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LIKES BAKER SAFETY The new thumb-operated safety, devised by Ralph H. Baker, Independence, Missouri, is of great improvement, and deserves enthusiastic recommendation. The Baker safety was installed on my Belgian Browning autoloading shotgun. I've felt some men's time has convinced me that it does all the things a safety should do, and in my opinion it does them better. The release lever on the Baker safety is located on the side of the magazine at the rear, with its knurled top just ahead of the tip of the thumb. The safety itself is quite simple, consisting of a spring-loaded pin between an eccentric and the back of the trigger, which passes through a small hole in the underside of the trigger guard plate. Changing the length of the spring makes the safety either more difficult to throw on or off. I had no difficulty learning to use the Baker safety; its operation became entirely automatic after a few minutes practice and a day or two of hunting. Now it is no trick at all, when shooting short event from the No. 1 station, to leave the safety on until the clay target actually leaves the house.

The advantage of the Baker safety is that it is first of all perfectly safe since it makes the trigger immovable, its position either "on" or "off" is readily determined by either touch or sight; it can be released with less motion, and therefore faster, than any other type of safety; it can be released silently; and, best of all, it is thrown off with the hand in shooting position.

These are advantages that any shooter can appreciate, but those of us who shoot left-handed, as I do, have an additional reason for enthusiasm. Before the Baker safety came along, we left-handers had little choice in firearms, unless we hunted with the safety off or went in for high-priced custom jobs.

Now, with the Baker safety, we left-handers have a choice of all autoloading shotguns as well as the Model 12 Winchester pump, to say nothing of the Remington 81 high-powered rifle and the Remington 241 autoloading .22.

Most important of all, to me, is that the Baker safety, by eliminating all fumbling, by giving me confidence in my gun, by cutting an important split second from the time between rise and shot, has made my hunting more successful and a lot safer.—EDWARD M. STRASS.

*Here's the top of grip safety
by Baker, of Missouri*

(Signed) RMH