HILLIS TELLS A BEAR STORY

The demonstration of rifle and shot est by the local sportsmen of Inde- A small block of wood, six inches in pendence. His demonstration showed diameter, was thrown into the air,

his guns are of the automatic type. ground. This is a demonstration in-His line of work is to demonstrate tended to show the rapidity of operathe accuracy and reliability of the tion together with the accuracy of his Remington guns and the U. M. C. guns. One of the prettiest demonstra ammunition. Some of the best demonstrations were made when small disks, an inch and a half in diameter. were tossed into the air and were caught with his rifle singly and two at a time. The same demonstration gun shooting by the Remington rep- was made with marbles and small resentative, W. A. Hillis of Portland, clay balls which he filt with equal acwhich took place here Monday after curacy, easily dispatching two of noon, was witnessed with much later- them when tossed into the air at once what can be done by using modern which he put five bullets through guns and modern ammunition. All of with the rifle before it reached the

tions showing the power of the gun and ammunition was made when he took an ordinary tin can filled with water and sealed, on top of which was set a jelly bottle filled with con fetti. A shot was put through the can with a soft nose bullet the concussion from which sent the jelly bot tle about forty feet into the air and before it reached the ground he shattered it with a bullet while the confetti floated down like snow over the crowd. To show the rapidity with which the guns can be fired he takes the gun empty, loads it with clips con taining five shells and fires fifteen shots within ten seconds. To do this the gun is loaded three times.

In talking of his work Mr. Hillis, while in Independence, said to E reporter of the Enterprise;

"I am sent out to demonstrate practically the ammunition and guns of the Remington people. I am the only man west of the Rocky mountains doing this work. My territory extends from Alaska to New Mexico. Last winter I was in Alaska and British Columbia. This winter I was in California doing demonstration work."

In talking of his experiences while in Alaska he told the following story which will show the remarkable protection the Remington rifle afforded him on one occasion:

"Last May while in Alaska I went out bear hunting with D. W. King, the Ballastite powder man, of San Jose, California, and a guide. The country in which the hunt took place was mountainous and the cliffs were precipitous and to get over them was when one of them reared up and pok next to impossible. Getting into the ed her nose in our direction. The that time of the year and one can see were at the head of the guita, to shoot almost as well as in dayting King fired the second short I saw the About three weeks after we had es- bears running down the mountain. tablished our camp we were out one Just as I dropped on my knee the day with our glasses when we located big one stood up and I fired. I put four grizzlies. They were up above two shots in o him and then dropped us on the mountain side. We started back to the three standing in a row the climb in pursuit of them about behind him. I shot one shot each at nine o'clock in the morning, and after the three when they all disapp ared five hours' toll we got above them over the brink. This was all done and on the windward side. At our in less than ten seconds. In about point of vantage we were within forty half a minute we saw three of them yards of them. There were two ly- rolling down the mountain end over ing down like pigs asleep and the end in the snow about a quarter of a others were standing upright boxing mile below us, but the fourth one each other like prize fighters. I said did not show up. I surmis d that he to King: 'Let's take a picture of was somewhere in the neighborhood them,' for we had our cameras with of where the others and one over King got one exposure which the cliff, so I took a stand on a high falled to focus properly and while I point where I coul ammand the Bar was trying to focus my camera a rounding country and told the guid whirlwind came along bringing a gust to take the bear trall. He had gone of snow with it. I kept my eye on only a short dista co when he discov-

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what proved to be the den of Messrs.

Bruin. We could hear the bear in-

side groaning and breathing heavily but could not see him. King was

posted to command the mouth of the

eyes of the bear moving from on

that he had been done for. Wo

When we came inside of the cave it

proved to be about thirty feet across

and fully as deep. The bear was

found in the farther end of the cave

with the whole top of his head blown

away. He weighed about 800 pounds

and was almost more than the three

of us could drag out. He was finally

rolled out and down the mountain

side to join his vanquished brothers.

In the basin at the foot of the mountain we got the four of them together and took photographs of them

Mr. Hillis tells this story with par-

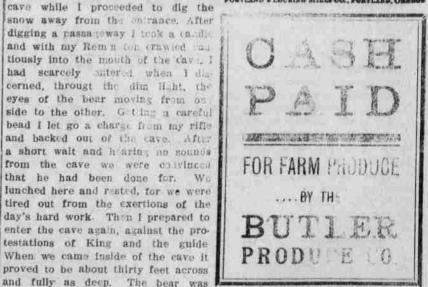
donable pride, for, indeed, he displayed bravery and daring on this occasion of which Mr. King never tires of boasting. It is a true bear story and an account of it was published recently in "Outing" magazine.

there in the snow."

is an aid to rather than a test of your ability." -Mother. you don't get you should try a sack of Olympicseen. When I came up to the mouth it always makes of the cave I found about four feet good things to eat. of snow banked up a ainst the bot-It's "better tom of the cliff throu h which was a than ever." big hole dug through the snow into

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