

Auntie Plinky



MRS. AD TOPPERWEIN, age 60, of San Antonio, Texas, is ranked as the greatest living woman marksman. During the past year she traveled 50,000 miles to teach dead-eye rifle shooting to soldiers in over 100 army camps. In our photo she shows the boys how to hit the bull's-eye aiming with a mirror. Soldiers affectionately call her "Auntie Plinky," watch popeyed as she plinks off little 2¼-inch wooden blocks with her rifle as they're tossed into the air. Her record (and the world's record for women) is smashing 1,460 of the blocks without a miss. She's equally adept in shotgun and pistol shooting, is also expert at cooking and bowling. Fired her first rifle in 1903, a few days after she married Mr. Topperwein, who holds 14 world records for marksmanship. Within three weeks she was shooting quarters from between his fingers. The two have been staging shooting exhibitions ever since.

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