

symmetrical appearance of a gun.

The all-round gun cannot have both barrels full choke, but one of them should be bored to give an even and very close pattern with coarse shot—No. 5, at least—for then it will shoot finer equally as well, but all guns will not shoot coarse shot evenly, though they may give wonderful patterns with fine. The open barrel should make a pattern at twenty-five yards equal to the pattern made by the full-choke barrel at forty yards. Such instructions sent to a manufacturer puts him in a corner, so to speak; but if you order a cylinder barrel, or modified choke, he has you in a corner, for his leeway is too great.

A study of the lock mechanisms, extension ribs, fastenings and safety blocks, is interesting and instructive, besides being a subject that all young shooters should inform themselves on. But it cannot be taken up in this paper; nor can the subject of loading cartridges and testing guns for pattern.

In summarizing, then, we find that the all-round gun should be a hammerless, 1 bore, 30-inch barrels, weight from 7 1/4 to 8 pounds, drop of stock, 2 1/2 x 1 1/2 inches to 3 x 2 inches; one barrel full choke, bored for coarse shot, the other slightly choked. As for quality of barrels and finish, why not make the advice given by Polonius apply to guns? "Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy, but not expressed in fancy; rich, not gaudy."—Jack Pine, in *Shooting and Fishing*.

Stray Shots.

The glorious twelfth of August opened on the moors of England and Scotland with fine weather, though somewhat warm, and fine, healthy birds. Fairly good bags were reported generally.

A very successful shooting tournament was held August 10th and 11th at Leamington.

High average prizes for the first day were won by A. Reid, Walkerville, 1st, with 74 out of 85, and W. A. Smith, Kingsville, second, with 71. A. Reid won the handsome silver cup donated by Mr. Jas. Greenhill, Leamington, for high average both days with a score of 175 out of 210. Second high average and 50 per cent. of high average fund was won by W. A. Smith, with 170; third and 30 per cent., F. H. Conover, 161; fourth and 20 per cent., — Clark, Walkerville, 158. F. H. Conover and J. Conover won the two-man team race, and A. Reid, T. Reid, Clark, Westcott and Holmes won the five-man team race. Straight scores were made by W. A. Smith in event No. 1 first day and event No. 2 second day, and

by F. H. Conover in event No. 3 second day.

The Walkerville Gun Club held their second annual tournament on Labor Day, when an attractive programme was shot off. The struggle of the day was for possession of a handsome tankard presented by Messrs. Hiram Walker & Sons for high average. This was won by Mr. Andrew Reid (Walkerville), with 98 out of 120. The trophy must be won twice in five years, to become the property of any shooter. The other high average winners were F. Conover (Leamington), 96; Dr. Jenner (Essex), 94, and B. G. Westcott (Leamington), Geo. W. Muller (Detroit), and W. A. Smith (Kingsville), 91.

The prospects for quail shooting in Southwestern Ontario were never brighter, and good sport is anticipated when the season opens.

The Field (London, Eng.) has been making some experiments with a new patent cork wad lately put upon the English market. The result, as compared with the ordinary felt wad, is that, while the pattern with the cork wad is improved, there is a considerable falling off in velocity. In fact, 42 grs. powder (E. C. Schultze, S.S., Amberite or Kynochs) gave no better results with the cork wadding than 34 grs. with the felt.

On the second day of the Leamington tournament, Mr. F. H. Conover demonstrated the good qualities of DuPont smokeless by breaking 106 out of 120 targets.

Brant County Rod and Gun Club had a shoot at Brantford, Ont., Sept. 4 and 5. The shooting was over a magan trap. Messrs. Bang, Drayton; Quinn, Guelph; Horning, Waterford; Vanatter, Summerhayes, Cutcliffe, Scott, Montgomery, Westbrook, Brantford; Jarvis, Price, Marlatt, Simcoe; Kirkover, Fredonia, N.Y.; E. C. Burkhardt, Bennett, Buffalo, N.Y.; Robins, Reid, Dunnville, and J. S. Fanning, Batavia, N.Y., were participants. Mr. Fanning, who shot for targets to demonstrate the shooting qualities of Gold Dust smokeless, won high average.

John Parker's tournament at Detroit, Mich., Sept. 19, 20, 21 and 22 is of an international character. On the first day the Peters Cartridge Co.'s international target trophy will be competed for; on the second day the international two-man team trophy, and on the third day the international individual expert trophy. Each contest will be at 25 targets. On the last day the Gillman & Barns' international live bird championship trophy will be competed for.

Mr. Edward Banks, of the E. C. and Schultze Powder Co., thinks that the Rose system of dividing purses as equitable as any system we can get. It certainly is far superior to the class system, and could hardly be worse. At a recent shoot I noticed that in a 15-bird event 14 got \$7 and 13 \$1.75; in the next event 13 got more than 14. In a 20-bird event 18 got considerably less than 16. I firmly believe that the class system does more to kill amateur trap shooting than any other feature.

Last month a competition organized by the Scottish National Gun Club was held at the grounds of the Scottish Shooting School, at Stobhill, Springburn. It was open to teams of seven from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, but only England and Scotland were represented. The conditions were: 12 birds each shooter at ground traps and 12 birds at the tower, 70 feet in height, and the prize was a sterling silver cup. The scores were: Scotland, R. Campbell (Bo'ness), 24; D. Murchie (Glasgow), 22; T. Murdock (Glasgow), 21; J. B. Walker (Glasgow), 20; E. Doble (Glasgow), 18; J. Bell, Jr. (Glasgow), 18; A. E. Clapperton (Glasgow), 13. Total, 136. England: W. Ellicott (London), 23; R. Bolton (Glasgow), 23; S. H. Forrest (Glasgow), 22; F. W. Moore (London), 19; J. E. Greensill (Birmingham), 15; H. J. Whitfield (Birmingham), 9. Total, 125. Majority for Scotland, 11 kills.

W. R. Crosby, Batavia, N.Y., defeated J. A. R. Elliott, Kansas City, in a contest for the E. C. cup and the target championship of America, August 23rd at Atlantic City, N.J., with a score of 139 to 128 out of 100 singles and 25 pairs.

On August 24 at Atlantic City, N.J., J. A. R. Elliott defeated C. A. Young, Springfield, Ohio, in a contest for the cast iron medal emblematic of the live bird championship of America, with a score of 95 to 93 out of 100.

A Large Nepigon Trout.

The largest speckled trout on record at Port Arthur was caught in the Nepigon River on June 20 by a Mrs. Tayleur, of Drayton, England. It weighed 9 pounds, and was 27 inches in length by 15 1/2 in girth. The fish was weighed and the skin dressed and sent to England as a remarkable specimen of its kind.

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