

the Midlanders down a small gully which lay between the bluff held by the enemy and the cemetery, so as to distract the attention of the enemy. This was well and boldly done, and Peters, with some of his men, assisted by Dr. Codd of the 90th, gallantly went down with a stretcher and brought the man back without further loss; but the poor man was dead. Our wounded were placed temporarily in the church, where the priests and sisters all they could to help the doctors. It was getting late, and I saw that, though we were holding our own, it would not be advisable to risk an attempt to advance through the thick cover which surrounded the village, which was now swarming with the enemy, reinforced by the party who had been engaged attacking the steamer, and I had to decide as to where we would camp for the night.

To be Continued.

A GRAND OLD MARKSMAN

Sir Henry Hallford, of Wistow Hall, Leicestershire, is styled by Mr. Harry How, in a bright "illustrated interview" in the Strand, as "The Grand Old Man of Shooting." Among his 21 prizes are "those of the Albert at Wimbledon in 1862 and the same trophy at Bisley in 1893, a record lapse of thirty-years!" He was eight years old when he had his first gun, and last year, on his 65th birthday, "he adjourned to the field adjoining the house, with a capital range, and rattled off a dozen or two bull's-eyes." He is himself a practical gunmaker.

"Whilst he was handling the tobacco," says the interviewer, "I noticed the difference between the shape of the right hand as compared with the left.

"Ah!" said Sir Henry, in reply to my query, 'you can always tell the hand of a man who has shot much. Look at that second finger—it is quite disjointed; indeed, the whole hand is turned. Then many men bear the kiss of the rifle butt on the jawbone. The eyes, too, are a guide in singling out your rifle shot, I always think that blue or gray are the best shooting eyes; that's why the Scots are so successful at the target, far apart from their thoroughness in all they undertake, there are more blue eye amongst them. An eye with a very small pupil is a great advantage. Brown eyes seldom come in; the marked exception to this, however, is Lamb, who is as good a shot as any man, and his are chestnutty brown. . . . Then I learnt that amongst shooting men the larger proportion of them are non smokers. The veteran is a persistent smoker, and, practically, never shoots without a pipe in his mouth. 'Let me put in a plea for the pipe,' he said merrily. 'I was once shooting in one of the matches for the

Eleho Shield—and shooting very badly. "Why, where's your pipe?" somebody standing by asked. "Light up—you'll do better." And I did. I hadn't been smoking for some little time, but with the first few puffs my very next shot was a bull's-eye!" . . .

"The primary necessities to make a good shot are nerve, carefulness a calm temperament, eyesight and power of concentration. I don't think you will find any man who is not a steady liver last long at shooting. Let young volunteers remember that the student of habit and a good shot must run together."

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