WILD TURKEY SEEMINGLY ENJOYED BEING SHOT AT.

The wild turkey, called by Choctaws and Cherokees in differing tongues the "wit of the woods," is supposed by old hunters to have intelligence above that of other birds. In general it has. Yet sometimes it nods like Homer, and sometimes it displays the indifferent recklessness of a cross between D'Artagnan and dear old Ouida's hero, Bertie Cecil.

C. S. Stribling lives near the lower part of the San Antonio river, a few miles above its debouchment into the Gulf of Mexico. Wild turkeys are plentiful in the region, and he kills a good many of them.

In winter it is never more than three miles from his house to a roost. When he wants turkey meat he saddles his pony before daylight, rides to within a quarter-mile of the roost, dismounts, walks stealthily to the burdened trees, waits till he can see a round, black form between him and the sky, knocks one over and goes home.

Mr. Stribling does not pretend to be a sportsman in the finer sense of the term; in fact, he raises cotton as a means of keeping in debt, but he likes turkey, especially when it is self-flavored with nuts and wild pepper.

The river runs by his home and is thirty yards wide. Directly across from his front yard grows a solitary cypress that is probably 150 feet high.

One forenoon, while sitting on his front gallery and enjoying a cob-pipe he had been blackening for five years, Stribling glanced toward the cypress and saw perched on its top a wild gobbler whose burnished feathers shone in the sun. It stood calmly with head erect enjoying the air and the placid river beneath.

Stribling laid the pipe down carefully, walked into his bedroom, picked up his rifle of .44 calibre, and went back to the gallery. He knew that he would be forced to go a half-mile downstream to the nearest ford, cross, come back upstream, go back downstream, and come back upstream in order to retrieve, but did not purpose to be insulted.

He shoots well. He leaned firmly against the end post of the gallery, got the tip of the front sight on the base of the bird's black beard which hung from the gobbler's breast, held it there for a moment, smiled as it occurred to him that the thing was too easy and pressed the trigger firmly and steadily.

There was the usual sharp crack, which sounded doubly loud in the stillness of morning, but the turkey was unmoved. It evinced no curiosity.

Stribling tried it again, a little more carefully and with less confidence; same result. He said: "I may be getting old and wrinkled in my face, but I'll bet the farm and all it costs me that I can make you move." Same result.

That was all the cartridges he had. He walked to the bank of the river and yelled at the bird. It looked down at him and sailed away.

When Bob Evans Was Near Death

Famous Captain Tells of His Narrow Escape from Fatal Accident.

Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, although he has seen plenty of sharp fighting and has been often under fire, once came nearer to losing his life on board his own ship and when not engaged with the enemy than during any battle in which he ever had part. He tells the story in "A Sailor's Log." A little before the destruction of Cervera's fleet he had gone below to his cabin with Commander Kimball of the torpedo fleet, who had brought dispatches. They were sitting at the cabin table studying the situation, when a startled voice exclaimed, "Look out, captain!"

I threw my head to one side, he writes, to see what I was to look out for, when there was a tremendous crash, and I was aware that I was hurt and more or less dazed. My first impression was that one of the Spanish gunboats had sneaked up on us and put a shell into my cabin. I had been thinking all the afternoon what a fine chance it would be for them that night. But when I was really conscious I saw that that was not the trouble.

My cabin was full of men, all staring at me, their eyes fairly sticking out of their heads. They thought I was killed, and I suppose they wanted to see the last of the "old man." I was soon aware that one of the doctors was feeling and twisting my right arm, and that my right shoulder was in pretty bad shape. Through it all I was sorry for Kimball, who, I thought, was surely killed, and I was greatly relieved when I heard his voice, which sounded a mile away.

The men were running in a steel hawser, and it had picked up the steel battle hatch, weighing something over 400 pounds, which was lying on deck, ready to be put on the cabin hatch when needed. The line had carried it along until it came directly over the hatch under which I was sitting, when it slipped off, came down edge first, and caught me on the shoulder instead of the head.

The man who called to me to look out held on to it in his effort to stop it, and came down with it.

My shoulder was badly mashed and dislocated, but the excellent medical men soon wiped the blood off, reduced the dislocation, bandaged my arm to my side, and turned me in.

If my head had been four inches further forward I should never have had the pleasure of writing this book.

PALESTINE WAKING UP.

Many Signs of Progress Which Are Due to German Enterprise.

According to United States Consular Agent Harris Palestine has shown unmistakable signs of progress during the past decade, much of which is to be attributed to German enterprise. "German colonists, merchants and horticulturists," says Mr. Harris, "are awakening that part of the Levant from a lethargy of a thousand years. Three years ago a German bank was established in Jerusalem, with a branch in Yafa, which exchanged $15,000,000 in 1901. The waters of the Dead Sea, where no rudder has been seen for centuries, are now being plied by German motor boats. A direct line of communication has thus been opened up between Jerusalem and Kerak, the ancient capital of the land of Moab, which still commands the caravan routes leading across the Arabian desert. There is no doubt that German enterprise will also exploit the phosphate fields situated on both sides of the Jordan, when transportation facilities shall have been sufficiently developed to insure success to the undertaking.

"For many years Germany has been looking to Asia Minor and other countries adjacent to Palestine as suitable territories in which to develop German markets. The Bagdad railroad, which will lead through Anatolia, intersecting the headwaters of the Tigris and Euphrates, to the shores of the Persian gulf, is an enterprise of vast importance, not only to Germany, as the promotor, and the Turkish empire, but to the world at large. It is the greatest commercial and civilizing factor that could be introduced into this region and will tap the rich territories which composed ancient Mesopotamia. Apart from new avenues of commerce, a land will be opened up to students and tourists which, owing to expense and unsafe methods of travel, has thus far been practically inaccessible.

"The commerce of Palestine to-day is not unimportant. The products of the country are wheat, barley, oranges, oil, wine, nuts, figs, apples, peaches, pears, pomegranates apricots citrons almonds, cucumbers, lettuce, onions, wild artichokes and asparagus, truffles, tobacco, sesame and silk, while potatoes and other European and American vegetables are being introduced by German and French colonists."

PAINTINGS SOLD BY MEASURE.

Disposed of London at from 30 Cents to $1.25 Per Inch.

Is the American spirit of commercialism invading even the English market for artistic wares? A poet's recent advertisement in the London Daily News, seeking a speculative publisher for a "translucent, attractive, and apothegmatic lyric," had already aroused some comment, and now they appear to be selling the paintings of the leading contemporary artists by the square inch. The announcement of a sale at Christie's says that a painting by the late T. S. Cooper, entitled "Sheep Shearing," and measuring 48 by 72 inches, was sold for 310 guineas, while another representing "Six Cows on the Bank of a River," and measuring 29 by 44 inches, painted in 1877, brought 300 guineas.

This is interesting. It seems to indicate that good painting is worth between thirty cents and $1.25 per square inch in London; while, estimated as live stock, the six cows in the latter picture appear to have been valued at fifty guineas each, despite their advanced age, which precludes the possibility of their being useful for other purposes than landscape ornaments—although this is perhaps minimizing the value of the riparian rights along the river. What a wealth of conjecture these facts suggest! Think of the prices that some of the enormous Munkacsy canvases would bring if sold on this basis, and of the possible value of Rosa Bonheur's "The Horse Fair"—with stallions at Tattersall prices! Let the artist remember to stretch his canvas wide enough, or, if he be an animal-painter, to put in a sufficient number of marketable beasts, and there will speedily be an end of the cry of the underpayment of artistic endeavor.—Harper's Weekly.

The Dear Girls Were Extravagant.

The little town of Lincoln, in Middlesex county, N. J., will soon be no more legally, and largely on account of women. On July 10 the entire town will be sold at auction by Frederick C. Wobert, who has been named by the court as receiver. The town was organized by a real estate syndicate, and was not incorporated. One of the prime movers suggested that women be elected to serve as members of council. Soon the fair sex were in control of the municipal government, and running things to suit themselves. And so it happened that they ran the town into debt and into the bankruptcy courts.

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Whatever the cause, the open social life of Omaha is concerned with appearances, not with verities; it is made up mostly of postures and show; it is continually calling attention to itself in a loud voice, after the manner of those who are rudely affected, the world over, says William R. Lighton in the July Atlantic. There is no thing that appears above the horizon of "culture" which the people of Omaha do not forthwith import, if it promises to be fashionable. With all its intense longing to appear cultured, the town succeeds only in being up-to-date. In fact, Omaha has no strong, collective social aims; it has no strong aggregate tendencies. Its life thus far has been nothing but a conglomerate of individual desires, and there has been no adequate means for bringing these desires to a focus. The city has no public art galleries, no museums—nothing of that sort; even in architecture no particular ideals have come to light. This condition is a part of the penalty which the town has had to pay for the lack of ideals in its foundation. It was begun for no better reason than that its founders saw here opportunities for getting rich, and that paucity of thought has persisted.

If you want to gain a woman's everlasting friendship, ask her advice, and follow it.

A bur hangs on longer than a strawberry.

Threw His Canes Away.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., April 7th. Mr. C. L. Smith of 309 Anne St., the Secy. of the Trades Council has written this startling statement for publication.

"I feel it my duty to make public the facts of my recent illness and recovery. I was very sick and sore, and had to walk with the aid of two canes. It was a very painful attack, but I don't know what it was. Some said it was Lumbago and others that it was Sciatica or Rheumatism.

"I was told to take Dodd's Kidney Pills, and began a treatment. After I had used one box I could walk with one cane, and after two boxes were used I could walk without any help. I kept on and three boxes cured me completely.

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SOME WONDERFUL CROPS IN WESTERN CANADA.

The Territorial Government Reports Show Results Beyond Belief.

Regina, Assiniboia, Canada, January 10th.—At the Agricultural Statistics Branch of the Department of Agriculture for the Territories, reports are now being received from grain threshers throughout the Territories, for statistical purposes. The reports are somewhat delayed this year, owing to the extensive crop and the delay in getting it threshed. The Department of Agriculture is leading the way in a new departure, with regard to the collection of crop statistics. In the older provinces, crop estimates are based entirely on the opinion of persons interested in the grain business who ought to be, and no doubt are, well posted upon the probable yields. Still the reports are simply a matter of opinion, in which a mistake may easily be made. The Territorial Department, however, has adopted the system of returns of crops actually threshed, upon which to base their reports. The accuracy of the reports cannot, therefore, be gainsaid, for they represent a compilation of actual threshing results. In this connection, it might be mentioned that the Department is organizing a system of growing crop returns, which will be in operation next summer. The information thus obtained, with estimated acreage, will be available for business men, banks, railway companies, and other interests which have to discount the future in making provision for the conduct of their business.

The crop reports already to hand show some remarkable cases of abnormal development. In the Regina district, many returns are given of crops of wheat running from 40 to 45 bushels to the acre.

J. A. Snell, of Yorkton, threshed 28,000 bushels of oats from 450 acres, an average of 63 bushels per acre for a large acreage.

W. R. Motherwell, of Abernethy, threshed 2,650 bushels of wheat from a 50-acre field, an average of 53 bushels per acre.

In the Edmonton district, T. T. Hutchings threshed 728 bushels of wheat from a ten-acre plot, an average of nearly 73 bushels per acre.

S. Norman threshed 6,950 bushels of oats from 60 acres of land, an average of 116 bushels per acre.

The publication of the actual yields or grain threshed will likely open the eyes of the people to the great capabilities of the Western Canadian prairies.

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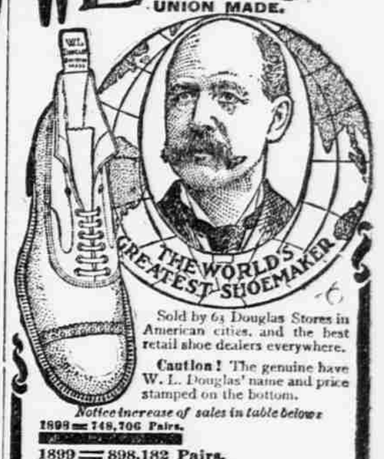

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