

would be loaded from these magazines, primed, and cocked ; so that the fifteen charges could be fired one after another in the space of half a minute, at the same time he might fire but one or two shots, less or more of them as he chose. He said that there was something of the work within wrong, so that he could not get it to fire more than eight shots without stopping. He tried it at a mark, and said it shot very well. Of the dagger, he said it was the most useful weapon in action he knew ; that it was far better than a tomahawk ; that he was once obliged to strike a man four or five times with a tomahawk before he killed him, owing to hurry, and not striking him with a fair edge, whereas he never missed a stroke with the dagger. Others told me that they knew him to be not over scrupulous or sparing on these occasions. Another instance, he said, was, that he had seen two Indians with spears or lances attack a man, one on each side ; that just as they pushed to pierce him through the body, he seized on the spears, one in each hand ; they tugged and pulled to no purpose, until a third person came and dispatched him. This could not be done to a dagger, of course it was by odds the better weapon.

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