

FOOLISH PRACTICE

Pointed Gun at Mate

SYDNEY, Monday.—At an inquest concerning the death of Leslie Fuller Darby, who died from meningitis, following gunshot wounds, Henry Charles Moore said he went shooting rabbits with Darby. After luncheon deceased got a piece of rope, chased him and endeavoured to lasso him. Deceased said, "I will race you," at the same time putting his gun together and cocking it. "He finished putting his gun together before I did," said Moore. "He levelled it at me and pulled the trigger. When I finished my gun I pulled the trigger, heard a report and saw deceased fall backwards. I did not know the gun was loaded, and did not remember loading it."

The Coroner, in returning a verdict of accidental death, said "This foolish practice should prove a grave warning to you, and make you careful in future when using firearms."