

ADIRONDACK GUIDE FIGHTS WILD BOAR

With Only a Small Hatchet, John Benham Succeeded in Killing Dangerous Beast

MOCCASINS TORN BY TUSKS

Many Boars at Large in the Mountains and Hundreds of Deer Killed by Them—Hope to Exterminate Them in Organized Hunt.

Saranac Lake, N. Y.—John Benham, an Adirondack guide, who won distinction for several years in canoe paddling contests in sportsmen's shows in New York, had a thrilling fight with a wild boar at Big Tupper Lake. He succeeded in killing the beast with a woodman's hatchet only after a fight that threatened to end his own life.

The boar was one of several imported from the Black Forest and placed in an immense preserve known as Litchfield Park near Big Tupper Lake. The boars appeared to break out from the preserve. They multiplied very fast during the last two or three years, it is stated, and have wrought havoc among the deer. Hundreds of fawns and many does are said to have been killed by the boars. While carrying his canoe over one carry near Big Tupper Lake Benham saw a couple of young fawns lying on the ground. He hid the canoe down and went over to where they were. Both were dead. Proceeding a few feet further he found their mother. She had been mangled while defending her fawns and had just died.

Benham heard a noise in the bushes and just in time to avoid a wild boar that rushed at him. Benham stepped quickly aside, drawing his hatchet from his belt. The boar turned with remarkable celerity and again rushed at the guide, who once more sidestepped.

As the boar rushed past him Benham struck him with the hatchet, drawing blood, but doing him no great injury. The boar seemed to infuriate the brute and its attacks were renewed with startling vigor and swiftness. The guide's high topped moccasins were torn by the boar's tusks, and he began to feel that a rescue or a rifle would be a mighty handy thing to have.

Finally, in one of the boar's rushes, Benham managed to bring his hatchet down on the beast's neck, severing the spinal column, and the fight was ended.

Guides of the Upper Adirondacks are beginning to take cognizance of the slaughter of fawns and does by the wild boars, and an organized hunt is regarded as probable in the hope of exterminating them.

GIRLS FAVOR MARRIAGE BY LOT.

Say Compulsory Plan Would Increase the Nation's Population.

Montclair, N. J.—George W. Da Cunha, who advocated universal suffrage and compulsory marriage by lottery in a recent meeting in this town, has received a communication from the girls of a New York department store commending him for his stand. In part the letter says:

"Your proposal to have marriage made compulsory through a municipal lottery would result in a more intelligent population to be able to take upon the bargain hunter at any price. To a large extent your plan would remove women from competition with men in the industrial field and make man once again, as he should be, the bread winner. It would be a sure preventive of race suicide. It would increase the population to such an extent that in a few years we would be up on immigration, and in time bring forth a strictly American type to take the place of the fast vanishing descendants of the Colonial days. At present in the American neither shell, flesh, fox or good red herring."

Da Cunha has received communications from many persons commending his plan to have the municipal lottery by which the marriageable persons of the town would be mated automatically.

DESTROYS TOBACCO STOCK.

Converted Grocer Says "It's Wrong to Use It's Wrong to Sell."

Wichita, Kan.—"It is wrong to use it's wrong to sell," said S. N. Brees, a grocer of this city, after professing religion at a revival meeting here.

People who pottered a strong odor of burning tobacco traced the smell to the yard back of Mr. Brees's store, where they watched him heaping boxes of cigars on the flames. Occasionally he would cut a cask of chewing tobacco or a capful of smoking tobacco. When nothing remained but ashes Mr. Brees remarked: "Well, I've won that battle with the devil."

Then he returned to his store. The crowd followed him and a prayer service was held.

Public Has All the Initiated Centaurs. Philadelphia.—All of the "V. D. B." initiated Lincoln centaurs have passed entirely into the public's hands. There were 23,328,000 of them issued and not a cent of them remains left in the treasury at Washington or the sub-treasury here.

NEW YORK FOR HONEYMOONS

From Every Section Newly Married Couples Come in Swarms to Visit Big City.

New York—Little old New York is the Mecca of honeymooners, the mighty magnet that attracts them as honey draws the bee. From north, south, east and west come they in swarms. It makes no difference whether they be young and frolicsome, middle aged and sedate or old and kitchinish. It is Manhattan for which they all steer their course, immediately after donning the old hat and criticism, fully believing that the honey Broadway and Fifth avenue will be found everything that makes for happiness and the complete fulfillment of their year's of dreaming and anticipation.

There was a time in the old days when no honeymoon trip was arranged that did not include a trip to Niagara Falls and a visit to Philadelphia to see the Liberty Bell. But with the passing of the months, side-walkers, miffers and horse cars, the two resorts of mild and placid entertainment became decided luncheon. Today when the young men of Missouri, Kansas and Colorado summon their energies to pay the fatal question, they know full well that they must follow up the solitary with a promise that the honeymoon will be spent in New York when the tall bottles of the first day and the champagne is always shining. Many a fair girl who has spent her winters and summers in the small town, undisturbed between two or more seasons, has quickly made up her mind in favor of the chap who had the good sense to suggest that New York is the proper place in which they can best become better acquainted before settling down to double harness in the home town.

From the Atlantic to the St. Lawrence and from the Pacific to the Atlantic New York is the one place on earth with which every boy and girl become distinctly familiar almost from infancy. They stand and they hear it talked about, sung about and see it in pictures. From the great metropolis come the books and magazines they read the place they see and the songs they sing. It is New York here, there and everywhere and small wonder it is that the dream of every one of them is that some day fortune will smile upon them and they will be able to see with their own eyes, the pictures of their fancy.

And New York justifies all that is said and expeted of it and welcomes with open arms the honeymooners that come to it. It is the four points of the compass, prepared to give them the time of their lives, sending them away happy with a multitude of pleasant things to think about for years to come.

Best of all, however, is the fact that joy-giving programs particularly such as will appeal to honeymooners to whom New York is a new and unexplored fairland, can be arranged to fit any purse, fat or lean.

SEES SURGEONS KNIFE HIM.

Patient Who Can't Take Ether Loses Appendix.

Hazleton, Pa.—Stricken with appendicitis and suffering from heart trouble in such a degree that he could not stand ether, William Coyle, aged 19, of Beaver Meadow, had his appendix removed at the State Hospital, and chatted with the surgeons all the way through the operation. He said he could not stand ether, but he could stand the knife. He was given a hearing before Alderman W. F. Weber, here, on the charge of kidnapping a baby belonging to a Mrs. Mathison, she admitted it all, saying: "Everything these people have said about me is true. I took the child, not with any bad intentions, but because I am childless and love children."

LONGED FOR BABE; STOLE ONE.

Childless Woman Sees She Can't Resist Love of Toddlers. Reading, Pa.—When Mrs. Anna L. Kahan, formerly of Reading and lately of Bluefield, W. Va., was given a hearing before Alderman W. F. Weber, here, on the charge of kidnapping a baby belonging to a Mrs. Mathison, she admitted it all, saying: "Everything these people have said about me is true. I took the child, not with any bad intentions, but because I am childless and love children."

HARD TO NAME INJURED TWIN.

Witnesses Didn't Know Them Apart After the Mishap. Shamokin, Pa.—Complications ensued when Clyde Vought fell near his grandfather's home at Elysburg and fractured his arm. His twin brother and his twin brother, Claude, looking identically like him, was playing with him at the time, and several men found them crying after the accident. One of the men hurried to the Vought home to report the accident.

When asked which boy was injured, he said he did not know, and the relatives were kept in doubt until the twins were escorted to their home.

Parrot Causes Divorce Suit.

Vienna.—A man named Hans has petitioned for a divorce at Budapest on the ground that his wife had taught her parrot to call his names.

\$1,000,000 DEAL, NO CASH.

Realty Man Can't Explain How He Got the Money from Bank.

St. Louis, Mo.—E. G. Lewis told how he borrowed \$1,000,000 on paper from the National Bank of Commerce and capitalized his University Heights Realty and Development Company without the actual transfer of a dollar.

Testifying before the Congressional Committee, which is investigating his \$3,000,000 damage suit against the Government, he said it was all a paper transaction, but when asked for details said: "It's too deep for me. You'll have to ask a banker."

The committee called the cashier the National Bank of Commerce, who had testified that the bank never loaned Lewis \$1,000,000, and he produced three drafts, each for \$333,333.33, and the total for \$999,999.99, he said, would substantiate his statement.

ELECTRIC HORTICULTURE.

Experiments in England Expected to Show Its Benefits in Stimulation of Plants.

London, England.—The first systematic attempt at electrically stimulated horticulture is to take place in Essex at the Highton Experiment Station, where currents with a voltage of 800,000 will be sent through 200 feet of greenhouses. The productiveness of the plants under these conditions is expected to be greatly increased, as previous experiments on a smaller scale have proved that electrically stimulated plants bear from 20 to 30 per cent more fruit.

The current has the effect of increasing the quantity of nitrogen in the air. Nitrogen is a valuable stimulant to plant life.

Although peas and cabbages are not affected by the current, it has a powerful effect on strawberries, which grow to perfection nearly a month sooner, than normally, and bear about 40 per cent more fruit.

HOG LIVES 52 DAYS IN WELL.

Oklahoma Parker a Living Skeleton When Rescued.

Henrietta, Okla.—A hog that had been at the bottom of a deep dry well for fifty-two days without food or water was found alive by J. B. Jordan, a farmer of Henrietta. When the animal was pulled from the well by Jordan and four of his neighbors who had aided in the search it was a mere skeleton of what was once a 300-pound porker. It was practically skin and bones.

Jordan and he walked a quarter of a mile to the barn, nevertheless. He gave the names of his friends who were with him when the hog was found and added they will answer the story in truth. The men are R. W. Farnell, C. Swink, Roscoe Rentie and William Rippesto.

Knocks Out Independent Schools.

Pottsville, Pa.—Judge C. N. Brumm made a determined effort to support the plan of the new Pennsylvania school law, when he knocked out plans for the creation of 13 independent school districts. West Pinegrove and possibly Lybtle are the only sections of Schuylkill county where the Court will allow independent districts.

Sweaters Replace Coats in Army.

Washington, D. C.—Coats will no longer form part of the uniform of United States troops in the field. The War Department has decided a light sweater will be just as comfortable and a more practicable garment than the present service coat. The sweater will be used to supplement the blanket as a sleeping garment.

Leaves His Auto to Burn.

Danville, Pa.—A \$2,000 automobile, the property of ex-Sheriff C. B. Bat, of Bloomsburg, took fire while Mr. Bat and a party were passing through Danville. The danger of an explosion kept by-standers from an attempt to put out the fire and the machine was reduced to a pile of junk.

Spain Losing Thousands.

Buenos Ayres.—Spanish immigration to Argentina is increasing. Twenty thousand Spaniards arrived here and thirty thousand are expected soon.

SCALING PEAKS HE LIVES ON RAISINS

Veteran Mountain Climber Finds Light Diet Best For His Arduous Labors

THRIVES AT HIS NOVEL TRADE

Outdoor Life Keeps His Health Good While He Coins His Rich Experiences—He Is Author of "Wild Life in the Rockies."

Estes Park, Colo.—Climbing Pike's Peak 300 times is enough to give Enos Mills the right to be called the champion mountain climber of America. His ups and downs of life, however, are not limited to crawling up and sliding down Pike's Peak, for he has ascended 50 other mountain peaks, including the Alps and Chilkoot Pass, as well as lofty peaks of Colorado.

Some of his climbing is done for pleasure, but for two years he climbed as an occupation in the winter. He was employed by the State to make reports on the amount of snow on the mountains. This information being desired so that persons depending on irrigation could calculate on the water supply for the coming season.

During these two years Mills traveled about 8,000 miles along the top of the Rocky Mountains and whenever caught in a storm he had to stay wherever he was until it subsided, because to struggle through a blinding storm on the mountains means taking a chance on stepping off a cliff.

It is needless to say that this life has brought every muscle in the mountain climber's body to the highest state of development. His physical condition is the envy of athletes and makes the invalids who come to Colorado wonder at the wide range between their own condition and that of the climber. Mills has also hardened his muscles by mountain climbing.

Mills does not climb any mountains simply for the fun of it, for the distinction, but to make observations of the forest and animal life at high altitudes. He is the author of "Wild Life in the Rockies," a book with a successful sale both in the United States and England. His next book will be on the history of the Rockies.

From his experience other mountain climbers have learned something about the proper diet for high altitudes and that to be comfortable on a trip to the top of a mountain peak and back one should eat as little as will suffice.

Mills carries a pocketful of raisins when he is on a climbing expedition and when he thinks he is hungry he eats a raisin and forgets his longing for food.

Climbing to the summit of a snow clad range in mid-winter on a diet of raisins is rather too strenuous to appeal to the amateur, particularly with the chance of getting caught in a blizzard, but Mills has been taking these chances right along, and although he sometimes comes home very hungry he does not seem to be any the worse for his hard journeys and light rations.

Most of his trips have been taken where there are no trails and personal safety required sharp attention. step by step. So that the chosen route did not lead over the edge of a cliff. For that reason the day's journey must end as soon as the light grew dim and as soon as a storm lifted the air with snow the only safe course was to dig out a shelter in a snow bank and sit down until the sky cleared.

"The most difficult climb I ever made was down the east precipice of Lone's Peak," said Mills. "This has been termed the most hazardous descent in America. There are 3,000 feet of almost perpendicular cliff on the east side of the mountain. One day I started down, with an ice ax and a camera. After scrambling down to the first ledge I had to keep on, as it was impossible to return. The perils increased as I descended. I was bombarded by avalanches, and had to balance my way across slippery patches of ice. The final effort was 1,800 feet of coasting which brought me in safety to Chasm Lake. After that I continued my climbing to places where the wealth of scene was sufficient reward. Descending crags and descending treacherous but for the doing of it is folly. My adventure was foolhardy—but it was worth the cost."

School to Have Inclined Planes. Stockton, Cal.—Plans for the reconstruction of the Jackson school approved by the board of education, the distinctive feature of the proposed building will be eliminated in favor of an inclined plane of 15 per cent grade.

The plane will be covered with a rubber preparation to prevent the children from slipping. Tests have shown that the plane will empty a school building twice as fast as the ordinary stairway.

Find Booze Piped into Salem Jail. Salem, Ohio.—Jail officials have discovered that liquor has been piped into the calaboose. Two friends of the prisoner, known as the "Hull," on drain pipe and the latter caught it with cups.

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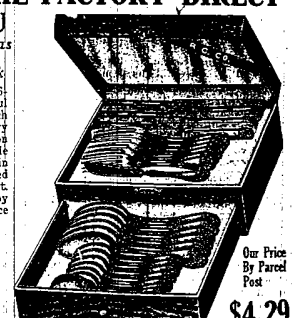
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