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"SHOOT HIM, MISTER"

William, the Mighty Hunter, and What Happened on Long Island

Two boys got the prize buck of the season at Sayville, L. I., last Wednesday after one of them had ridden the animal up to an amazed old hunter and asked him, "Please shoot it, mister; shoot it dead this time."

Among the hundreds who took to the woods were William and George Robinson. On election night their father, Dr. G. A. Robinson, had hauled into town a fine deer in time to exhibit it at a bonfire in front of a village polling place. That night the lads slept uneasily, and at daylight were missing, with both of the doctors' fine rifles and enough ammunition to sink a battleship.

Ten o'clock found William, the elder, and mighty hunter, carrying both rifles, with George dragging his weary legs behind, but clinging to his trusty knife—and both full six miles from home and lost. The leaves were dry and the rustling of steps could be heard for 300 yards.

"H-e-s-t!" said Billy a hundred times and as many times George hated long enough to go to sleep again. This was fortunate, as the other hunters for that one lone deer in the woods got away unharmed.

Finally the tired elder boy laid the rifle on a log and told George not to touch them, as they might go off. Then he nodded in the warm sunlight, breaking through the scrub oak.

"H-e-s-t!" said George this time, and his brother awoke to see the lad with a gun to his shoulder, the muzzle wabbling indefinitely. Then George closed his eyes, and bang!

A great buck, not 100 yards away, went ten feet among the bare limbs at the first surprised leap, then William fired, and the deer fell to his knees. He rose bravely and made straight for the boys. William was safely behind the log at the charge, but the younger boy couldn't get away, and when the wounded deer fell back from the shock of striking the stump George calmly clambered aboard.

Not far away old Tom Nelson was nursing his shotgun, loaded almost to the muzzle, when he heard two rifle shots, then a crushing as if an alarmed cow were plunging through the brush. Then a centaur burst on his sight, with pale face and yelling to Tom: "Please shoot it, mister; shoot it dead this time."

Then the centaur became a big and sorely wounded buck, with a lad on his back making vain efforts to cut the animal's throat. Tom caught it just back of the forehead with a charge of buckshot that is still traveling from the other side, and the deer belonged to Georgie and Willie by all the rules of the woods.

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