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Before Easter it occurred to us that our magazine could stand a new dress for the April number. The revised cover and back page arrangement seems to have met with approval by the readers. If good photos or drawings are supplied us, perhaps the new appearance can be permanent.

Bob Tingle, the obliging range master of the trap department and

Herman Fox, genial man of every need, and others, whom, if we mentioned their names, would probably be our enemies for life, but one of them might be a splendid co-worker in the hobby with a non-de-plume known as Henry, have been giving the Walter Cline Range a thorough going over after the disastrous waters of winter.

Last Warning! Spring Shoot 3 weeks away. Oil 'em up, shine 'em up — those weeks will pass in a flash. The opening volley of a new season in muzzle gundom is scheduled for 9 a. m. on Saturday, May 23. It's your party and lots of glory for the winners.



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