

HANG FIRES AND MISS FIRES

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(A near champion of Skeet)

Ben Turpin, the famous cross-eyed comedian of the silent screen, contrary to the popular belief, was a dead-shot with a six-shooter.

If you think we are ribbing, try standing ten paces from him with an apple on your head and let him nick your ear instead of the apple.

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A Chicago policeman was killed by his own bullet.

The officer had a running gun fight with a thug. The bandit ran up a tenement house and entered a door with the cop hard behind him. The officer fired at the door. The door proved to be reinforced with steel and a peculiar indentation on the steel plate, at about waist high, made the bullet ricochet in an upward angle and strike the officer between the eyes,

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A rich "hacendero", who all his life sported a super 38 on his belt whenever he went about his lands, had an occasion to use it. A disgruntled farmhand attacked him with a bolo one day. The hacendero unlimbered his pistol and levelled it at the man. Luckily a farm foreman saw the incident, came to the aid of his boss and arrested the would-be attacker.

When the malcontent was being lead away, the hacendero looked at his trusty, rusty Colt and then fainted. The gun was unloaded.

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"Paltiks" are dangerous weapons. Dangerous not only to the one against whom it is used, but to the user as well.

Here is one. A "paltik" maker has just finished one of his contrabands. He was proud of his work, so he loaded his piece with a 20 ga. shell, went to the back yard and pulled the trigger. Bang!

When the smoke cleared the gun-maker was sprawled on the ground, his face bloody from several wounds and his right hand was missing. His gun was broken to small pieces and scattered about.

Faulty breech, weak frame, and a BUM piece as a whole!



A group of competitors in the Club Rifle Championship of the Cosmopolitan Gun Club in 1933. Several best shots of the club are shown in the picture: A. D. Hileman, R. A. Thompson, R. McFrederick, M. Flores, J. B. Hond, Judge Jaranilla and others. Messrs. F. Cortes and A. Rivera were then marksmen.