



HEIGHT THREE FEET.

To the Irish-American Rifle Clubs, and Irish-American Civil and Military Organizations of the United States.

To encourage the patriotic spirit and to promote the practice of skilled rifle shooting among the Irish-American military and civil organizations of the United States, a patriotic Irish-American, Mr. James J. Coozan, of New York has presented to the 69th Regiment Rifle Club and the Irish-American Rifle Club of New Haven, Ct.—representing a kindred organization—a beautiful silver trophy, emblematic of Ireland in the days of her national independence, and of the means by which that independence was won and guarded.

At a joint meeting of the representatives of both clubs, held in New Haven last September, it was unanimously resolved that the trophy should be accepted, and that an invitation be extended through the medium of the Press to all Irish-American organizations in the United States to select teams of twelve marksmen each, to compete for this trophy at the rifle range at Creedmoor, N.Y., on a day to be hereafter fixed, in the month of June, 1884.

The object of the above resolution is to give encouragement to rifle practice in all Irish-American organizations, and to select from the various teams a corps of sharpshooters, whose aims, when the opportunity arrives, shall be directed against the enemies of Ireland.

The following are the conditions which will govern the meeting:—  
Teams of twelve; distances, 200 and 500 yards; any military rifle; seven shots and two sighting shots per man at each range; the rules of the National Rifle Association of New York to govern; trophy to become the property of the team who wins it three times; the winning team to file bonds to the amount of \$1,000, the value of trophy for its safe keeping between matches.

All challenges will be addressed to the Secretary of the 69th Regiment Rifle Club, Tompkins Market, New York City, or the Secretary of the Irish-American Rifle Club, No. 8 City Hall, New Haven, Ct.

Signed on behalf of the 69th Regiment Rifle Club, and the Irish-American Rifle Club of New Haven, Ct.

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