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TOXOPHILITES ON TARGET

Drawing a bow at a venture, this looks like the National Archery championships, held this year in the grounds of Worcester College. Unlike a certain gentleman famous in song, who shot an arrow in the air and hadn't a clue where it landed, when these chaps let drive, the arrow often finds the gold in them thar targets. Mr. Beale would be annoyed if his arrow came to earth; he likes all his bang in the 4-foot target.

And that makes him the new champion ... now for the ladies. There are more than 1,000 of them in Britain's 200 archery clubs. The arrow was England's secret weapon 600 years ago. It won the battle of Crecy because English archers could shoot further than others. They got the extra length by pushing their weight into the bow, instead of pulling the cord. But don't tell the ladies that. They push their weight around enough as it is!