

Is That So?

By OLGA BURNS

The mountain lion is well on the road to extinction in the United States for two reasons—many still think him dangerous to man, and he is considered a ruthless killer of valuable animals.

But is this big cat, also known as the cougar or puma, really deserving of such a reputation?

So far as authenticated attacks on adults is concerned, they are so rare they form only a minute fraction by attacks on men by bulls and cows. In fact, horses probably have killed many more men than cougars have. As for



authenticated attacks on children, they are also rare, and in at least two cases the cougars were so old and feeble the children beat them off without grave injury to themselves.

The cougar looks as if he ought to be dangerous. He is so powerful he can and does give the man-killing jaguar a tough time in South America, and he does like to follow men in the woods. That is most disturbing, of course, but very likely he does it out of curiosity and not bad intent. In South America they have been known to come so close to men at night as to awaken them by purring, and the famous naturalist W. H. Hudson wrote thus of them: "It is notorious that where the puma is the only large beast of prey it is perfectly safe for a small child to go out and sleep in the plain."

The case against cougars as livestock killers, however, is something else. They kill sheep, pigs, cattle and horses. Indeed, their liking for horse flesh is so strong there is reason to believe that is why the original horses of the Western hemisphere were wiped out thousands of years ago.

Amount Negligible
None-the-less, the amount of livestock they kill in this country today is negligible. What few cougars there are left tend mainly to prey on deer and other wild animals.

But even that is held against the cougar. The deer is valuable as a meat animal and for sport, and so those the cougar gets are regarded as an economic loss which justifies a bounty on the big cats. That is faulty thinking, though. Untold numbers of deer starve to death nearly every year because of poor game conservation measures. Others are saved by expensive feeding. In other areas the deer are so thick they cause sizable crop losses.

All these losses are due to their population being out of balance. If cougars were not exterminated from these areas, they would do much to establish the balance of nature and would in themselves form a valuable game animal.

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