

CRAFTY BRE'R FOX

Trappers Give Him Credit for Deep Cunning.

Of All Wild Animals, the Bushy-Tailed Rascal is the Hardest to Trap, but is Altogether Undeserving of Mercy.

In the opinion of trappers, the fox is the most cunning and resourceful of all the wild animals. He often fools the most expert trapper and the truest and fastest of dogs. Some trappers who are very successful in catching many other fur-bearers state that they do not believe it possible to take Reynard in a steel trap. This, of course, is not the case—in fact, he is as easy to catch in a steel trap as the mink, provided the trapper thoroughly understands his business. All that is necessary is a careful study of the animal's nature and habits.

The fox lives on small game, birds, eggs and poultry. He makes his den in sandy hillsides, and in it the female rears from three to seven pups, which are born in the early spring. February is the season Reynard goes wooing, and he travels far and wide in search of sweethearts, faithful to none, for his love is more fleeting than the footprints he leaves in the drifting snow. The fox's sense of smell is highly developed, and by it he detects the danger of the trap. The scent left by human hands and the scent left on the trap by other animals caught in it are quickly detected.

"A successful fox trapper must be a keen observer of details," writes C. A. Holmes, a special game protector, in a recent issue of the New York state conservation bulletin, in describing different methods of hunting and trapping foxes. "He must realize that he is putting his wits against one of the most cunning of animals that roams the silent places of the hills and valleys. Recently I made an experimental set which resulted in the taking of one of the oldest, largest and wisest foxes in this vicinity. I noticed that the fox in question did not seem to take alarm at my trail over an old woods road, and as the snow was quite deep, would even take advantage of the better traveling by following in my tracks as far as he cared to go in my direction. That is the way of the fox—he is not blindly afraid of man, but trusts to his wits to keep him out of trouble. He knew that the trail was made by a man walking, and he also knew that the danger lay not in the trail, but in the man himself.

"After I had traveled this old road several times, and had noticed Mr. Fox was in the habit of following me nearly every night, I picked out a bush that stood close by the trail, to serve as a mark for locating the trap, and here I set two jump traps in one of my own footprints, with a sheet of clean paper beneath the traps, another sheet on top, and an inch of snow lightly brushed over all. I fastened the chains to clogs buried in the snow at the side of the trail and went on about my business.

"The next morning Reynard was waiting for me, a trap on each front foot. I would not have captured this fox had I not made this experimental set in the trail, and it only goes to show the value of observation to the experienced trapper.

"Every sportsman should realize that one of the worst enemies of wild life is the fox—cunning, vicious, bloodthirsty—it kills for the love of killing. The warm blood of its victims is its fountain of youth. Every fox shot or caught in a trap means just so many more grouse, pheasants and rabbits—to say nothing about the value of the fur. Fewer foxes, more sport, more game, more fun."

Purple Ore Now in Demand.
Purple ore is an unknown quantity to the uninitiated. To the initiated it is a heavy purplish powder used chiefly as ballast by ships leaving French ports. So little worth was attached to the ore five months ago that it sold in Bordeaux for 12.50 francs a ton. Since then it has been put to new uses, and, with the rise in demand, there has been a corresponding rise in price. Purple ore has a rich iron content, and that fact has been sufficient to prompt English manufacturers to devise new uses for the powder. Its sudden leap into the limelight will perhaps stimulate interest in the residue of other minerals, the possibilities of which may have been overlooked in the rapid march of all branches of engineering.

That Trappers Give Credit.
Borrowing a book from the public library in one city and returning it to the library in the next town where he makes a stop may be arranged for the benefit of the traveling man.

The National Council of Traveling Men's associations has appointed a committee to see what can be done along this line and has asked the American Library association to appoint a similar committee to confer.

The library association, accepting the invitation, has just constituted its own committee. John Adams Lowe, vice librarian of the Brooklyn public library, is its chairman.

Bird Plumage Bill.
Bird lovers in this country will be pleased to learn that a bill has passed its second reading in the British house of commons forbidding the importation of bird plumage. The measure is heartily supported by the press, but is meeting with some opposition from certain members of parliament.

The Teaching of Grammar.
As respectable an authority as Brander Mathews rejects the teaching of "formal grammar" and absurdly artificial technicalities as being "foreign to the genius of our energetic and masculine speech." Conscious of our own exceeding vulnerability, we side with him. English is as English does, and, when we feel the need of a little license, we propose to take it. Mean-while, tell Gilbert, or Lindley or John to go hang.—Louisville Herald.

LIVE CECIL NEWS ITEMS

Miss Lois Kneately of Four Mile spent a short time in Cecil on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Streeter and family visited with J. W. Osborn on Thursday.

Walter Pope has been visiting friends in Eight Mile during the past few days.

Mrs. Weltha Combest and sister Mrs. R. J. Logan of Portland, visited with Mrs. T. H. Lowe on Monday.

A fine band of ladies belonging to Mrs. Pat Farley of the Willows passed through Cecil on Monday.

T. W. Lowe, who has been spending some time at Ritter Springs, returned to his home in Cecil on Sunday.

The Mayor made a short visit to Heppner on Saturday during the deputy mayor's absence at the stock show in Portland.

Joe Mason, of Ione, was a busy man in Cecil on Friday delivering his car of potatoes to his various customers in the vicinity.

Miss Olive Logan of Portland who is staying with her brother Leon at Four Mile, visited with Mrs. Weltha Combest on Friday.

J. M. Alllyn, who has been visiting W. A. Thomas of Benson Canyon, left on the local for his home in Oakgrove on Wednesday.

Everett Logan of Fairview arrived on Sunday from Merrill, Ore., where he had been called by the death of his wife's father.

Mrs. Ista Baurendsen of Ione spent Sunday with Peter Baurendsen at Cecil. Mrs. Baurendsen will spend the winter in Portland.

Harold Ahalt, who has been working in Echo for some time, arrived in Cecil on Wednesday and will work at Four Mile for the winter.

Mrs. E. J. Logan, Mrs. Owen Logan, Mrs. Hazel Logan and children and Miss Little Logan of Tacoma, all left on the local on Sunday for Portland.

Geo. D. Anderson, camp tender for Hynd Bros., arrived at Butterby Flats on Sunday from Hynd Bros' ranch at Ukiah with a fine bunch of young horses.

Henry Krebs of The Last Camp was one of the many guests who attended the dinner party on Sunday given by Mr. and Mrs. Phil Brady at their home near Ione.

Roy Stender, and sister Miss Tessie, of Seldomsen, accompanied by Mrs. Crabtree and family of Dotheboy's Hill, were calling on their friends around Cecil on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dall and daughter of Morgan were doing business in Cecil on Friday, and Mr. and Mrs. George Hardesty of Morgan were calling on friends in Cecil the same day.

Mrs. Bradford and children from Prairie City arrived in Cecil Sunday where they will visit with Mr. Bradford, who is working on some bridge work in connection with the Cecil Scenic Highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hynd of Butterby Flats and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lowe and daughter Miss Annie C. of the Highway House, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Krebs at the Last Camp on Sunday.

Mrs. T. H. Lowe of Cecil wishes to thank all those who have responded to the Red Cross call for their memberships. Anyone wishing to be a member may leave their dollar at Cecil store and receive their receipt and button at same time.

Elmer Mohr arrived at Butterby Flats Wednesday from Hynd Bros' ranch at Freezout where he has been working for some time. Roy Scott, camp tender for Jack Hynd and J. Underwood, herder, returned to Butterby Flats the same day with a fine band of sheep which they will winter at Butterby Flats.

Astoria, Ore.—Harvesting of the 1920 cranberry crop in Clatsop county has been finished and totals show a little over 6000 bushels. The season was not an encouraging one this year, as rain fell during the greater part of the harvest and probably ten percent of the berries were lost owing to wet weather which softened those lying on the ground.

Gasoline Consumption.
Approximately ten gallons of gasoline are burned in automobiles in an hour in one block in North Meridian street on a Sunday evening, a statistically-inclined observer calculated after counting the passing machines.

The observer, not being an auto owner himself, sat in University park and noted that it took approximately four minutes for 100 machines to pass in Meridian street. If this average is kept up, he deduced, some 1,500 cars would score past the given point in an hour. An automobile as to the average number of miles a machine travels on a gallon of gasoline.

"Well, of course, I get 25 miles a gallon out of my car," the car owner unhesitatingly replied, "but the average is about 15 miles a gallon."

Hence the estimate of ten gallons of gasoline consumed each hour in the one block of the one street.—Indianapolis News.

Why Right Tires Wear.
Most motorists have noticed that tires on the right side of a car wear more than those on the left side and many ascribe this to turning corners to the right more than to the left.

But they are wrong, asserts an expert driver. The increased wear, he says, is caused by the pitch of the road, which throws more of the car on the right side than on the left.

The slope of the road causes the right rear tire to carry more weight than the left rear. The same is true of the right front as against the left front. For this reason it is advised that tires be changed around once a month. The order of rotation declared best is right rear, left rear, right front then left front.

Education in India.
Courses in elementary science are to be introduced into the schools of the United Provinces of India. A year of the six years of science planned, so that "the schoolboys of a population of 50,000,000 may be instructed in an art which is the direct means of livelihood for three-fourths of this population."

Returning to Reims.
More than 60,000 persons have returned to the ruins of Reims, where they are mostly living in the miles of wire cellars.

The Currency.
Out of a total currency supply of about \$5,000,000,000 in the country it is estimated, less than half is in the banks.



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