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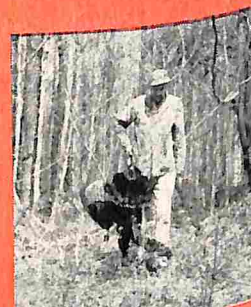
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Quail Baked in Wine

6 quail, cleaned and trussed
1/2 cup fat
2 small onions, minced
2 whole cloves
1 teaspoon peppercorns
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 bay leaf
2 cups white wine
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Few grains cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon minced chives
2 cups cream OR evaporated milk

Melt fat; add onions, cloves, peppercorns, garlic, and bay leaf; cook several minutes. Add quail and brown on all sides. Add wine, salt, pepper, cayenne and chives and simmer until tender, about 30 minutes. Remove quail to hot serving dish. Strain sauce, add cream and heat to boiling point. Pour over quail. Serves 6.

But the first step is getting the quail. And quail are tricky. When a covey flushes and birds go off in every direction, it's difficult to concentrate on a single target. Quail fly fast and change their direction before you know it. And a straight-rising bird is likely to go off at an angle just as you pull the trigger. So a wide shot pattern helps your chances, which is why an improved cylinder or, at most, a modified choke is recommended.

Hunters don't want to "blast" the birds, but they do want clean, sure hits. That's why smaller shot sizes are recommended. For example, some hunters use No. 9 shot for early-season shooting on bobwhites when their feathers are light. Later, when feathers are thicker, they switch to No. 8 or No. 7 1/2 shot. For the same reason, Remington-Peters experts recommend the use of a low-base field load to drive the shot . . . either Remington "Shur Shot" or Peters "Victor" loads.

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