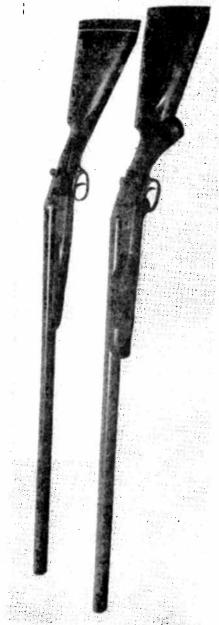
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Two of the Author's Shotguns. At the top: A Wm. Cashmore (English) 7-pound, 12-bore, Modified and Full Choke, Made For Heavy American Duck Loads. It has a Thirty-inch Barrel. Major Askins' Old Gun-A Fine Jump-Shooting Gun. Bottom: No. 5 Ithaca 16-bore, 30-inch barrel, With All Extras.

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be up as well as the elbow when the gun is mounted, and the stance should be without any tension whatever. The gun should come up with the top of barrel almost level with the eyes as you pick up your bird and follow and swing ahead for lead. What you want is a smooth effortless coordination and stance, without any strain or tension, that will permit swinging with said birdie until you have passed him for the lead and the gun has fired. Many of the best wing shots have a



The Author demonstrates his "ready" or "walking-up" position. The gun is a 16-bore No. 5 Ithaca.

stance with the forward knee slightly bent and the rear leg straight. This seems to help them in their body movements of swing. Good form with a shotgun, is just as important as good form and follow through at golf. Mastering it requires practice until in time the subconscious takes over, then you move your feet and body into position and the gun comes up and in proper alignment without any conscious thought on the part of the shooter. Only then are you a finished shot and able to do your best work.

You must swing your upper body, smoothly and freely, just as if you had your favorite gal on a good dance floor and the orchestra

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Mr. J Wesley Dillon James D. Julia, Inc. Firearms Division 203 Skowhegan Rd Fairfield, ME 04937

Dear Mr. Dillon,

The Ithaca shotgun having serial number 439410 is listed in the old company records as a grade 5E(ejector) 16-gauge with 30-inch barrels. The gun was ordered with "all extras." That generally ment ventilated rib, single trigger, beaver tail fore end and ivory sights. It was shipped on 4/1/27 with no customer or destination noted.

This gun is attributted to having been made for gun writer Charles Askins. While I have no documentation to varify this fact, there are two features that strongly suggest that attribution to be valid. The Major wrote often of his fondness for the 16-gauge with 30-inch barrels; 439410 fits that desire. Secondly, the photograph of the gun shows a cheek piece. This is not mentioned in the listing BUT the Major ordered a cheek piece on his 10-gauge magnum as the invoice for that gun testifies, strong evidence to me that it is an Askins gun. Corraborated with the Elmer Keith provenance of buying it from Charles Askins strongly suggests gun 439410 was once the property of the Major Charles Askins.

A copy of the Ithaca record is attached.

Sincerely,

Walter Snyder

Historian, The Ithaca Gun Company

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