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First, the cubes, disks, hexagons or irregular lumps of powder are chemically transformed into a powerful, expanding gas the instant firing takes place. Then there are innumerable byproducts that even chemists do not understand. It has been calculated that only about

43 per cent by weight of the powder is converted by the explosion into gas. The remaining 57 per cent becomes a liquid the moment of explosion, and on solidifying becomes potassium snlphate, potassium carbonate and potassium sulphide. A great many other combinations take place, and various solids are formed which have never been successfully analyzed. The ordinary charges placed in the 12 inch guns of the United States warships during this complicated chemical trans-

formation exert a pressure on the walls of the cannon of about 43 tons to the square inch. This force serves to start the projectile and develops a speed of 2,019 feet per second by the time the shot reaches the muzzle of the cannon. Up to this stage of the explosion the chemical action has gone on in perfect silence. The tremendous report which plays such havee with the nerves of the gunners is not caused by tho explosion itself. But as the projectile emerges from the muzzle it leaves behind it a vacuum in the barrel of the gun, and the report is caused by the air in its rush

to fill up this empty space.

The forces exerted by these gases in expanding seem to radiate in all directions from the cannon, as ripples are caused by dropping a public in a pool of still water. As a matter of fact, it has been discovered that these lines of forces are exceedingly complicated affairs and play very queer pranks about the cannon. As a result, few people know just which is the safest or the most dangerous position for a gunner to take beside his gun. The center of disturbance at the moment of explosion is the mouth of the gun. In the case of the great 13 inch guns on our monitors a position back of the gun is much casier than

one nearer the muzzle. In addition to this force there is an immense pressure exerted on the sides of the cannon, so that another distinct series of shocks also radiates outward from the barrel of the gun. These are in turn more or ess compensated by the forces of the air opposing them as it rushes into the mouth of the cannon when the projectile leaves t. As a result of all these forces the atmosphere is, of course, violently disturbed. Although no projectile strikes the gunner, who must stand by, it will be seen that the air is full of missiles in the form of invisible lines of force or vibrations which bombard, as it were, every part of the gunner's body at the same time.

An examination and analysis of the effect produced upon the human system and the mind by the firing of a cannon is most engrossing. Men generally accounted courageous tremble violently in their knees, others feel nauseated, some have severe headaches, a few have had their eardrums split or the action of their heart

Take the vital organ, the heart, first. In the space between the right auricle and ventricle are a set of fine, threadlike cords called the tending. The concussion makes them tremble like timbers in a building when there is an earthquake. In a weak man the chamber of the heart is left open for an instant, the opening and closing springs lose their control, the heart shakes, possibly the chorde tendime are snapped, contraction or dilation death follows.

of the organ ensues and in some instances Deafness induced by an explosion may be traced to the sudden pressure upon the inner orifice of the ear and the tremendous vibration set up. The thin, transparent, fairly bright membrane called the drum of the ear is burst, like a piece of tissue paper held taut and forcibly blown upon, curs and the sufferer becomes dizzy.

temporary disturbance of the mind oc-When the knees tremble, it is due to the pervous shock produced in the cerebellum. All the nerves and muscles are thrown into atonic contractions and relaxations and

the knees appear to give way. Nausca is also caused by the physiological change that takes place in the brain. There is a pressure of blood there, and the stomach, responding, tries to empty itself.

The whole nervous system, which resembles a mass of fibrous roots running all over the body, is affected when a cannon as large as an 8 inch gun is fired in close proximity.

Other outward manifestations occur when a gun goes off. For instance, clothes may be torn or a man even knecked down by the concussion. At the battle of the Yalu Captain Philo McGiflin, who was standing near a 6 inch gun, had his trousers torn into ribbons on one leg and a long rent in the other, his uniform was as full of holes as a moth caten jacket, and he was nearly blinded and stunned.—New York World.

A "Lead Pipe Cinch." "The expression 'a lead pipe einch' orlginated in Brooklyn," explained a well known turfman to a Star reporter. Though it is very frequently used by sporting people, it is not over 25 years old; and I doubt if it is that old. It indicates a sure thing or at least a thing that is thought to be dead sure. There are several explanations of its origin, but I am satisfied that Brooklyn was its home. It was coined in this way: Some years ago a fellow entered a plumbing shop and stole a piece of lead pipe. He wanted to take It over to New York, and to keep it from being seen he wrapped the pipe around his body and then put his clothes on over it. "A cinch, in turf language, meens a girth or saddle band or anything that is used to keep a saddle on a horse or mule tight. 'Cinching up' means, therefore. tightening up and is of Spanish origin. As the fellow with the lead pipe around his body jumped to catch the ferryboat he fell overboard, and of course the weight of the lead carried him down. A horseman, in explaining the occurrence, said the thief

had 'a lead pipe cinch,' and he had, and it drowned him."—Washington Star. Embarrassing For Him. An unusual incident occurred at a re cent Alleghany wedding. The bride and groom were both well known to the officiating minister, the former especially being almost as close to him as a daughter After the ceremony was over the best man banded to the clergyman an envelope in which was inclosed the fee for his services The minister's back was toward the other guests in the room, and the incident would the envelope without having opened it. The bride, of course, was delighted, while the feelings of the groom would probably have been a little more difficult to analyze

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Given under my hand this 3rd day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.
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