

One Experiment Sufficient.

Many years ago a proposal was submitted that a small gun, strapped broadside across a horse's back and fired from that position, would be useful, especially in mountain campaigns. The experiment was made in the Arsenal at Woolwich, the horse's head being tied to a post, with the muzzle of the gun pointed to an old earthen butt, the committee standing on the other side of the horse to watch the result. The gun was loaded, and, in order to give time, a slow burning fuse was used to fire it. The committee, however, in tying the animal's head, had omitted to take the precaution of also making fast its tail. The first result was that when the horse heard the fizzing of the furse on its back it became uneasy, and walked round the post, so that the gun, instead of pointing at the butt, was thus directed straight at the heads of the committee. Not a moment was to be lost; down went the chairman and members, lying flat and low on their stomachs. The gun went off; the shot passed over the town of Woolwich and fell in the dockyard, the horse being found lying on its back several yards. The committee were fortunately unhurt, and gradually recovered their equilibrium, but they reported unanimously againt any further trial."—*Sir John Abye's "Reminiscences."*

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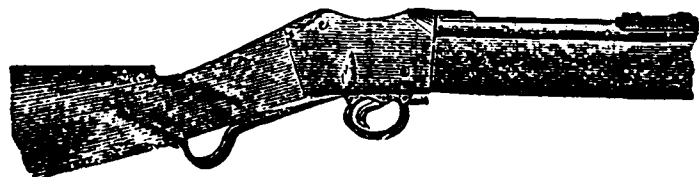
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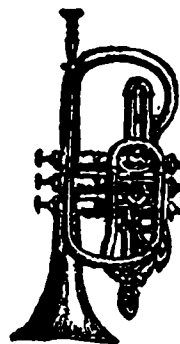
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