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## HUNTING EXPERIENCE OF HARRISON ALDRIDGE.

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When Harrison Aldridge was quite a young man he concluded to put in a part of one fall in the wilds of the mountains. During the month of November, after putting his flint-lock rifle in first-class condition, collecting an ample supply of powder and bullets, he started across the mountains on one of his rounds. It was one of those beautiful days during the period of Indian Summer, clear except the peculiar haze which resembles the smoke from a distant forest fire, but later in the afternoon he observed that the clouds began to form about the western horizon; he little thought, however, that a storm was approaching.

As he was crossing over the top of a ridge leading from the main top of the mountain toward an immense bed of laurel, he saw where the fallen leaves had been freshly overturned and he knew that a number of wild turkeys had just passed over into the cove below, so he crept along through the forest with the stealth of a lynx until he could see the turkeys busily engaged in picking up chestnuts. After selecting the largest gobbler as his target and drawing his long rifle to his shoulder he fired, and when the smoke had sufficiently disappeared the turkeys arose and flew in different directions, but he observed that the object of his aim flew in a straight course over the top of the tall hemlocks in the low ground in the thick bed of laurel until it reached a tall pine with a dead top when the huge bird seemed to draw his wings to his body and drop toward the ground, and then he knew that his shot was not in vain, provided he should be fortunate enough to find the turkey. After selecting a number of birch and hemlock trees to guide him to the dead-topped pine, he entered into the great laurel thicket to find the dead bird, and after considerable time he reached the pine and near the base of it he found the turkey.

Upon examination Harrison found that he had learned a lesson that he would not forget: that in taking aim he had been deceived by the bulk and the effect of the gun-shot upon a turkey; that if the bullet should enter the breast or too low in other parts of the body the bird is too apt to rise and fly out of sight, and if the shot proved to be fatal nine times out of ten the bird would be lost, or if only wounded it would upon reaching the ground at a considerable distance away, conceal itself in some hollow log or dense thicket where it would die eventually; but if shot about the head, back or other vital spot it would either die instantly, or be so disabled that it could not fly and if it undertook to run it would soon be overtaken and caught.

As soon as the young man emerged from the dense laurel the wind began to howl at a furious rate, and he could see the rain falling in the distance. After walking up the cove for some distance he observed an immense ledge of overhanging cliff, which formed a shelter from the rain. As he approached this shelving mass of rock he observed the fragments of a hog which had been slain by a bear and partially consumed; and by the time he had reached the shelving rock his clothing was wet from the rain which was coming down with great violence. He found some dry wood under the rock ledge and with flint and steel he soon had a fire, and after remaining around

it until his clothing was about dry, he discovered that night was approaching, and as there was no prospect of an early abatement of the storm, he must content himself with a hunter's luck under the cliff, so he dressed the turkey and suspended him for the night.

After eating the remainder of his lunch he had provided for his day's outing, he recruited his fire and sat around it listening at the raging storm until late in the night, not being provided with sufficient covering for such emergency, he knew he could not sleep until a late hour, and just as he was ready to enter into a little doze he heard the hideous howl of a wolf in the distance, and scarcely had this sound died away until he heard the barking of another from a different direction, then came the sound of others from different directions, and then they all chimed in and such yelping, barking and howling the young man had never heard in his life. This experience was so terrible as to almost make the young hunter's hair stand on end and the blood curdle in his veins. The terrible noise became louder and louder and he found that the wolves were approaching nearer so he thought it best to put more wood on his fire and await further developments.

He knew by the noise that there was a great band of wolves and he thought it prudent to take advantage of opportunities, so he selected a shelving rock a few feet above the fire and perched himself upon that with gun in hand. He did not have to wait long, however, until he heard a scampering in the forest near where he had seen the fragments of the hog as he approached the cliff a short time before. He could see the glimpse of the wolves from his perch, jumping and darting back and forth, snapping and snarling over the remnants of the hog, then one large wolf threw his head up in the direction of the fire, and when Harrison saw his eyes shining like two balls of fire he took deadly aim and the wolf fell dead. No sooner had the wolf struck the ground and the blood began to flow from the wound than the whole pack flew upon his prostrate body, and after they had torn their companion into fragments and devoured it they scampered off into the forest and were gone, and upon examination in the morning it was found that only the hair of the dead wolf remained.

(To be continued.)

## After Lagrippe What?—

F. G. Prevost, Bedford, Ind., writes: "An attack of lagrippe left me with a severe cough. I tried everything, I got so thin it looked as if I never would get well. Finally, two bottles of Foley's Honey and Tar cured me. I am now well and back to my normal weight." A reliable remedy for coughs, colds, croup. For sale by M. B. Blackburn.

In the recent washing of Chicago political linen, the number of petticoats on the line was especially noticeable.—Cincinnati Times Star.

## Sciatica's Piercing Pain.

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## Butlerized Republicans.

News and Observer.

The Republican party of North Carolina is a chattel in the hands of Marion Butler, the same Butler who has run the gamut of politics in this State, the same Butler who by reason of Fusionism wormed his way into office by the temporary error, of the people of the State.

In North Carolina it need not be recounted the things of those dark days through which this State traveled that it might again see the light.

Yesterday in the Republican State Convention Marion Butler moved the wires which controlled the convention, and by means of the power he exercised gave clear proof to those who opposed him that he was the master of the situation. He did the cracking of the whip and the convention danced obedience to his cracking.

The name of Republican National Committeeman E. C. Duncan was hissed. When he attempted to speak he was howled down. Then he was thrown out of office. In vain did another war horse of Republicanism, Dr. Cyrus Thompson, seek to have his say to the convention, for he, too, was howled down. And as the men to whom the Republicans of North Carolina had heretofore bowed down were humiliated to the core Marion Butler sat on the platform in the plain view of all and laughed in mockery.

The appearance of Marion Butler on the platform was the signal for wild cheers by the convention. From his first gesture as he faced the convention and pushed aside a delegate who was trying to speak it was seen that he had the convention well in hand. When there came action from him which meant that Carl Duncan as national committeeman must be displaced by Mr. John Motley Morehead it was seen that it was a fight to the finish between the standpat Republicans under the leadership of Duncan and the Bull Moose Republicans under the orders of Butler. And Butler won despite a desperate struggle on the part of Duncan.

Carl Duncan made one declaration in his appeal to the Republicans to stand by him which was significant. Speaking of Butler, who was on the platform within a few feet of him and indicating him in the sweep of his hand, Carl Duncan declared that "It is not needed in North Carolina where Butler and I are known to speak of him. I put it up to the Republican party to decide between me and Marion Butler." In answer the Republicans showed that they chose Butler. And this was in the face of the declaration of Dr. Cy Thompson that if Butler was given charge of the Republican party there would again be heard in North Carolina of "Butler and Bonds."

The Republican party of North Carolina is Butlerized. It is in charge of that man whose name was signed to an advertisement in the New York Evening Post of April, 1915, which told that Marion Butler was one of the committee who had put over the South Dakota bond business against North Carolina, and that because of this "The committee is now ready to proceed with the collection of all other repudiated bonds of every class of each State." And when the Republicans go to the people for their support it will be well for all our people to remember the past and to remember that again the Republican party of North Carolina is in possession of Marion Butler.

## PROCLAMATION.

Belgium Day, March 17, 1916.

"Whereas, deep distress and misery exists in Belgium and northern France. Three millions of women and children are in dire need of food and clothing, and we have already given generously to these destitute people, but there yet exists an alarming shortage of necessary clothing, and

"The Commission for Relief in Belgium has been and now is engaged in furnishing clothing and food to the destitute inhabitants in Belgium and northern France by and with the approval of the civil and military authorities of Germany.

"The great humanitarian work of that commission is strictly neutral and at the request of President Woodrow Wilson many of our foremost citizens of the United States have accepted membership on the commission.

Now, therefore, I, Locke Craig, governor of North Carolina, respectfully urge that the people of this state co-operate with the Commission for Relief in Belgium in its efforts to clothe these unfortunates; and to this end I do hereby designate and set apart Friday, the seventeenth day of March, 1916, as Belgium day, in order that the attention of all our citizens may be the more specifically directed to this relief work and give them an opportunity to buy a yard of cloth on this or any other day, or give the equivalent thereof in money to be expended in the purchase of clothing for the destitute in Belgium and Northern France while the winter is upon them and the suffering is acute.

"Let every one do something to relieve the innocent from the cruel suffering of this war,

"Done at our city of Raleigh the 12th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the one hundred and fortieth year of our American independence.

"LOCKE CRAIG,  
Governor."

All persons wishing to contribute wearing apparel or cloth, or funds to be used in the purchase of cloth, for the destitute women and children of Belgium and northern France are asked to communicate with Dr. S. Westray Battle, Chairman, or E. Alexis Taylor, Field Secretary, North Carolina Commission for Relief in Belgium, 23, Haywood St., Asheville, N. C.

## Severe Cold Quickly Cured.

"On Dec. first I had a severe cold or attack of the grip as it may be, and was nearly down in bed," writes O. J. Metcalf, Weatherly, Mo. "I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a few days until I was completely restored to health. I firmly believe that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is one of the very best medicines and will know what to do when I have another cold." Obtainable everywhere.

Every habit and faculty is preserved and increased by corresponding actions.—Epictetus.

## What Children Need Now.

In spite of the best care mothers can give them this weather brings sickness to many children. Mrs. T. Neureuer, Eau Claire, Wis., writes: "Foley's Honey and Tar cured my boy of a severe attack of croup after other remedies had failed. It is a wonderful remedy for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough." It stops lagrippe coughs. For sale by M. B. Blackburn.

## A Law With Teeth.

We all remember what a furor was raised for a state-wide primary law and with what a blare of trumpets it passed the General Assembly last winter. Without some law restraining the candidates from spending money too freely this state-wide primary law might well be called "an act to put up public office to the highest bidder." But fortunately there is another act passed by the General Assembly of 1913 which was passed to prevent the voters of the state from being debauched and to head off any wealthy candidate from spending a big wad in his own behalf. Not many of our people, perhaps, know of the existence of such a law. The writer confesses that he was in ignorance of it until his attention was called to it. This act makes it unlawful for any candidate to spend or permit others to spend for him an amount that would exceed fifty per cent of the annual salary of the office for which he is running, except a candidate for Governor and a candidate for the United States Senate may spend or allow others to spend an amount not greater than the annual salary of the office. These two acts, the state primary act and this corrupt practice act are intended to go together. The public demanded this restraint on the spending of money inordinately by candidates, but as soon as it passed forgot all about it.

It is there however, in cold type, and it should be invoked wherever and by whomsoever it is violated. We have had enough shameful squandering of money in North Carolina. It not only impoverishes the candidate but what is ten times worse, it debauches and demoralizes the public. We may be allowed to express the hope that every candidate of any party in the state this year will be held strictly to the law in this respect. The filing of a statement showing every cent expended by himself or by others in his behalf is on the books and it means what it says, and any effort to evade it or nullify it proves the unfitness of any candidate to hold any office within the gift of the people of the state.—Charity and Children.

## Think Twice.

Think twice before you send the note in which you give your anger vent, in which you recklessly devote yourself to skinning some poor gent. For doubtless when your anger cools, you'll kick your spine up through your hat, and say, "I was the prince of fools to send a man such rot as that!" Think twice before you pass along the scandal that you heard last night; you may do some good man a wrong that years of effort can't set right. And though the story true may seem, why rob a neighbor of his goat? From your own eye remove the beam, before you reach for t'other's mote. Think twice before you jaw your wife; there was a time, some years ago, when you declared you'd make her life as cheerful as a picture show. Alas, she took you at your word, as damsels do, and always did; and all her married years she's heard her husband yawning through his lid. Think twice before you do a thing your soul refuses to indorse; for every wicked act will bring the certain penalty, remorse!—Walt Mason in News and Observer.

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