

SHOT IN LEG WHILE GOPHER HUNTING

ONE OF PETER BARTKOWSKI'S
BOYS SHOT IN LEG BY A
YOUNGER BROTHER

Monday evening, at about seven o'clock, one of Peter Bartkowski's boys was brought into the city suffering from a gunshot wound in the left leg, caused by the discharge of .22 rifle which he had been shooting gophers with during the afternoon.

Two of the Bartkowski boys and one or two of their companions took the rifle and went out hunting gophers in the afternoon, being tempted by the two-cent bounty offered by the county during the months of April and May. Several gophers were shot by the boys and everything went along smoothly until the older Bartkowski boy laid the gun on the ground, for some reason or other, and the younger lad picked it up. The little fellow had no more than got the gun in his hands than he began to pick at the mechanism, and as the hammer was drawn back, the cartridge was discharged when he pulled on the trigger. The bullet struck his older brother in the calf of the left leg, going straight through, and left a deep flesh wound.

The lad was brought to Dr. Shepard's office as soon as possible and the wound was dressed and given proper care. He will most likely be up and around again before long, unless some complication arises, and should be thankful that the accident was not more serious.