

# What Today's Sportsman Owes to the Cave Man

## THE SIX STAGES IN MAN'S DEVELOPMENT OF HIS MEANS OF DEFENSE AND OFFENSE



THE FIRST MISSILE.



THE SLING.



THE BOW AND ARROW.



THE CROSSBOW.



THE FLINTLOCK.



THE MODERN AUTOLOADING RIFLE.

### The Dramatic Story of the Onward March That Has Raised Man From the Skulking, Hiding Creature of the Dawn of History to the Mastery of His Earthly Domain.

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**HOW IT BEGAN**

**A** NAKED savage found himself in the greatest danger. A wild beast, hungry and fierce, was about to attack him. Escape was impossible. Retreat was cut off. He must fight for his life, but how? Should he bite, scratch or kick? Should he strike with his fist? These were the natural defenses of his body, but what were they against the teeth, the claws and the tremendous muscles of his enemy? Should he wrench a dead branch from a tree and use it for a club? That would bring him within striking distance, to be torn to pieces before he could deal a second blow.

There was but a moment in which to act. Swiftly he seized a jagged fragment of rock from the ground and hurled it with all his force at the blazing eyes before him, then another and another until the beast, dazed and bleeding from the unexpected blows, fell back and gave him a chance to escape. He knew that he had saved his life, but there was something else which his dull brain failed to realize.

**HE HAD INVENTED ARMS AND AMMUNITION!**

In other words, he had needed to strike a harder blow than the blow of his fist at a greater distance than the length of his arm, and his brain showed him how to do it. After all, what is a modern rifle but a device which man has made with his brain, permitting him to strike an enormously hard blow at a wonderful distance? Firearms are really but a more perfect form of stone throwing, and this early cave man took the first step that has led down the ages to present day arms and ammunition.

This strange story of a development that has been taking place slowly through thousands and thousands of years, so that today you are able to take a swift shot at distant game instead of merely throwing stones—this story we shall briefly tell.

**The Earliest Hunters.**

The cave man and his descendants learned the valuable lesson of stone throwing, and it made hunters of them, not big game hunters—that was far too risky. But once in a while a lucky throw might bring down a bird or a rabbit for food. And so it went on for centuries perhaps. Early mankind was rather slow of thought.

At last, however, there appeared a great inventor—the Edison of his day. He added the second link—the sling.

**The Use of Slings.**

The new weapon worked with great success, and a little practice made expert marksman. We know that most of the early races used it for hunting and in war. We find it shown in pictures made many thousands of years ago in ancient Egypt and Assyria. We find it in the Roman army, where the slingman was called a "funditor."

We find it in the Bible, where it is written of the tribe of Benjamin: "Among all these people there were seven hundred chosen men left handed; EVERY ONE COULD SLING A STONE AT AN HAIR BREADTH AND NOT MISS." Surely, too, you remember the story of David and Goliath when the young shepherd "prevailed over the Philistine WITH A SLING AND WITH A STONE."

**Something Better.**

Yet they had their drawbacks. A stone sling might kill a bird or even a man, but it was not very effective against big game.

What was wanted was a missile to pierce a thick hide. So through long years of groping for "something better" the bow and arrow was evolved and played a most important part in the development of arms and ammunition in many lands.

**A Shooting Machine.**

But the age of machinery was coming on. Once in awhile there were glimpses of more powerful and complicated devices to be seen among the many forms in which the bow and arrow were constructed.

A new weapon now came to the center of the stage. It was the crossbow, the first real hand shooting machine. This was another big step toward the

called "detonators," but the familiar little copper cap was the most popular. But now we come to another great development, the breech-loader.

Although found in a crude form as far back as 1537, it wasn't until fixed ammunition came into use that the breech-loader really came to stay, and that was only the other day. You remember that the civil war began with muzzle loaders and ended with breech loaders.

**France Contributes Cartridge Idea.**

Houllier, the French gunsmith, hit on the great idea of the cartridge. If you were going to use powder, ball and percussion primer to get your game, why not put them all into a neat, handy, gas tight case? Simple enough when you come to think of it, like most great ideas. But it required good brain stuff to do that thinking.

**SEATTLE OARSMEN OFF FOR POUGHKEEPSIE RACE**

SEATTLE, Wash., June 6.—The University of Washington eight-oared crew, champions of the Pacific coast today are enroute for Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to participate in the intercollegiate boat race there. The Washington eight established its supremacy on the western coast by winning a three-cornered race from the University of California by 100 yards in a three mile race here. Popular subscription is paying the crew's way east, \$3,000 having been raised in this way.

Louis Mann will appear in vaudeville in a condensed version of "Elevating a Husband."

**CAMPAIGN TO MAKE MEDFORD ROSES FAMOUS**

A systematic campaign for the beautification of Medford streets and yards by the planting of roses has been undertaken by the Greater Medford club, with the object of making Medford famous for its roses. At the club meeting Thursday plans were outlined to interest all the women of the city in rose culture.

Work is to be begun at once to organize the women of the various parts of the city so as to be ready for the coming season. Two rose planting days will be named, one for the fall and one for the spring, when everyone will be expected to plant roses.

The public school children will be interested, instructed about roses and their care and aid in the planting. It is hoped enough roses will be planted this autumn and spring with those already in bloom to enable the holding of a rose show next June.

E. H. Rife, Rock Springs, Wyo., who just married Mrs. F. C. Doyle, was his sweetheart 50 years ago.

**WOLGAST OFFERS TO FIGHT RITCHIE WITHOUT PURSE**

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 6.—A wild dash for Billy Nolan's ranch in Lake county, with Tom Jones, manager of Ad Wolgast, responsible for the dashing, is in progress today.

"We will fight Ritchie for practically nothing and give him a side bet of \$5000," shouted Jones to Eddie Graney, the fight promoter, just before he left. "All we want is a chance."

With little prospect of the proposed Ritchie-Rivers match being arranged, Jones is dead set on a Ritchie-Wolgast match July 4, but Graney favors an Anderson-Ritchie match as a substitute. Jones intends talking terms over with Nolan today, and his attitude indicates he means business.

Until Joe Levy, Rivers' manager, departed for Los Angeles last night Graney still hoped to bring Ritchie and Rivers together. Before leaving Levy admitted that Tom McCarley of Los Angeles had wired him a provisional offer for Rivers to fight in Los Angeles on Independence day. It is believed here that Leach Cross will be his opponent.

San Francisco sport writers today panned Nolan good and hard for his attitude toward Levy. They claim he should have named his weight conditions when the match was first broached, and assert he intimated all along that Ritchie would defend his title at 133 pounds ringside.

**MRS. E. E. GORE ENDORSED FOR SCHOOL BOARD**

On Monday, June 16, the annual school election to elect a member of the board for the Medford district will be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of President H. C. Kentner, whose term expires and who will not be a candidate for reelection.

At its last meeting the school board endorsed the candidacy of Mrs. E. E. Gore, who had already been endorsed by the Greater Medford club, in recognition of the widespread demand that women be recognized by being given representation on the board.

Other candidates suggested were Mrs. George F. King and Mrs. W. G. Davidson, but neither would permit the use of their names.

It is probable that Mrs. Gore's election will be unanimous, as all factions seem united in her support.

The union of boilermakers in England has, by a referendum vote, decided to withdraw from the labor party.

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## FORCE REFERENDUM UPON OLCOTT FOR NEW DENTAL LAW

SALEM, Ore., June 6.—Arguments were presented this morning before Judge Galloway on the application of W. T. Slatten for a writ of mandamus compelling Secretary of State Olcott to accept a referendum petition on the dentist's bill. Judge Galloway took the case under advisement until tomorrow.

Attorney General Crawford, in defense of the state, gave the following reasons to the court in support of Olcott's action. First, in the laws of Oregon, covering the filing of referendums, it is laid down that no petition shall be filed that would put the question before the people later than November 1913. The petition that was presented to Olcott would put off the decision until 1914.

Second, the law provides that a copy of the bill, under question, shall be written upon the petition. There was no copy of the bill on the petition at all.

Third, as a technical point, the law says that a petition must be seven inches wide and ten inches long. The petition did not comply with the requirements.

Attorney Jeffrey attacked a so-called dentist's trust in Portland and declared it back of the opposition to the referendum.

Miss R. Dew of Fort Klamath is visiting friends living in Medford.

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