

## MAINE BEARS ARE WISE SURE ENOUGH

Up in Passadumkeag, Maine, where black bears once owned the land and all upon it, and where to this day their fondness for mutton and honey is sadly realized, there sat upon the bench in front of the post office a bunch of villagers. They were just from the grocery, the wise man, the historian and the boss hunter of the village. They had settled some points when the talk drifted to the question of courage in a man and beast, and they had to sit down on the post office bench and have it out.

Uncle Penny, the wise man, said that beasts of the forest had no real courage—that they fought against desperate odds merely through ignorance. Sid Betts, the historian, pondered deeply to rake up some instance that would contradict this theory, but before he could recall or invent anything, Peletiah Jones, the boss hunter, declared that, while no bigger fool than the bull moose ever stalked the earth, bears had, on the average, more brains than men. And he proceeded to prove it.

"Now," said Jones, "you don't never hear of a bucking injines on the railroad, do ye? Sartilly not. Moose does, an' allers gits th' wust of it. Nat'rally, injines is iron, an' can make hash outen any critter that walks. Moose ain't got brains enuff to know it; b'ars has."

"S'pose all you fellers recollect that mess of old junk that I helped haul up to the station here last summer? Well, that was what was left of one of them automobiles after a good, bright b'ar had a whack at it. Happened down here couple of miles below Passadumkeag. 'Twas an old she b'ar that had two cubs, and one day when the family of them was a crossin' the road to get into a better berry patch, what should come whizzin' along but some sports in a big steam waggin an' run over one of the eubs an' laid it out cold."

"The old b'ar an' 'other cub got across all right an' stood at the edge of the road a-lookin' kinder dazed. I was close enuff to drop the two of them, but I'd no gun with me, so I just sat there an' watched."

"Pretty soon the old b'ar come out an' sniffed at the carcass of the dead cub, rollin' it over with her paw and grunting around as though she expected to wake it up. Seeing that the cub laid there stiff an' still, the old one hustled off into the bushes with 'other cub taggin' on behind. I s'posed that was the last of it, but that's where I had something new to jara 'bout b'ars."

"Just a few rods up from where the old b'ar went into the bushes, an' standin' close to the road, was a big spruce, with an old stub (dead trunk), lodged ag'in it. That stub was two feet through, if it was an inch, an' it was just barely caught on the spruce, so's the least jolt would bring it down. Well, sir, you can believe me or not, but it's gospel truth—that old b'ar she floundered up to that stub an' puttin' her shoulder ag'in it, brought it down, slam bang, right across the road."

"Well, sir, I never see the like, an' for some time I sot there, wonderin' what the old b'ar was up to. Then, graderly, it began to leak through me that she was after revenge on the sports that killed her cub. She was a-blockin' of the road ag'in the time they'd come back."

"Well, I says to myself, says I, 'There's no tellin' when the fellers'll come back; it may be a week. An' so havin' other fish to fry, and it bein' none of my mess, anyway, I kept on. I was gone a couple of hours, an' when I come back along, cuss me if that old b'ar an' her cub wasn't a-settin' there in the edge of the bushes as though they expected company. When I went past they never budged an' havin' no gun, I come right along an' left them to tend to their own business."

"I hadn't got more'n ten rods further 'long toward the village when I heard the great tootin' an', lookin' ahead I see the steam waggin a-streakin' it down the road. 'Now,' says I to myself, 'now, that dere maseben must a-cost a thousand dollars, an' with all respect to the b'ar's feelings, 'twould be a cussed shame to see it go to smash ag'in an old stub not worth ten cents,' so I hollered for the sports to hold up, but I guess they didn't hear me, for they flew past in a cloud of dust."

"Here," says I, "is where the old b'ar gets square, an' I hustled back after them down the road. It's a thick growth along there, an' hard to see anythin' 'cept in broad daylight, so 'fore the sports knew it they were right onto that big stub. I was just near enuff to see what happened without gettin' hit with any of the wreck. First I heard a yell, then a bump, an' then come a smashin' an' crashin' like breakin' a jam on the West Branch. That maseben jest riz up like a batteau on a rock, an' in a minute the air was full of it. The two sports, they shot out ahead an' landed face down in the road. One wheel sailed off into the brush, an' one of them rubbered hoops they have on the rim hopped up an' hung on the branch. It was the completest wreck I ever see of anythin', an' you could smell benzine a mile away."

"Just as I come up I could hear a crashin' away off in the berry patch. It was the old b'ar an' her cub, goin' off satisfied, I s'pose, at havin' done a good job an' got square. This fall, concluded the boss hunter, "I am agoin' after that b'ar. If I get her I'll know her, for she'll smell of benzine."

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Then he started to walk home and was on the mountain when the cries of a wildcat alarmed him. A few minutes later he saw the beast ten feet in front of him. The animal finally sprang. He jumped aside and as the body of the cat struck the road, he leaped upon it. For several minutes the fight between the wild animal and the man went on. At length by a quick swing he broke the animal's back.

A physician dressed the several deep scratches on his face and hands, but otherwise he was uninjured.

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**Squirrels as Waiters.**  
It has taken Fisk Goodyear of Burchtown, Pa., two years to train his pet squirrels, but his efforts are now repaid, and on Thanksgiving he treated his friends to a surprise.

Gathering half a hundred or more gray squirrels, Mr. Goodyear taught them to go into the woods and pick up nuts, carrying them to his home. On Thanksgiving night at a dinner his guests noticed a small board running from a window to a nut bowl. The host gave one knock on the table with his knife. A squirrel hopped down the plank and dropped a chestnut into the bowl. Two raps brought a squirrel with a walnut, three knocks a shellbark.

Finally, a grave old squirrel took his place and cracked the nuts, winding up the performance by brushing off the crumbs with his thick bushy tail.

**The Sunny South.**  
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**Actress a Loyal Kentuckian.**  
Mary Anderson De Navarro, who recently issued her memoirs, has sent a copy of the book to the Commercial club of Louisville, Ky., with the following note: "For the Commercial club of Louisville, with the best wishes of Mary Anderson De Navarro, a loyal lover of Kentucky."

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## ATTRACTIONS OF WESTERN CANADA.

Magnificent Crop Returns for the Year 1906.

The manner in which the Canadian West has attracted settlers in recent years has caused many of our journals and public men to "sit up and take notice," to use a current phrase. From every European country and from almost every State in the Union large number of settlers have flocked to the prairie provinces of Canada, where free homesteads and wide opportunities are open to all who desire to avail themselves of them.

The greatest factor in attracting settlers lies in the inherent richness of soil and suitability of climate for producing what is universally considered to be the finest wheat in the world—the "No. 1 Hard" of Canadian growth—and other cereals that rank in the very first class. This year the harvest returns were: Wheat, 90,000,000 bushels; oats, 75,000,000 bushels; barley, 17,000,000 bushels; and when it is considered that the entire population of the three provinces—as evidenced by the quinquennial census just completed—is only 210,000, it is easily seen that the lure of the Canadian West is in its agricultural potentialities.

Another feature which attracts the settler is that railway construction is proceeding with such rapidity that almost every district is within easy reach of outside markets, and that good prices for all lines of farm products rule practically from the commencement of agricultural operations. This is a factor which did not prevail here the earlier settlements in the West were made in Canada and in the United States, and has given a great impetus to Canadian Western settlement in recent years.

The free grant system of homesteads which prevails in the prairie provinces, by which every settler who is able and willing to comply with the conditions of actual settlement (by no means onerous) is given 160 acres free, except \$10 for entry, is a great drawing card, and in the last fiscal year gathered in over 189,000 additional to the western population, of which 57,796 were from the United States.

The further fact, as is strongly brought about by the agent of the Canadian Government, whose address appears elsewhere, that a splendid common school system, practically free, prevails throughout the entire country, and is easy of access in even the most remote districts, is another great inducement to the settler who has the future welfare of his family in mind, and this, coupled with the fact that western Canadian law and order are proverbial, completes a circle of good and sufficient reasons why the tide of immigration has set in so steadily toward the country to the north of our boundary line.

**The Highest Bridge.**  
Work is now in progress on a suspension bridge over the famous "Royal gorge" of the Arkansas river, in Colorado, at a point where the channel is only 50 feet wide at the bottom and 230 feet wide at the top. This bridge will span the river 267 feet above the surface of the water, and will be, therefore, by far the highest bridge in the world. The material will be of flat steel and steel cables, the curved girders finding secure attachment in the solid sides of the canyon. The floor of the bridge will be of plate glass one and one-half inches thick, to afford visitors the pleasure of looking down the chasm. On each side will be strong, high steel railings. The bridge is part of an electric railway scheme.

**The Evils of Constipation.**  
are many; in fact almost every serious illness has its origin in constipation, and some medicines, instead of preventing constipation, add to it. This is true of most cathartics, which, when first used, gave a beneficial effect, but the dose has to be continually increased, and before long the remedy ceases to have the slightest effect. There is one preparation, however, that can be relied upon to produce the same results with the same dose, even after fifty years' daily use, and this is Brandreth's Pills, which has a record of over 100 years as the standard remedy for constipation and all troubles arising from an impure state of the blood.

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