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WITH THE BLIND TIGER. A Prospector's Lively Experience With Mountaineers. To the south of Yellowville, Ark., is a large territory in the very heart of the "moonshine district." Here the "blind tiger" has his lair, and the "mountain dew express" makes regular and frequently recurring trips. To the east for a tier of counties seven deep there are no railroads, and towards the south not enough revenue officers know the country to interfere materially with the business of the distiller of illicit spirits.

A prospector recently related his experience as follows, to a St. Louis Globe-Democrat reporter: "I started up the canyon, occasionally stopping to hammer a likely looking piece of shale or to put in my pouch a specimen containing the mineral I was in search of. It was the most promising strip I had yet seen, and I spent some time locating it and in making a rough map of the surroundings to enable me to again find it in the event that developments proved as promised by the specimens. Meantime I was slowly working my way toward the head of the canyon, and was paying little attention to anything else. When near the head I noticed a well defined path running diagonally across, and as its direction seemed favorable to my course I turned into it without hesitation, not stopping to note the fact that broad, beaten paths are not commonly found in the roughest portion of a rocky gorge half way up a mountain side. I walked along the pathway, expecting every minute to turn a corner and find again the road which I had left several hours before.

"Suddenly a bend in the road brought me abruptly into view of a mountain hut, before which two women were busily engaged noting the swimming of something in a large kettle which stood at one corner of the cabin. I had time to note this much when the woman discovered me. One of them darted into the cabin while the other, with a shrill whistle, dodged into the brush. The shrill whistle had not ceased echoing when the crack of a rifle and the sing of a bullet warned me that I was in for something, I knew not what. Before I could turn, three mountaineers stepped into view, and, as each was armed with a long rifle, I threw up my hands and yelled, 'Don't shoot!'

"I was taken prisoner with somewhat more formality and flourishing of the suggestive-looking rifles than I thought was necessary. As my captors led me toward the cabin I saw at a glance what had befallen me. I had stumbled onto a moonshiner's home, and his illicit distillery was probably then in full blast in the rear of the cabin. Once inside, the three faced me and the oldest, in a threatening tone, inquired: "'Thought yu was purty slick, didn't yu?'

"I hastened to assure him that I had never entertained that idea and then I told him who I was, what was my business in that section and how I had happened to turn into the pathway leading to the cabin, with other verbose statements as to character. I deemed this necessary and politic, for the echo of that whistling bullet was still ringing in my ear. I did not relish the sour, ugly looks with which the three regarded me.

"Don't yu try tu fool us,' said one; 'yu air revenoo, that's what yu air.' "I was profoundly thankful at that moment that I was not armed. Barring a pocket-knife, a hammer and a stout club I had nothing that looked suspicious. I showed letters. I pointed to my hammer and argued how unlikely it was that the government would select me as an object of extermination for bold, bad moonshiners.

"My eloquence prevailed, and after a long consultation beyond earshot the bearded proprietor—the one who had tried to nip my career with a rifle ball—came forward, grasped me by the hand and roughly apologized. "'We allowed yu war revenoo,' he said, 'nd weuns war r'oddy fur yu.' "I assured him that the mistake was of no consequence, and that I was delighted to make his acquaintance, even in such an unconventional way. Then I started to leave again, apologizing for taking up his time. But they would not allow me to go. It was getting late, and I was told that no stranger could go through the district at night in safety. It was a risky thing in daylight and not to be thought of at night.

"Low yu'll hev tu bunk here," said the bearded moonshiner, 'nd Zeke'll take yu safe out to-morrow.' "The night was an uneventful one. I entertained my hosts with stories of the world beyond Bull Knob mountain, and they in turn told hunting stories. In the morning Zeke accompanied me across the mountain. I soon found how true was the remark of my late host, the moonshiner, when he said that I would need a guide. We were halted by natives several times, but in each instance a word from Zeke was a ready passport. Finally my guide halted and briefly said: "'Hay's the road to Yellville; keep in the middle of it.'"

Made an Impression. City Girl—Lord Nabobb must have made quite an impression in this section, didn't he? Country Girl—Yes, indeed. We took him to a picnic and he sat on a pie.—New York Weekly. Ammunition. Mrs. Ritter—What kind of ammunition do they use in these magazine guns? Mr. R.—Poetry, I guess. All mine has been fired.

FIRST STEAM WAR SHIP. Built in Canada, as Was Also the First Steam Troop Ship. It is generally known that the first steam driven vessel to cross the Atlantic was built in Canada. The information is not so general, however, that this same craft was subsequently converted into a cruiser, and was the first steamship engaged in actual war. The facts in the case are quoted from "Johnson's Alphabet of First Things in Canada." The ship was the Royal William. She was built at the Cove, Quebec, in the winter of 1830-31, and during the season of 1832-33 plied between Quebec and Halifax. In the latter season she was sent to London, and was there chartered by the Portuguese government to transport troops intended for the service of the late Dom Pedro to Brazil. Returning to London, she was sold to the Spanish government, by the latter converted into a cruiser, and employed against Don Carlos in the civil war of 1836, thus being the first steamer to fire a hostile shot. There is still another curious fact that may have been overlooked—that troops withdrawn from Canada, upon the close of the American war of 1812-15, for the purpose of joining the army intended to crush Napoleon after his return from Elba, were transported down the St. Lawrence by a Canadian steamer. This was probably the first occasion on which a steam vessel was used for purposes of military transport. Canada, therefore, not only furnished the world with the first steam vessel, but she almost certainly provided the first steam troop ship as well.

A NATIONAL AIR.

What the Country Wants to Hear Some One Compose. The necessity for a national air that has not been either borrowed or stolen was very clearly apparent during the naval rendezvous at Hampton Roads and the subsequent ceremonies in New York. In those places, if never before, the chilly conviction struck many a heart, and there was hourly emphasis of our poverty and musical dishonesty. When the band on one of the British ships played "God Save the Queen," a young lady visitor was delighted with what she thought was an international compliment, for she imagined the bandmen were playing "America." She was not alone in her error; hundreds of others then in that vicinity did not know that our greatest of patriotic hymns is sung to a stolen tune, and that tune the most royalistic of all airs.

There was similar misunderstanding as to other melodies. "They're playing 'Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean,'" said a soldier who from the wharf was listening to the Blake's band. His guess was wrong. They were playing "Britannia, the Gem of the Ocean," but he was only one of millions who are not aware of the fact that both words and music of that song were lifted bodily across the Atlantic, and that somewhere on the way the word "Columbia" was substituted for "Britannia." Perhaps "The Star Spangled Banner" came nearer to be generally recognized as our own than any of the other tunes, but foreign musicians did nothing inexcusable when they discussed among themselves the indisputable fact that the words only are American—that the air is an old English production.

A QUEER TUG.

A New Craft Which Can Go on Land or Water. A new Canadian invention for use in the lumber districts is coming into general use in Northern Ontario. It is called a steam warping tug. It propels itself on land as well as on water, and is used by lumbermen whose operations are carried on among small lakes connected by streams of uncertain navigation. Six of these unique crafts have been built by the inventors during the past season. They are built in scow shape, with steel-shod runners for moving overland; are thirty-seven feet long, ten feet beam, decked all over, and have sleeping room for four men in the bow; the bottom and up the bow is covered with steel boiler plate. An engine of twenty-two horse-power furnishes steam for ten hours' work, with three-quarters of a cord of dry wood.

In the water it moves six miles an hour, forward or backward, as required, propelled by side wheels. On land it is propelled by having a cable drum on which is coiled five-eighths of a mile of steel wire cable, which is fastened with pulleys to a tree or some object in front, the boat moving as the wire is coiled up. The boiler is hung on an axle in the center and a screw arranged on the front enables the fireman to tip it forward or back and keep it level going up or down hill. It will move over an elevation of one foot in three on land and draws about twenty-eight inches in the water.

Monogram Peaches. At a large dinner party given in London recently the peaches placed on the table bore the monogram of their owner traced distinctly in the velvety bloom. Letters were cut from paper and pasted on the peaches while growing. When the fruit was ripe, on removing this the letters were found picked out in most delicate green, the rest of the fruit being rosy and deep-hued.

Hot Water From the Slot Machines. A hot water fountain is now in operation in Paris. The water that feeds the fountain passes through a coil of copper tubing 300 feet long. By dropping a sou in a slot jets of gas are turned on and ignited. By this means the water is heated. For each sou one is entitled to eight liters. It is expected that this fountain will be a great assistance to the poor, and if successful others will be built.

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