

CARELESS WITH A GUN.

A SENSIBLE MAN NEVER FOOLS WITH FIREARMS "NOT LOADED."

Story of the Boy with an Empty Shotgun—A Lesson for Life—Another Illustration of Criminal Carelessness—The Old Safe Way.

Never handle firearms carelessly. I used to do it, but of late years it makes me boil to have anybody point a gun or pistol toward me.

When I was about 15 years old I borrowed a shotgun of a chum. "Is it loaded?" was the first question I asked.

"No," was the reply, and I, like a goose, believed what he said.

On the way home with it I met another boy, who began dodging behind the shade trees as I approached, Indian fashion.

I thought no more of the circumstance until evening, when I began cleaning the gun, and found that it was clogged up so I could not blow through it.

Then I thought of Tom, into whose face I had snapped the gun. The fact that the cap had become damp alone prevented the gun from being discharged and blowing Tom's head into smithereens.

Though his after life was a fizzle, and he filled a drunkard's grave at an early age, yet how my life would have been blighted if, through my boyish carelessness, he had been killed.

One more circumstance occurred after I had grown to manhood. I was standing on a pile of lumber, busily engaged in measuring lumber, when, hearing a "click" behind me, I turned, and there stood a boatman pointing an army musket squarely at my head and sighting along the barrel.

While he was gone I ran the ramrod down the barrel and found that it was loaded.

When he returned with a cap I removed the old one and replaced it with a new one. Pointing the gun upward I pulled the trigger and a report followed, the recoil from which nearly knocked me off the lumber pile and raised the boatman's hair on end.

"What do you think now?" I asked. "Well," said he, "that's the last time I shall point a gun at anybody if I live 100 years."

A damp cap alone saved me that time, and though I should not have been to blame, yet this event would have blighted my life still more effectually than the first one, for it would undoubtedly have blown my head off my shoulders, and a man who finds himself in that condition can but acknowledge that his life is, in a measure, blighted, and his future plans and prospects somewhat interfered with.

Don't fool with firearms. If a gun is loaded, and everybody knows it is loaded, there is little danger. It is the gun and the revolver which is not loaded that goes off and kills folks or maims them for life.

Get into the habit of so doing; then it will become natural and easy to you, and you may be spared the agony of gazing upon the mangled form of some friend through whom you have let daylight.

Always keep behind a gun yourself, and point the muzzle away from other people.—Sunshine.

Pleasant Transportation in Georgia. One day a large family of slaves came through the fields to join us.

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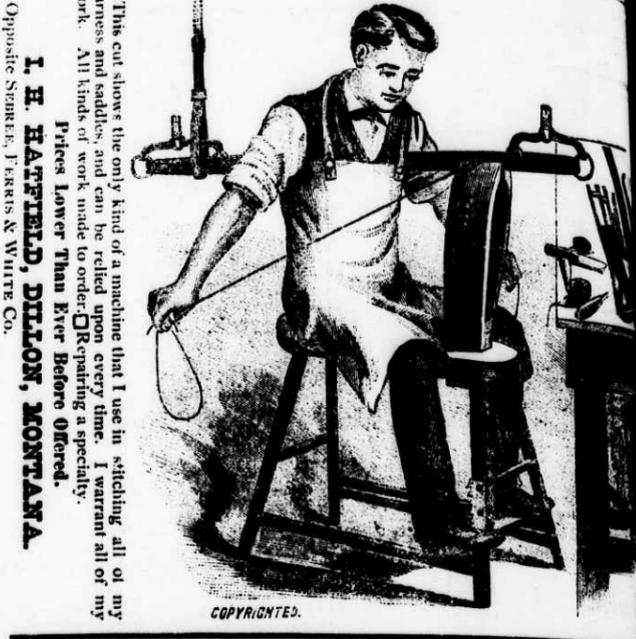
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