

places his handspike close to the carriage, point to the front, bevel up, the point to be in line with the centre of the front axletree.

3 places his handspike close to the carriage on the left side, point to the front, bevel up, the point to be in line with the centre of front axletree.

4 places the elevating screw in rear of the carriage, and his handspike inside of 2's, and about 2 feet in rear, point to front, bevel up.

5 places the wedge wads on the right of his position when under cover, and his handspike inside of 3's, and about 2 feet in rear, point to front, bevel up.

6 places the sponge bucket and brush near the sponge head and takes the cartridge case to the cartridge store.

7 places the time fuzes, hook borer, and piece of chalk in a convenient position for the gun captain. Assisted by 5, overhauls the tackles.

The **Gun Captain** now gives "*Examine Gun,*" and sees :—That the gun itself is properly examined by the numbers whose duty it is to do so, and that the fuzes and fuze implements have been brought up and are ready to his hand, and that a piece of paper is placed in the gas escape hole. He receives reports from the numbers responsible of any irregularity or deficiency in connection with the different parts of the gun, carriage, stores, &c.

Gun Layer drifts the vent and replaces pricker and vent server.

2 supplies himself with a searcher and searches the gun, taking care that the pricker is not in the vent, and replaces searcher ; he then supplies himself with the sponge, sponges, and replaces it.

3 examines the bore to see that it is clear, and that the grooves are free from grit.

4 sees that the elevating gear is oiled and in working order.

2 and **3** now take a purchase with handspikes over the cheeks and under the breech (**5** doublemans **3**'s handspike), the quoin is withdrawn and the elevating