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States cartriages of foreign manufacture. Those I have seen withis rifle were of Italian manufacture. They have pulled the military bullets from those cartridges and reloaded hunting type or soft point bullets into the cartridges. In doing that, they did not, apparently, take any great pains in loading them. Cocasionally, the mouth of the case would be bent over and the bullet driven in right on top of the bent case.

I have seen split cartridge cases, even before they were fired; tadly corroded cartridge cases. All in all, the ammunition is of generally poor over-all appearance, and it has been reported to me that it was of poor firing quality.

I have not fired any of it, personally.

En. Eisenberg. Have you heard anything about the dependability of the Italian made ammunition unreloaded?

Mr. Frazier. No, sir, not as such.

However, I have experienced the chamination of Italian ammunition of various years of manafacture and, of course, various nakes. La this particular caliber the very short seating depth to which bullets of this type are scattle in the cartridge causes the bullets to lossen very readily in the cartridge case even before they are leaded into a clip or fired.

Mr. Elsenberg. Did you notice, Mr. Frazier, in your examination of targets and so forth whether there was any marked degree of yew or tumbling by the bullets?

