doctor failed to hit it in half a dozen shots. He proved his ability to hit when making such shots, however, by breaking two or three balls that were lying on the ground. In an effort to carry out his promise to break 100 balls out of 200 tossed into the air, he made some wonderful and steady shooting, notwithstanding the high wind, and more than accomplished the feat, breaking 174. The greatest number of balls broken consecutively was 31. After this he gave an exhibition of rapid firing, using a Winchester rifle, and out of 32 balls shot at broke 29—13 consecutively. This feat was rendered less brilliant because of wind blowing the powdered glass about so freely as to endanger the eyes of the shooter and the person throwing the balls up, and the shooting consequently had to be less rapid than it could have been made. After breaking a ball with a second shot before it reached the ground, after missing it the first discharge he made the prettiest shot of the day, breaking a ball thrown as high as possible into the air. At the conclusion of the ball shooting the party proceeded to the race track in front of the grandstand, where the Doctor showed what he could do in hitting coins thrown into the air. This was the most remarkable exhibition of all, and aroused the enthusiasm of the spectators to such an extent that two-thirds of them were anxious to have him shoot holes into pieces of money for them, to be preserved as souvenirs. One man threw up a \$20 piece as a target, and it was hit three times in three successive shots; a physician threw up his tobacco box, and the first shot riddled it and the contents as well. In shooting at halves quarters, at 4 times, the Doctor for a long time struck an average of about two out of three, and at the conclusion of the shooting had out of a total of 116 shots, hit 73 times and missed 43.

DEATH OF OMOHA.—Mr. Larry Hart, New Orleans, La., has had the misfortune to lose his brown filly Omoha, four years old, by Kentucky, out of Imp Pussy. She fell and broke her leg and back.

Oil City, Pa.—The Oil City Driving Park Association have wheeled into line with the Oil Region Circuit, and will hold their inaugural meeting in June. The circuit now includes Butler, Parker City, St. Petersburg, Edenburg, Channon, Oil City, and Titusville.



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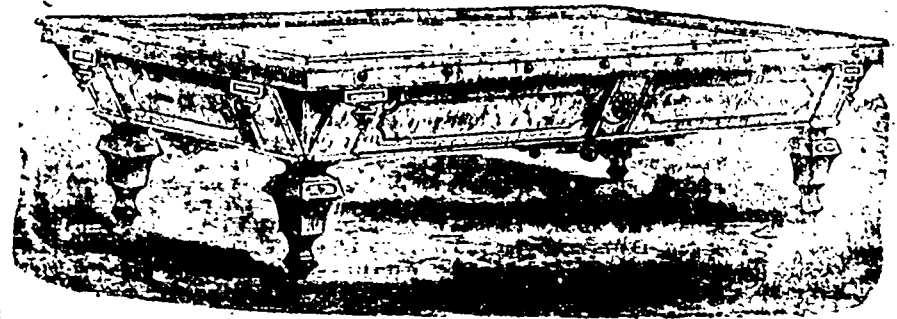
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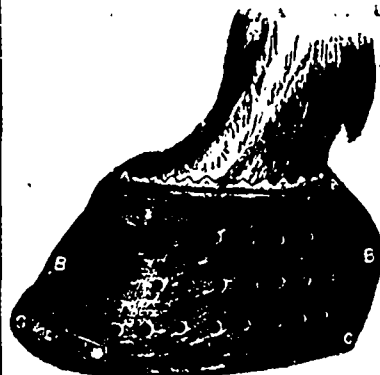
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