

REVOLVER CHAMPIONSHIP

The *Forest and Stream* has arranged for a revolver contest for the American Amateur Championship. In its last issue it announces the following as the conditions for the Amateur Revolver Championship of America, open to any American citizen or permanent resident:

Any revolver, maximum length of bore, including cylinder ten inches. Any trigger pull. Any sight, both sights to be on the barrel or forward of the grip of the pistol hand. Any fixed ammunition. Cleaning allowed only between scores of six shots.

Position standing free from any artificial support, the revolver held in one hand only with the arm free from the body and unsupported in any way. The rear sight shall not be nearer to the eye than twelve inches.

Target—Ready measurement disks, one shot on each disk and the measurement to be taken by mechanical Vernier scale from centre of disk to the centre of the shot hole.

Scores—Aggregate of best three in five scores, each score to consist of six consecutive rounds. The five scores to be fired consecutively.

Amateur Standing—The standing of a contestant as amateur and professional to be determined in each individual case by *Forest and Stream* rules.

Where not in conflict with conditions therein, the rules of the Massachusetts Rifle Association for revolver competitions to hold. The decision of *Forest and Stream* to be final on all points.

Places of holding the competitions will be fixed, with consideration to the convenience of contestants, and one month's notice will be given of exact time and place. It has been already determined to have competitions at New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago. These finals open to all comers, and will be in charge of the shooting editor of *Forest and Stream* or his representative.

Preliminarily to the final shoots for the championship, which will be held several months from date, and in order to develop shooting ability, *Forest and Stream* will open a season of trial shooting. The targets for this test may be had free of cost on application to the office of *Forest and Stream*. By their use the revolver shot may fix his progress, and the ready measurement feature in them enables a quick determination of the total number of inches in the six shots.

Any winner of the trophy shall hold it subject to challenge for a term of two years, after which it shall become his personal property. Upon receiving a challenge the holder shall agree with the challenger upon a place and date for their meeting not later than six weeks from the receipt of the challenge, of which meeting at least two weeks' notice shall be given through *Forest and Stream*, and the shooting at said meeting shall be under the same conditions as the original competitions for the championship trophy. In case of a failure to agree upon a time and place of meeting they shall be fixed by *Forest and Stream*.

The trophy shall be deposited in the custody of *Forest and Stream* at least one day prior to any challenge meet, and if required, holders must give bonds to *Forest and Stream* for its safe return.

The holder shall not be required to accept a challenge pending the determination of a challenge shoot already under date. In case of any dispute about the right of priority in shooting challenges, *Forest and Stream* shall determine the order of shooting. All expenses of targets and gallery will be borne by *Forest and Stream*. Contestants will defray all other expenses.

There is yet living in good health a man who was with Napoleon in the march to Moscow. His name is Eck, a Swiss by birth, and he is a member of the London Stock Exchange.

Responding to an invitation to dine at the mess of officers belonging to the 1st Artillery Regiment of the Guard, William II., in answering to the toast to his health proposed by Col. Neubrunn, and after thanking the company, remarked upon the scientific progress of late years that had been initiated in artillery. The Imperial guest recalled the predominant successes of this branch of the national armies in 1870-71, and concluded his speech by declaring that "the artillery of modern days was not only the marrow, but also the spinal marrow of battle!" No doubt, the Emperor suited his converse to his company, but must have overlooked the contingency of long range rifles in the hands of expert marksmen, who might pick off all the gunners at batteries that dared to venture within reasonable range of hostile lines.



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