

MIDDLETOWN DAILY ARGUS.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1899.

BULLET IN HIS LEG.

Sequel to a Poaching Expedition to Orchard Lake.

BROUGHT TO THRALL HOSPITAL.

**Frank McGar Very Badly Wounded—
Thigh Bone Shattered by a Bullet—
Three Shots in the Dark—Prob-
ably Fired by the Watchman.**

Frank McGar, twenty-two years old, of Emmons ville, Sullivan county, was brought to Thrall Hospital, this morning, where Dr. Hulett, assisted by Dr. Mills, removed a .44-calibre bullet from his leg. The wound was received while on a poaching expedition to a private trout preserve, Friday night.

Fishermen of this city are well acquainted with the Orchard Lake fishing preserve, situated about seven miles from Livingston Manor, where Stoddard Hammond is wont, so fishermen say, to sort out the visitors' trout and sell them the males for fifty cents a pound. He guards this preserve zealously and poachers are rare.

Edward Tompkins is employed there as night watchman and he has warned some of the young men in the vicinity that he would shoot them if they were caught fishing in the lake.

Nevertheless, on Friday night, after darkness had settled over the place, Frank McGar, his cousin, John McGar, who resides at Emmons ville, and Albert Bush, of Livingston Manor, went to the lake and fished. They had only caught a few trout and one eel at 10:30 when they started home. They walked in single file, Frank McGar being ahead, John next and Bush bringing up the rear.

They had progressed about 200 feet up the hillside when the report of a rifle, a short distance away, awoke them to the fact that they were discovered. Three more reports followed in quick succession, and the last bullet struck Frank McGar in the thigh, the ball following the bone around to the front where it remained hidden.

McGar fell to the ground with a cry and the shooting ceased. The watchman, after the shooting, returned to Hammond's cottage and he and Mr Hammond returned to the scene of the affair.

McGar was lying upon the ground in great pain and he was removed with difficulty to a boat and thence to Mr Hammond's cottage. This morning he was brought to this city as already told.

The ball was removed about 10:30 and the physicians found that the femur was completely shattered. The wound is a very serious one, such cases frequently resulting fatally. McGar has youth in his favor, however.

John McGar was seen by an ARGUS reporter at Thrall Hospital, this morning. He said that the wounded man is the son of Wm. McGar, of Ken-za Lake. He has been living with an uncle, Albert McGar, at Emmons ville, who is John's father.

John was laboring under great excitement, which was accentuated by the cries coming from Frank in the ward. He said that they had never poached there before, but his look did not corroborate the statement. He said they could not see who shot at them, but that he supposed it was Tompkins. He said that he understood Tompkins gave himself in charge of the authorities, this morning.

IN A PRECARIOUS CONDITION.

Dr. Hulett stated, this afternoon, that the patient's condition was most precarious. The physicians had to make an excision of the hip bone, removing from four to six inches of it.

Drs. Smiley and Redfield were also present at the operation.