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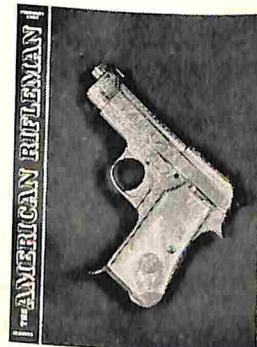
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COVER

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Dave Bushnell says:

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"Red" Dailley was about 40—and a first-class huntsman. He earned his living baking bread in a famous bakery. But his specialty was deer. He was the kind of a hunter who believed in making his first shot count, and he taught his only son to hunt that way, too. "Where's the sport in shootin' up the whole place to pop one buck?"

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This near-tragedy points up the value of knowing how to hunt. The N.R.A. is doing a great job along these lines. Make it a rule always to see what you're shooting. Never shoot blind, and hope you'll be lucky. You may not be!

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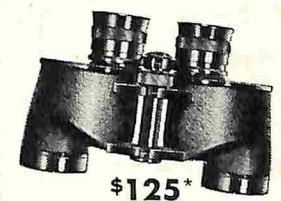


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