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Hope The Sun Shines With This Issue

Just a word to try to tell you how much I appreciate your wonderful little magazine. In a way, I am like R. L. Baxter who wrote you that he is "like the little boy who looks forward to a picnic only to have it rain." Of all the periodicals and papers that enter our home, M. B. is most eagerly watched for and most avidly read, yet it leaves me just a little bit hungry because I have such a deep hunger for knowledge concerning our beloved long rifles.

I have several good percussion rifles which I shoot regularly but have a terrible craving for a flint lock. Since flintlock Kentuckies are out of range of a farmer's pocketbook I am in the process of building one with not much better tools than the old-timers and only the know-how picked up from M. B. and Robert's book.

I have a 48 inch barrel and the brass hardware and trigger from an old broken full-stock that has hung in a grainery longer than any of the old-timers can remember. The lock was missing and since it was originally flint, I acquired a modern made flint lock. Had R. Southgate recut the barrel, whittled out a maple stock, and am about ready to put it all together. I hope to finish it in time to bring it to the "Nationals" (my first) this fall.

I would like to know where some of the fellows pictured in M. B. obtain the fine fringed buckskin shirts. Also wonder if anyone could give me any information concerning: John Mozer (or Moser), also Postly, Nelson & Co.

RALPH T. KERN
Pearl, Illinois

Editor's Note:—In a year's issue of M. B. we try to appease the desires of all our readers. If it were possible to satisfy a hunger for information in one issue it would contain thousands of pages. (See "Build Your Own Kentucky Rifle" by R. H. McCroy this issue.)

Dig 'Em Out

There has been several pieces in the past on loaded guns all of us find in collecting.

Here is a sure way to unload them without the chance of a big bang. I take a piece of brass pipe about one-half inch for shotguns and about three inches long, put it on a one-half inch dowell with about one inch of it left open and pin it on so it will turn then I cut teeth like a saw on the open end so when it is turned it cuts the wadding and loosens the shot and later the powder if it is caked in without the chance of it causing a spark from contact with the barrel or any grit inside as steel may do.

On another one-half inch dowell I put another piece of brass pipe and solder a brass screw into pipe center which will

pick up wads and sometimes I have had it get a lead ball. It is unsafe to use steel for this as it could make sparks if used in a drill as I do the brass at times. I use other size rods for other size guns.
HARLEY E. HESELTON

Wants To Learn

I saw in the December issue, in the Editorial, where there are needed more gunsmiths. I was wondering if you knew of any place where I could learn the trade. I mean, I want to apprentice to someone. I would like to go to college but can't afford it.

Also, where can one get the necessary tools and equipment to set up a shop for the making of guns.

If you know of anybody who would teach me the trade please let me know. I am 19 years old, single, so I could go anywhere to learn.

I really like your magazine. Keep up the good work.

HAROLD KENTZER
Creighton, Missouri

New Well Does 600 Per Hour

The new 10-inch well drilled on Walter Cline Range, according to statement rendered by Harry H. Fox and Sons, Shelbyville, Indiana who drilled and cased it, will furnish ten gallons of water per minute. This rate if maintained, and we have every reason to believe it will so produce, will furnish 600 gallons of water per hour or approximately 14,000 gallons every twenty-four hours for use during the periods when the demand is great for campers.

With the other wells now in service on the range it is believed our water supply will be adequate for some time for our



Good writers have promised stories on personalities in the shooting division for future publication. There surely is a field of deep down know-how to explore in that direction.

We want, badly, good photographs of ranges on which our members shoot. Show the firing line with as much of the range and the physical layout of the spread as possible. Give us data on who shoots on it and its location. How it was procured and maintained. You amateur photographers ought

to give us many artistic pictures along this line.

It saddens us all to learn of fine men of the muzzle loading fraternity being called to the eternal range out yonder. Somehow, though, we know the Master has made His plan for us and all are consoled by those promises which have held firm down the centuries of time.

This is your March issue of M. B. Where have those weeks since Labor Day gone? Is that a sign of creeping years? We have heard of folks already who are planning on how they will win the Founders Trophy come next May. Oh well — we could stand a bit of May sunshine from Florida to Maine if our radio tells the truth.



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