



Breech actions, sliding breech-block.—Relates to bolt-action rifles of the type in which the firing-pin or striker is mounted in the bolt and has a projection engaging a slot in the body of the gun to prevent the striker from rotating. The present invention consists in the application to such rifles of a bolt-fastening or safety-device which incidentally also locks the striker guide-nut to the bolt. The striker d , Fig. 4, slides longitudinally within the bolt. The safety latch consists of a slide f engaging a notch f^2 in the striker d and passing through the guide-nut d^4 thus preventing rotation of the nut relatively to the body c . Notches f^4 and a projection f^3 on the slide secure the slide in position when adjusted. In a modified arrangement shown in Fig. 6, the pin f is operated by means of a nut f^5 provided with a thumb-piece f^{10} and also with a spring retaining-device f^{11} .

The pin has a slot f^9 passing over the shank of a screw f^7 which is removed when the nut d^4 is to be taken out.