



A TOUGH CUSTOMER.

The Brown Bear of Alaska Is a Courageous Fighter.

An Instance of the Fearlessness of the Animal—A Few Words of Advice from a Hunter Who Is Familiar with Its Habits.

A sportsman writing to the San Francisco Chronicle advises others who may complain that the California grizzly is growing scarce and losing his nerve that there is a foeman worthy of his hand in the brown bear of Alaska. He thus describes the brute and his habitat: The northern side of the Kenai peninsula, bordering the shores of Cook's inlet, Kodiak island and the Alaskan peninsula as far west as Unimak island, are the habitat of the Alaskan brown bear (ursus richardsoni), a huge, shaggy animal, varying in length from six to twelve feet, and weighing from eight hundred to fifteen hundred pounds. This animal possesses all the courage and fierceness of his southern cousin, the grizzly, and has been hunted so little as yet that he is absolutely fearless of man and is an exceedingly dangerous adversary. The island of Kodiak, being more settled than the other localities mentioned, is less favorable as a hunting ground for the sportsman than the wider regions adjacent. This is especially true of the eastern and wooded end of the island. On the west the country is more open, and on that account seems to be preferred by the bear. There is still good sport to be had in certain localities hereabout, and native guides can always be obtained at the villages situated on the shores of the bays or on the banks of the salmon streams in this vicinity.

Being an expert fisher the bear frequents during the salmon season all the rivers emptying into the Behring sea and the North Pacific and their tributaries as far as the fish go. After the salmon run is over the animal retreats into the recesses of the hills where berries and small game are plentiful.

The brown bear is the great road maker of this part of Alaska. Not only are the banks of the streams trodden into good trails by the lumbering brutes, but the swampy plains are crossed in every direction by paths leading to the hills. The traveler will do well to follow them in his journeying across the country, as they invariably lead to the best foraging places of streams and form the easiest routes to the hills.

The northern limit of the brown bear's habitat is, as yet, undetermined, but I have seen them in the interior as far as latitude 67 degrees, and they probably range still further.

The mainland of Alaska adjacent to the island of Unga is full of brown bears, and although somewhat smaller than those found on the west side of Cook's inlet, they are sufficiently fierce and aggressive. Some officers from one of the vessels of the Behring sea fleet went ashore at Herndon bay during the summer of 1890 on a deer hunt, and one of the party saw a bear about one hundred yards distant eating berries. Without a thought of the consequences he raised his gun and fired at the animal. The shot went wide of the mark, but at the report of the gun the bear started for the hunter on the dead run. His charge was met by a shower of bullets from the officer's repeater, but although badly wounded, the infuriated brute did not hesitate an instant, but rushed straight at his enemy. When within about ten feet of the hunter the bear rose on his haunches and prepared to close. Blood was pouring in streams down his body. One bullet had shattered his upper jaw, but he was still so full of fight that the outcome of the struggle would have been extremely doubtful had not another of the party arrived and ended the fight by shooting the brute through the brain. An examination of the bear's body showed that he had been struck six times. Three of the shots were in parts of the body ordinarily considered vital, and would doubtless have ultimately caused death; but the vitality of these animals is almost incredible, instances having been cited of their running over a hundred yards after being shot through the heart.

One of the best places in Alaska to find the brown bear is in the vicinity of Portage bay, ten or twelve miles across Unga strait from Sand point. At the latter place a hotel has recently been erected where visiting sportsmen can be assured of comfortable quarters. The ptarmigan shooting is excellent on these islands, and deer is plentiful, if that kind of sport is more desirable. The bear hunter, however, will not have any cause for complaint on account of scarcity of his particular variety of game. Last summer, while I was at Sand point, two hunters came in after an absence of little over a month in the vicinity of Portage bay and reported having killed thirty-three bears. On one day alone they killed seven. In order to show that they were not spinning hunters' yarns they had brought the skins with them and sold them at the trading post at Sand point. In dealing with the Alaskan bear a hunter should never go alone. A companion is almost as essential as a gun.

Travel on the Red Sea.
In the waters of the Red sea the cessation of the engines on a steamer for an hour means extreme physical suffering for passengers, for a day it would involve absolute torture. The wind which prevails every day is a hot, asphyxiating blast, and its continuous directions are from north and south toward the center. As a result, every passing vessel is subjected to two days of almost intolerable heat, followed by two days of comparative comfort.

The debt habit is the twin brother of poverty.—T. T. Munger.
LEARNING is the dictionary, but sense the grammar of science.—Sterne.

A DOG'S KNOWLEDGE OF TIME.

Instances Which Show a Remarkable Canine Intelligence.

How do dogs know the time of day? some one asks the writer, and proceeds to relate some stories to prove that they do know it. One of these stories, says the Boston Transcript, is about a collic who starts every afternoon to meet his master, who always comes on the 5:30 train. Trains are continually coming and going, and whistling and ringing, but Pete pays no attention to any but this one. As soon as his whistle is heard he begins to bark joyfully, and never makes a mistake. Another dog became so much accustomed to waiting to the schoolhouse every morning with his little master that, when the boy was absent for several weeks, the dog still went on going to school, arriving punctually at nine o'clock every morning. Moreover, he never went on Saturday or Sunday.

With regard to the first case, it might be replied, perhaps, by a skeptical person, that the dog was more likely to be able to distinguish the special whistle of the locomotive which drew the half-past five o'clock train than to know it by the hear of the day. And yet the writer has no sort of doubt that dogs do know when a certain hour arrives at which something regular and accustomed takes place. The second case seems to prove this very thing. There is a case on record in which a doctor, who was accustomed to visit a certain village at a certain hour on a certain day each week, always found a dog of his acquaintance waiting for him outside the town, and it was proved that the dog never came to the place at any other day or hour. Evidently all that can be said in explanation of such cases is that animals are susceptible of having periods or circles of time established in their intelligences by use, and that their ignorance of timepieces only serves to make the instinct the keener. It is well known that men who have never possessed watches, and who work or hunt habitually at a distance from clocks, are expert at estimating the lapse of time. Perception of this kind undoubtedly may be cultivated in an intelligent animal as well as in man.

MAD ELEPHANTS.

The Males Suddenly Become Dangerously Demented.

When we present the elephant in possession of such intellectual gifts as may be his, there has to be considered the case of the elephant that, being "must," is for a time bereft of its senses, says Blackwood's Magazine. It is only the male that suffers from this affliction of insanity; but every male is liable to it some time or other, and, unfortunately, may be attacked by it without warning of any kind. Some men of long experience of elephant keeping say that the "must" condition is preceded by premonitory symptoms, and if taken in time may, by diet and treatment, be averted, but, without presuming to contradict these better-informed people, I can aver that I have known some of them to be taken by surprise by the sudden "musting" of elephants under their own immediate supervision.

Some elephants become demons of cruelty when "must," as, for example, a commissariat elephant that, during my time in Oudh, broke away from the Lucknow lines and went over a considerable tract of country, kill ing men, women and children wherever it found an opportunity of doing so. I do not know the total number killed by that beast, but it was sadly large. And of course, valuable as the animal was to the government, only one course could be pursued if regard to it. The sentence passed upon it was that of death, and the execution was carried out, not without difficulty and danger to the executioners, by several Europeans, who followed and shot it down.

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Nature There Is Without Attractions of Any Kind Whatever.

Mr. W. Woodville Rockhill describes in the Century his attempt to cross Tibet. His picture of a portion of the country he traversed is not alluring.

Life in the Central Asian deserts is rough indeed, he says. Nature is without attractions of any kind; it is bleak and repelling; never a tree is seen, and scarcely a flower, except for a month or two in the year. Probably the Arctic regions alone offer a more meager flora. One sees only coarse grass, or bare, gravel-strewn ground of a reddish tinge. In the most favored valleys, and near some brackish lakelet, are occasionally seen bunches of long black-haired reeds, antelope, or wild asses. A stray hare or wolf runs across the trail; a sheldrake or eagle flies slowly off at one's approach. Were it not for the wild yaks, travel across this great plateau would be impossible, for dry yak-dung is the only fuel to be found. Should a murrain destroy the lyre-horned antelope, traveling, except along two frequented trails, would become unfeasible. Violet winds sweep the country daily, carrying with them dense clouds of alkaline dust, which parch and crack the skin and blind the eyes. When it is not blowing, it is snowing, hailing or raining. Bogs, marshes and sandy wastes, cut at short distances by low ranges of mountains rarely rising above the line of perpetual snow (though, be it remembered, the lowest valleys are at a greater elevation above the sea than the summit of Mont Blanc), are the characteristics of the bleak country which we had to cross before the inhabited regions of Tibet could be reached.

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