SUNDAY PASTIMES.

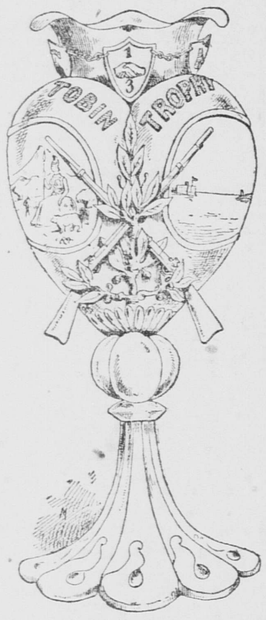
First Regiment Shoot for the Tobin Trophy.

Company C Again Victorious—The Schuetzen Verein Medal Shoot—Eastern Hand-Ball Players Coming

The First Regiment turned out strong yesterday to compete for the Tobin trophy. Every company in the regiment sent over a full complement of twenty men each to do honor to the trophy presented to the regiment. The day was a windy and blustry one at the range, and the guardsmen had their hands full in endeavoring to hold their pieces on the bull's-eye.

In addition to the strong gale which prevailed all day the atmosphere proved chilly, and complaint was heard among the marksmen as to the general unfitness of the day for good shooting. Notwithstanding this fact, however, some of the companies did very well and made some good records. They demonstrated that they were able to shoot in all kinds of weather and under any conditions. Companies C and G did well and showed some excellent work on the part of their members.

Although it was conceded that Company C, who carried off the trophy last year, would again be winners, every company in the regiment did their utmost to come in



The Trophy.

second. Company G won the honor of second place, and in addition made the highest individual score of the day. The honor of scoring the highest record of the day belongs to F. O. Young, who made the excellent score of 48 out of a possible 50.

CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST.

The shooting will be under the supervision and direction of the Inspector of Rifle Practice. Uniforms will not be required. Springfield rifles will be used having six pounds pull. The distance will be 200 yards. Teams shall consist of twenty men from each company. Shooting will commence at 12 o'clock promptly. Each man must shoot ten shots and may have two sighting shots if he desires. Companies will furnish their own ammunition. The expense of the targets and the range will be paid out of the regimental fund. The Inspector of Rifle Practice will see that the score of each company is kept under the supervision of a commissioned officer, and he is directed to make details accordingly. All scores when completed will be turned over to the Inspector of Rifle Practice and by him forwarded to regimental headquarters without delay.

Lieutenant George Strong, Inspector of Rifle Practice of the First Regiment, had charge of the day's proceedings, and gave general satisfaction to all who took part. Although the Lieutenant is a retired officer the duties imposed upon him to-day were willingly and cheerfully performed. Being an old sharpshooter he delights to be within hearing of the crack of the musket, and congratulates his comrades at the conclusion of a good score.

The Tobin Trophy was presented to the First Regiment by the family of the late Colonel Robert Tobin of the Third Regiment as a mark of gratitude to that regiment for the friendship they had shown Colonel Tobin. A trophy was also presented by the family to the Third Regiment, which was won by Company B last month. These trophies are contested for every year. The company in each of these two regiments making the highest score at the butts are declared the winners for the year.

Company A, Captain R. A. Marshall—

Captain R. A. Marshall	4	3	4	4	4	5	3	3	3	3—36
Lieutenant J. T. O'Brien	3	3	3	4	4	3	4	4	3	4—35
Sergeant J. H. O'Brien	4	3	4	4	4	0	3	2	3	5—32
Sergeant F. W. Newbert	3	4	3	3	2	3	4	4	2	3—31
Sergeant F. C. Fetter	3	4	4	4	3	4	2	3	4	2—32
Corporal P. J. Conley	4	4	4	2	2	3	3	3	4	4—33
Corporal H. W. Salter	5	4	3	2	3	4	4	4	2	5—36
Corporal W. H. McLaughlin	3	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	3—33
Corporal J. E. Brennan	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4—40
Corporal T. F. Barray	4	3	3	3	3	2	3	4	3	2—32
Private J. W. Cook	4	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3—31
Private J. T. Hansman	4	2	4	3	3	3	3	4	4	3—34
Private P. McKnight	2	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	3—37
Private J. G. Newbert	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3—32
Private G. S. Pringle	3	4	4	3	5	4	5	5	0	5—38
Private J. J. Connor	3	4	0	4	4	3	4	3	3	2—31
Private M. B. McGowan	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	5—32
Private L. D. Kelly	4	3	4	4	2	5	5	2	2	4—34
Private R. Herring Jr	4	4	3	2	0	4	3	4	2	3—32
Private T. J. McCreagh	0	0	0	3	4	2	3	4	2	4—22
Total										672

Company B, Captain I. B. Cook—

Sergeant Lundquist	4	0	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4—35
Private White	4	3	3	4	5	4	4	4	4	3—40
Private Unger	3	4	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	3—39
Private O'Malley	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4—38
Private Boyer	2	4	4	3	0	3	4	2	2	2—26
Corporal Raum	0	5	4	3	4	2	2	5	4	3—32
Lieutenant Wesson	4	3	3	4	4	4	5	3	4	3—37
Private Clifford	4	4	5	3	3	4	3	2	3	4—35
Private Burtis	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	5	4—40
Private Smith	3	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	3	3—36
Sergeant Roundtree	4	3	4	4	4	4	5	3	4	4—39
Corporal Shurdivant	5	3	4	5	3	2	3	2	3	4—34
Private Nounnan	3	4	4	3	4	3	3	6	5	3—36
Corporal Townsend	0	3	3	3	4	5	2	4	3	3—30
Captain Cook	3	5	4	3	3	2	4	4	3	3—35
Private Tagior	4	5	3	2	3	4	5	5	4	3—38
Private Burdick	3	4	5	3	5	4	3	2	3	3—36
Corporal Wilson	3	4	4	4	2	3	4	4	4	4—36
Private Bluxome	3	3	3	2	4	4	3	4	4	3—34
Private Shula	0	3	4	3	3	4	3	2	4	4—30
Total										707

Company C, Captain H. H. Woodruff—

J. F. Robinson	4	4	4	4	4	5	4	3	2	—38
E. F. Parmelee	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	5	5	—43
O. F. Peters	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	—40
W. B. Welton	4	3	5	4	5	3	3	4	5	—40
F. A. Eyre	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	5	4	—41
C. F. Waltham	5	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	5	—44
E. H. Slitor	4	4	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	—42
C. Gilbert	4	4	3	3	4	5	5	4	4	—41
C. L. Lodk	4	4	5	4	4	3	5	5	4	—42
A. J. Ruddock	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	—40
W. S. Alexander	3	4	5	4	4	4	4	5	4	—41
A. H. Bird	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	—40
T. E. Carson	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	—38
George Taylor	4	5	4	4	4	5	4	4	5	—43
C. Meyer	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	—40
J. W. Dumbred	3	4	5	4	3	4	5	4	5	—40
O. Nolte	5	5	5	4	4	5	4	4	4	—44
Charles Klein	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	3	4	—39
J. C. Hull	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	—39
L. Barrere	4	4	5	4	5	4	4	5	4	—43
Total										818

Company D, Captain Charles Jansen—

Corporal C. H. Gielow	3	5	4	4	4	4	4	5	4	—41
Private Charles Gerlach	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	—38
Corporal H. Smith	5	4	4	3	4	3	2	5	3	—38
Corporal J. J. Shields	4	5	3	4	3	5	4	3	3	—38
Sergeant C. F. Landrese	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	3	—37
Corporal H. V. Mills	4	5	4	5	5	4	5	5	2	—37
Private A. Allen	3	4	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	—37
Private H. H. Frisch	3	4	5	3	2	4	4	3	3	—34
Private D. E. Morden	4	3	3	4	2	4	4	3	3	—34
Private William Coyle	4	3	3	2	3	4	2	3	3	—34
Private E. A. Allen	3	4	2	4	3	4	2	4	2	—31
Private George Van Buren	3	3	3	4	3	2	3	4	4	—31
Lieutenant Lindberg	4	4	3	0	4	4	0	3	4	5—31
Captain Charles Jansen	3	3	2	4	3	2	3	4	3	3—30
Private Charles Bressler	3	3	2	4	2	5	4	3	2	3—30
Sergeant J. R. Clark	4	3	3	0	3	4	2	3	3	4—29
Private E. Eikington	2	0	2	2	4	0	4	2	0	5—21
Sergeant C. Landrese	3	2	3	4	2	4	3	2	3	2—29
Private George Aubertine	0	3	3	2	3	2	3	2	0	2—20
Total										649

Company F, Captain J. A. Margo—

Sergeant H. S. Pendleton	4	5	5	4	4	4	3	4	4	—41
Sergeant W. H. F. James	3	3	3	5	4	3	4	3	2	2—33
Private F. C. Jacobs	3	5	3	4	3	5	3	3	5	—38
Lieutenant J. F. Eggert	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	4	—35
Private C. Mitchell	4	4	3	3	4	3	4	4	4	—37
Private J. E. Bosshart	2	3	2	4	4	2	3	4	4	—30
Corporal R. Clark	3	4	3	4	3	2	4	4	4	—30
Corporal H. Osthoff	2	2	2	4	3	3	2	0	4	—24
W. A Hollywood	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	3	4	—38
W. H. Harman	4	5	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	—39
Sergeant Woodhouse	2	4	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2—14
D. Hayes	3	3	0	4	3	4	5	3	3	—31
G. Beasley	2	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	3	—33
J. Kohrlein	5	5	3	2	4	4	5	3	3	—38
Captain Margo	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	—37
R. A. Muller	3	4	2	4	3	4	3	4	3	—32
E. S. Lee	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	—34
C. Bradley	3	2	4	2	4	4	3	3	4	—33
Sergeant A. Williams	4	5	4	0	3	4	5	3	3	—30
G. Schlichtman (beginner)	3	3	0	3	3	3	3	3	4	—33
Total										671

Company G, Captain C. L. Tilden—

Sergeant Mahan	4	4	3	3	5	4	3	2	4	0—32
Corporal Christie	4	5	4	4	4	0	4	4	0	5—34
Corporal Harper	2	2	4	3	4	2	4	4	2	3—31
Captain Tilden	4	2	4	2	4	4	4	5	4	4—37
W. B. Larkins	4	3	3	4	4	4	5	4	5	—40
J. F. Lee	3	4	3	3	4	3	3	4	3	—34
W. S. Jones	5	4	3	5	4	0	3	4	5	5—38
P. Diers	4	4	3	4	4	4	5	4	4	4—40
H. A. Hatfield	4	3	3	4	4	4	3	3	3	3—35
E. Sutliffe	3	5	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4—37
W. E. Fonda	3	4	0	4	4	4	3	3	5	5—38
W. E. Anderson	4	4	3	3	3	4	3	5	4	5—38
C. E. Thompson	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	3—37
H. Koch	3	3	4	2	3	3	4	4	3	3—33
J. D. Mansfield	4	5	3	4	3	4	4	3	5	4—39
W. E. Jherhardt	4	3	3	4	4	4	3	4	3	5—37
Leo F. Hampton	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	4—39
P. E. Vandor	2	3	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	5—37
A. Johnson	5	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	4—42
F. O. Young	4	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5—48
Total										740

Company H, Captain H. P. Bush—

Lieutenant E. G. Eisen	4	3	3	4	5	3	4	5	4	4—39
Sergeant F. K. Cox	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	4	3—32
Captain H. P. Bush	4	3	4	3	4	4	2	2	3	3—32
Sergeant T. H. vaas	4	3	0	3	4	3	2	4	4	3—32
Corporal J. J. Byron	4	4	4	3	3	2	4	3	5	3—35
F. T. Walford	2	3	3	0	4	3	4	4	3	5—30
E. G. Borden	3	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	3	4—37
E. Feld	3	4	0	3	4	4	3	3	3	4—31
N. G. Campion	3	2	4	3	5	5	4	3	2	4—35
C. G. Larson	4	4	3	3	3	4	4	3	4	4—36
H. T. Hesselmeyer	2	3	3	0	3	0	3	3	3	4—24
J. Herzog	3	4	4	3	4	0	4	3	4	4—33
W. T. Medina	2	3	5	4	3	3	4	3	3	0—30
J. Musser	2	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	3—37
A. H. English	3	0	3	3	2	4	2	3	3	0—23
L. R. S. Holmes	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	0	3	3—26
J. Gottschalk	4	3	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	—38
O. T. Ek	5	3	4	2	4	0	3	3	0	5—29
C. Goertzhain	5	3	4	0	3	3	0	3	4	4—29
H. D. Jippen	4	4	3	3	3	4	3	4	4	3—35
Total										643

At last year's contest for the trophy Company A made a total of 662 points, Company B 784, Company C 811, Company D 539, Company F 703, Company G 689 and Company H 507 points. It will thus be seen that the winning company beat its good record of last year by 7 points.

SAN FRANCISCO SCHUETZENS.

In addition to the Tobin Trophy shoot by the First Regiment at Shell Mound yesterday the San Francisco Schuetzen Verein, the oldest independent shooting company of the State, held their monthly bull's-eye shoot. They showed much enthusiasm in the contest and many close shots were the result. The participants, in order to score a bull's-eye, were required to place their shot within a distance of three inches from the center. All other shots were counted as misses. Following are the names of the winners in their order: L. Haake, C. Thierback, a Browning, G. A. Schultz, H. Zecher, G. Pein, L. Bendel, Dr. F. Reihl, H. Stelling, A. Mocker.

RANDOM SHOTS.

A side match took place between W. Glindeman, C. Theirbach, L. Bendel and L. Haake. The match was shot with hair-trigger guns. Each participant fired 25 shots. W. Glindeman and C. Theirbach allowed L. Bendel and L. Haake a handicap of 25 rings each. The score was as follows: Glindeman 444, Theirbach 471, Bendel 450, Haake 463. On account of the handicap Bendel won the match.

In a private match Chris Meyers scored 47 points out of 50 on the Creedmore target with a Springfield musket.

Ed Hovey, L. Barrere and F. O. Young had an interesting and close match. Hovey shot a Sharp's, Barrere a Springfield and Young a set-trigger gun. Each contestant fired 20 shots. Hovey and Barrere each scored 91 and Young made 92 points.

BALL AND COURT.

A Six-Handed Game at the Union Court. Brooklyn Players Coming.

Yesterday was most propitious for lovers of hand-ball, as the great series of games to be played by the Union and San Francisco hand-ball courts was begun in the former court. The game was between six members of the Union Club, namely: John Condon, M. Dillon and Patrick Kelly against James O'Donnell, Hugh Toner and John McDermott. It was remarkable from the first on account of the enthusiasm and vigor of the contestants.

O'Donnell, who, by the way, has the reputation of being the hardest "putter" on the Coast, sent the ball frequently over the back wall among the spectators, much to their discomfort. As he appeared in the court, remarks that he was about as good a player as Champion Reardon were frequently heard. He appeared to take every ball, though the others played strong games. John Condon was one of the most enthusiastic, and his able work received many plaudits.

P. H. Armstrong of the Brooklyn Handball Club acted as referee, and gave such satisfaction that he was chosen by the Union Club to take charge of the games, and he was authorized to make challenges and arrange for all matches. This is to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of McDermott, who was absent on account of illness.

John Condon and partners won the first and third games by the scores 15 to 13 and 15 to 11, and lost the second by 9 to 15. A challenge was then made by the defeated and accepted to play next Sunday for $50 a side.

In the morning the club played two games. The first was won by A. L. Pennoyer and Hugh Toner against Patrick Kelley and John McDermott. The former won the second and third rubs by a score of 15 to 10 and 15 to 14, and lost the first by 7 to 15. The second game was by the same players for $10 a side, and the winners in the first won two straight by 15 to 3 and 15 to 4.

P. H. Armstrong, referee and manager, has made arrangements with several fine players to come to San Francisco and take part in the games. They are: John Malcomb, champion of the city of Brooklyn; John Delaney, ex-champion of Ireland; Thomas Jones and Michael Roty of Brooklyn, and James Dunn, son of ex-Pugilist Dunn. The latter challenges any one of his own age, 18 years, in any series of games, twenty-one aces each. These men will start from Brooklyn to-day, and will put up at a prominent hotel in this city and go to training. They are under the direction of Armstrong, who was associated with them when he was a pupil of Phil Casey, champion of the world.

Since the organization of the San Francisco hand-ball court the sport has received new life, and its declaration to the world that all bona-fide challenges will be given due consideration has been taken as serious by Armstrong, who challenges any two players in that court to meet John Condon and James O'Donnell, for fun or money; also any two amateurs of the same court to play Frank Kinney and Joseph Walsh for $25 a side. He also issues for Al Pennoyer the following:

A. H. Pennoyer of the Union Hand-ball Club challenges M. Daly, the late arrival from the East, to play a series of games, five, eleven or fifteen, as may suit him, the game to consist of twenty-one aces, to be played in two courts, for any amount he may name. Referee and marker to be chosen on the day the first game is played. Address P. H. Armstrong, 342 McAllister street.

The club has chosen a uniform similar to THE MORNING CALL base-ball suits, consisting of gray bicycle pants and shirt and the words "Union H. B. Club" in red letters on the bosom of the latter.

At the San Francisco Hand-ball Court there was very little playing, owing to the series' games at the other court. However, the ball was kept warm 'twixt hand and wall and several interesting impromptus resulted. James Brannick played Walter Williams, but lost two straight games by 21 to 19 and 21 to 12. Sam Keeney and Walter Williams engaged Orsen Hendry and James Healey and lost two straight games by a score of 21 to 11 and 21 to 17. Williams and Ryan then played Hendry and Lynch and made a losing game, as for the third time in the day two straights were won.

VERY POOR COURSING.

A Sort of Rat-Catching Match at Ocean View Park.

The second coursing event held by the Golden West Club since its inauguration took place yesterday at P. Canovan's park, Ocean View.

The weather was simply detestable. A perfect hurricane of bitter cold wind continued to blow in from the ocean during the day, driving the spectators to the shelter of the stand or wherever shelter could be obtained and covering the large crowd with a blanket of dust.

The coursing commenced about 11:30 o'clock. The stakes were an all-aged of fourteen dogs and a sapling one of four dogs. Most of the hounds in the former were well known to the coursing community, and of course the old and tried performers were hot favorites in each of the courses as they went on. But the old adage, "Man proposes," etc., was singularly true on this occasion. Yet the dogs should in no instance be found fault with—the difficulty lay altogether with the hares, for a more miserable exhibition was never made on any coursing field. Indeed, there was but one event during the day that could by any stretch of imagination be called a course. It was nothing more than rat-catching, and even very poor at that.

The judge, Mr. Grace, must have been frequently puzzled to know what to do under the circumstances, but, as usual with him, he succeeded well all through.

It is difficult to say what happened the hares for, to judge them by appearance, they looked fit to run before the great Fullerton, or even able to cope with a Merced jack. It is possible that the strong cold wind affected them or the feeding on the fresh and succulent green grasses of the park, but, whatever the cause, they fell most ingloriously, making a description of any of the courses out of the question, as it was only a run-up and a kill each time with the single exception of the course between Flora Temple and Soldier Boy, which was a fairly good one, the Soldier leading up to the hare in a good long slip and serving himself for two or three other points, when Flora then came on with a wet sail and had the rest of a good course to herself winning with plenty to spare.

The following is a summary of the running:

T. Cox's Woodside beat M. Tiernan's Glenfarron; T. J. Cronin's Chicopee beat J. Byron's Sonoma Lass; M. Tiernan's Catherine Hayes beat J. Cranston's Whip; T. J. Cronin's Jeannie G beat R. Corcoran's Exile; R. Corcoran's Flora Temple beat J. Byron's Soldier Boy; T. J. Cronin's Ravenswood beat J. Cox's Sam Nash; T. Cox's Tipperary Girl beat D. Dillon's Rose of Tralee.

Second Round—Chicopee Lass beat Woodside; Catherine Hayes beat Jeannie G; Ravenswood beat Flora Temple; Tipperary Girl ran a bye.

Third Round—Chicopee Lass beat Catherine Hayes and Raven-wood beat Tipperary Girl.

This course finished the all-age stakes. W. Cronin's dogs Chicopee Lass and Ravenswood taking first and second moneys—$50, Tipperary Girl and Catherine Hayes taking $10 each.

There were four very nice youngsters in the Sapling stakes, but P. Canty's Queen of the Valley and B. Dougherty's Daisy were chalked ahead of the other two. The Queen won the stake, $12, and Daisy got second money, $8. Daisy is out of Dougherty's Daisy, by Midnight. The breeding of the other was not given.

The officers of the club did all that was possible to make things pleasant for the visitors.

In consequence of the unsatisfactory running of two or three of the "crack" dogs two matches were made of $50 each, J. Shea backing Glenfarran against T. J. Cronin's Kathleen, best two of three courses, at Newark on Sunday, the 5th prox. The hares at Newark are always found to be great travelers, and invariably give great coursing. There will also be an open meeting there on that date.

PIGEON SHOOTING.

History of the Old and Popular Sport. Blue Rocks.

The pastime of pigeon shooting is one of the earliest sports known in the history of men fond of the gun and the pleasure it affords. It is extremely difficult, in the absence of reliable records, to ascertain the exact time when such manner of shooting came first into vogue. It was practiced early in the last century, the shooting men then using the flint-firing fowling-piece for a weapon and an old hat for a trap. From the early period of protection to all game by law at certain seasons sportsmen have

At the Score.

ever, in these close times, endeavored to find a flying substitute, in order to keep themselves in good form for the open season when it came. This, without doubt, was the birth of the sport. In no way has there yet been found a target that so nearly resembles the flight of a wild bird as does that of a strong, swift pigeon when released from a trap. Hence the sport has been most popular for over a hundred years. That much we know.

CLUB MATCHES.

How long it was practiced before that there is only supposition to guide us. It is matter of history that in England as early as 1790 shooting clubs were in full action whose contests were always at pigeons. Similar to the manner of this day matches between single members of different clubs or between teams of a number of men from rival associations were most frequent. One thing which at that date contributed largely to the success of these clubs was the fact that only a privileged class was allowed to shoot game. At the traps all were equal. Without doubt to this fact does pigeon shooting, in Great Britain at least, owe much of its popularity. To show how arbitrary is custom and how little change is effected by time in the manner of conducting these affairs is to state that 100 years ago, as now, it was customary for the landlords of inns to advertise sundry prizes to be shot for on certain days.

PRIZES CONTESTED FOR.

These prizes were generally pieces of silver plate. An entry fee was charged each contestant; the landlord, wise in his generation, both giving and receiving. He gave a capital day's sport to those fond of shooting and was reimbursed in goodly fashion for the trouble and expense incurred.

Then, as now, the pigeon chosen for the work was the "Blue Rock," a wild bird indigenous to Great Britain. The Blue Rock dove—for this crack flyer is a dove—is in color a beautiful blue slate, with two broad bands of black running across the wings. At the rump also is a tuft of white fleecy feathers. This banding of the wings is one showing the power of heredity as strongly as it can be shown. There are thousands upon thousands of pigeons in this country to-day showing this marking and coloring as plainly as any of their ancestors of hundreds of years ago. The hue of the neck feathers is that of the rainbow. As the sun strikes the bird these gleam in iridescent color—a blending of gold, of blue and of purple, which is beautiful in the extreme.

THE "DOVE-HOUSE."

Another pigeon of Great Britain used in these contests was the "Dovehouse." He is similar to, in fact almost identical with, the Blue Rock. Each is a wild bird. While the first named, however, seeks the most inaccessible spots for his breeding places, the latter clings more to the vicinity of civilization. The Blue Rock, as his name implies, haunts the caverns, the crevices of huge rocks, the beetling crag or cliff, whereon to rear his brood. The Dovehouse, however, affects the towers and belfries of old churches and the ruined remains of castle walls for his abode. The latter is almost identical in coloring with his harlier brother. He lacks, however, the black bands on the wings, and the tuft at the root of the tail feathers is a light slate instead of white. Hence it takes almost an expert to determine "which is which." To an ordinary observer they are one and the same bird. In contradistinction to the Blue Rock the Dovehouse pigeon may, by a quaint and hasty abbreviation, be known as a "duffer." Thus when the spectator of a pigeon match of to-day uses the phrase, in reference to a slow flying bird, "he's a duffer," he unconsciously designates it as did the sportsmen of a century ago, when alluding to a poor-in-flight pigeon. These two kinds of birds are their descendants, both in England and this country, are the ones universally used for trap-shooting contests.

BAT AND WICKETS.

A Practice Game at the Alameda Cricket Grounds Yesterday.

The California Cricket Association held a practice game at the Alameda grounds yesterday, the two sides being captained by Hood and Bonnet. Three innings were played before darkness intervened, the result being as follows:

BONNET'S TEAM—FIRST INNING.

Bonnet, b. Banner	3
Alberger, c. Banner	2
Liffen, c. and b. Reynolds	1
Ward, c. Hood, b. Banner	5
Sewell, c. Robertson, b. Reynolds	0
Wood, b. Reynolds	12
Turnbull, c. and b. Reynolds	5
Spiro, run out	1
Shepherd, not out	1
Wedes 3, byes 2	5
Total	36

SECOND INNING.

Bonnet, b. Reynolds	0
Howell, run out	16
Spiro, run out	1
Liffen, c. Bryan, b. Banner	1
Wood, c. Robertson, b. Banner	0
Alberger, b. Reynolds	8
Sewell, c. and b. Reynolds	1
Ward, c. and b. Reynolds	1
Turnbull, not out	1
Byes	9
Total	46

HOOD'S TEAM—FIRST INNING.

Hood, c. Spiro, b. Alberger	14
Banner, not out	5
Caldwell, b. Alberger	3
Bryan, b. Spiro	1
Robertson, b. Alberger	0
George, b. Bonnet	11
Robinson, c. Liffen, b. Alberger	1
Cohen, b. Spiro	12
Reynolds, b. Alberger	5
Byes	3
Total	55

TRAP AND TRIGGER.

Second Shoot for the Selby Medal at Alameda Yesterday.

Nineteen gunners faced the traps at Birds Point, Alameda, yesterday, to compete for the Selby medal. The trophy will become the property of the member who wins it four times. Three shoots for the medal were held last year, and were won by C. B. Smith, C. J. Haas and Frank Coykendall. Two weeks ago Frank Maskey won the first competition of this year. Yesterday's winner was J. M. Randall, and it was announced at the close of the contest that the winner had been already challenged and that the medal would be shot for again on the second Sunday in April.

The weather yesterday was favorable, being bright and sunny, the only drawback to good shooting being the high wind, which carried the birds away very fast. The birds, with a few exceptions, proved a lively lot, and, if not killed close to the trap, left little time before they reached the boundaries.

Thirteen of the nineteen contestants retired before the end of the contest. J. M. Randall carried off the honors of the day by the fine performance of bagging 19 out of his 20 birds, and will hold the medal until the next shoot. Haas came next, 3 birds getting away from his gun, while Golcher and Coffin did good work by killing 16 and 15 respectively, and Maskey and Eddy tied with a score of 14.

Under the conditions of the shoot Maskey, the winner of the last competition, took $35, 50 per cent of the entrance fee of $10 paid by each contestant. The remaining 50 per cent was divided between Haas and Golcher, the second and third of yesterday's shoot, Haas receiving $57 and Golcher $38.

Following the medal competition three "freeze out's" were shot off, and carried off by Haas and Smith, Jackson and Scott, and Jackson, Eddy and Haas.

The full score of the medal shooting is as follows:

Frank Maskey	1 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 0 2
	1 2 0 1 0 1 2 0 0 0—14
Coykendall	1 0 0 1 0 2 2 2 0 0*
Coffin	1 0 2 1 1 0 1 2 1 1
	2 2 1 1 0 2 1 0 0 2—15
G. H. Anderson	0 2 1 0 0 0*
Joe Faull	0 1 0 0 0 0*
Charles Haas	1 1 1 2 1 2 1 1 2 1
	2 0 1 0 2 2 0 2 2 1—17
Scott	2 1 0 2 0 2 0 1 2 0
	2 0*
John Slade	2 0 0 1 2 2 2 0 2 0
	1 1 1 1 2 1 0*
Smith	0 1 1 0 1 2 0 2 1 2
	2 1 1 0 1 1 0*
J. M. Randall	1 2 1 1 1 1 2 1 2 1
	1 2 0 2 1 2 2 2 1 —19
Eddy	2 0 2 0 2 0 0 1 1 2
	0 1 2 1 1 1 1 2 2 0—14
Golcher	2 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 0 2
	2 0