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BULLETS FOR SAVAGES.

Dum Dum Projectiles and Their Tearing Effect on Any Body They Hit.

A correspondent of the London Field has made experiments made with a new .303 caliber bullet with reference to the regulation Lee-Metford bullet of the British army. He says:

"It is and has been for some time an open secret that the army (British) is widely without confidence in the regulation Lee-Metford bullet as a means of stopping a charge of cavalry or a rush of the savage against whom in Asia and Africa the British soldier is constantly being called on to act. Excellent against a target, it is quite useless against foes. A British soldier, during the Central campaign, had a bullet of these bullets through various parts of his body and was still fighting as hard as ever when a bullet in the neck came through, knocked some of his teeth out and stopped him. He was discharged from the hospital in a few days.

"The dum dum bullet is as accurate as the Lee-Metford regulation projectile and has as good range power. Experiments were made on piles of burned and sun-dried bricks, earth in bags and boxes, wet and dry sand, cans full of water, coal, iron planks tied together, boiler plate, skinned sheep and sheep with the wool on. In every instance save two the regulation bullet passed through and was picked up in a condition almost fit to be used again, but the dum dum bullet spread out and had less penetration, but there was a greater shock to the material through which it did go, tearing holes in the sheep big enough to put a fist in.

"Then 4 and 5 inch planks were penetrated by the dum dum bullet, 12 and 13 inch by the other. I believe that a living body offers greater resistance than a dead one. If so, a clothed living body may offer sufficient resistance to prevent its going through. In that case the whole of the enormous energy would be expended in the enemy's body, the bullet would set up (mushroom) more, and—God help him! Judging by the results on sheep carcasses, the hole of exit in a man, if the bullet went through, would be so terribly large that the use of this ammunition would be held to be too inhuman in its effects for use on men or, at any rate, against a civilized enemy. The Geneva convention would not bar it, for that forbids the use of an explosive in a small arm projectile, but the effect of the dum dum bullet is explosive. I do not see why such a bullet as the dum dum should not be used against such uncivilized enemies as the 'Fuzzy' and the Ghazi, who do not 'play the game,' who will not quietly fall when hit, but who unreasonably come on after, with the advantage of five to one, and even when mortally wounded make things nasty for our men.

"I shot a wild boar with a dum dum at 50 yards. It had its right flank diagonally to me, and the bullet struck just under the backbone, broke a rib, went through a lung and destroyed all the vessels in the throat, lodging in the jaw. The bullet has a small, soft point, where the jacket of nickel does not cover it. This allows the bullet to expand.

Diver and Turtle.

Mr. H. Phelps Whitworth, in The Strand Magazine, gives some amusing experiences in the life of a diver. As the divers of the pearling fleet are dependent to a certain extent upon fish for food, they never lose an opportunity to catch anything edible, turtles being especially welcome because they furnish fresh meat. Mr. Whitworth says:

"The memory of my first tussle with one of these creatures is still impressed vividly on my mind. I had been told to approach the turtle quietly from behind, lift it quickly to my chest and give the signal to be pulled up. I was assured that the turtle's head, being thus pointed upward, could move in no other direction, and that his big flippers would be powerful enough to bring me to the surface without further aid.

"Accordingly, when I saw my first turtle feeding quietly on a patch of sea grass, I made a circuitous path and crept cautiously up behind it. It looked to me tremendous. When I was within a few yards of it, either the bubbles from my escape valve or my 32 pounders scared it, and suddenly up shot its head.

"I ducked behind a sponge growth and crouched with beating heart, fearing that my opportunity was gone. In a few moments, however, the turtle began feeding again, and I made a run and a jump and landed on its back.

"In stretching out my hands to get them under the shell I stumbled, and before I could raise the monster I felt my feet being dragged over the bottom and became conscious that my intended captive had captured me and was swimming along with me at astonishing speed.

"Away went, the turtle trying to leave me behind, and I hanging on with might and main. In vain I tried to point the old fellow's head toward the boat. He would have none of it. I dared not drop, for the bottom was far enough off to be out of sight, and I could not signal, for my hands were not free.

"While I hesitated we came to the end of our tether—the limit of the life line. Then there was a sudden jerk, and we parted company. The turtle continued on his way, and I fell headlong down. Luckily I struck on a large sponge growth and broke my fall, but I was much shaken and was hauled up, feeling sure it would be a long time before I tackled another turtle."

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The minister of a colored church in a Connecticut town gave out a funeral notice one Sunday which came near upsetting the gravity of a visiting clergyman who had come to preside over some ceremony in the mission church which was connected with his own society.

"I had to announce to you, brethren and sisters," said the pastor earnestly, "that the funeral of the only surviving son of the late William Johnson and his widow, Sarah Johnson (formerly Baker), both deceased, will take place and come to occurrence on Tuesday next at 12 m. noon precisely.

"And I had to say, brethren and sisters, that contributions for carrying out obituary funeral will be in order and acceptations, or else de funeral cannot take place, excepting and save only as a plain burial, for Samuel Johnson has got jes' money enough to bury hisself without any obsequious ceremonies, such as he deserves."

The visiting clergyman was glad to learn that this remarkable appeal was without effect, and that Samuel, "the only surviving son," did not lack proper "obsequious ceremonies."—Youth's Companion.

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Lasting.

"This butter seems strong," said the young husband at their first breakfast at home.

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One hundred and nine thousand locomotives are now running in various countries. Europe has 63,000; Asia, 3,300; Australia, 2,000, and Africa, 700.

At a Parisian evening party the other day a splendid dog appeared, drawing a cart filled with flowers, driven by a monkey dressed as a coachman.

The Cowboy of the Boulevard.

In the far west the cowboy rides his horse right up the steps of the hotel and into the barroom. In the far east the cowboy of the boulevard rides his wheel across the gutter and up over the curbstone and across the sidewalk and up a step right into the bicycle store. It isn't so difficult as it looks when one has got the knack of it. The rider sits back and lifts his front wheel to the new level, and the rest is comparatively simple, but it interests the passersby always to see a bicyclist ride right into the store before he dismounts.—New York Sun.

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RESTAURANTS IN RUSSIA.

The Dishes on Which One Dines—A Gastronomical Luxury.

One of the most fashionable restaurants in Moscow is the Hermitage, and another is the Moskovski Traktir, or Grand Hotel de Moscow, near to the entrance of the Khitigorod. At both of these it is much the custom to begin dinner at the table itself with two or three commanded dishes of the zatsuka. A tablespoonful of the shining, appetizing caviare, with a slice of lemon and a corner twisted from the hot kalatsch, accompanied by a radish and an olive or perhaps a pickled plum and with the inevitable "little glass," leads to the "cold plates" and "sauces," for the Muscovite chef serves his fish in the middle, not in the beginning, of the repast. Among dishes of game the gellnotte is noticeable (the Russian ryabehik), but this bird is more welcome in the disguise of an okrochka than cooked whole. In a mayonnaise also the ryabehik is highly popular. This gellnotte, or "double snipe," has been very truly described as a bird partaking of the characteristics both of the grouse and the partridge, with a slight underflavor—in which it resembles the caper callie—of turpentine. Such a peculiarity is no doubt due to its habit of feeding upon the tender topmost shoots of the fir tree. The Russian peasants have legends about every bird and beast, and they say that the gellnotte had once the finest breast of all birds, but it vexed its Creator, who took this away and gave it to the ryyer. There is a preparation of mutton, styled schashlik, which might be worth importing hither, and beef is curiously metamorphosed from its British forms into the zrazi, the shofade and the azu tatarsk. Kidneys, potchki, with truffles, may appear along with omelets and cretes de coq mingled with sweetbreads in a ragout or pojarski de poularde aux legumes, a plate named after the hero who delivered holy Russia from the tyrannies of Poland. The zarkoe, or roasts, will include tejaytin—i. e., veal and turkey, which is called indyk, the duck, ootka, the cock of woods, terev, as well as, when in season, the quail, perpel, the droper and the teal, cherok.

The dish par excellence, however, of the Russian bill of fare is certainly sterlet, which, whether served en anneau a la Russe or made into an ooka or blended with slices of sturgeon in a solyanka, must be recognized as a notable discovery for all travelers. The sterlet is a gelatinous, semi-sturgeonlike fish, but much smaller than the sturgeon, having a long, ugly nose and no bones, but very nice as a maitre-lotte, when, however, a single portion will cost the guest at least 2 1/2 rubles. A solyanka des sterlets is charged 3 rubles the portion, while the finest fried sturgeon is not more than a third of that price. This specialty of the Volga river is, past all question, a great gastronomical luxury. The white, dissolving, nutritious flesh has all the delicacy of the trout, all the crispness of the turbot, all the digestibility of the sole, united in a manner to make many a foreign sea and stream jealous, with very good cause, of the cold and turbid Volga. The pleasant hot dinner cakes, already spoken of as kalatsch, should be eaten along with sterlet.—London Telegraph.

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