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John Houghton met with a painful accident last Friday night in which he lost the end of the thumb on his left hand. He was trying to uncock a gun preparatory to cleaning it and had his thumb over the top of the barrel, the trigger slipped and the loaded barrel of the gun was discharged carrying with it Mr. Houghton's thumb. The charge knocked out the lamp in the room in which he and J. N. Brown was sitting and tore out a patch in the ceiling. It was a lucky accident after all as Mr. Brown was sitting within two feet of the gun and had the gun been pointed toward the kitchen someone would undoubtedly have been killed. Dr. Bergstrom dressed the wound and J. L. will soon be able to use his hand again but will be minus part of his thumb.