

THE USE OF P&S IS MENTIONED OR DESCRIBED IN BOOKS DATED: 1804, 1810, 1816, 1829, 1835, 1870, 1885, 1898, 1900, 1903, 1912, 1915, 1917, 1918, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1929, 1941

The following is a chronology of AIMED Point Shooting or P&S.

1. Some of the entries are very brief, but they describe a key element of P&S which is using the middle finger on the trigger.
2. Other entries, that caution against its use with the 1911 because of a design fault of the 1911, verify that it was a known and used shooting method of that time.
3. And some of the entries are historical references to its use as mentioned in publications of a later time.

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1804 - In the 1804 book: Instructions For The Drill, we find..."Pull the trigger strong with the middle finger."

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1810 - In a general Military Dictionary of 1810, we find that to fire you should..."Pull the trigger strong with the middle finger."

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1816 - The Encyclopedia Perthensis' or Universal Dictionary of 1816, carries the same language.

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1829 - The Arcana of Science of 1829, mentions "pulling the trigger with the middle finger."

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1835 - Helps And Hints - How To - Protect Life And Property, by: Lt. Col. Baron De Berenger, 1835.

The book was recently digitized as part of the Google project. Here is a pic of the cover:

HELPS AND HINTS
HOW TO
PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY.



WITH INSTRUCTIONS
IN
RIFLE AND PISTOL SHOOTING, &c.

BY LT. COL. BARON DE BERENGER.

THE EMBELLISHMENTS BY MR. BONNER AND OTHERS, AFTER DESIGNS BY MESSRS.
G. AND R. CRUIKSHANK, ALKEN, HAGHE, FUSSELL, AND DE BERENGER.

LONDON:

PUBLISHED FOR THE PROPRIETOR,
BY T. HURST, 65, ST. PAUL'S CHURCH-YARD;
AND MAY BE HAD AT THE STADIUM, CHELSEA.

1835.

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See pages 237, 238, and 239.

The author states that the method is best used with dueling pistols, and in self defense situations against highway robbers, housebreakers, and etc., who will not allow one to take the time to deliberately aim with the sights.

Another reason for its use in those situations, is that per the author, ..."can you be certain of your usual steadiness of nerve, when you look into the muzzle of a pistol presented at you, and menacing a fatal blaze."

Also, in poor or bad light, or given a dark or mottled target, one may not be able to make out the sights for aiming.

Basically, "his" shooting method calls for the use of the forefinger for aiming, and the use of the second finger for trigger pulling. And it is easy to learn, and with very little practice.

1885 - Instructions in rifle and carbine firing for the United States army - 1885. Page 33:... "If the trigger has been pulled with a jerk instead of a gradual pressure, ...Some riflemen advocate the employment of the second finger upon the trigger ..."

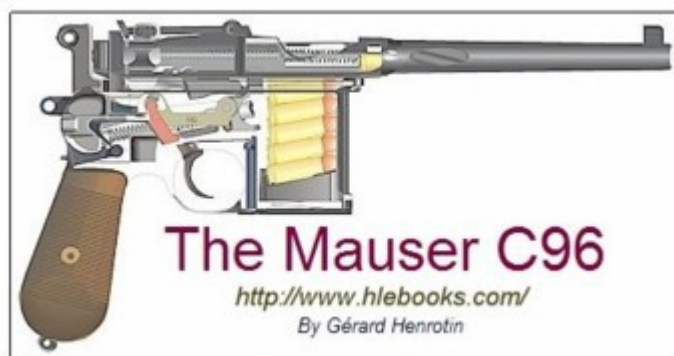
1898 - In the publication Recreation of January, 1898, on pg 148 we find: ..."In shooting a rifle, most sportsmen use the index finger to pull the trigger. If your readers would try using the second finger, and squeezing the hand together, instead of a direct pull, they would find a great difference in the pull of the trigger. This method is of great advantage when one has a standing shot at deer, as one is less liable to pull off."

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1900 - In the publication Bullet and Shot in Indian Forest..., 1900, we find: ..."Some beginners are very apt to 'pull off' in the act of firing. If such will make a practice of using the middle finger put well round the trigger, in place of the forefinger, they will probably find a great improvement in their shooting."

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1900 - The following is from a review of the Mauser C-96 "Broomhandle" Machine Pistol by David M. Fortier. In it, he said that the C-96 was extremely popular in china from the early 1900's up through the 1940's and beyond.



"....Special commando units were armed entirely with the C-96, and later the selective fire variants, as well as a large beheading sword carried in a leather scabbard on their back. Recognizing the Mauser's weak and strong points, the Chinese developed the following technique for using the C-96 and later the 712. They would hold it sideways (what we would today refer to as "Gangbanger style"), with the index finger lying on the magazine well pointing at the target, and pull the trigger with the middle finger.

[Click here to see a copy of this excellent "historical" article on the C-96. It appeared in Gun World -February 2001, and is reproduced by permission.](http://www.pointshooting.com/c96ok.pdf) This is the URL:
<http://www.pointshooting.com/c96ok.pdf>

Here is a picture from a 1902 Patent:

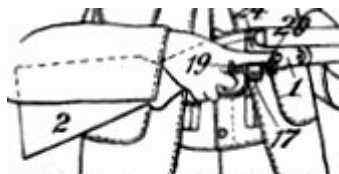


US Patent # 694969
Issued Mar. 11, 1902
A. A. Kemp
Finger Guard

1903 - Modern rifle shooting from the American standpoint... 1903, ..."Some military men pull with the middle finger, but I firmly believe that index finger is far better, ...

[Here is the link.](http://books.google.com/books?id=MvYWAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA74&lpg=PA74&dq=walthershooting+using+middle+finger&source=bl&ots=RN_mU_ZrqL&sig=Gr08De4Cm4nMWf2lfPWOofQaJWSw&hl=en&ei=7xMaSsT1OJPItAP33NySDw&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=8) This is the URL: http://books.google.com/books?id=MvYWAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA74&lpg=PA74&dq=walthershooting+using+middle+finger&source=bl&ots=RN_mU_ZrqL&sig=Gr08De4Cm4nMWf2lfPWOofQaJWSw&hl=en&ei=7xMaSsT1OJPItAP33NySDw&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=8

Here is a picture from a 1908 Patent:



US Patent # 896099
Issued Aug. 18, 1908
M. H. Gardner
Gun-Pointing device

Here is wording from the 1908 Patent:

"This invention relates to a device adapted for attachment to fire-arms of various kinds, more especially to shot - guns or hunting rifles, and has for its object to facilitate quick and accurate pointing of the weapon without being obliged to adjust the gun-stock to the shoulder for aiming at birds just rising from the bush or in flight, or at other game.

The invention is based largely upon the fact that the conscious or sub-conscious faculties intuitively enable men to point the index finger directly and accurately at any visible object without bringing

the outstretched finger into alignment with or between the eye and the object."

1912 - The following quote is from Joseph Renaud's self defense book: "la Defense Dans La Rue" 1912, as translated by James Farthing and Herve Dautry. Joseph Renaud was a professor of La Canne, Savate, Knife, English boxing and Jiu-Jitsu. The quote is from the chapter: "The Revolver." The full text can be found at <http://defensedanslarue.wordpress.com/history/the-revolver/>

Special handling

Some people will find it useful to press the trigger with the middle finger while keeping the index finger against the cylinder, parallel to the barrel. This technique relies on the habit of using the index finger to point at things.

I heard the General de Chabot tell that such a method of shooting had saved his life in several occasions. For example, the day before the battle of Sarrebruck in 1870, he found himself face to face with a Prussian captain while seating in a small canteen. They both shot at each other straight away. Mr de Chabot had a single action weapon while his foe had a double action one. Nevertheless, the German missed five times while the French lieutenant mortally wounded him with his second shot. It must be noticed that both had fired hastily but this technique for handling the revolver makes instinctive shooting more accurate. Always used this technique with a good quality revolver, as it will prevent any pit of lead from between the cylinder and the barillet that would burn your fingers.

1912 - This cautionary language which recognizes that P&S was known of and used, is in the 1912 publication: Description Of The Automatic Pistol, Caliber .45, Model Of 1911.

..."(3) The trigger should be pulled with the forefinger. If the trigger is pulled with the second finger, the forefinger extending along the side of the receiver is apt to press against the projecting pin of the slide stop and cause a jam when the slide recoils."

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1915 - Automatic Pistol Shooting... 1915, ..."Some Englishmen shoot with the second finger on the trigger and the first along the pistol..."

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1917 - This cautionary language which recognizes that P&S was known of and used, is in the US Army's 1917 Small Arms Instructors Manual: An Intensive Course, Including Official...

On Page 82 we find: "3. The trigger should be squeezed with the forefinger. If the trigger is squeezed with the second finger, the forefinger extending along the side of the receiver is apt to press against the projecting pin of the slide stop and cause a jam when the slide recoils."

[Here is a link to it.](http://books.google.com/books?id=z99EAAAAIAAJ&pg=PR9&dq=military+manual+on+the+1911+automatic&lr=&ie=ISO-8859-1#PPA82,M1) This is the URL: <http://books.google.com/books?id=z99EAAAAIAAJ&pg=PR9&dq=military+manual+on+the+1911+automatic&lr=&ie=ISO-8859-1#PPA82,M1>

1917 - Complete United States infantry guide for Officers and noncommissioned... United States. War Dept - 1917 - 2074 pages.

On Page 633 we find ... The trigger should be pulled with the forefinger. If the trigger is pulled with the second finger, the forefinger extending along the side of the receiver is apt to press against the projecting pin of the slide stop and cause a jam when the slide recoils. ...

1917 - Description of the automatic pistol, caliber .45, model of 1911: with rules ...? United States. Ordinance dept - 1917 - 20 pages

Page 16 ... If the trigger is pulled with the second finger, the forefinger extending along the side of the receiver is apt to press against the projecting pin of the slide stop and cause a jam when the slide recoils. ...

1917 - Manual for noncommissioned Officers and privates of field artillery of the ... United States. War Dept, United States. Adjutant-General's Office - 1917
Page 23 ... forefinger extending along the side of the receiver is apt to press against the projecting pin of the slide stop and cause a jam when the slide recoils. ...

1917 - Small arms instructors manual: an intensive course, including official ... Reginald H. Sayre, Stowe Phelps, Gerard P. Herrick, Small arms instruction corps - 1917 - 184 pages
Page 82 ... forefinger extending along the side of the receiver is apt to pass against the projecting pin of the slide stop and cause a jam when the slide recoils. ...

1918 - Handbook for seaman gunners: covering course for seaman gunners at the Navy Washington Navy Yard - 1918 - 397 pages
Page 129 ... The trigger should be pulled with the forefinger. If the trigger is pulled with the second finger, the forefinger extending along the side of the receiver is apt to press against the projecting pin of the slide stop and cause a jam when the slide recoils. ...

1920 - Farrow's manual of military training - Edward Samuel Farrow - 1920 - 1034 pages
Page 315 ... If the trigger is pulled with the second finger, the forefinger extending along the side of the receiver is apt to press against the projecting pin of the slide stop and cause a jam when the slide recoils. ...

1921 - The R. O. T. C. manual: a text book for the Reserve Officers Training Corps - Paul Stanley Bond, Enoch Barton Garey, Olin Oglesby Ellis, Thomas Leroy McMurray - 1921
Page 3 ... it is apt to press against the projecting end of the slide stop pin, thus causing a jam when the slide recoils.

1921 - Platoon Training by Lt. Col. William H. Waldron, United States Army - Page 612, 1921, carries the same cautionary language which recognizes that P&S was known of and used, as the 1912 manual.

..."(3) The trigger should be pulled with the forefinger. If the trigger is pulled with the second finger, the forefinger extending along the side of the receiver is apt to press against the projecting pin of the slide stop and cause a jam when the slide recoils."

1921 - An ROTC publication of 1921 also carries the cautionary language which recognizes that P&S was known of and used. On page 3 we find ..."The trigger must be squeezed with the index finger. If the second finger is used on the trigger the index finger will be extended along the side of the receiver where it is apt to press again[st] the projecting end of the slide stop pin, thus causing a jam when the slide recoils....."

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1922 - Training regulations: TR.? - United States. War Dept - 1922

Page 13 ... If the trigger is pulled with the second finger, the forefinger extending along the side of the receiver is apt to press against the projecting pin of the ...

1925 - Field artillery manual - Arthur Riehl Wilson, Robert Melville Danford -Biography & Autobiography - 1925

Page 2 ... The trigger should lie pulled with the forefinger. If the trigger is pulled with the second finger, the forefinger extending along the side of the receiver is apt to press against the projecting pin of the slide stop and cause a jam when the slide recoils. ...

1926 - Special Regulations - California. Adjutant General's Office -Biography & Autobiography - 1926

Page 31 ... If the trigger is pulled with the second finger, the forefinger extending along the side of the receiver is apt to press against the projecting pin of the slide stop and cause a jam when the slide recoils. ...

1926 - Training regulations - United States. War Dept - 1926

... extending along the side of the receiver is apt to press against the projecting pin of the slide stop and cause a jam when the slide recoils. ...

1927 - Manual of Basic Training and Standards of Proficiency for the National Guard United States - National Guard Bureau 1927

Page 120 ... The trigger should be pulled with the forefinger. If the trigger is pulled with the second finger, the forefinger extending along the side of the receiver is apt to press against the projecting pin of the slide stop and cause a jam when the slide recoils. ...

1929 - Special Regulations - 1929

Page 68 ... extending along the side of the receiver is apt to press against the projecting pin of the slide stop and cause a jam when the slide recoils. ...

1941 - The state defense force manual - Military Service Publishing Company - 1941 - 559 pages

Page 324 ... extending along the side of the receiver is apt to press against the projecting pin of the slide stop and cause a malfunction when the slide recoils. ...

The following paragraph is from John Minnery's 1973 book: "Kill Without Joy" The Complete How To Kill Book (not a read for the weak of heart or squeamish).

One of the best visual representations of an assassination that I've ever seen is the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald by Jack Ruby. Ruby was strictly pro in that photo showing him pumping bullets into Oswald. One should note that the left hand is drawing back the jacket and the gun has no sooner cleared leather than it starts shooting. The grip on the gun is also interesting and further backs the suspicion of Jack being a pro. He's using his middle finger to squeeze the trigger and his index finger, the normal shooter's trigger finger, is pointed right at his target. He shoots where he points. This method is not too well known in the States but the method was SOP with wartime SOE and SIS agents of Britain. Another method advocated by them was the stamping of the right foot and thereby lunging forward and firing at the same time two shots in rapid succession at each target that presented itself.

1964 - This comment is from the modern book: Trauma Room One: The JFK Medical Coverup, and deals with gripping the gun..."Detective Leavelle, cuffed to Oswald's right arm, notices Ruby holding a pistol by his side. He sees Ruby crouch, extend the pistol, and quickly move in on his prisoner, but has no time to react. Ruby, gripping a .38 Colt Cobra pistol tightly in his right hand in an "assassin's grip" (a Chicago term for the grip used by an assassin to prevent the weapon from being wrenched from his hand; this grip utilizes the middle finger on the trigger and the index finger on the cylinder above)."

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