

THE WORLD OF SHOOTERS.

ELLIOTT'S CUP.

SIM GLOVER LOSES TO THE KANSAS CITY CRACK.

The Rochester Expert Badly Beaten— Could Only Kill Eighty-four Birds —Elliott Lost His First Two Birds, But Killed Ninety-two.

James A. Robert Elliott, of Kansas City, is present holder of the Kansas City "Star" live-bird championship cup. J. A. R. Elliott is therefore one-third champion pigeon shot of the United States. At least, that is the way some people figure it, as Elliott has yet to win the Du Pont trophy and the Cast-Iron medal before he can claim the whole earth, as far as live pigeon championships are concerned. Time will tell more about it, and J. A. R. is after all of the cups. So far he has been successful, and before the month is closed he may be where he is now, or he may be two-thirds champion live bird shot of America. Of course the one-barrel, "gun below the knee" live bird champion will trot around the 21yd. mark and yell, "Why don't you come down with me." But as Elliott sticks to the 26-yd. limit, he may never have a chance to win the Sole Leather medal from "One-Barrel Pete."

IT GREW TIRESOME.

For some long and weary months the title of "champion live bird shot of America" was in bad shape. It had lost its home and wandered aimlessly around until finally it became separated and fell into the hands of three different individuals. Each, therefore, hung onto their part and their friends claimed that they had the whole thing. At last J. A. R. Elliott, of Kansas City, came to the front with a single barrel gun, charged with greenbacks and issued a challenge to the holders of all the known trophies representing live pigeon shooting.

Sim Glover, of Rochester, N. Y., held the Kansas City "Star" cup, which he won in an open contest at Kansas City last May. He was the first to meet Elliott, and, at Rochester, N. Y., on Aug. 14, was defeated by the score of 92 to 84 out of 100 live pigeons. He lost the cup and \$100.

ABOUT THE MATCH.

The race started with a large crowd of spectators and was shot at 100 live birds, 30 yards rise, A. S. A. rules. Glover started in all right, but failed to keep it going. Elliott, as customary in such cases, lost his first bird and followed by losing the second. This is not unusual for Jim, as he always loses his first bird in an important match, but never before did he lose the first and second. Glover lost his seventh and eighth, and led by a bird, as Elliott skipped the sixth. Each shot well from this point, and at the 25th bird the Rochester man was a bird in the lead. Then Glover fell down, losing the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh, while Elliott grassed his birds clean to the 31st before again losing. This left the men tied on the thirty-fifth round.

On the forty-second round Elliott missed and so did Glover. The latter fell down on the forty-fourth and forty-fifth and had but 42 dead out of the first 50, against 44 for his opponent.

Elliott had settled down to his regular form and lost but two birds out of the last 50, having a run of 32 straight, and finished his last 22 without a break.

Glover lost the fifty-fourth and killed 18 straight, then lost three in succession, which placed him five birds behind at the seventy-fifth round. Elliott brought down 24 out of the last 25, to 21 for Glover, which left the Kansas City pigeon shot a winner, with a score of 92 to 84.

Glover was in very poor form and his friends were badly disappointed. He gave as an excuse that he had been doing too much shooting previous to the match and was "stale." He shot a fine race the previous day on targets, defeating all comers for the day, while Elliott, who had been in Rochester for several days previous to the match, did no shooting, but simply watched the others. However, there is little excuse for Glover missing some of the birds which he did, as they were only a fair lot of flyers. Elliott used his first barrel 38 times to kill, which is rather uncommon for him, as he usually fires both loads at every bird released. He shot in fine form, particularly the last half of the match.

John Fanning, of California, was referee and Harvey McMurchy, of Syracuse, pulled the strings. The scores follow: Match for Kansas City "Star" cup, 100 live birds, \$100 a side; 30yds. rise.

J. A. R. Elliott, Kansas City.	00222 02211 21121 12112 22120-21
	11221 01211 22222 20112 11221-23
	11122 22212 11221 21112 11220-24
	21012 22122 22221 12221 22222-24-92
Sim Glover, Rochester, N. Y.	22222 20022 22222 22222 22202-22
	00212 22222 22222 22020 22202-21
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	12201 22201 22222 22002 22212-21-84

Elliott used a Winchester repeating shotgun, American E. C. powder and Winchester Leader shells.

Glover used a Parker gun, Schultz powder and U. M. C. trap shells.

THE TOURNAMENT.

On the previous day an all-day tournament was given at targets in which Harvey McMurchy, of the L. C. Smith gun, and J. Glover, Charley Wagner, Dan Lefever, E. D. Fulford, of the Remington gun, and U.

M. C. ammunition; Charles Tuttle, James Carr, John Fanning, A. G. Courtney, of the Remington gun; Dr. Weller Eyer, and others participated. Glover led for the day's shooting. The scores follow:

Events.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Targets.	10	15	20	15	15	20	15	15	20	25	15	15
Glover.	9	15	20	14	14	17	13	15	15	20	23	..
Eyer.	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wagner.	10	13	17	12	13	19	12	14	13	18	21	13
Lefever.	9	14	15H	10	13	15	14	14	..	..	..	..
Wayte.	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Herman.	9	13	16	10	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
McCord.	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fulford.	8	14	17	13	11	19	15	12	14	18	23	12
Carr.	7	12	19	12	13	15	14	15	12	17	22	12
Tuttle.	6	15	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
McMurchy.	8	14	19	15	13	16	14	12	15	18	23	..
Lane.	9	14	17	14	13	19	10	10	13	19	17	..
Fanning.	9	14	16	12	13	18	14	14	13	16	20	..
Courtney.	7	15	19	13	19	14	12	12	18	22	..	..
"Dutch"	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Weller.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Borst.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Davis.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

STATE ASSOCIATION FORMED.

West Virginia in Line For Game Protection.

One of the most enthusiastic sportsmen and crack shots of West Virginia is Edw. O. Bower, of Sistersville. For some time he has been trying to promote the interest in trap shooting and game protection, and to that end has labored to organize a State association. At Parkersburg, Aug. 17, he met a committee of the Mountain State Gun Club, and final arrangements were made in connection with the organization of the West Virginia State Sportsmen's Association and the holding of a grand tournament under the auspices of the new association at Parkersburg, on Sept. 15 and 16. Besides a full programme of sweepstake events there will be a State championship match for a valuable trophy, which will be contested for yearly.

Aside from promoting the interest in trap shooting throughout the State, the Association is formed for the protection of game, birds and game animals and for the enforcement of State game laws. The movement should have the hearty support of every sportsman in West Virginia, as there is no doubt but it will be the outcome of great good. Arrangements are being made for the holding of a meeting of delegates from the several gun clubs throughout the State at Parkersburg, on the evening of September 14, to elect officers, adopt constitution and by-laws and to transact such other business as may come up. The meeting is called at this time simply to allow the delegates to kill two birds with one stone, viz., attend the meeting for organization and the two days' shooting on the 15th and 16th.

The open sweeps will be conducted on a plan by which the amateurs will have an equal chance to win against the experts.

THE OHIO CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Cleveland Gun Club to Try Team Matches.

The Cleveland Gun Club is making a valiant effort to stir up a little excitement among the trap shooters of Ohio, and bid fair to do so in their coming tournament, Thursday, Aug. 26.

The feature of the day will be the team shoot, open to five-man teams from any organized gun club in the State. This will be a chance for the crack shots of Norwalk, Warren, Youngstown and Springfield to get together and see where the State championship really belongs.

The event will be well worth while entering, as the entrance fee will be \$10, and after deducting the price of targets, the rest will be divided, 40 per cent. going to the winning team, 35 per cent. to the second, and 25 per cent. to the third.

In addition, the team making the best score will be presented with five handsome sterling silver medals, emblematic of the State championship, and engraved with the names of the winners and a full description of the event. Two or more teams from the same club may contest.

In addition to the team shoot there will be six other events in the tournament. Five of them will be at 15 Blue Rocks, \$1 entrance, and four 25 per cent. purses. The other will be a handicap shoot, 40 Blue Rocks, for an \$80 grade gun, extra targets being allowed according to the ability of the shooter in the judgment of the handicap committee. No handicap man can score over 40 broken, and should there be a tie, it will be shot off at 25 targets, one-half handicap.

In this event there will be two optional sweepstakes, entrance \$2 per man for each sweepstake, and money divided 40, 30, 20 and 10 per cent. Shooting will commence at 9 o'clock, and lunch will be free to all participating in any morning event.

Cleveland Gun Club.

The Cleveland Gun Club will hold a State championship team shoot and tournament in their shooting park, at Kershaw street, Cleveland, O., on Aug. 26. All welcome; no one barred. The programme calls for five events at 15 Blue Rocks, entrance \$1; one event at 40 Blue Rocks, with handicap, for \$80 grade gun; one event at 50 Blue Rocks, 5-men team match, entrance \$10, for championship of State.

Shooting begins at 9 A. M. Lunch on grounds free to all participating in any event before 12 o'clock noon. The conditions governing the team match follow:

Event No. 5—State championship team shoot of Ohio. Five men from any one organized gun club. To be eligible to shoot in this team the shooter must have been a member of said club for at least 60 days. The team making best score will be presented with five elegant sterling silver medals, representing the championship of

the State, with names of winners and full description of event. An entrance fee of \$10 will be charged, and after deducting the price of targets the surplus money will be divided, 40 per cent. going to winning team, 35 to second and 25 to third.

N. B.—One or more teams from the same club can contest in this shoot.

For programme write to J. R. Donnelly, 49 Wood street, Cleveland, O.

TRADE NEWS.

The Schultz Gunpowder Co. (Limited) of London, Eng., has published in pamphlet form the lecture delivered by Mr. R. W. S. Griffith, the superintendent of the company, before the Gun Makers' Association. This lecture met with such approbation that those who heard it requested the company to publish it for general distribution, and a copy may be obtained by addressing the company. This lecture is entitled "Shotgun Patterns," a subject which always interests gunners.

The Marlin Fire Arms Co., of New Haven, Conn., have gotten out a most complete catalogue of printed and illustrated matter descriptive of the goods they manufacture. The book contains 192 pages, being brimful of useful information to the hunter and rifleman. In new goods they have the model 1897, special light-weight rifle, and the 40-70 in model of 1893. In this new catalogue the Marlin Fire Arms Co. gives systematized information about rifles, their ammunition, valuable information regarding nitro powders and other matter of great interest to sportsmen who love the rifle. This book is indeed an interesting one and should be a great help to the sportsman, whether expert or novice. The Marlin Fire Arms Co. will mail this catalogue free on application.

At the last shoot of the Michigan State Trap Shooters' League at Bay City July 27 and 28, John Parker won first average for two days, P. C. Woods second, Thomas Graham third. P. C. Woods won expert State championship medal, J. A. Marks semi-expert championship medal, P. C. Wood King's smokeless trophy, John Parker Bay County trophy. All used King's smokeless in Peters Cartridge Company's cases, except Mr. Graham, he using King's smokeless and other make of shells.

J. R. Conway has opened a gun store at No. 7 North Fourth street, Harrisburg, Pa., where he will handle all grades and makes of guns and rifles. He will also carry a full line of base ball and athletic goods, fishing tackle and all kinds of supplies for the use of sports in field and stream. He will load shells to order with any brand of black or nitro powder.

Smokeless E. C. powder was well to the front at the Interstate tournament, at Lewiston, Me. First average, O. R. Dickey, 94.9; second, N. Money, 92.9; third, Hunnewell, 91.9; fourth Le Roy, 90 per cent. All used E. C. powder.

AMERICAN RIFLEMEN HONORED

What Michael Heumann Reports From Abroad.

Michael Heumann, one of the forty-eight members of the New York Schuetzen Verein who left in June to attend the shooting carnival in Germany, returned home Aug. 14. He stated that the shooting of the Americans at the different contests was remarkable and that they won innumerable prizes. Gus Zimmerman, he said, led them all; while Mr. Ross, of Brooklyn, who accompanied them not as a member, but independently, also made a remarkable showing in marksmanship. The members participated in the contests individually with the exception of the one at Hamburg, where a team of five was selected to represent this country. They won everything in sight. The festivals at Strasburg, Neustadt, Bingen and Frankfurt were attended. At Nuremberg, where they happened to be on July 4, there was a procession. The Americans rode in carriages profusely decorated with American flags. In the course of the procession bouquets were thrown to them from windows along the line in such numbers that they were almost smothered by the tributes.

NEWLY ORGANIZED GUN CLUB.

Will Erect a Club House and Lease a Magautrap.

Riverside, Mass., Aug. 14.—A gun club was lately organized here, including a large number of leading marksmen and trap shooters in this section. The organization is as follows: L. O. Dennison, president; B. S. Blake, vice president; G. F. Robertson, treasurer; Walter P. Thorn, secretary; R. W. Dennison, L. O. Dennison, Robert Smith, G. F. Robertson and Walter P. Thorn, committee; Dr. Mellum, clerk. The club will hold a bi-weekly shoot on their new grounds on the banks of the Charles River, near the Blake Park. A large club house is to be erected and fixtures arranged so as to afford safety to boatmen on the river. The club is provided with a Magautrap, and will soon be in condition to shoot matches with some of the gun clubs in this vicinity.

Youngstown Won the Last.

Warren, O., Aug. 12.—The '97 championship series of the Pennsylvania and Ohio Border Trap Shooters League closed here to-day with records, out of 125 targets, as follows: Newcastle, Penn., 93; Warren, Ohio, 92; Youngstown, Ohio, 94; Greenville, Penn., 80. Warren in the five tournaments of the season, gets first prize, Newcastle second and Greenville third. Warren won last year also.

WILLIE "WOLSEY".

THE FRANKFORD EXPERT IN OLD-TIME FORM.

Will Wolstencroft Led the Keystone's Invitation Shoot—Hallowell Next on the List—The Attendance Very Poor.

The Keystone Shooting League of Philadelphia, with well arranged grounds at Holmesburg Junction, Pa., gave an "Invitation Target shoot" on Aug. 13 and 14. For some inexplicable reason, the attendance was light, in fact but one member of the club participated in the sweeps on the first day, until late in the afternoon, and the events had only six to nine entries. Had it not been for a few visitors from out of town the day's shoot would have been more like a private match.

It seems a pity that a strong club like the Keystone Shooting League, with comfortable club house and well arranged grounds, should not draw a larger crowd to their meets, and especially more of their own club members. Among the visitors on the first day were Captain J. A. H. Dressel, of the Union Metallic Cartridge Company, New York; Captain A. W. Money, of the American "E. C." and "Schultze" Powder Companies, New York; E. D. Miller, of Springfield, N. J.; Hood, of Baltimore; Anderson, Hallowell and Smith, of the Florists' Gun Club, Philadelphia, and Will Wolstencroft, James Wolstencroft and Howard Ridge, of the Keystone League, Philadelphia.

Friday, Aug. 13, was a pleasant day, and the few men present shot a hard race for the honors, and the little cash that was placed in the "pot." For the day Will Wolstencroft shot in fine form, breaking 154 out of 160, an average of 96.2 per cent. Captain Money and Hallowell broke 139 each, average 86.8 per cent. E. D. Miller and Hood 137 each, average 85.6. These were the only ones to finish the programme.

The programme consisted of 10 events, Nos. 1, 4 and 9 were 75 cents, Nos. 2, 6 and 8 were \$1.00, Nos. 3, 7 and 10 were \$1.50, and No. 5 was \$2.00 entrance; odd numbered events were known angles, and even numbered events were unknown angles. The purses were divided into three moneys, 50, 30 and 20 per cent. The scores follow:

Events.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Targets.	10	15	20	15	25	15	20	15	10	20
W. H. W.	8	15	20	15	24	20	10	10	18	96.2
Money	9	12	18	7	20	13	18	14	9	86.8
Miller	8	13	19	9	21	11	13	13	8	85.6
Hallowell	8	14	18	9	17	14	17	14	10	86.9
Anderson	8	12	15	9	17	12	11	11	4	..
Hood	9	12	19	8	22	12	19	13	10	85.6
Ridge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Jackson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Smith	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
J. Wolsey	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wilson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Extra event, 10 singles, expert rules, and 5 pairs.

W. H. W. 17, Hood 14, Ridge 14, J. Wolstencroft 13, Money 12, Hallowell 11.

SECOND DAY, AUG. 14.

More of the club members put in an appearance and the events had from eight to sixteen entries. Seven of the men shot through the programme, consisting of 175 targets. Of this number Will Wolstencroft led, with 94.2 per cent., Hallowell followed closely, keeping even with the crack Keystone shot until the tenth event, when he dropped two targets and the Frankford broke straight. Howard Ridge shot in six events and averaged 92 per cent.; Hood 91.4 per cent.; Miller 88 per cent.

Among the new arrivals were J. H. Johnson, of Royersford, Pa., and Harry Thurman, H. Landis, J. Ross, of the Keystone Shooting League. The regular club shoot was held, but divided into two 25-target sweeps, so that all could compete. Hallowell led in this event, smashing 49 out of 50; Wolstencroft 48, Money 46, Hood 46, Ridge 46, H. Thurman 45, Miller 44, Landis 42, Henry 41, Ross. 40. The scores follow:

Events.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Targets.	15	15	10	20	15	25	15	25	20	20
W. H. W.	15	14	10	16	14	24	14	14	24	94.2
Money	13	8	6	16	13	23	12	11	23	81.7
Hood	15	13	8	19	15	24	13	13	22	81.4
Hallowell	15	13	7	18	14	24	15	14	25	83.1
Landis	13	14	7	12	13	19	13	15	23	81.7
Miller	12	13	9	18	13	21	14	13	23	88
Franklin	10	12	7	11	9	..	..	..	..	..
Ross	9	9	6	15	10	20	14	13	20	77.2
J. Wolstencroft	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
H. Thurman	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
I. Wolstencroft	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tredway	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Johnson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Henry	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ridge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wilson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Back	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Schwartz	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Smith	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Extra, No. 1, 15, reversed angles—Smith 13, W. H. W. 13, Hallowell 13, Money 13, Hood 13, Thurman 12, Landis 11, Johnson 10, Tredway 9, Back 9, Schwartz 6.

Extra, No. 2, same—W. H. W. 15, Landis 15, Tredway 14, Johnson 13, Hallowell 12, Hood 12, Thurman 12, Ridge 12, Money 11, Back 10.

Extra, No. 3, 15 singles and 5 pair—Landis 23, Hood 21, W. H. W. 20, Tredway 19, Money 18, Thurman 18, Hallowell 15.

Extra No. 4, same as No. 3—W. H. W. 22, Landis 21, Money 20, Thurman 20, Hallowell 16, Hood 16.