

will you?" and he was off before she had recovered from her first gasp of surprise.

"Well!" Marion's amazement was equalled only by her anger, and both were soon swallowed up in the disappointment which followed her distasteful discovery.

At home, Sandy, tranquilly cleaning her new grey suede shoes, dreamed pleasant dreams of a long, delicious car-ride in the moonlight beside a tall young man, Ted by name; of dancing to magic strains, followed by another long, cool ride home in the moonlight, and gave a sigh of deep content.

—M. B., '24.

Rifle Shooting

In rifle shooting the different races of the world have a most important essential. It is a world-wide sport and in the British Empire there is much competition for supremacy in the art of shooting. It is carried on to such an extent that the different nations have shooting teams to represent them just as Canada, the United States and many other nations had teams to represent them in the recent Olympic hockey matches in Europe.

Good Sportsmanship is good Citizenship. It is only natural for every boy in his early 'teens to desire to have a gun, and it might be interesting to know that it has been proved that these are the best years in which to train a shooter.

It would not be a wise plan to allow a real live Canadian boy of fourteen to use a rifle as a toy. However, even younger boys may be safely and profitably allowed to shoot under proper instruction. These impressionable, character-forming years comprise the easiest and most advantageous period in a young man's life—the years in which to impress the idea of respect or discipline, and what better endowment for his future can a boy have than steady nerve and clear eyes. These two are absolutely necessary to produce good and accurate shooting.

As nearly everything else, a rifle must have proper care. The rifle must be thoroughly cleaned every time it is used. It is much easier to clean a rifle barrel when it is hot than some time after it has been shot. The trigger should never be pulled when there is no cartridge in the chamber.

The most expensive rifle will not score bulls if not properly sighted. With a ring front sight the front sight should encircle the bull. With a solid pin head sight the front sight should float the bull, i.e., be held just underneath it so the bull can be seen. The front sight should be raised in line with and below the bull. The action of firing should be smooth—more of a squeeze than a sudden jerky pull. Breathe evenly, not taking in too much air, and when ready to pull, hold your breath. Hold the rifle the same every time you shoot. Hold it tightly but not so tightly your arms will tremble. If the target appears blurred it is because your eyes are tired. Lay the rifle down and rest for a while by closing the eyes. The most important thing is to concentrate on what you are doing.