

in adopting the various models of the automatic pistol. Maxim, Bergman, Luger, Mannlicher, Roth, Dreyse, Webly, Scott, Pieper, Clement, Browning, Mauser, and all the other celebrated inventors should have told these unsophisticated ordnance officers that the automatic of any type "would jam and break down" just as often and cheerfully in action as while being tested by the ordnance board. During the past five years I have spent some time in what is known as the Black Belt and I have learned that a majority of the citizensthere are armed with and prefer the automatic pistol to the revolver. This is also true of the feudists of Kentucky. While in Little Rock, Arkansas, a young man borrowed my .38 Colt Pocket Model

automatic to help hunt down a black fiend who had assaulted a mother and daughter in their own home. The citizens got the "nigger," my pistol was returned and I heard no complaints from either side on account of guns jamming. The automatic is growing in favor everywhere, as arms that are up to military requirements are sure to do. It is not as my critic says "a joke," nor will it have any serious consequences except to the man who is unfortunate enough to get in the line of its fire. The automatic pistol is susceptible of great improvement. It may be made to possess all the good points of the Colt's single action revolver and in addition all the advantages of the automatic. Let us stand for progress, not prejudice.

THE BAYARD SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLE

A dainty little single shot rifle of foreign make has just been placed on the market in this country. It is known as the Bayard Semi-Automatic and, as the cut will show, it is admirably calculated to catch the longing eye of every American boy who loves the freedom of the open and the odor of gunpowder. "The Bayard," although an imported arm and sold at a comparatively low price, is not a cheap, worthless affair like the old Flobert rifles with which our country was formerly flooded. The rifle is a bolt action, and as its name implies, is semi-automatic. It is operated as follows:

mechanism is extremely simple; there are no loose parts to drop out and become lost and nothing is exposed. The barrel is 19 inches long and is beautifully tapered from receiver to muzzle. The stock is of an excellent quality of black walnut, 13 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches long, has a well-turned pistol grip, stock and fore-end are both checked in conventional pattern and well finished in oil. Other features that will appeal to canoeists, campers, fishermen, etc., is the fact that the rifle is a take-down and can be packed in half its own length. It is also equipped with swivels for a light sling,



Pull the bolt to the rear until the loading part is open, and the bolt is held by the breech block catch. Drop a single cartridge into the loading part, and press the button of the breech block catch. This permits the breech block to fly forward, closing the breech, and leaving the hammer cocked. When the shot is fired the breech bolt is driven back, until again caught by the breech block stop, carrying the empty shell with it, cocking the mechanism and leaving the loading part open as before. A neat and convenient safety provides for locking the hammer when cocked. The

so that it may be carried conveniently permitting the free use of both hands. It is equipped with plain open sights but the rear sight has a screw adjustment, making possible slight changes in elevation. The arm is easily cleaned—an admirable breech system allows the bolt to be removed without the use of tools, for cleaning and inspection. The use of smokeless cartridges is recommended by the manufacturers of the rifle. It is intended for .22 short R. F., but will shoot .22 long. The Bayard rifle is now on sale by the John Meunier Gun Co., 272 West Water Street, Milwaukee.