### \*\*\*\* 4 \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* . SHOOT AT HUMAN TARGETS. . + Frenchmen Bring Bloodless Duel- +

ing to an Exact Science. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Shooting at human targets merely for the sport derived from it, and as a test of marksmanship, in other words, bloodless dueling or fencing all conditions, if it can exist, but we with pistols, has been made possible through the invention by a French- ly incompatible with the degrading man of a harmless wax projectile. This new diversion is really no more that is the phrase we use. Let the ilserious than fencing with swords, and lusionists clutch the air and rail as has that spice of realism in it that tends to make any sport popular.

The new bullet is an ingenious device and required a great deal of ex- some may interpret this, but degradperiment before being perfected. The ing so far as sentiment, romance and situation was thus: A heavy project- pride are concerned. lie must necessarily have a wounding force, a light one loses its precision, and a soft bullet will be changed in ter only in the warm sunshine. How, shape and describe an irregular trajectory: therefore a harmless projectile to laugh, even, with the fascinating to be effective must differ from all these. The Frenchman's product is a spherical ball of wax fat, with a small facts of life, and the heart is numb charge, and in tests twenty-four balls were lodged in succession in a recin the Tuileries the efficiency of the wax bullet was demonstrated.

The combatants wear thick screens bruising from the impact of the balls. The distance is twenty-five paces and the weapons are revolvers. The director of the combat, keeping his gaze fixed upon a metronome which beats 80 to 100 times a minute, makes the inquiry as in an actual duel, "Are you ready?" and when they reply "Yes" the director, timing his words exactly to the beats of the pendulum, cries, "Fire-one-two-three!"

At the command "Fire!" the adversaries raise their weapons and shoot. has prolonged his life many years. Why The two shots must be made before are you able to rush your suddenly the command "Three!" As the par- stricken child on to a noted specialist, ticipants in these trials were experts accident.

apartments as well as in the open air these questions and I will tell you if without the inconvenience of the lead the rich man does not thank his God ball of small caliber, which will probably lead to its introduction into the armies of the various nations for practice shooting-Popular Magazine.

#### Poverty and Love.

"When poverty comes in at the door, love flies out of the window."

From our earliest childhood we have been taught that this is a very ignoble sentiment, but as we wander-or are tossed-through the years of life, we question it very seriously. Not that we cannot see the beauty of love under are inclined to believe that it is utterinfluences of poverty, Degrading? Yes, they will, we still hold that poverty is degrading even in the realms of gentility. Not to the depths of depravity, as

Love is the lightness and the brightness-the butterfly whose wings flutthen, is it possible to sing, to aream, abandon of joy when the mind is weighed down with the hard, cold with the despair of selfdenial?

We know all the stereotyped platitangle four by five inches at twenty tude such as "riches do not always yards. At a six day tournament held bring happiness;" "poverty isn't the worst thing in the world," etc., etc., but we say unreservedly that, generally speaking, poverty is the worst thing for masks, with heavy glass over the in the world. Does it not make people eyes and wear thick clothing to prevent steal, forge, and even murder? Does it not send women to the dogs and men to the penitentiary? Does it not break up homes and separate families? Then isn't it utterly absurd to talk of combining it with the beauty, the romance, the sentiment of love?

If riches do not bring happiness, then why should one man be able to travel the world over that he may be rid of a distressing malady, going where the air is most bracing and the waters most famous? If not cured, he while I must wring my hands and see they made a good average, hitting their mine die? Why is a neighbor's wife man six or seven times out of eight carefully carried to the best hospital shots. Although more than 1,600 balls and watched over day and night by a were fired, there was not the slightest trained nurse, while another's drifts into the great beyond solely for the The wax bullets . can be used in want of proper attention? Answer me

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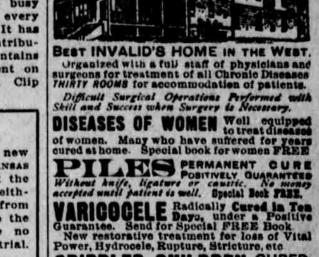
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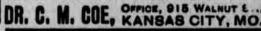
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#### Broken Friendships.

Some one has said "it is sad to bury a friend, but sadder far to bury a friendship," and only those who have felt the desolation of this can appreciate its full truth. To realize that an ideal is shattered, a faith misplaced. and an affection slain is an experience too bitter for words, and yet, such things are.

We may say the friendship did not exist, or what did exist was not worthy that exalted name; but whatever it was, we know we believed in it, swore by it, and suffered when we came to the end of it.

Those charming lines from Moore, the melody of which is as beautiful farm, says the New York Tribune. At and soul stirring as the words them- a dinner in New York Mr. Morris, in selves: "The heart that has truly loved never forgets, but as truly loves success of his farm and on his knowlen to the close." was not meant, we edge of chickens, said, with a laugh. fear, for this age of spasmodic tendencies. Any of us who are of spasmodic ens a few years ago as-as a farmer tendencies ,any of us, who turn and on his first visit to New York was iglook back upon life are horrified at the norant of city ways. long line of ghosts following in our wake, and multiplying so rapidly as said when he got back home from New we grow older that we wonder why York. 'Everything was fine except the the angels of faith and hope ever walk- light. They kept the light burning in ed before us. We have believed in my room all night long-a thing I love; we have counted upon and lived ain't used to, and I couldnt sleep on for love, but love often greets us at account of it.' last with grinning teeth and sunken eyes.

We have been taught, too, that "the greater absorbs the lesser," yet, what the farmer. "The blame thing was ina tiny thread will oftentimes sever an side a bottle." affection that has brought us joy for years. A foul word, a treacherous act, a canker worm in the shape of "somebody else," and then-the end. We bury our dead and look upon even the ing pencil and paper he wrote the folmemory of it with a heart as cold as lowing: it will be under the sod. Our grief was intense, maddening, perhaps, but it is over and we walk on through life, wiser and sadder, for ever more.-Imogene in Washington Herald.

"Do you intend to inaugurate any great reforms this year, Senator?" asked the beautiful girl. "No," replied the statesman. "My present term will furniture. It isn't suited for my style not expire until 1909."-Chicago Recerd Herald.

with the rising and setting of every sun for the blessings he enjoys, then he is not worthy the name of man.

But we are not here to discuss great wealth. Let this be clearly understood The theme of these few lines is poverty and love.

Some finds in a degree of wealth the power to give it the food it feeds upon -flowers, music, diversion, the dainty accessories of life. Each and all of these combine to keep the heart light and the mind free from care. Without these, the love that goes with romance and with sentiment will surely die, and, once dead, come disaster and divorce.-Washington Herald.

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"Blow it out? How could I?' said

marriages were made in heaven felt

some doubts on the subject, and tak-

"Though matches are all made in

Yet Hymen, who mischief oft

Sometimes deals with the house

Elderly Coquette-I don't like this

Dealer-What do you say to some-

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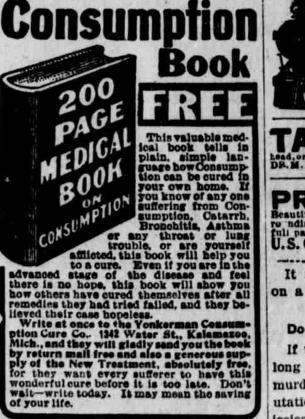
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