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Important Introductory Remarks.

THE "Parabellum" Automatic Pistol answers in every respect the requirements of an up-to-date hand-weapon.

The shooter can, however, appreciate and fully avail himself of its valuable qualities only, when **thoroughly acquainted** with all the details, the manipulation and the effective use thereof.

It is therefore indispensable to the shooter, **before using the weapon** to master the description given in this book together with the instructions for handling it. This done, he will feel more confident in possessing a hand-weapon of unsurpassed efficiency which, in case of need, will stand him in good stead in attack as well as in defence.



Principal Features.

THE "Parabellum" Automatic Pistol belongs to the recoil fire-arms with lock fixed whilst the projectile passes through the barrel. In this way no gases can escape; they maintain a uniform full effect upon the projectile, — a condition which alone assures that absolute reliable efficiency which for all purposes is essential, but indispensable in warfare.

The **Breech Mechanism** — the most important feature of a selfloader — corresponds in principle with that of the worldfamous Maxim gun.

Its peculiarly constructed toggle-joint lever mechanism provides an absolutely secure safety lock, **the prime necessity for a fire arm.**

Like all modern weapons this pistol is provided with a non-protruding hammer it being a well-known fact that the hammer which cocks the weapon from outside by means of the thumb, as is the case with revolvers and sporting rifles, is the main cause of accidents through being caught, &c.

In connection with the breech mechanism stands the **Safety-Sear** which is so arranged that firstly it blocks automatically whenever the weapon is not pressed by hand, and also, like all other safety arrangements, can be fixed or brought out of contact by a separate action.

The peculiar construction of the **cartridge extractor** allows to see and to feel from the outside whether or not a cartridge is in the barrel, an important advantage which no other arm has got in such a reliable manner.

Its **loading arrangement** gives a further advantage, to this pistol.

The use of closed stiff frames has the following advantages over stripping clips, viz: — in case of danger the attention is not taken off the adversary, the pistol can be loaded whilst on foot or on horseback, with stiff or gloved hands and in every position, leaving alone the fact that when the loose magazine is introduced and withdrawn from beneath the weapon the hand is fully secure from being jammed or otherwise hurt by the mechanism.

As regards the calibers selected, 301" (7,65 mm.) and 354" (9 mm.), the automatic action of the pistol does not in any way depend on the size of the caliber but on the total energy which the bullet develops at firing and on the amount of recoil thus obtained. This energy may vary to a considerable extent, but its minimum should be sufficient to disable the enemy, that is, to render further fighting impossible on the part of the opposing soldier who is in full service uniform, protected by all sorts of equipments such as belts, cartridge pouch, buckles, metal buttons, fur coat, breastplate, &c., and perhaps under an additional cover of planks or brush-wood, or behind a closed door.

The smaller caliber has more penetrating effect, the larger one more spreading or stopping power.



Constituent parts.

THE parts of the pistol are grouped in two divisions: like the Maxim weapons, on which this one is based; one forming **the part which moves** at firing, consisting of barrel, mechanism and breech (fig. E, table I) the other one, with the case containing all the other apparatus which produces the automatic action, representing the **fixed part**.

It belongs to:

a. the moveable part:

1. Barrel with foresight (1^I) and bifurcated receiver (1^{II}).
2. Breech-block, in connection with
- (3). forward and
- (4). rear link of toggle-joint, with coupling link for recoil spring (4^I) and pin (4^{II}),
- (5). connecting pin between the breech-block and the forward link,