

Hannum's Patent Hunting Boat.



H. A. Hannum & Co., Cazenovia, N. Y.

It is with much satisfaction that we present our new Hunting Boat to the shooting fraternity, being well assured of its appreciation and hearty endorsement by practical wild fowl shooters. True sport in hunting does not depend on the amount of game slaughtered, but rather upon the skill used in approaching the game and skill in handling the gun. "Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well," applies with as much force in hunting as in anything else.

It is of small profit indeed to travel for miles and try with much toil and discomfort to get within range of game, and then fail at last to get quite near enough through lack of a little patience or skill just at the last moment.

Since the introduction of the breech-loader the number of shooters has increased immensely and the game, by being constantly hunted, has become more shy. And so he who would have a successful shooting trip has need to change tactics and use more skill than was formerly required. Years ago painted decoys worked admirably, but more recently many report them to be but little help, because the ducks finding them at almost every turn, with the easily charged breech-loader belching away at all sorts of distances, learn to steer clear of decoys. In hunting ducks and even geese one may occasionally row up within long range, but in our experience we have found that a much more successful way is to use a one bladed paddle instead of oars, keeping the paddle out of sight as much as possible and also sitting low in the boat. This plan of paddling, though an improvement on oars, has objections. In the first place it is slow, hard work to paddle in this fashion, even when one knows how. Then the ducks are exceedingly afraid of the FIGURE OF A

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MAN, whether on land or in a boat. Yet he cannot paddle without sitting up and being seen. Ducks are not very shy of an empty boat, and not unfrequently alight near one. It is the sight of a man they are afraid of, together with the motions and noise he makes. Any duck shooter will readily understand that if he could only lie down in the boat, entirely out of sight of the ducks, and then if the boat would only float or move in just the right direction, it would be a capital way of getting up to the ducks. After years of practice and experimenting we now offer you just such a boat, and it is quite a curiosity to watch its working and see how successfully it will "get there."

The shooters lie down or recline in the bottom of the boat on a rubber canoe bed, or on suitable mattings or cushions, in about the position of one lying on a couch. The boat is propelled by two paddles below the surface of the water, which shut up in going forward and open when going backward.

These paddles are practically noiseless and cut through the water like a big knife, offering but little resistance in going forward. In the rods connected to and working the paddles are automatic joints which keep closed and straight in open water, but when any obstruction is met open, the paddles swing backward and so pass over. When running in shallow water the joints remain open, the paddles proper extending backward, and then together propel the boat on the principle of poling, and so this boat will run in water which is sufficiently deep to float an ordinary skiff when loaded; but as soon as deeper water is reached they of themselves take their former position, and the boat is propelled by the paddles opening and pressing against the water as before.

These paddle rods extend up over the sides of the boat and are held by conveniently arranged journal boxes which are attached to the gunwale of the boat. Then the rods turn again down into the boat. A pitman rod is then attached, which swings them back and forth. The other end of the pitman rod is attached to the end of a lever, which plays at the centre on a pivot attached to the bottom board of the boat. Against this lever the feet of the shooter rest, and the apparatus is worked by pressing alternately on the lever, first with one foot and then with the other. This method of propelling the boat with the feet is much easier than ours, and does not tire one nearly as quickly, and, although not quite as fast, yet this method gives the boat altogether too much speed for the best results in hunting, so that it is necessary to run more slowly when game is near at hand.

We believe this will also be an excellent way of getting up to deer as they stand in the water to get away from the flies and feed on the aquatic plants near the shore.

The boat is steered by a rudder. When approaching game it is a good plan to keep the boat steady, not turning to the right and then to the left, but in a straight line and usually as if going past, with the game preferably on the left side—that is for right hand shooters). As to the shape of the boat we are not very tenacious, provided in the first place it is safe and steady to shoot from and sufficiently roomy to accommodate the desired number of shooters. We find that a skiff of the ordinary style, 15 or 16 feet long, with this apparatus attached, works very nicely and furnishes plenty of room for two shooters.

Our next improvement for the success and

comfort of the shooter is a decking or cover of canvas of neutral color, extending over the boat and attached to the gunwale. Through the boat from bow to stern run two tight ropes, which support the canvas, and as the two ends of the boat are higher than the middle, a complete roof is thus formed, with equally sloping sides all the way. At the two seats the heads of the reclining shooters rest, and here the two ropes are spread and openings are made in the canvas 18x30 inches, through which the shooters keep watch, and through which they have ample room for shooting. This space can be opened or partially closed as preferred, and in case of rain closed tightly so that no rain can get inside any more than could get through a good tent. Duck hunters know their game is often more abundant and their success much better in rainy weather, and most of them know how thoroughly wretched it makes one to get soaked through. With these arrangements rain is no obstacle. The boat can be run right along in the midst of a heavy rain as in fair weather, and the shooters and all their effects are kept snug and dry, and when desired the guns can be run out and fired and all be instantly under cover again. In case of flight birds passing over the boat this cover is of great advantage. As the birds look down into the boat little more can be seen than when looking down onto a log; and so instead of making a long turn to one side, as is their custom with a common boat, they rarely swerve from their course and so frequently offer the nicest of shots—sometimes coming wonderfully close, and as this boat is propelled by the feet the gun is always in the hands and ready for a shot at any instant. It will thus be plain that there are good reasons why nice bags of ducks have been

made with this boat, and yet on the same days very few ducks were secured by parties using duck hunting boats of the ordinary styles.

Lying snug in this boat the shooter is protected on all sides from cold and chilling winds as well as from the storm, and he will also find it a very comfortable place to spend the night, and so he can be on the shooting ground the last thing at night and the first in the morning.

This canvas decking does not at all interfere with sitting up and rowing with oars or using a paddle, and so is adapted to CANOES as well as to hunting boats. We fit our hunting boats with oars as well as with our propelling apparatus. We furnish a very fine boat, smooth built, oak keel and stems, 15 feet long, 38 in. beam, 14 in. deep, cedar or pine siding, nickel trimmings, one pair spoon oars and rudder, fitted up with our propelling apparatus and canvas cover for \$125. We also furnish a thoroughly built boat, 15 feet long, 38 inch beam, oak keel, pine siding, lap streak, weather-beaten, wood-color, fitted up with our propelling apparatus and canvas cover, as described, with rudder and galvanized oar locks and one pair straight oars for \$100. PLEASE NOTICE that with either of these boats the propelling apparatus for hunting and the canvas cover can be detached in a few moments when desired, and you then have an excellent PLEASURE BOAT of about the usual style. We are very willing to build to order any other kind and style of boat desired, and to guarantee work as ordered.

In building to order we require one-fourth of the amount in advance as guarantee that the work will be taken when completed.

Our propelling apparatus and canvas decking could be attached to most boats without much difficulty, and when desired we will send

them on receipt of price for the purchaser to attach to boats he may already have. For the propelling apparatus we charge \$25; for the canvas decking \$20 to \$25, according to size of boat to be fitted; for rudder and rudder braces, \$2.50; oars, straight, 7 and 8 ft., \$2.50; brass tipped and leathered, each 50 cents.

Our propelling apparatus and our canvas decking are each fully protected by letters patent. We furnish all these attachments, either with boats or separate, when so desired, and always at a moderate advance on the cost of manufacture, but shall protect our rights and prosecute any infringement. We deal square and honestly with every one and guarantee work and fittings as represented.

When so desired we will ship boats C. O. D. on receipt of \$10, subject to examination before paying balance to express agent. If not satisfactory the boat can be returned by freight and we will return balance of money after deducting freight charges both ways.

Our motto is square dealing.

Our terms are strictly cash when goods are ready for shipment. Remit by draft on New York or postal order.

For responsibility we refer to J. H. Ten-Eyck Burr, banker, of Cazenovia, N. Y., or to any of the parties whose names appear below:

I cheerfully recommend Mr. H. A. Hannum for responsibility and strict business integrity, and from what I know of his duck-boat do not hesitate to recommend both the builder and boat to fellow-sportsmen.

Respectfully,

J. H. TEN-EYCK BURR, Banker.

Cazenovia, N. Y., Sept. 6, 1887.

CAZENOVIA, N. Y., March 25, 1887.

I have tested Hannum's Patent Hunting Boat pretty thoroughly and with excellent success.

In operating this boat there are no motions or noise perceptible. The shooters are fully concealed, and the boat approaches the wild fowl so quietly that in using it nearly a HUNDRED TIMES I have rarely failed to get within easy shot gun range. I have used this boat both in deep and shallow water and have run up to a large variety of ducks and some geese and have found the boat to get up to them all about every time. I have been in this boat when we ran it up to and bagged Canada geese, the same flock not an hour before having been put to flight by a common boat and then shot after, although the common boat had failed to get nearer to the geese than 40 or 50 rods.

I have often seen other varieties of birds which were especially wild, including fishing-eagles, crows, etc., come very close to this boat when it was moving, and have also seen them sit still on shore and let this boat come up within very short range of them.

I have been out in this boat when it rained hard, but the canvas decking of the boat kept ourselves and our effects perfectly dry, and all the while we were running the boat along as usual.

Let any sportsman take a hunt in this boat and he will find, as I have, that for the success and comfort of the shooter it is a splendid thing.

L. B. TELLOYSOX.

CAZENOVIA, N. Y., March 1, 1886.

Being familiar with Mr. H. A. Hannum's Hunting Boat, having used the same, I most heartily recommend its use to all sportsmen.

It is the most complete device for approaching within range of ducks and geese I have ever seen or used. It is complete and just what every sportsman wants.

EDGAR C. BASS, M. D.,
President Casenovia Village.

CASENOVIA, N. Y., March 23, 1887.

In using Hannum's Hunting Boat there are no shooters in sight, no motions or noise, and it moves so quietly and looks so harmless on the water that it is fun to see it work. I have repeatedly followed up both ducks and geese in a common boat and have put them to flight before I was within range, and a little later have seen this Hunting Boat come along and run up within easy range of the very same birds and capture them. I have had many years of wild fowl shooting, but the above named Hunting Boat is altogether the nicest way of getting up to them of anything I have seen.

W. D. SMITH.

CASENOVIA, N. Y., March 27, 1887.

I can heartily endorse "Hannum's Patent Hunting Boat." Having held the office of Game Constable in this town for the last four years, I have had occasion to look into the methods of hunting pretty closely.

I have used this boat with the best of success, and have run it up as close as two or three rods of the ducks before they flew. I have known of both ducks and geese being captured by its use at different times, when all the plans of other shooters had failed to secure the game.

GEORGE T. ATWELL,
Game Constable.



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H. A. HANNUM & Co.,
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