

simply did a back flip and never moved.

"Examination showed tremendous internal damage and no exit wound. He reacted to hydro-static shock just as any animal or man will react — like it's almost certain curtains for the nervous system, along with playing hell with one's anatomy.

"The second shot was out around 130 yards, and this time it was my bullet that touched home-base somewhere in the vicinity of the critter's solar plexus; the result was not too surprising for a high-velocity projectile — the animal literally exploded.

"I do not know whether it was one of those good shooting days for Jerry and myself, or a combination of this and reasonably close ranges, but we killed seven chucks that had been a problem to a local dairy farmer. We had aimed at seven. Not one ever made it back to the hole; most were feet-up upon bullet contact and stone dead by the time the echo of the shot disappeared among the hills.

"There is little more I can say about the .17s or about the total Winslow product. I doubt that it will in any way replace the center fire 22s in popularity among varmint shooters, but I do know that it is capable of doing things that many shooters might doubt. Especially if they never had the opportunity to see it perform."

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