

MY FIRST HUNT.
A BOY'S STORY.
My name is Jasper Cooper. I was not a model boy. My share of original sin was a liberal one, and between the good and evil in me, the balance, I am sorry to say, fell on the bad side of the scale. For the benefit of others, I am going to make a particular confession in one instance, and show how my bad conduct brought me trouble and lasting repentance.

On my thirteenth birthday I received two presents that made me feel proud and rich. One was a small gun from my Uncle Philip. It was a .22 caliber, and I had learned to use it from him. The other was a book of prayers, and I had learned to read it from him. I was very happy and proud of my presents.

This was false. I had sometimes teased her by petty tricks, but had never in any way injured her property. I could not, however, show that she was innocent, and was punished by Mr. Lowe for the supposed offense. Since then I had felt very angry with old Lucy Robinson, and the idea of retaliation at once occurred to me. I determined to frighten her.

Without a moment's hesitation, I put my gun to my shoulder and leveled it at her. "You told Mr. Lowe a wicked lie about me and I'll shoot you!" I cried in a loud voice. "Nathan, in the meantime, caught a glimpse of a woodchuck making for its hole. He had not yet finished charging his gun after firing at the woodpecker, and believing him to be unobserved, he started to run; but in unobserved, he pushed me and jostled my arm, causing a sudden pressure upon the trigger, and to my horror, the gun, still pointed at Lucy Robinson, gave a loud report!

At this question my heart began to beat violently, and the blood mounted higher and higher, till I knew that my face must be a bright scarlet. "Did your father write the note?" questioned Esquire Hammond, authoritatively. "Yes—I believe so—yes—I saw him."

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