

Hunting Accident

Gordon Stewart, eldest son of Editor Stewart of the Farmer, was the victim of a gun accident while out hunting ducks at Golden Lake last Sunday which was a considerable misfortune, though it might easily have been far worse. About daybreak, not more than half an hour after the party began shooting, the accident occurred. Gordon was wading in the shallow water and had reached a haycock upon which he was standing, and in the act of shooting the second shot—in the same (left) barrel—Gordon says, the gun burst, tearing open a large section of the chamber, blowing out the firing pin, wrecking both hammers and the gunlock and splintering the pistol-grip. The flesh at the base of the left thumb was laid open to the bone and the hearing in his left ear impaired, but no other injuries resulted. Gordon was driven to town by Oscar Hagen and the bleeding member dressed by Dr. McIntyre.

The gun was an expensive one, a 10-gauge, New Ithaca, purchased at Hope in '93 and guaranteed. Why the gun exploded is a mystery. Defects in the weapon or in the shell used is supposed to be the explanation.—Mayville Tribune.