

FISHERMAN'S LUCK.

Treading, noiselessly on moccasined feet, Jack Bedloe stole up behind the screen of elder bush and young birch which fringed the bank of the little river.

It was a very promising pool, and Bedloe scrutinized it with the eye of the practiced, and very practical, angler. His rod and line were ordinary affairs.

A huge black bear was coming down the bank, moving briskly as if with a very definite purpose. And for a moment Bedloe wondered uncomfortably if that purpose could be in any way connected with Jack Bedloe.

At the water's edge the bear did not hesitate. He plunged straight in, to a depth that almost covered his back, wallowed forward, some six or eight feet, and drew himself up upon what was evidently a submerged ledge.

It explained itself, however, presently. Bending low his great black head, the bear fell to peering down into the glassy current which slipped past the outer face of the ledge.

Suddenly that big uplifted paw, long claws protruding, flashed down into the water with lightning swiftness and swept up again, carrying a large, browned fish.

Bedloe chuckled soundlessly in appreciation of his rival's dexterity. His quick eye had detected that the fish was only a sucker, one of the stream dwellers; but he marveled at the neat precision of the feat.

Two or three expectant minutes passed, the rushing of the rapids loud on the still air, and again that lightning paw flashed down, again a big fish was scooped forth and hurled unerringly up the bank.

Presently he struck again. But this time the intended victim was too alert for him, and his paw emerged empty. He gave a whimper of disappointment and glanced around him with such a sheepish air that Bedloe could hardly restrain his laughter.

After this, however, the bear was more careful. He had got his paw in, and there were no more failures to disconcert him. Within the next fifteen or twenty minutes he landed half a dozen more good-sized fish—all suckers but one, and that one a huge bright-silver chub.

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The effect was electric. The startled bear jumped as if a fire cracker had exploded under him, sniffing the still air anxiously. It was evident he had no idea as to the direction from which the strange sound had come.

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to be repeated. At last he came to the conclusion he had imagined it; or else the effect faded from his mind and he turned again to his banquet.

He had no more than set his long white teeth into the dainty bite than again, out of the unseen, came that abrupt and strident whistle. He fairly jumped into the air, then rose upon his hind legs and searched earth and water in all directions for a solution of the mystery.

Relenting somewhat, Bedloe allowed him to gulp down two or three mouthfuls. Then he whistled again, even more harshly. This time the result amazed him. The bear seemed to shrink in size, his long fur drawing down flat to his body.

At length, tired of the inaction, he slipped through the bush screen and cast his line. But not a bite did he get. He fished the pool faithfully on that side, right up to the tail of the rapids and down again to where the pool widened into sandy shoals.

Then he concluded that the bear knew that pool better than he did, and that the good fishing was on the other side. He waded across, threw in his bait, just beyond the bear's rock, he promptly hooked a halibut trout, which thanks to his sturdy tackle, and rough-and-ready methods, he was able to throw clear up the bank even as his predecessor had done.

Now it happened that the bear, after having torn his way through the sweet-smelling spring undergrowth till his panic terror evaporated, had paused to reconsider the situation. He had observed that fish died when out of the water. By this time all those fish would certainly be quite dead.

So it came about that he approached the scene of his recent discomfiture just as Jack Bedloe started to add the suckers to his string.

At first his impulse was to flee again. Then once more his anger, the righteous anger of one whose rights are being infringed upon, surged up within him.

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half-gotten trout, behind his back, and stood.

"That's all ye're agoin' to git," said he in loud, incisive tones. The bear halted again, impressed by the authoritative voice.

With a distinct feeling of relief Jack Bedloe turned, very slowly, and very slowly retired down-stream. At the sandy shoals he crossed to his own side of the stream, retraced his steps up the bank and retraced his original hiding-place.

"You win, son," said he. "I guess I'll do the rest o' by fishing up above the rapids," calmly leaning on his fishing rod.

BIG BLACKSNAKE REGRETS MEAL OF PHEASANT EGGS

That black snakes consider eggs, especially pheasant eggs, a delicacy and like to feast upon them, was demonstrated recently in the Logan Forest District, of which T. Roy Morton is district forester, with headquarters at Petersburg.

The forest employees were constructing a road in Diamond Valley, Huntingdon county, and found a pheasant nest containing ten eggs, a short distance from the location of the road.

While investigating as to what he came of them, he was surprised to see a large black snake stretched out lazily in the weeds, close to the nest. The snake appeared stupid and inactive and offered no resistance when captured.

Forester Coover was anxious to see how the snake would act and placed it in a box for the night. The next morning it was discovered the snake had disgorged all the eggs with three of them unbroken.

The black snake is considered non-poisonous and is common throughout Pennsylvania. It is not an enemy of the rattlesnake, as many persons suppose, but devours snakes which are weaker and smaller than itself.

Plans are under way for the raising of \$500,000 with which to provide the negroes of the nation with a new shrine—a memorial building located in the national capital.

While memorials and monuments are a common site throughout Washington, this will be the first erected as a tribute to a race rather than to individual or a group.

The proposed building would house an auditorium seating 400 people, would contain a museum, an art gallery, a library and a negro Hall of Fame.

The decorations would depict the rise of the negroes in this country from slavery to their present place in the economic system, with the individual accomplishments of members of the race in the art, science and industry extolled.

The proposal for congressional recognition was fathered by Rep. Taylor (R) of Tennessee, the bill passing after stubborn opposition offered by the vote of many members of Congress.

While the government appropriates \$50,000 for the preliminary expenses, it is anticipated that funds for the building will be raised by private subscriptions.

An organization known as the National Memorial association, of which Ferdinand D. Lee, custodian of the Treasury building is the head, is in charge of the movement.

Under the bill passed by Congress, a commission is to be named by the President and a site is to be selected that will harmonize with the development of the city.

Suggested models of the building call for a brick structure with the campus of Howard university as the probable site. Howard university, maintained by the government, solely for negroes, occupies a commanding plateau in one of the better sections of the city.

The memorial probably would be utilized in connection with Howard university, which is dedicated to the education of negroes, to be leaders among their own race. Many teachers, doctors and lawyers have graduated from the institution.

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NEW LAW WILL PUNISH THIEVING HUNTERS.

The Board of Game Commissioners has compiled a list of thirteen changes in the present laws which were enacted at the present session of the Legislature and approved by the Governor.

One of the more important changes clarifies a hunter's right to the game he has killed lawfully. Such game or parts of it may be considered as personal property and a charge of larceny may be lodged for its theft.

Another measure removed the \$2.00 bounty on red foxes and placed a \$5.00 premium on goshawks killed between May 1 and November 1. The board believed that the value of the red fox pelt was sufficient incentive to assure the animals being kept in control.

Under a change made the open season for racoons will now be from November 1 to January 15 and they may be hunted only between one hour before sunset and one hour after sunrise.

Licenses for fur dealers were divided into three classes. A \$5.00 license fee will be charged dealers who sell furs within this State to others who are licensed in Pennsylvania.

The new changes in the law also permits the holding of field meets or trials, in which bird dogs are permitted to work on liberated or native wild game birds in exhibition or contest at any time of the day, from August 20 to March 31, Sundays excepted.

In order that the State law on game birds might conform with the Federal migratory birds laws, the following species were eliminated from our game bird list: Swan, wood duck, elder duck, loons, grebs, and curlews have been eliminated.

The law heretofore imposing a fine of \$500.00 for making use of, or taking advantage of any vehicle or artificial light or battery in taking or transporting game of any kind, has been changed to impose a \$500.00 fine for taking only elk, deer, or bear in such unlawful manner.

Immediately afterward, Ambassador Morrow left for Washington. The honeymoon plans of the couple were kept secret.

So far as could be learned there were no witnesses outside the immediate Morrow family and possibly a few of the household staff.

Apparently decided upon the spur of the moment, the ceremony took even the most intimate neighbors of the Morrrows by surprise and completely "scooped" the small army of reporters and news photographers who for weeks have looked forward to depicting the romantic event in great detail in print and picture.

Col. Lindbergh and his fiancée went for a ride in the early afternoon and stopped for a brief visit at the home of a friend in Englewood. Shortly after their return—hardly time for the bride to change her motor ensemble for the soft chiffon—the small wedding party gathered in the drawing room. There were no bridesmaids, no best man, no music, it was stated authoritatively—just the brief ceremony of the Presbyterian church.

News of the wedding came as a complete surprise. No advance announcement of the date had been made, although there had been many newspaper guesses, most of which had favored mid-June.

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