THE GUN CLUB FIXTURES.

Saturday, July 2.—July 5 Handicap, £25 Cup or Specie
Tuesday, July 5.—Club Fund Cup; then £3, 27 yards
Thursday, July 7.—£3 Handicap, £20 Cup; then 30 yards, £20 added
Saturday, July 9.—Worcester £3 Handicap, £25 Cup or Specie
Tuesday, July 12.—Club Fund Cup; then £3, 28 yards
Thursday, July 14.—£3 Handicap; then £3 even distance
Saturday, July 16.—Durham £3 Handicap, £20 Cup
Tuesday, July 19.—Club Fund Cup; then £3, 29 yards
Thursday, July 21.—£3 Handicap, £20 Cup or Specie
Saturday, July 23.—Goodwood £3 Handicap, £25 Cup to Member making the highest score who has never won a Cup given by the Club.

THE GUN CLUB.

THE QUEEN'S CUP DAY.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25.—In order that the Jubilee year should be celebrated at the Gun Club in a sportsmanlike manner, the committee decided to give a prize worthy of the occasion, and to-day a large number of members and their friends assisted at the contest for the Queen's Cup, value £200. As we had half a dozen foreigners competing, the event partook of quite an International character; and so valuable a prize speaks well for the liberality as well as the flourishing condition of the club. It was a happy idea to have a low entrance fee, as an inducement for members to come forward and shoot, and the result was that no less than fifty-three competitors put in an appearance. When a start was made at a quarter-past three, the wind blew across the traps to the bright hand, and after a birds being first class, they took a good deal of stopping. The contest was something like a repetition of the International Cup over again. The struggle for victory was left with M. Journu and Mr Cambridge; the Frenchman stayed the longest, and won the handsome prize with the very fine score of twenty-two consecutive kills. During the International week, we several times drew attention to the fine form shown by M. Journu, who, at 30½yds. and 31yds. respectively, always shot well but somewhat unluckily. In the contest to-day, M. Journu's fifth bird, going down wind at a great pace, was beautifully stopped with a long second barrel. In the tenth round, the foreigner also brought down a strong rock at the second discharge—a very fine kill. Throughout the struggle M. Journu shot with great coolness, and no less than eleven times second barrels stopped birds that were flying strong at the time. It is somewhat remarkable that Mr Cambridge (who shoots with great fairness, holding his gun well down until the bird is on the wing) on this, his first appearance at the Gun Club, should have played so prominent a part during the afternoon, and it was a big performance killing twenty-one birds consecutively at 27 yards, afterwards five more at 31 yards, and again taking the second prize. The Challenge Cup, which commenced the day's proceedings, was also carried off by one of our foreign visitors, Baron Dorlodot defeating Mr Greville Ryan in the tie. Our friends from across the water have this time had a most successful trip. The £5 Sweepstakes, at 31 yards brought together most of our best men. After a run of bad luck this season, Mr J. Sutcliffe proved his quality by carrying off the cup and £60, with six consecutive kills. The £2 Handicap Sweepstakes was shared between Comte du Taillis and Col. Persse; the latter shooter made a bold bid for victory in the two advertised events.

At a quarter-past three Mr Harding Cox was called upon to start the Queen's Cup, and a smart rock from No. 4 trap flew off well feathered. A total of sixteen misses were recorded in the first round, a majority of the competitors meeting with very good birds. Second round: M. Journu led off, and brought his pigeon down in fine style at a long range. Mr Merwyn Watts's bird dropped dead outside. Mr Dudley Ward's pigeon flew a bit low and escaped, then a clean miss followed from M. Dorlodot. Sir G. H. Leith Buchanan brought his rock to grass, but it suddenly rose again, and eventually cleared the wall. Mr Brentwood's pigeon dropped on the far side, but also got away. An extraordinary smart rock caused M. Abaurre to retire. A game bird dropped to Col. Shelley's second barrel, but rose again. Mr Welbore Ellis's rock dropped dead outside. Although Capt. Hallett missed with the second barrel, the pigeon dropped dead over the boundary. Mr Hanley had a bit of ill luck, a strong-winged pigeon struggling on to the wall. The field was further reduced by fifteen more retiring from the contest. Third round: M. Journu stopped his bird in fine style. Mr Greville Ryan's rock rose sharply, then dashed off at a rare pace. The change of name to-day to Count de Bertinoro met with no better success, and a clean miss was recorded. Mr Ethel's efforts met with similar results. Mr Hastings and Sir John Willoughby both struck fatally, but dead outside was the verdict. Mr Crawshay struck very hard with his second barrel, but the birds just cleared the boundary. A grand rock proved too quick for Mr Hemsinath, which ended the round with seven more misses, leaving only fifteen in. Fourth round: After M. Journu had stopped his bird with a quick first barrel, M. P. de Guithemanson's pigeon came to the right from No. 1 trap, and was missed. The only other shooter who failed to score in this round was Comte du Taillis, who met with a clinking good rock. Fifth round: M. Journu, getting in fine time, brought his pigeon down with a rattling second barrel. The first competitor to go out was Mr Stovin, who had ill luck, a game rock perching on the wall. A very good bird went away to the right from Lord Stormont, and a rising rock also caused Mr J. A. Platt to retire, which left ten competitors. Mr Norfolk's sixth pigeon went away from No. 4 trap little the worse, and another good shot, Mr H. Whitehead, failed at his seventh rock. Two eight competitors left in scored their next birds. This was followed by a miss from Mr Deben, who so far had been showing good form, but he now shot clean under a rising rock with his first barrel and retired. A very similar bird spoilt Col. Persse's chance. Ninth round: M. Journu led off with another of his long second barrels. Mr W. F. Gambier struck fatally, but the pigeon just cleared the wall and fell dead outside. Sir Thomas Freke's bird went away from No. 4 trap at a rare pace, and, fatally struck, just topped the boundary. Four were now left in. Arriving at the twelfth round, M. Journu stopped a straight-away flyer with a rattling second barrel. Mr Cambridge, who so far had only killed thrice with the second barrel, stopped a twisting rock very cleverly. The Hon. F. Baring, who had been shooting exceedingly well, brought his bird down, but it quickly recovered itself, and flew out of bounds. A smart rock from the centre trap went clean away from Mr E. B. Beard. The contest was now reduced to a match between M. Journu and Mr Cambridge. The concluding rounds caused plenty of excitement, there being many narrow escapes of birds falling out of bounds before the struggle terminated. M. Journu stopped his fourteenth pigeon with a remarkably fine right hand second barrel. In the twentieth round Mr Cambridge's bird struck the wall close to the top and fell inside. The same shooter had precisely similar luck in the next round. Meanwhile both M. Journu's remaining pigeons were scored with smart long second barrels. Twenty-second round and last: M. Journu stopped his pigeon close to No. 2 trap with a clever first barrel. A small dark blue rock now dashed off from No. 4 trap, and was clean missed by Mr Cambridge. Both competitors were warmly congratulated upon their good shooting. In the £5 Sweepstakes, at 31 yards rise, won by Mr J. Sutcliffe, Col. Persse's last bird fell dead out of bounds, and similar ill-luck attended Mr Cambridge's efforts. A very long and interesting day's sport finished at a late hour with a £1 handicap sweepstakes, nineteen shooters; and the pool was shared between Comte du Taillis and Col. Persse with four kills each. Scores:

QUEEN'S CUP, value £200, added to a £2 Handicap Sweepstakes; 53 subs.

[The guns are all more or less choked, unless otherwise specified. The letters Bk., S., and E.C. refer to Black, Schultze, and E.C. powders.]

Yds.	Birds shot at.	Killed.
31 Mr Journu (Guyot), S. (first prize, cup value £200)	1111111111111111111111	22
27 Mr Cambridge (Grant), E.C., Bk. (second prize, £57)	1111111111111111111110	21
26 Mr E. B. Beard (Wiggan and Elliott), S., Bk. (divided third and fourth prizes, £36)	11111111110	11
25½ Hon. F. Baring (Woodward), E.C., Bk. (ditto)	11111111110	11
28 Sir T. Freke (Purdey), S.	1111111110	9
25½ Mr W. F. Gambier (Grant), S., Bk.	1111111110	9
29 Col. Persse (Patstone), S.	11111110	7
25 Mr Deben (Purdey), E.C., Bk.	11111110	7
30½ Mr H. Whitehead (Purdey), S.	1111110	6
31 Mr Norfolk (Lang), S., Bk.	111110	5
22½ Mr J. A. Platt (C. Lancaster), E.C.	11110	4
25 Lord Stormont (Purdey), Bk.	11110	4
25 Mr Stovin (Purdey), E.C., Bk.	11110	4
27½ Comte du Taillis (Bennette), S.	1110	3
27 M. P. de Guithemanson (Purdey), S.	1110	3
26 Mr Hemaneth, (Purdey) S.	110	2
25½ Mr R. F. Crawshay (Purdey), S., Bk.	110	2
27 Sir John Willoughby (Reilly), S.	110	2
30½ Mr Hastings (Grant), S., Bk.	110	2
31 Mr Ethel (Dougall), E.C.	110	2
28 Count de Bertinoro (Purdey), S.	110	2
31 Mr Greville Ryan (Purdey), S.	110	2
31 Mr Merwyn Watts (Purdey), S.	10	1
31 Mr Dudley Ward (Purdey), S., Bk.	10	1
27½ Baron Dorlodot (Purdey), S.	10	1
30½ Sir G. H. Leith Buchanan (Reilly), E.C., Bk.	10	1
28 M. Abaurre (Purdey), S.	10	1
27½ Mr Brentwood (Grant), S.	10	1
25 Col. Shelley (Purdey), E.C., Bk.	10	1
26 Capt. Colt (Purdey), S.	10	1
30½ Sir H. Rae Reid (Greener), E.C.	10	1
31 Mr Welbore Ellis (Purdey), E.C.	10	1
25½ Capt. Crawford (C. Lancaster), E.C.	10	1
26 Don P. Luro (Chapu), E.C.	10	1
25 Capt. Hallett (Reilly), S., Bk.	10	1
27½ Mr Hankey (Reilly), S., Bk.	10	1
30½ Mr Moult (Grant), Bk.	10	1
29½ Mr Harding Cox (Purdey), S.	0	
24 Mr Retlaw (Bonehill), S.	0	
25 Mr S. E. Shirley (Boss), S.	0	
25½ Mr Tudor (Grant), E.C.	0	
26 Mr F. Vaughan (C. Lancaster), E.C.	0	
27 Mr Halford (Purdey), E.C., Bk.	0	
25 Mr Alston (Grant), E.C., Bk.	0	
30½ Mr Bumpus (Baker), S.	0	
27 Mr Herbert (Grant), E.C.	0	
27 Mr T. Freke (Purdey), S.	0	
25 Mr J. Barrow (Venables), E.C., Bk.	0	
29½ Mr J. Sutcliffe (Baker), S.	0	
24½ Mr A. Clark (Reilly), S., Bk.	0	
21 Mr J. W. Sharp (Powell), E.C.	0	
30 Capt. Shelley (Reilly), S., Bk.	0	
31 Mr E. B. Cunliffe (Lang), S., Bk.	0	

£5 SWEEPSTAKES, 31 yards rise, with cup value £50 or specie added; 22 subs.

	Birds shot at.	Killed.
Mr J. Sutcliffe (Baker), S. (first prize, £60 and the cup)	1 1 1 1 1 1	6
Mr Cambridge (Grant), E.C., Bk. (second prize, £37)	1 1 1 1 1 0	5
Col. Persse (Patstone), S.	1 1 1 1 0	4
Mr Bumpus (Baker), S.	1 1 1 0	3
Don Pedro Luro (Chapu), E.C.	1 1 1 0	3
Mr Halford (Purdey), E.C., Bk.	1 1 1 0	3
Mr Stuart Wortley (Purdey), S.	1 1 0	2

Mr Welbore Ellis, Mr E. B. Cunliffe, Mr D. Ward, Mr Norfolk, Baron Dorlodot, and Comte du Taillis killed one bird each. M. Journu, Mr Merwyn Watts, M. P. de Guithemanson, Sir G. H. Leith Buchanan, Mr Brentwood, Mr Welbore Ellis, Sir John Willoughby, Mr Moult, and Mr Greville Ryan missed.

£2 HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKES; 16 subs.

Yds.	Birds shot at.	Killed.
27½ Comte du Taillis (Bennette), S. (divided £32)	1 1 1 1	4
29 Col. Persse (Patstone), S. (ditto)	1 1 1 1	4
29½ Mr J. Sutcliffe (Baker), S.	1 1 1 0	3
25 Col. Shelley (Purdey), E.C., Bk.	1 1 1 0	3
24½ Mr A. Clark (Reilly), S., Bk.	1 1 1 0	3
30½ Mr Bumpus (Baker), S.	1 1 1 0	3
24 Mr Retlaw (Bonehill), S.	1 1 0	2
30 Mr Stuart Wortley (Purdey), S.	1 1 0	2
31 Mr D. Ward (Purdey), S., Bk.	1 1 0	2

M. Journu, Capt. Shelley, Mr Brentwood, and Mr H. Whitehead killed one bird each. Mr Norfolk, Mr Gambier, and Don Pedro Luro missed.

MEMBERS' CHALLENGE CUP, value 100 guineas, added to a £25 Sweepstakes, at ten birds each; 30 yards' rise; 10 subs.

	Birds shot at.	Killed.
Baron Dorlodot (Purdey), S. (prize, £250 and holder of the cup)	1111110111—10 out of 11	
Mr Greville Ryan (Purdey), S.	1111011110— 9 out of 11	
Mr Dudley Ward (Purdey), S.	1111011110 — 8 out of 10	
M. Journu (Guyot), S.	1111110110 — 8 out of 10	
Mr E. B. Cunliffe (Lang), S., Bk.	1111110101 — 8 out of 10	
Mr Norfolk (Lang), S., Bk.	1111011101 — 7 out of 9	
Mr Harding Cox (Purdey), S.	0011001111 — 6 out of 10	
Mr Merwyn Watts (Purdey), S.	1000110011 — 5 out of 10	
M. P. de Guithemanson (Purdey), S.	011000 Retired	
Capt. Shelley (Reilly), S., Bk.	1000	

TUESDAY, JUNE 28.—We had a very poor attendance this afternoon, and it would appear the shooting members are for the present resting from their International labours, as the fields at both clubs this week have been small. The proceedings commenced with a couple of £1 handicap sweepstakes. The first, with eight subscribers, Sir G. H. Leith Buchanan won by bringing down eight birds consecutively. The next, with nine competitors, Sir T. Freke and Capt. Shelley divided with three kills each. As sufficient members had now arrived, the Club Fund Cup was started by Sir G. H. Leith Buchanan bringing his rock down with a smart first barrel. Mr Deben followed with a miss, a low flyer from No. 2 trap going right ahead. Capt. Shelley's pigeon fell dead over the wall, and Sir T. Freke's rock, hard hit, escaped. Mr Bumpus let a fast right-hand rock go free. In the second round Col. Shelley's bird came across from No. 1 trap, and went off to the right. In the same direction Mr A. Clark missed an easy shot. Mr Davenport Handley's bird with great difficulty settled on the wall. Similar ill-luck attended Mr Cunliffe in the last round, which left Col. Persse—who has improved in his shooting very much—the winner with six consecutive kills. Although the field was small in the £3 Sweepstakes at 28 yards rise, the score was a big one, the four who were left in at the end of the eighth round having killed all their birds. Mr Cunliffe started the ninth round with a capital first barrel. A good rock from No. 2 trap was clean missed by Mr Halford. Sir T. Freke sent the feathers flying as the bird went to the right from No. 1 trap, and fell dead out of bounds. Again another miss, Mr Hankey letting his pigeon go right ahead, which left Mr Cunliffe the winner. After the £2 Handicap had been shared between Capt. Shelley and Mr W. F. Gambier, eleven subscribed to a £1 sweepstakes, and Mr Hankey won with eight kills, Mr Stuart Wortley retiring in his fav our. The last sweepstakes, with ten competitors, Mr Hankey and Mr Retlaw shared the pool with eight kills each. Score:

CLUB FUND CUP, added to a £3 Handicap Sweepstakes; 11 subs.

Yds.	Birds shot at.	Killed.
29 Col. Persse (Patstone), S. (prize, £33 and holder of the cup)	1 1 1 1 1 1	6
31 Mr E. B. Cunliffe (Lang), S., Bk.	1 1 1 1 1 0	5
27 Mr Halford (Purdey), E.C., Bk.	1 1 1 0	3
30½ Sir G. H. Leith Buchanan (Reilly), E.C., Bk.	1 1 0	2
28½ Mr Davenport Handley (Purdey), S.	1 1 0	2

Col. Shelley and Mr A. Clark killed one bird each. Mr Deben, Capt. Shelley, Sir Thomas Freke, and Mr Bumpus missed.

£3 SWEEPSTAKES, 28 yards rise; 7 subs.

	Birds shot at.	Killed.
Mr E. B. Cunliffe (Lang), S., Bk. (prize, £21)	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	7
Mr Halford (Purdey), E.C., Bk.	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0	6
Sir T. Freke (Purdey), S.	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0	6
Mr Hankey (Reilly), S., Bk.	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0	6
Capt. Shelley (Reilly), S., Bk.	1 1 0	2

Sir G. H. Leith Buchanan scored one bird. Col. Persse missed.

£2 HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKES; 9 subs.

	Birds shot at.	Killed.
30 Capt. Shelley (Reilly), S., Bk. (divided £18)	1 1 1 1	4
25½ Mr W. F. Gambier (Grant), S., Bk. (ditto)	1 1 1 1	4
31 Mr E. B. Cunliffe (Lang), S., Bk.	1 1 1 0	3
30 Sir T. Freke (Purdey), S.	1 1 1 0	3
25 Col. Shelley (Purdey), E.C., Bk.	1 1 0	2
29 Col. Persse (Patstone), S.	1 1 0	2
27½ Mr Hankey (Reilly), S., Bk.	1 1 0	2

Sir G. H. Leith Buchanan and Mr Halford missed

THURSDAY, JUNE 30.—Additional interest was thrown into the proceedings to-day, a match having been arranged between Mr Dudley Ward and M. Journu to shoot at 100 birds each, 30 yards rise, for £100 aside. Although the stake at issue was not large, a good deal of money would change hands, the betting being evens, with the crack French shot for choice. At ten minutes past eleven a start was made in dull but fine weather, a smart right-hand breeze being in favour of the birds. M. Journu commenced the match by bringing his rock down with a clean first barrel, and when the end of the tenth round was arrived at Mr Dudley Ward was two birds to the bad. The last-named shooter having made a run of thirteen kills, the twentieth round saw M. Journu only one pigeon to the good. From this point the foreigner always held his own, and when fifty birds each had been shot at Mr D. Ward was five to the bad, and M. Journu going very steadily, the match was virtually over at the ninety-second round. The shooting of M. Journu throughout the match was very fine, and nineteen times he killed with the second barrel, many of the rocks being brought down at a long distance from the traps. It is only fair to Mr Ward to state that he had the worst of the luck with the birds, and more than his share fell dead out of bounds. His score with the second barrel was also nineteen. Throughout the match M. Journu shot in fine style, and, whether he killed with the first barrel or had to use his second to kill, he was never in the least flurried. Mr Dudley Ward stuck pluckily to his task, finishing with twelve consecutive kills. The time occupied in shooting the match was two hours and twenty-five minutes. The traps came over in the following order: Mr Journu had No. 1 trap fifteen times; No. 2 trap, twenty-seven times; No. 3 trap, twenty-seven times; No. 4 trap, fifteen times; and No. 5 trap, sixteen times. For Mr Dudley Ward, the traps fell: No. 1 trap, twenty-one times; No. 2 trap, twenty-eight times; No. 3 trap, twenty-two times; No. 4 trap, twenty nine times; and No. 5 trap, twelve times. For the match, Offer supplied a very good sample of birds.

Previous to the advertised events commencing a couple of £1 handicap sweepstakes were decided as follows: The first, with twelve shooters, Mr Herbert and Mr Hemsinath killed twelve each, and divided; the second, with fourteen competitors, Mr Hemsinath won outright, with six consecutive kills. It was now three o'clock, and the scoring board denoted a small field for the £2 Handicap Sweepstakes. As it turned out this was fortunate, for the best birds had evidently been used for the match, and, as will be seen from the returns, an unusually large number were killed. A feature of the afternoon's shooting was the extraordinary form shown by Mr Bumpus, who killed twenty-nine birds consecutively. Scores:

MATCH, £100 a-side, at 100 birds each; 30 yards rise.

	Birds shot at.	Killed.
M. Journu (Guyot), S.	1111111111101101111—18 out of 20	
	1111111010111111111—18 out of 20	
	0111110110110110110—16 out of 20	
	1101111111111011111—17 out of 20	
	1101011111111101111—17 out of 20	
	Total kills—86 out of 100	
Mr Dudley Ward (Purdey), S., Bk.	1101011111111111110—17 out of 20	
	1111010011110110111—15 out of 20	
	1010011111111111110—16 out of 20	
	0111110011000100111—11 out of 20	
	0111101101111111111—17 out of 20	
	Total kills—76 out of 100	

£2 HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKES, with £15 added; 16 subs.

Yds.	Birds shot at.	Killed.
30½ Mr Bumpus (Baker), S. (prize, £47)	1111111111111111	16
25 Col. Shelley (Purdey), E.C., Bk.	1111111111111110	15
28 Sir T. Freke (Purdey), S.	1111111111111110	15
25 Mr Deben (Purdey), E.C., Bk.	1110	3
31 M. Journu (Guyot), S.	110	2
25½ Mr W. F. Gambier (Grant), S., Bk.	110	2
31 Mr Norfolk (Lang), S., Bk.	110	2

Mr Dudley Ward, Mr Halford, Mr Hankey, Col. Persse, Mr Herbert, and Mr A. Clark killed one bird each. Mr Cunliffe, Mr Hemsineth, and Mr Martley missed.

£2 SWEEPSTAKES, 29 yards rise, with £15 added; 14 subs.

	Birds shot at.	Killed.
Mr Bumpus (Baker), S. (divided £43)	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	12
Mr Martley (Purdey), S. (ditto)	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	12
Mr Ethel (Dougall), E.C. (ditto)	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	12
Col. Persse (Patstone), S. (ditto)	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	12
Mr E. B. Cunliffe (Lang), S., Bk.	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	10
Mr Dudley Ward (Purdey), S., Bk.	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0	9
Mr Sandland (Baker), S.	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0	7
M. Journu (Guyot), S.	1 1 1 1 0	4
Mr Hankey (Reilly), S., Bk.	1 1 1 1 0	4
Capt. Shelley (Reilly), S., Bk.	1 1 1 1 0	4
Mr Halford (Purdey), E.C., Bk	1 1 1 0	3
Mr Hemsineth (Purdey), S.	1 1 1 0	3

Mr Norfolk and Mr Herbert killed one bird each.

£2 HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKES; 11 subs.

Yds.	Birds shot at.	Killed.
31 Mr Dudley Ward (Purdey), S., Bk. (divided £23)	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	9
26 Col. Shelley (Purdey), E.C., Bk. (ditto)	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	9
27½ Mr Martley (Purdey), S., Bk.	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0	8
30 Capt. Shelley (Reilly), S., Bk.	1 1 1 1 1 1 0	6
24 Mr Retlaw (Bonehill), S.	1 1 1 1 1 1 0	6
28 Mr Sandland (Baker), S.	1 1 1 1 0	4
27 Mr Halford (Purdey), E.C., Bk.	1 1 0	2
31 Mr E. B. Cunliffe (Lang), S., Bk.	1 1 0	2

Mr W. F. Gambier and Mr Bumpus killed one bird each. Mr Hemsineth missed.

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FIELD TRIALS AT ST. PETERSBURG.

UNDER the auspices of the Russian Falconry Club, or *Société des* Chasseurs Fauconniers, there will be held, about the middle of September next, some field trials of a very varied and interesting character.

The society was formed in 1884, under the presidency of his Imperial Highness Prince Alexander of Oldenburg, chiefly with the object of reviving the old Russian pastime of hawking, but also with the view of forming something like a sportsman's club, and bringing together, at periodical field meetings, those who are fond of hunting and shooting, as well as owners and breeders of horses and hounds, falconers, pigeon fanciers, and breeders or exhibitors of dogs of all kinds. The founders of the society were H.I.H. Prince Alexander of Oldenburg, Mr N. Missiri, an intrepid bear hunter, and Mr Constantin Haller (now president), a well-known musical composer, critic, and journalist, author of the only book on hawking in Russian, and one of the oldest sportsmen in that country. Amongst the members may be counted their Imperial Highnesses the Grand Dukes Nicolai Nicolaiwitch, Eugène and George Maximilianowitch of Leuchtenburg, the Prince Baryatinski, Count Sheremetyoff, and many other persons of high standing.

According to the announcement which has reached us concerning the forthcoming meeting in September, there is, in the first place, to be a Sportsman's Exhibition of horses and dogs, hawks and falcons, homing pigeons, and song birds, besides a display of guns, rifles, *couteaux de chasse*, and various other sporting weapons and implements. In connection with this exhibition there are to be field trials of hunters and of sporting dogs, the latter to include bear, wolf, and boar hounds, to be slipped at their proper quarry specially provided. As regards hawking, it is announced that gerfalcons, eagles, goshawks, and sparrow hawks will be flown at the particular live quarry for which each has been trained, namely, hares, rabbits, foxes, wolves, and game birds of different kinds. In addition, the programme will include coursing, pigeon shooting, and experiments with the pigeon post. In connection with the gun trials, there are to be tests and experiments with different gunpowders and different sizes of shot, and an exhibition of the use of Mr Wood's "face-cover," which, it appears, has not yet been made trial of in Russia. The show is to last for two or three weeks, weather permitting, and the co-operation of sportsmen, not only in Russia, but in other countries, is invited to ensure its greater success and wider scope.

Amongst the prizes announced for open competition is one of 500 roubles for the best falconer's stud with all its belongings, whether Russian or foreign, to be awarded by a committee of experts, with prizes of lesser value, silver medals, and diplomas of merit.

Those desirous of taking part in the affair, whether as exhibitors, inventors, or *marchands*, and who will have free admission, are requested to send in their names and addresses as soon as possible to the hon. sec., Mr Constantin Haller, Wassili Ostrow 2 ligne, Maison No. 5, log. 7, St. Petersburg, that due arrangements may be made in good time.

DR CARVER.—We regret to hear, on the authority of a letter just received by a member of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Company, that Dr Carver has met with an accident, through his gun bursting at the shoulder, and it is feared that he will lose his sight. We have not yet seen any mention of the circumstance in American papers, and we trust that, if such an accident has happened, the results may be of a far less serious character than are indicated by the letter just received.

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