

OLD MAN MAKES DOUBLE PLAY

Undesirable Looking Customer Pays Out Profitably.

DRAINED OF COIN, THEN FIRED

Bill Hoover and His Peculiarities Get Old Man Greenhut to Grieving, but He Proves Winner in the End.

"There ain't no tellin' 'em the way a man starts in," said old man Greenhut after he finished a tussle with an undesirable customer by throwing him with a mighty heave far out into the soft mud of the street in front of the cosy little saloon in Arkansas City.

"That there gas what's just pickin' himself out the mud an' shakin' his fist this way like he had some grudge agin the place been like a desirable citizen. Nigh's I c'n remember he must ha' had fr eight or nine rounds of drinks. He's a pleasant like."

"He's that way with a good many. They don't 'pear to have no mem'ry what-when they drink. He's been showin' to 'em, but they get madder 'n hornets when they're called down. Couldn't nobody be pleasanter 'n I was long's he paid his shot, but he's done forgot all about that."

"Oh, I don't know," said Mr. Owen Pepper, who had, like the others in the saloon, looked on with interest during the controversy between old man Greenhut and the stranger, but who had not presumed to interfere, as he had no "dog."

"I don't know," said Mr. Pepper, "but morn' likely he does, bein' 'a he keeps bank up to Memphis. He's a spot, all right."

"Well, thank the Lord, you do know somepin," said old man Greenhut with a sigh of relief. "I reckon I must ha' been some hasty with this here Mr. Hoover an' it's up to some on us for to get things straightened out af' he gets away with a wrong impression 'o Arkansas City."

"Most everybody is mo' or less that way," returned the old man. "I reckon 'twon't do no harm for to try what you use c'n do. 'B mebbe you'd rather set and chaw tobacco 'n see Mr. Hoover carry his floatin' capital back to Memphis."

"That's nothin' to you, I reckon, whether there's any money took in or not."

"Really interested. After their departure the arrival of another customer kept old man Greenhut busy behind the bar for a little while, but it was noticeable that he was preoccupied and had much less to say than usual. After the newcomer had quenched his thirst and departed the old man turned again to Mr. Pepper.

THE BLACK BEARS OF MAINE

Queer Animals of Northern Woods Exhibit Human Characteristics.

CUNNING IN EVADING TRAPS

Brain Proves Good Boxer, but is Not a Fighter—Has Wide Range of Appetite and is an Expert Fisherman.

BANGOR, Me., Nov. 26.—Occasionally while tramping the Maine woods in search of deer or moose the hunter comes upon another animal the sight of which makes his heart beat faster than did ever the sight of antlered game and causes him to bring his rifle into operation. More often it is the farmer living in an isolated region who comes upon this brute, the Maine black bear, as the big fellow makes off with one of his lambs.

Black bears are found in Maine in every county in the state with the exception of the most southerly counties west of Penobscot bay, but are of course most numerous where the deer and moose are also found in greater numbers. In northern Hancock, Washington, Penobscot, Franklin and Somerset counties and the vast region embraced by Piscataquis and Arcootook counties, most of which is covered with a heavy growth of timber. Years ago black bears were common in the regions named, but the advance of civilization has made far greater inroads upon their numbers than on the deer and moose. The animals were hunted for their fur and for the law was placed upon them by the state legislature.

Hunters Thin the Brains. The bears had no friend. They were killed at any and every time of year, for even in the summer months when their fur was of little value, they were made hunting them worth while. This indiscriminate hunting of course speedily thinned out the ranks of the brute.

The Maine black bear is a queer animal. In his makeup there seems to be a combination of the characteristics of the human, the cat, the dog, the raccoon, the squirrel and several other animals. Though his natural method of locomotion is on all fours, he can walk upright almost as easily and steadily as a man, and there is something laughably human in the way one of these big brutes will sit up on his haunches and reach a fat forepaw around to scratch his ribs. At many times the bear displays almost human intelligence in the manner in which he evades traps and deftly sets for his destruction.

Black Bear Resembles Hog. In general appearance the black bear resembles the hog more than any other animal. The bear has a round skull, sharp snout, short pointed ears and bright beady eyes like that of a hog. While the bear will eat anything a hog will eat, the bear roots among the leaves in quest of nuts, enters orchards to eat the apples which have fallen on the ground and if they are not there shakes the tree until the fruit comes tumbling about his ears, wherein he has the advantage of a hog and resembles the human again.

More than one black bear has come to an untimely end because of his propensity for entering corn fields and eating the sweet corn from the stalks a favorite occupation of the raccoon. Like the raccoon too, the black bear is an expert fisherman. He will lie at full length on a log over some quiet pool and drop a bit of wood or offal on the water. He watches the bait with his small eyes until some unsuspecting trout or chub comes to investigate, then a quick sweep of one of those mighty paws lands the fish flopping on the bank and Bruin makes a dainty meal of it.

When the cold fogs of fall arrive the black bear begins to think of his home during the winter months. He looks about until he finds the place that suits him. It may be in a hollow log and if the hollow is large enough he will make a family of cubs Bruin has no scruples about turning them out.

It may be that the bear finds a blow-down where the passing years have deposited limbs and leaves until there is a covering impervious to snow and rain, and he crawls underneath and burrows into the sear to sleep for the winter. If he can find a cave or a deep crevice in the rocks Bruin is well satisfied and he will sleep as comfortably until warm weather comes. The bear has no ladder to resort to during the winter and he wants none, for he sleeps soundly while his waste tissues are replaced and he gains in vigor, which cover his ribs as a result of summer's foraging on the fat of the land.

HEROES OMITTED FROM ROLL

Men Who Were Forgotten in the Distribution of Carnegie Medals.

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