

# Black Adventure.

## A TRUE BEAR STORY.

THE avalanche of 'bear stories' which have fallen upon a bewildered public since the day the President penetrated the cane brakes of Mississippi, said Walter Brevort, of Boston, to a Washington Star man, "testifies to the versatility of the American mind in reconstructing a time-honored and well-worn theme with new habiliments as to time and place."

"Upon analysis of the regulation bear story which is told over and over again, sometimes to the extent of several columns, all are alike in the essential features of exhibiting the brave hunter's titanic prowess, the unusual size and phenomenal ferocity of the animal, and in the final victory of the gallant but modest hunter over poor bruin. They seldom deviate, except as to such minor details that while one hunter chased his bear eighty-three and one-third miles around a high mountain upon a dead run from start to finish, the next hunter met his 3450 pound grizzly face to face upon a narrow ledge overlooking a precipice, with a sheer descent of 10,000 feet, and hurled the wretched grizzly into the dark depths below with one blow from his powerful fist. Some hunters vary the formula by swearing that they used their bowie knives, while still others were weak enough to hint that they have shot the bear with an explosive bullet from a high-power rifle at a good safe range."

"However, I will tell you a bear story which will have the novelty of truth, not that we would for a moment doubt the stories of great deeds with bars of the other fellows. I fancy that the true version of most of these stories lies along similar lines."

"It was my first bear hunt in the woods of Maine. I had a guide, a brand new bear rifle, bowie knife, hatchet and hunting suit complete, from heavy, waterproof boots to a canvas hat. With such an outfit any story about bear killing ought not to be disputed by reasonable men who can tell a real live bear from a jackrabbit."

"I became separated from my guide and was making my way back to camp about five miles through the thick forest. I was dog tired. I wasn't thinking about bears, hedgehogs or anything else, except my sweetheart, and was counting the days when I would get back to civilization. My 'complete hunting outfit' hadn't attracted so much as a baby wildcat, and I was beginning to dimly realize that the great bear stories I had heard at home and in the club after all, were nothing but elastic stretches of well cultivated and fertile imagination."

"I had just made up my mind that a sunburst would be better placed with a sunburst than with a ring, when I heard a noise up a big oak tree under which I was passing, which sounded to my unaccustomed ears like eighteen tons of brick falling a mile upon a tin roof. I glanced up, and there was a big black bear as large and threatening as a thunder cloud in a squall. He was falling down from the top of the tree limb by limb, humpy-bumpy, directly over my head."

"Did I pause, gracefully and skillfully raise my trusty rifle and shoot off both ears and each paw with separate shots while he was yet in the air, as a trick marksman hits glass balls? That is what I ought to have done, according to the regulation bear story. But I didn't. I was too amazed to move, and gawped up at that bear as a countryman looks into a city window. Down he came like a dash of black lightning, crashing, snarling, growling and whining. Before I could dodge he landed upon me and sent me spinning about thirty feet, while he rolled over and over like a huge rubber ball."

"Run? Gee whizz, but you ought to have seen us scamp off in opposite directions. I toward the camp and the bear toward a deep creek. Death on a white horse could not have caught me. I lost my rifle, bowie knife, canvas hat and hatchet, and never did find them, though the guide and I the next day went over the wide swampy I had cut through the underbrush in my mad flight."

"The bear had been caught by a lot of wild bees stealing honey out of their hive in the giant oak, and their furious attacks and the pain from the stings caused him to let go his grip and to come down, crashing through the branches like a cyclone."

"When a man now tells me about 'killing bears,' I tell him my own actual experience, and I am glad to say for the veracity of our sex that he is man enough usually to crawl and pay for the dinners."

**WALKED BESIDE DEATH.**

Felix Donnelly, one of the miners lost recently on the Mojave Desert, faced a horrible death that almost robbed him of his reason. For days he wandered over the burning desert without food or water.

On November 11 he left Randsburg, Cal., to guide William McLeod out to work on a Wilson Canyon mine, in the Angus Mountains. It was a journey of about seventy miles, and was made without mishap, in spite of the fact that their horse was in poor condition, and seemed likely to give out at any moment.

He left the mountains next day to return, expecting to spend the night at Sanderswell, but he got lost toward evening. All that night and the next day he drove about on the desert in search of the well. During the second night he at last came to the well, only to find it dry. There was not a drop

The horse was exhausted and fell to the ground, so Donnelly unhitched it, and putting some hay in front of it, started out on foot. He intended to go to El Paso Peak tunnel, where he knew there would be plenty of water.

He wandered for days, how many he was unable to tell beyond the first three, for after that he often fell into a stupor, from which he would get up and travel on. Every time he came in sight of a mountain he would think it El Paso Peak, and would exert himself to reach it, only to be disappointed. All this time he was suffering a most intense agony and realized that he was perishing from thirst. The cool nights refreshed him a little, but the hot days were horrible, and he expected each to be his last. He became almost wild with the terrible thought of the death he had to face.

At last his strength gave out and he fell down, unable to rise. The usual stupor did not come upon him for hours, and it seemed he would have to lie there and watch death come. But at length he became unconscious.

He was found lying there with his head under a bush by a Portuguese sheep herder, who took him, still unconscious, to Indian Wells. He was cared for there until he could be taken to his home at Randsburg.

**FOUGHT A FIVE-HOUR DUEL.**

A hot pistol and shotgun duel occurred near Senola, Ga., between J. W. Entrikin and Clinton Morgan. For some time there had been blood between the men and rumors were afoot to the effect that Morgan would kill Entrikin at the first opportunity. The latter is a ballist, and in anticipation of trouble went fully armed. A few days since a man went into Entrikin's office and placed some papers with him to be served instantly on Clinton Morgan. Realizing that a crisis had been reached in his feud with his neighbor, Entrikin concealed two weapons on his person, and took a friend along to act as witness, realizing full well that when, in addition to their original quarrel, Morgan learned his mission there would be trouble.

In about twenty minutes they had arrived within twenty yards of Morgan's house. At this juncture Morgan himself appeared, and before Entrikin had time to serve him with the papers he jerked his shotgun from behind the door and commenced to fire toward the approaching men. Both hastily sought shelter behind trees and a rapid fusillade ensued. Morgan had his pockets full of shells, and as fast as his charge was exhausted he would shove others into the chambers, thus keeping up a hot fire at any portion of the ballist's body that was exposed.

Entrikin answered with his revolver, until finally both men were badly wounded and could not leave their posts. Then came a blockade, for both were afraid to even hang out a white handkerchief lest it draw the fire of his enemy. Entrikin's friend was unarmed. For nearly five hours this ludicrous situation continued, until finally a friend of Morgan's came up, and placing the latter on horseback, covered his retreat. The ballist was taken back to town.—St. Louis Republic.

**BLEW CAPTAIN OVERBOARD.**

Captain Mark Clark, scoured in a dozen places with a Siberian cyclone, has just returned from a year-and-a-half trip filled with interesting experiences through Russia, Siberia and Mongolia.

Captain Clark has been erecting boats in foreign countries since 1880, and has had many thrilling experiences, but the ones he has just passed through capped the climax. During the twenty-two years he has set up three boats in Venezuela, one in Spanish Honduras and three on the Yukon, in Alaska.

"The cyclone which gave me these scars," said the Captain, "struck the boat July 14, just after I had finished her and taken her across the border of Siberia into Mongolia, on the Shingar River. It took ninety feet from the middle of the boat and lifted it over into a meadow, upside down and in a terrible tangle."

"I was in the pilot house and went with the rest of the debris. As luck would have it I landed on my feet and was able to keep on them partially for the three-eighths of a mile it blew me, over into a heavy wood. But I had to hold my hands about the back of my head to shield it from the hail, and they were terribly cut by the hailstones, until now they are simply a solid sear, as you can see."

**IN OPEN BOAT FOUGHT DEATH.**

Frostbitten and exhausted by a twenty-four hours' battle with a sea, storm, hunger and bitter cold, Captain R. H. Somerville and the crew of six men of the schooner Belle Wooster reached Gloucester, Mass. They were brought in by the schooner Patriot, which had picked them up at 2 o'clock a. m.

The Helen Wooster sank off Highland Light just after the crew abandoned her. In a southwest blizzard the schooner had lost every bit of canvas, except the foresail, and under the pounding of terrific seas, had sprung a leak, her cargo of granite having shifted. When it was seen that the craft could not be kept afloat, the crew left her in a small boat, and for hours, scantily clothed and without food, beaten by terrible seas and unable to lay a course in the blinding snow, the men fought for life.

At 2 o'clock a. m., when some of the men were with difficulty prevented, by comrades not as far gone, from lying down in the boat to die, a vessel's light was seen. Those in the open boat raised their voices in a united cry. The cry was heard on board the Patriot, which proved to be the Patriot, and the shipwrecked men were rescued.

The shoemaker says his life is awl work and no play.



**HUMOROUS CLEANINGS**

"IF."

If yesterdays were to-morrows  
How easy this life would be!  
Then we never need make  
The slight mistake  
That stifles in voice of glee.

And the past would be all unnoted  
And we'd smile in the face of fate;  
And we never need sigh  
As a day speed by,  
"I have learned—but, alas, too late!"  
—Washington Star.

**JUST AS GOOD.**

Jaggles—"How did that drug clerk come to jilt his old girl?"

Waggles—"The new one told him she was just as good, so he took her instead."—Puck.

**HIS OPINION.**

"But you don't think he's mercenary, Papa?"

"Why, yes, I do. I'm afraid he regards marriage as a get-rich-quick scheme!"—Puck.

**NATURAL DEDUCTION.**

"Does he claim to know much about women?"

"No; he says they are beyond his comprehension."

"Then he's married."—Chicago Post.

**DINNER TABLE GALLANTRY.**

The Hostess—"You are such an epicure, Mr. Stuffer, that I was almost afraid to ask you to dinner."

Stuffer—"But the pleasure of your company more than compensates me."—New York Times.

**THE PRICE OF WISDOM.**

Richard—"Life is too queer for me."

Robert—"What do you mean?"

Richard—"Why, by the time a man is far enough along to understand girls he is so old and prosy that they won't look at him."—Puck.



**ONE ON IKE.**

Ike—"Hello! Tim; the last time I saw you was in jail."

Tim—"Yes; I went there to see you."

—Detroit Free Press.

**WHERE IT HURT HIM.**

Miss Jenkins—"I hope your heart is not broken at my refusal, Mr. Hopkins."

Mr. Hopkins—"No, Miss Jenkins, worse than that; my aesthetic nature is deeply, irreparably wounded at your lack of taste."—Puck.

**KINDRED BLESSINGS.**

"Here is a letter from a lawyer," said his wife, "who says that your uncle has died and left you \$10,000."

"For these and other kindred blessings," murmured the domine, "let us be devoutly thankful."—New York Times.

**HOPE DEFERRED.**

"I know one improvement I think I'd have made in the human race if I'd directed evolution."

"What's that?"

"I'd have cut their wisdom teeth first instead of last."—Washington Times.

**THE VOICE OF EXPERIENCE.**

"Do you think that the stage exercises an elevating influence?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes. "I don't know of anything better than the classic drama for developing the noble virtues of patience and humility."—Washington Star.

**DREADFULLY DISCOURAGING.**

"I see that a lot of French scientists claim to have discovered how to abolish old age and insure an indefinite prolongation of life."

"Say, what a sad blow this will be to expectant nieces and nephews who are waiting for the bank accounts of rich uncles and aunts."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

**HE REMEMBERED.**

Towne—"Rather absent minded, isn't he?"

Brown—"Extremely so. Why the other night when he got home he knew there was something he wanted to do, but he couldn't remember what it was until he had sat up over an hour trying to think."

Towne—"And did he finally remember it?"

Brown—"Yes; he discovered that he wanted to go to bed early."—Philadelphia Press.

# THE CHILDREN ENJOY

Life out of doors and out of the games which they play and the enjoyment which they receive and the efforts which they make, comes the greater part of that healthful development which is so essential to their happiness when grown. When a laxative is needed the internal organs are given to them to cleanse and strengthen the internal organs on which it acts, should be such as physicians would sanction, because its component parts are known to be wholesome and the remedy itself free from any objectionable quality. The one remedy which physicians and parents, well-informed, approve and recommend and which the little ones enjoy, because of its pleasant flavor, its gentle action and its beneficial effects, is—Syrup of Figs—and for the same reason it is the only laxative which should be used by fathers and mothers.

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**Scotland bore the name of Caledonia, literally the hilly country of the Gaels, or Gaiels. The word Gael, or Gael, is a corruption of Gadhel, signifying in the native tongue "a hidden rover," while Scot, derived from the native Scute, means a wanderer.**

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