

HUNTING THE ANTELOPE BY THEODORE ROOSEVELT



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DURING the morning I came in sight of several small bands or pairs of antelope. Most of them saw me as soon as or before I saw them, and after watching me with intense curiosity as long as I was in sight and at a distance, made off at once as soon as I went into a hollow or appeared to be approaching too near.

Twice, in scanning the country narrowly with the glasses, from behind a sheltering divide, bands of pronghorn were seen that had not been discovered. In each case the horse was at once left to graze, while I started off after the game, nearly a mile distant. For the first half mile I could walk upright or go along half stooping; then, as the distance grew closer, I had to crawl on all fours and keep behind any little broken bank, or take advantage of a small, dry watercourse; and toward the end work my way flat on my face, wriggling like a serpent, using every stunted sagebrush or patch of cactus as a cover, bareheaded under the blazing sun. In each case, after nearly an hour's irksome, thirsty work, the stalk failed. One band simply ran off without a second warning, skinned at some awkward movement on my part, and without giving a chance for a shot. In the other instance, while still at very long and uncertain range, I heard the sharp barking alarm-note of one of the pronghorn; the whole band instantly raising their heads and staring intently at their would-be destroyer. They were a very long way off; but, seeing it was hopeless to try to get nearer I rested my rifle over a little mound of earth and fired. The dust came up in a puff to one side of the nearest antelope; the whole band took a few jumps and turned again; the second shot struck at their feet, and they went off like so many race-horses, being missed again as they ran. I sat up by a sage-brush thinking they would of course not come back, when to my surprise I saw them wheel round with the precision of a cavalry squadron, all in line and fronting me, the white and brown markings on their heads and throats showing like the facings on soldiers' uniforms; and then back they came charging up till again within long range, when they wheeled their line as if on a pivot and once more made off, this time for good, not heeding an ineffectual fusillade from the Winchester.

Antelope often go through a series of regular evolutions, like so many trained horsemen, wheeling, turning, halting, and running as if under command; and their coming back to again

run the (as it proved very harmless gambit of my fire was due either to curiosity or to one of those queer freaks which occasionally seize those ordinarily wary animals, and cause them to run into danger easily avoided by creatures commonly much more readily approached than they are. I had fired half a dozen shots without effect; but while no one ever gets over his feeling of self indignation at missing an easy shot at close quarters, any one who hunts antelope and is not of a disposition so timid as never to take chances, soon learns that he has to expect to expend a good deal of powder and lead before bagging his game.

By mid-day we reached a dry creek and followed up its course for a mile or so, till a small spot of green in the side of a bank showed the presence of water; a little pool of which lay underneath. The ground was so rotten that it was with difficulty I could get Manitou down where he could drink; but at last both of us satisfied our thirst, and he was turned loose to graze, with his saddle off, so as to cool his back, and I, after catching a biscuit, lay on my face on the ground—there was no shade of any sort near—and dozed until a couple of hours' rest and feed had put the horse in good trim for the afternoon ride. When it came to crossing over the dry creek on whose bank we had rested, we almost went down in a quicksand, and it was only by frantic struggles and floundering that we managed to get over.

On account of these quicksands and mud-holes, crossing the creeks on the prairie is often very disagreeable work. Even when apparently perfectly dry the bottom may have merely a thin crust of hard mud and underneath a

fathomless bed of sluff. If the grass appears wet and with here and there a few tussocks of taller blades in it, it is well to avoid it. Often a man may have to go along a creek nearly a mile before he can find a safe crossing, or else run the risk of seeing his horse mired hind and fast. When a horse is once in a mud-hole it will perhaps so exhaust itself by its first desperate and fruitless struggle that it is almost impossible to get it out. Its bridle and saddle have to be taken off; if another horse is along the trail it is drawn from the pommel of the latter's saddle to the neck of the one that is in, and it is hauled out by main force. Otherwise a man may have to work half a day, fixing the horse's legs in the tight position and then taking it by the forelock and endeavoring to get it to make a plunge; each plunge bringing it perhaps a few inches nearer the firm ground. Quicksands are even more dangerous than these mud-holes, as, if at all deep, a creature that can not get out immediately is sure to be speedily engulfed. Many parts of the Little Missouri are impassable on account of these quicksands. Always in crossing unknown ground that looks dangerous it is best to feel your way very cautiously along and, if possible, to find out some cattle-trail or even game trail which can be followed.

For some time after leaving the creek nothing was seen; until, on coming over the crest of the next great divide, I came in sight of a band of six or eight pronghorn about a quarter of a mile off to my right hand. There was a slight breeze from the southeast, which blew diagonally across my path towards the antelope. The latter, after staring at me a minute, as I rode slowly on, suddenly started at full speed to run directly up wind, and therefore in a direction that would cut the line of my course less than half a mile ahead of where I was. Knowing that when antelope begin running in a straight line they are very hard to turn, and feeling that they would have to run a longer distance than my horse would to intercept them, I clapped spurs into Manitou, and the game old fellow, a very fleet runner, stretched himself down to the ground and seemed to go almost as fast as the quarry. As I had expected, the latter, when they saw me running, merely straightened themselves out and went on, possibly even faster than before, without changing the line of their flight, keeping right up wind. Both horse and antelope fairly flew over the ground, their courses being at an angle that would certainly bring them together. Two of the antelope led, by some fifty yards or so, the others, who were all bunched together. Nearer and nearer we came, Manitou, in spite of carrying myself and the pack behind the saddle, gamely holding his own, while the antelope, with outstretched necks, went at an even, regular gallop that offered a strong contrast to the springing bounds with which a deer runs. At last the two leading animals crossed the line of my flight ahead of me; when I pulled short up, leaped from Manitou's back, and blazed into the band as they went by not forty yards off, aiming well ahead of a line buck who was on the side nearest me.

An antelope's gait is so even that it offers a good running mark; and as the smoke blew off I saw the buck roll over like a rabbit, with both shoulders broken. I then emptied the Winchester at the rest of the band, breaking one hind leg of a young buck. Hastily cutting the throat off, and opening the dead buck, I again mounted and started off after the wounded one. But, though only on three legs, it went as touchingly fast, having had a good start; and after following it over a mile I gave up the pursuit, though I had gained a good deal; for the heat was very great, and I did not deem it well to tire the horse at the beginning of the trip. Returning to the carcass, I cut off the hams and strung them beside the saddle; an antelope is so sparse that there is very little more meat on the body.

This trick of running in a straight line is another of the antelope's peculiar characteristics which frequently lead it into danger. Although with so much sharper eyes than a deer, antelope are in many ways far stupider animals, more like sheep, and their especially remarkable feature is their habit of following a leader, and in their foolish obstinacy in keeping to a course they have once adopted. If a horseman starts to head off a deer the latter will always turn long before he has come within range, but quite often an antelope will merely follow his speed and try to pass ahead of his foe. Almost always, however, one if alone will keep out of gunshot, owing to the speed at which he goes, but if there are several in a band which is well strung out, the leader only cares for his own safety and passes well ahead himself. The others follow like sheep, without turning in the least from the line the first followed, and thus may pass within close range. If the leader bounds into the

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It is impossible to make an intelligent list of our leather goods bargains, but we have dozens of them all over the store marked in big red figures and you can see the saving for yourself.

25c Hand Scrubs 15c
These nail brushes are the regular, 25c values and it will pay you to get a year's supply at these prices.

10c Washing Ammonia 6c
We have all kinds of household drugs at bargain prices.

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Every comb in the store will be sold at a discount this month.
85c French Celluloid Combs 65c
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The regular 10c glass-stopped bottles, while they last for 5c.

\$1.00 Ebony Nail Buffers 59c
75c " " " 44c
50c " " " 39c

25c Hair Brushes 17c
We give a discount of not less than 15 per cent on every brush in the store. Many are marked down one-third.

10c Shoe Dressing 07
20c " " " 12c

25c and 50c Toilet Creams 13c
These include several well-known old brands of toilet cream that always have sold for 25c at least.

\$1.00 Herpicide 75c
We also have the 50c size at cut price.

10c Sapolio or Bon Am 07c
Also many of the popular 10c soaps are included in this sale.

25c Porous Plasters 4 for 25c
Don't go around with a weak back or a cough on your lungs, when you can get a plaster for 6c.

\$1.25 Doz. Wanda Toilet Paper 85c
Our entire stock of toilet paper is included in this sale and some of them at less than cost.

35c Cottonette 25c
Here is a cotton equally as good as the regular medicated cotton excepting that it is made of shorter fiber. We can't buy any more to sell at this price, but you are welcome to what we have at 25c per

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County Court

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lected by Justice of the Peace and wrongfully paid into County Treasury; ordered that warrants be drawn in accordance with prayer of the petition of said claimants.

In the matter of application of the Oregon Iron & Steel Company and residents of Oswego for improvement of water facilities in said town of Oswego; ordered that said Oregon Iron & Steel Company be granted right to lay pipes upon certain streets in Oswego, and such manner as not to interfere with travel, the county reserving the right to cause same to be removed at any time.

The Departing Year
(Contributed.)

"Tis almost midnight; solemn hour,
When silence reigns o'er all the earth.
Soon will be heard the bell's deep tone
As it strikes the knell of the departing year.

But behold, on yon cloud, as if loath to go,
There lingers autumn, all seared and yellow
In its beauty paint, hoping that it might stay yet awhile
Before bidding winter, with its hoary locks, to take its place.

But remorseless Time, spirit of the age,
Pitiless in its swift descent,
Presses on and on with no power to stay
Its onward course, with scythe to slay.

Good-bye, old year; with sorrow go.
We would not stop thee. Go! Go! Go!
Your blessings as you from us part,
On long farewell. Good-bye. Adieu.

We soon must bid one last adieu.
Alas, I hear the whistles blow.
The bells are tolling, oh, so low.
How strange it seems, with so much gone,
For love and life to still live on.
The clock strikes twelve, the wind is chill.

The year is passing; be real still.
We bow our heads in reverence low
And kiss a prayer, and watch it go.
On long farewell. Good-bye. Adieu.

Old nineteen-eight we've done with you.
We usher in with all good cheer
Dear nineteen nine, the present year.
—Mary Armstrong Bazan.

Some Tried Recipes
Hickory Loaf—Three cups of stale bread crumbs, one cup of broken nut meat, one egg slightly beaten, thin cream to moisten—about one cup. Season with salt, sweet herbs and paprika and form into a loaf. Cover with strips of bacon and brown in a hot oven.

Turkish Macaroni—Break one pound of macaroni into inch pieces and boil until tender. Drain and rinse; add one pint of strained tomatoes, thicken with two tablespoons each of flour and butter, salt and pepper to taste and then add one-half cup of blanched almonds cut in strips. Simmer together for fifteen minutes, then turn into a dish, sprinkle thickly with grated cheese and serve.

Fruit Filling—Make any good layer cake and fill with this filling: One cupful of seeded raisins, a half pound of blanched almonds, one of figs and one of citron, all chopped fine. Mix with enough frosting to spread and place between the layers.

Baked Heart—Buy small hearts—lamb's or calves'—wash thoroughly in cold water, changing it frequently. Cut the muscles inside the heart, leaving a cavity. Fill this with a dressing made of bread crumbs, chopped onions, salt and pepper, moisten with a little milk or melted butter. Fasten the heart together with skewers or tie with cord. Place in a baking pan with a cup of boiling water. Bake for one hour in a moderate oven, basting frequently, adding water when needed. Send to the table with brown gravy and slice for serving.

The Gentle Georgia Mule
From the Atlanta Constitution.
The editor of the Wadley Star has a kind word for the Georgia mule: "A Georgia mule is reported to have kicked a railroad train off the track and escaped unharmed. It's a shame the way they get up jokes on the Georgia mule. He's no worse than any other kind of a mule. Any of them can kick molasses out of a ginger cake, and all of them will be gentle and kind to you for 20 years just to get to kick your brains out once."

Things Said in Passing
Did you do it? Swear off.
Who said it wouldn't rain Christmas?

We are sorry, girls, but it's your own fault. We kept reminding you that it was leap year.

It never rains in Oregon. No never; that is hardly ever.

Now let the old turkey get busy and hatch out some more turkeys for next Christmas.

Have you observed the smiles on the faces of the kids? [No school for a whole week.]

No, President Roosevelt has not been engaged to write his African hunting experience for the Record. We don't care to be accused of nature faking.

"Only one more question, dad," said Johnny, then I'll go to bed."

Dad: "Don't bother me, can't you see that I'm reading?"

Johnny: "If the world was destroyed while a man was up in an airship, where would he land when he came down?"

Dad: "Go ask your mother."

Oh, well, if you've forgotten it you can swear off tomorrow.

Glacial footprints have been found in the blue clay, under the city of Toronto, Canada. Geologists tell us that they were made there from fifty thousand to one hundred years ago. Strict biblical constructionists have been telling us that the world is only six thousand years old, but that information was implanted in the geocentric, unscientific era when it was supposed that the sun and the stars revolved around the world for special mundane illumination.

Notice
Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the First State Bank of Milwaukee on Saturday Jan. 9th at 8 p. m. at the City Hall, for the purpose of the election of a board of directors.
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11. 100 Day Broccoli
12. 100 Day Cauliflower
13. 100 Day Brussels Sprouts
14. 100 Day Asparagus
15. 100 Day Artichoke
16. 100 Day Endive
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