# ADIRONDACK GUIDE FIGHTS WILD BOAR

With Only a Small Hatchet, John Benham Succeeds 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 managed to break out from the preserve. They have 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 laid the canoe down and went over to where they were Bo.h were dead. Proceeding a little 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 turned 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 wound seemed to only infurlate 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 revolver 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 its spinal column, and the fight was end-

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 no more shelf goods to be after a time put upon the bargain counter 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 could put up the bars on immigration, and in time bring forth a strictly American type to take the place of the fast van ishing descendants of the Colonial days. At present the American is neither fish, flesh, fowl nor good red herring."

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

### DESTROYS TOBACCO STOCK.

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

Wichita, Kan .- "If 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

People who noticed 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 cast a cask of chewing tobacco or a carton 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 Initialed Cents: Philadelphia.-All of the "V. D. B." initialed Lincoln pennies have passed entirely into the public's hands. There were 28,328,000 of them issued and not a cent of that famous issue is left in the treasury at Washington or the sub-treasury here.

CROSSING CONTINENT BY BOAT.

Canoe May Traverse South America from Ocean to Ocean.

An official of the Geological Survey at Washington, in describing the gold fields of Western Colombia, has incldentally pointed out a route by which in the wet season, a man might go in a canoe from the Atlantic to the Pacific across the northwestern part of South America.

The proposed route follows the river Atrato to the divide, which lies in a series of swamps, and then, by way of one or two smaller streams, reaches the river San Juan, which empties into the Pacific.

#### Eastern Highbinders.

An ordinance just passed in Java falls heavily upon Chinese secret societies in the Dutch East Indies. fine of 100 guilders or three months' imprisonment is the penalty for every Chinaman found in possession of secret society documents or emblems or caught wearing the distinguishing

marks of these organizations. Those who preside over the meetings of such societies, allow meetings to be held in their houses or fail to inform the authorities of such gatherings being held incur similar penalties. The latter also fall upon Chinamen who recruit for these societies, supply them with money or give them help in any way.

#### More Useful.

The president of an ocean steamship company was taking a journey across the water. When the ship was in a dangerous channel he became engaged in conversation with the pilot, an elderly man, who had spent most of his life on the water. The president of the company remarked: suppose you know all about the dangerous places in this channel?"

"Nope," replied the pilot. "You don't!" exclaimed the president. "Then why are you in charge

of the wheel?" "Because I know where the bad places ain't."

#### Klasing the Book.

In England and all the English speaking countries the kissing of the book before the oath comes from the practice of touching a "halidame," or sacred object, as the old Roman touched the altar or Harold the casket of relics. The form, "So help me God." is inherited from ancient Teutonic-Scandinavian law, under which the old Northmen, touching the blooddaubed ring on the altar, swore, "So help me Frey, and Niordh, and the Almighty God" (that is, Thor). The first and last of these are the two old English gods, whose names we keep up in Friday and Thursday.

#### The Atmosphere.

The height of the atmosphere above the earth has never been ascertained, because no one has ever been able to get far enough out to determine where it ends. But it certainly spreads far more than fifty miles from the solid surface of the earth and from the liquid surface of the sea. The quantity, therefore, that rests upon an acre of ground presses down upon that space with a weight of not less than 22,000 tons. Fifteen pounds of it are sustained upon each square inch of the land that is near the level of the sea

### Scientific Training.

Scientific education in the schools and colleges of this country may be said to date from the year 1862. The bill for scientific and technical studies was put through Congress in that year by the Honorable Justin S. Morof Vermont, and received the President's signature at once. The bill received its main inspiration at the International Exhibition at London, in 1851, and was proposed as early as 1857, but owing to the high party spirit engendered by the slavery discussion was delayed till the date

### The Nebulae.

The discovery of the gaseous nature of the nebulae came about largely through the use of the spectroscope and analysis. Fraunhofer proved that the spectrum of an ignited gaseous body is "non-continuous, with inter-rupting lines," and J. W. Draper demonstrated that the spectrum of an ignited solid is always continuous with no interrupting lines. In this way it was proved that many of the nebulae are gaseous, illustrating the process of development actually going on.

### The World's Disease.

Mammonism is only an effect of which selfishness is the cause. Selfishness—the assertion of self against the law of the universe, self-gratification instead of the general goodthat is the disease of the world, and we can never have social health until society is saved from selfishness.-Homiletic Review.

### The Flea.

Oh, there's nothing quite so maddening as a pesky, crawling flea, when the little cuss is biting in a spot you cannot see! Nothing which drives man or woman to the point where they will swear, like this hopping, frisky critter, when he's out upon a tear!-Los Angeles Express.

Men's Measurements. For the athletic type of man the average chest measurement is 38 inches, with the waist 34; while the motoring man, though shorter, demands a 36-inch waist.—Boston Globe.

Spread of German Language. In Chili there are regions where there are so many Germans that the native servants learn their language

"HAIR LACE" NEARLY GONE.

Most Curious of All Fabrics Found Only on Exhibition.

The most curious lace is called point tresse. It is very rare and was made of human hair. French collectors say that it exists in the present day only in their cabinets.

It was confined to the early part of the sixteenth century. Margaret, Countess of Lennox, the mother of the wretched Darnley, sent from the tow er, where she was imprisoned when her son, Lord Charles Lennox, married the daughter of Bess of Hardwicke, a bit of this kind of lace to Mary, Queen of Scots.

This is a very strong proof of her belief in the queen's innocence of the guilt that had been imputed to her. The little square of point tresse was worked by the old countess' own hands from her own gray hair. It was, in fact, hair mixed with fine flax.

#### A Suggestion.

A certain retired coal dealer of Pittsburg is, in the good old phrase. as tight as wax, but has a passion to be considered a "spender" and good liver, never neglecting an opportunity to refer to his "wine cellar," etc. A short while ago he snared a wellknown clubman and had him at his house for dinner. A bottle of sherry was produced with considerable ostention and the glasses filled. The host held his to the light, then drank, and smacked his lips.

"What do you think of that, hey?" he suggested.

"Why-er-very good," the guest commented, setting his glass upon the table. "But I say, old man," he added in a confidential tone, "I know a place where you can get wine even cheaper than this!"—Brooklyn Life.

#### What Cynles Are.

Cynics was the name applied to a school of philosophers founded by Antisthenes, a pupil of Socrates. The main tenet of the extreme Cynics was that civilization is a curse, and true happiness can be obtained only by gratifying the most primary physical appetites which man has in common with brutes. The general attitude of the Cynics, as distinguished from that of the Stoics, who regarded everything in the external world with indifference, was one of contempt. They were not an important philosophical school numerically, but attracted attention largely by their eccentricities and insolence. On account of their contempt for refinement their name came subsequently to be applied to any one who takes a mean view of haman life

#### Clearing House Operations. A clearing house is an agency estab-

lished by the banks of a city, to which all checks drawn upon one city bank and deposited in another are for payment. Every morning there is a clearance or settlement of accounts, in which the checks deposit ed in each bank and the checks drawn upon each bank are separately summed up and compared. If there is more deposited in a bank than there is drawn upon it the bank receives the difference in cash. If the reverse is the case, the bank pays the balance instead of receiving it. The term clearance means either the act of settlement or the sum of all the checks presented for payment. The amount of business done by the clearing house is a pretty sure index of the general condition of business.

### A Vacancy.

Dr. Hale once told of a minister who preached over an hour on the four greater prophets, and then, when his exhausted congregation thought he was through, took a long breath, turned a fresh page, and, leaning over the pulpit, said: "We now come to the more complex question of the minor prophets. First let us assign to them their proper order. Where, brethren, shall we place Hosea?"

An irascible old gentleman in a back pew rose, took his hat and stick, and said as he departed: "You may give him my place if you want to I'm going."

### Feminine Propensity.

There is a prominent clergyman in Richmond, Va., who has a happy way of enjoying his own disadvantages. Never a handsome man, Mr. C-

was severely battered in a railroad wreck, in which he suffered the loss of a foot.

Soon after marrying a beautiful woman the ill-used minister met an old friend on the street, who ban-teringly asked: "C-, how in the world did such a pretty girl come to marry you?"

"Oh, ladies like remnants!" was the cheerful reply.-The Circle.

### Exceptions.

"You don't have to be enthusiastic to succeed in some things," said the boarding-house philosopher; "I once saw a man achieve a speed of a mile a minute sliding down a mountain side, without the slightest effort on his part and without having had any ambition to do it."

### Shooting Stars.

The popular term "shooting star" covers a number of phenomena that are very similar, like meteors, fire balls and aerolites. Meteors and aerolites actually strike the earth very often. Luminous meteors or actual shooting stars do not come nearer than fifty miles from the earth.

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The Candidate for Matrimony Had an Embarrassing Experience.

Smiling Pat strolled into the examination room where candidates for the police force underwent their physical test.

"Strip!" ordered the police sergeant.

"Phwhat's that?" demanded the uninitiated.

"Get your clothes off, and be quick about it!"

Mumbling and muttering, Pat disrobed, and the doctor proceeded to the test.

"Hop over this bar!" ordered the doctor.

Pat did his best, which landed him on the small of his back. "Now jump under this cold show

er!" ordered the doctor.
"Shure, that's funny!" muttered the

applicant, as he obeyed. 'And, now," concluded the doctor "run round the room ten times, to test

your heart and wind!" Pat hesitated, then-

"Ol'll not!" he blurted out. "Ol'll sthay single!" "Single?" inquired the doctor, mys

tifled. "Yes, single!" repeated the Irish-ian. "What's all this fussing got to man. do wid a marriage license?"

He had strayed into the wrong of-



"Did your husband get that terrible red nose working out in the sunshine?" asked one woman. "No," answered the other. "That ain't sunshine. That's moonshine."--Washington Star.

#### Fatal Admission.

"See here, mister," said the poor man, desperately, "give me any sort of job and I'll take it. I'm simply tired out looking for work.".

"Well," replied the hard business man, "there is an opening here, but I guess you won't do.

"If you get tired out simply looking for work," the business man continued, "you wouldn't be much good when you came to do any."-Philadelphia Press.

### Storekeeping Nowadays.

Friend (noticing the confused heap of goods of every description scattered promiscuously around the store) -Hello! what's happened? Been taking an inventory, had a fire or are you going to move out?

Merchant-That shows how little you know about storekeping. We have merely been waiting on a lady who dropped in for a paper of pins.

### Money to Burn.

The big touring car had just whizzed by with a roar like a gigantic rocket, and Pat and Mike turned to watch it disappear in a cloud of dust. "Thim chug wagons must cost a hape av cash," said Mike. "The rich is fairly burnin' money."

"An' be the smell av it," sniffed Pat, "It must be that tainted money we do be hearin' so much aboot."

### Scripture as Understood.

When the nice little girl came home from church she was asked the text, and told that the minister said they need not worry, for they would get their guilts back. That was too much for the family, so the minister was 'phoned to ask the text of the day. He replied: "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter."

Tit for Tat. "Pardon me, sir, but where do you

come from?"

"From County Cork?" "Then that accounts for your

brogue. "May I ask you where you come from?"

"From Worcester, sir." "Then that accounts for your sauce," was the reply.

Beyond Forgiveness. Patience—I hear they ran away and got married? Patrice-Yep.

Patience-I suppose her father will never forgive them. Patrice-Well, he forgave 'em for running away, but he never will for give 'em for coming back home!

Of Course. Little Millie-Grandad, what makes a man siways give a woman a dia mond engagement ring? Grandfather-The woman.-Punch.

**Bcandalous** Mrs. Cheatham—I believe I shall have to give up bridge. Miss Frank-Really? worth the scandal?

That Got Him.

A theatrical manager delighted in taking a rise out of conceited or vain members of his company.

"I see you are getting on fairly well," he remarked.

"Fairly? I am getting on very well," replied the hero of the play, proudly. "I played Hamlet for the first time last night. You can see by the papers' glowing criticisms how well I got on." "I have not read them," replied the other. "but I was there."

"On, you were. Well, you noticed how swimmingly everything went off? Of course, I made a bungle of one part by falling into Ophelia's grave. but I think the audience appreciated even that."

"I know they did," said the manager with a slight smile; "but they were frightfully sorry when you climb ed out of it again!"-Pittsburg PresThe Price of Peace.

The announcement that France is going to spend three milliards of francs for new ships of war—that is to say, for peace-reminds us how prices have gone up since 1871.

In that year France bought peace of Bismarck for one milliard. And a milliard, furthermore, was deemed in that day, a fairly stiff figure—the thrifty French more than hinted that Bismarck had driven a sharp bargain; whereas, on the occasion of the present purchase, the nation is reported as quite in a glow of delight.

#### Slate Brick Now.

From time immemorial there has been a quarrying waste of two thirds of the slate mined. Now by a new process the waste is crushed and powdered to dust and mixed with a caseine compound. While plastic it is molded into any form and dried, when It is polished and sawed.

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