

GUNNING FOR THE GROUSE

HARRY PAYNE WHITNEY ON HIS SCOTCH MOOR.

Another Famous American Shot, Lewis Thompson, With Him Grouse Shooting is a British Institution. Only Royalty or the Very Wealthy Can Enjoy It.

Sept and many guests to be entertained. The moors are more desirable places than ever now that the automobile has made it easier to exchange calls and give and accept dinners at a garage and several motor cars may be added to the list. The motor cars have made shooting on the formerly isolated moors easier and less strength testing than it used to be for now you may pull off to a distant butt after a late breakfast instead of riding to it on a pony at the break of day.



HARRY PAYNE WHITNEY STANDING IN A BUTT.

Possibly a hard but varied shooting as the bag of grouse is not excessive. The care to keep away the duffer is equal to the desire to have fine shots as guests. For many reasons the bangle in shooting may not always be left unasked you may owe him money for instance and the keepers and beaters hold aloof from such a guest as much as the good guns do. One may be to furnish him only with blank cartridges, but always to compliment him whenever in a drive a particularly good shot is made.

Where do we go next? asks one duffer out for a day over dogs to quote an old-timer of the shooting stories. "What to hang awa home," replies the gillie. "You dogs ye ha'e shot will ne'er gang back an' see canna' put oop th' birds oursel's. An' I'm no minded my wife will sleep a widow th' night."



THE LUNCHEON TENT.

the sport under the restrictions to-day and Mr. Whitney has a preserve in Canada for grouse hunting. If they found grouse it is safe to infer that they had a fine bag, but they are not men to trifle with an expensive moor nor likely to pay an expensive rental.



MEMBERS OF THE PARTY IN A DRENCHING RAIN ON THE MOORS, THREE OF THEM TRYING TO FIND SHELTER UNDER ONE COAT.

Mr. Hamilton Leigh had a stag of ten points, weighing 15 stone 10 pounds, just clean, the velvet hanging in streamers from his head. Those are quotations from the "Reports From the Moors and Forests," collated with great care and printed every week since the beginning of the shooting season by the journals of sport in Great Britain and especially in the Field. They provide incidentally that the stay at home Americans are justified by facts in hunting over the Scotch moors and show more directly how important is the season on the moors as a British institution.

not many miles from the ruins of Barnard Castle for \$50,000 has been there for only one day with a house party. It rained, yet the party is said to have had good sport. The newspapers say that the American seems to have paid too much for too little. As Ben Franklin has put it, they think he paid too much for his whistle.



LEWIS THOMPSON, AN AMERICAN SHOT IN MR. WHITNEY'S PARTY.

Americans, some of more note in society than in the annals of sport, are on the moors this year and they are getting the worth of their money. Sometimes a guarantee that a certain number of brace will be gained is put in the lease. At all events even a poor shot will knock over his fair share, and it is always easy to get a good gun to accept pot luck with the host who has a moor.

They carried today, and well wrapped up in blankets and sweaters, we started to walk the two good miles to the chibbuns. The road was hard and good and we set down to lunch in perfect comfort and without any risk of cold. Then we walked back, getting home in time for a few games of bridge and tea before it was time to dress for dinner. Half a dozen people came in that night. How in the world do you all happen to be so lonely after such a day? They asked. We have almost died of the blues. So you see I take fresh air to get the best of the rainy Sunday in the country.

the Glencoe moor in Argyllshire. The five guns, E. D. Jordan, Robert Jordan, B. Nason Hamlin, George P. Rice and R. G. Heaton, bagged 167 brace in four days, and on August 22 fifty brace fell to four guns.

the mortality among young birds on the moors, first investigated by Prof. Kline about twenty years ago and at this time to be reported on by the National Grouse Disease Inquiry Committee after many seasons of investigation.

TIDING OVER RAINY SUNDAYS

FRESH AIR BEST CURE FOR DISMAL HOUSE PARTIES.

Depressing Dinners the Usual Result of an Afternoon of Sitting Around. One Group that Tried a Rainy Day Walk and came with Satisfactory Results.

Most guests stay in their rooms until after 10 and it is often later than that before the women make their appearance. Then comes the reading of the Sunday newspapers, which may safely be counted upon to occupy an hour. So the morning until lunch time has been filled in without much difficulty when the guests come together for the first time at luncheon.

consider to add a little variety to the party during the evening through most successfully. "Now on the other hand I have seen most discouraging dinners follow a rainy Sunday just because you couldn't get 'em out of the rain. The women sit about and here themselves to extinction even when they are playing cards, unless they are habitual players and love to gamble. The men who may be playing bridge or poker in the smoking room may get entirely too much beer for their good and add to dinner just the sort of joviality that is not wanted, but that only happens when the rainy day crowd will stop in the house."

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