

## TRAPS CATCH MEN

Present Statutes in Pennsylvania Are Not Being Observed.

Accidents to Hunters in Keystone State May Lead to Enactment of Law Prohibiting Use of Any But Old-Fashioned Traps.

Williamsport, Pa.—It looks as if the steel bear trap, with its diabolical possibilities, would have to go. The hunters are up in arms over the dangerous devices. Several valuable dogs have already been caught in them and their hind legs broken, and one man in the Kettle Creek region of Potter county, who walked into an unprotected and practically unmarked trap, is now suffering from blood poisoning due to the ugly wound made by the jaws of the trap. Hunters says that if during the great rush of hunters in the woods in the 15-day deer season men are not trapped and wounded it will be a great wonder.

Men who have been in the deep woods where bear are wont to work report that the number of steel traps has increased 50 per cent. over former years, and that many of them are being set and maintained in utter disregard of the restrictions prescribed by the game laws. Many of the men who are engaging in the use of the traps do not even know the law, and others who seem to know that there is a prescribed way to set a trap and fortify other hunters against it carry out the precautions so indifferently that they are of little help.

Grant Hoover, a recognized deer and bear hunter, who is the owner of three traps himself, declares that he is ready any day to throw his traps away if the game authorities say so, as he sees in them a terrible menace to men and dogs, simply because those who set them pay no attention to the matter of fixing guards or danger notices. It is prescribed by law, he says, that an inclosure two feet high be maintained about a trap when it is in position and set, so that the hunter can discern it easily at a good distance, and not only save himself from coming in contact with it, but also guard the movements of his dog that it is also insured against accidents.

Two local bird hunters in the Gray's Run district recently were attracted to a thicket by the suspicious movements of one of their dogs, and on making an examination found a bear trap in position, though the stakes forming the inclosure were only four inches high, while there was no other notice visible except a three-inch blaze on a sapling, on which, in lead pencil, were written the words: "Bear trap." The low stake inclosure ran back against a log, at which a part of a beef's head lay as bait. It was the meat that had aroused the dog, though, fortunately, the animal had not stepped into the inclosure, in which event he would surely have been caught, as the trap was without so much as its nose showing above the leaves.

The sentiment of the hunters in this section is that all traps except the old-fashioned log trap should be prohibited. The increase in the number of bears has caused an increase in the business of trapping, so that the woods are full of the steel-jawed and hidden traps, each one a menace to the safety of the hunter and to the life of his dog. There is some likelihood of trapping becoming so widely practiced that the bears will become scarce, thus destroying a variety of gunning that now promises to be among the best sport in the Pennsylvania woods. One trapper in the Blockhouse section of this and Tioga county is reported to have trapped eight bears this season thus far, selling hide and carcass for gain. An ordinary sized bear at the edge of the woods will bring \$25 any day, and if the bear is extra large and the hide exceptionally fine \$35 is not an unusual price to be paid for the prize. At this rate the Blockhouse trapper has made at least \$230 since the season opened. There is also a sentiment growing in favor of limiting any one man from taking more than two bears in any one season.

The outgrowth of the sentiment against the steel bear trap will probably be a memorial to the state game commission, with the request that the hidden trap be outlawed and that only the old log trap be permitted. Last year two men in Tioga county, during the deer season, walked into and sprang bear traps on their ankles, and one of them sustained a fracture of the bones. A man can generally release himself from a bear trap, though to be wounded by one of them when alone and far in the woods would be a pitiable fate. In the case of dogs that are caught in them their legs are usually broken, and shooting is always necessary to end their misery.

**Sews on Her Thumb.**  
Winsted, Conn.—Mrs. Horace Jenks of Millerton, while chopping wood the other day cut the end of one thumb so badly that it hung by a thread. She did not faint or call a doctor, but with a needle and thread sewed the piece of flesh and nail back in place, taking 17 stitches.

**Train Kills Deer.**  
Williamsport, Pa.—The Beech Creek passenger train leaving here at 7:20 the other morning struck and killed a two-pronged buck in a cut at Panther Run. It was carried to Snowhook, where a game warden dressed it, and it will be sent to the Lock Haven hospital.

## A Christmas Doll Wedding

We are to have a wedding;  
Our mother planned it all.  
You are to be my little wife  
And I your husband tall.

I love your pretty eyes of brown—  
My own are dark and blue—  
But as they're only glass, my dear,  
They'll see no faults in you.

My china lips, they long to kiss  
All your dull cares away,  
But I must wait for three long weeks  
Until our wedding day.

However, time will pass, sweet maid,  
And then we'll never part,  
I swear to love you all my life  
With my true wooden heart.  
Your own  
REGINALD.

Dec. 3, 1910.

Such was the love letter written by Reginald Graham of New York, a beautiful doll twenty inches tall, light hair, blue eyes, with long dark lashes, to his ladylove, Miss Alice Winchester, a brown eyed doll beauty of Boston.

The fact is that a marriage had been arranged between these two dollies by their little mammas and several grown-up aunts, to take place at Christmas time at the home of the doll bride.

But making the clothes! Grandmas, cousins and aunts spent days using their nimble fingers to fashion the tiny manly garments, as no little girl could possibly do the difficult sewing.

It was decided that a black broad-cloth suit must be made, but as a full dress evening coat could be used only for formal occasions a tuxedo or dinner coat was finally agreed upon as being of more service.

All the time we have been telling about the bridegroom dear little Alice has been so busy having a long white satin wedding dress made, a real lace veil and the daintiest kind of lace trimmed underwear.

A traveling gown of cloth, an automobile coat of champagne color, a white hat with feathers and flowers, all have been prepared for the "going away" costume.

A procession of twenty little girls with their dollies follows Reginald and Alice, who march into the drawing room to the music of a wedding march played on the piano; then into the dining room, where the dollies sit at a table that has been arranged for them, with a tiny wedding cake decorating the center.

Then comes the wedding tour around the garden, and then the newly married pair go to housekeeping in a big closet that has been furnished for them with all the latest conveniences.

It was really the most brilliant marriage that was ever made in Toyland and is the true story of a dear little brown eyed girl's Christmas present.

A great many dollie guests were invited from "Mother Goose" Land, and among those most noticed were:

Jack Be Nimble, Jack Be Quick,  
He was the first one there;  
Then came little Goldie Locks,  
Who ran away from the bear.

Bright Miss Nancy Etticoat,  
Used to standing long,  
Shone beside Tom Tucker,  
Who sang the supper song.

Mistress Mary, Quite Contrary,  
Brought from her garden fair  
Several maidens all in a row,  
With pretty curling hair.

Bobby Shafto, from o'er the sea,  
Was in a happy mood;  
I saw him gazing bashfully  
At dear Red Riding Hood.

Little Miss Muffet had left her tuffet  
And surprised us all, oh, my!  
By going to a corner with little Jack  
Horner  
And sharing his Christmas pie.

Shy Bopeep without her sheep  
Many sweet glances won,  
And there without his little pig  
Was Tom, the Piper's Son.

Marjorie Daw and big Tom Stout  
Attracted much attention  
And many more whose names, alas,  
I haven't room to mention.

It was a wedding so very grand,  
All in the month of December,  
With the very Four Hundred of Toy-  
land there,  
As many will long remember.  
—Julian Jerome.

Artists and poets take a great many liberties. In a Commercial street window, there is a picture showing the open sea. The artist represents the water as yellow. As there never was a yellow sea, why should an artist paint a picture of the sea, and make it that color?—Atchison Globe.

A man walked into a store this morning. He found five men sitting around, and he talked for an hour and a quarter, without stopping once, telling how smart he was. And after he finally went out, you should have heard the five men abuse him!—Atchison Globe.

While many students find mathematics difficult, no one needs to go to school very long to be able to figure out what he thinks is coming to him.—Atchison Globe.

The longer you travel the right road, the easier it becomes; but the longer you travel the wrong road, the more difficult it becomes.—Atchison Globe.

One of the funniest things the newspapers do lately is to print frequent headlines reading: "Man's Conquest of Air."—Atchison Globe.

When some men are not smoking, they are fixing their pipe.—Atchison Globe.

# What Shall I Give for Christmas.....

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"Sign of the Big Clock"

**In Memory of J. W. Kusel.**  
In sad remembrance of our dear son and brother, Julius, who died one year ago today, Dec. 22, 1909:  
He left his home so happy,  
Intending to come back,  
But the sad news came home to us,  
Which we never can forget.  
Had we but seen him to the last,  
And held his dying hand,  
And heard the last sigh of his heart,  
We would not feel so sad.  
From his Mother, Father, Brother and Sisters.

If John D. Rockefeller should offer you all his money you couldn't afford to accept it. Mr. Rockefeller once said that if he could find a man capable of managing the Rockefeller business, he would be willing to pay him a million dollars a year. This means that there is a great amount of work and worry in taking care of a fortune. Get rid of the notion that money will make you happy.—Atchison Globe.

We all get many laughs behind our backs.—Atchison Globe.

When an angry man quarrels with his wife, he expresses his opinion of women, but don't expect him to be candid when he is making love.—Atchison Globe.

Tell a woman that you know of a woman who never talks about other women and she'll say, patronizingly, "Is that so?"—Atchison Globe.

The public takes care of many people who are not in the poor house.—Atchison Globe.

Many people suppose James Gordon Bennett runs the New York Herald. Yet he isn't in the office of the Herald for years at a time.—Atchison Globe.

Mothers often say: "I believe in young people enjoying themselves," but fathers usually believe in young people working.—Atchison Globe.

Some men are like phonographs; every day, they reel off exactly the same records.—Atchison Globe.

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