

AN INDIAN DEER-HUNT.

METHODS USED BY THE APACHES IN RUNNING DOWN THE GAME.

No Deer Permitted to Escape After It Has Been Shot at and Missed—After the Deer Once Drinks—The Relentless Indian Pursuer.

It is well to prohibit the bounding of deer in the game regions of this or any other state," said Lorn Wagoner, who left this place twenty years ago to live in the west, and who is on his first visit east since then: "but if you had a pack of Apache Indians living in your deer woods the prohibition on dogs running deer would be of no use unless the Indians were also prohibited from running them. A dozen Apache Indians will run down more deer in one season than a pack of the most persistent hounds could in five. When it comes to a matter of human endurance I think an Apache hunter can give points to any Caucasian that breathes. To take a sixty mile run through woods and swamps, and over hills and rocks after a deer is an ordinary every-day task for an Apache hunter, and he always gets the deer. In every-day life the genuine, untamed Apache seems to burden himself with any unnecessary apparel, taking as a model in this respect the original Adam before he indulged in that unfortunate bite of an apple; and when the Apache hunter sets out for a hunt he disposes with every such light article of raiment as he may have been induced to wear. He needs no dog to find the deer-trail for him, for his eye is as quick as a dog's scent. He follows it as silently as a shadow, for he knows that it will not be long before he will come in sight of the game, either feeding or lying down in the bushes.

When he sights the deer, which he does long before a white hunter would be able to discover it, the wily savage steals upon it with such skill and stealth that it is seldom the animal suspects his presence. If the deer's head is turned away from him he shuffles his foot on the ground or breaks a twig. At the sound the deer, if he is lying down, springs to its feet and whirrs about, facing the direction of the noise. If it is feeding it also turns quickly with its face to the hunter. The Indians always desire to kill the deer at the first shot, and that must be a bullet in the center of the forehead. When the deer turns the Apache aims at the forehead with great accuracy; but if, as sometimes happens, the deer is quicker to discover the cause of its alarm than the hunter is to shoot, and turns for flight, or if the hunter's gun misses fire, as it frequently will, the serious business of the hunter begins, for the deer is off with the speed of the wind.

HE SEEMS TO FIRE TWICE.

"An Apache hunter seems to fire twice at the same deer, but it is also his code that no deer must be permitted to escape after it has been shot at and missed. If the hunter fails to check his game at the first fire he must run it down and be in at the death. And in this way he never fails, for when the Apache starts on the trail of a marked deer he never leaves it, unless he sustains an injury, on the way that incapacitates him, until he ties it out and returns with its carcass to his wigwam. As the deer starts away in its fright at the sight of the hunter or the sound of his gun, leaping thirty or forty feet at every bound, the Indian throws his gun on the ground, and with piercing yells starts in pursuit. The deer at first loses the hunter far behind, putting forth its greatest efforts to get far beyond his reach, but no matter how fast the deer may reel off the miles between it and its pursuer the trail it leaves is as plain to the hunter as if it were marked in chalk all the way.

"A deer is the most timid and suspicious of animals and at the same time possesses an amazing amount of curiosity. After it has placed distance between itself and the immediate danger from which it fled its steps and await its further developments. The Apache hunter well knows this characteristic of the deer, and he jogs along at a five mile-an-hour gait, never lagging, never stopping. At a sight or sound of the approaching hunter the deer bounds off again to run a mile or two and stop again. It is these halts that are the first fatal steps. They are not long enough to give the deer any beneficial rest, but, on the contrary, give time for his legs to stiffen. At each new start the leaps grow shorter, and the deer starts away reluctantly and with decreasing activity. The Indian jogs along on the trail maintaining a uniform rate of speed. He can keep up without stopping for six hours if necessary. After two or three hours' running the deer begins to look for water to quench its thirst. When this stage of the chase is reached, the hunter knows that the deer's doom is sealed. After the deer once drinks there is no hope for it. It fills its parched stomach with water, and, laden with the burden, its leaps grow still shorter and are made laboriously. If before drinking the deer made its halts at intervals of two miles, after drinking they are made every mile.

SIGNS OF THE DEER'S EXHAUSTION.

"The relentless Indian pursuer never drinks while on the trail. His tongue may hang white and swollen from his mouth, he may be choked with dust, his stomach may be burning up with heat, but not a swallow of water does he take. When a deer drinks of a stream he swims to the other side, and the Indian plunges into the water at the same spot and crosses. As he dashes across he scoops up a handful of water and carries it to his mouth, where he holds it, rinsing it about for a few seconds and then rejects it. If he is obliged to swim he lets the water run in and out of his mouth, but carefully prevents a drop from entering his stomach. An hour or so after the Indian has discovered that the deer has filled its stomach with water he begins to examine the trail more carefully as he runs, for he knows that it is then time for him to find signs of the deer's exhaustion. A drop of blood here and there along the trail indicates to the Indian that the deer has fallen on its knees at those spots, a bunch of hair hanging to a projecting edge of rock or sharp branch hanging low across the trail proves that the deer's strength has failed, so that it can not turn quickly out of the way of obstacles. When these infallible signs of the deer's approaching doom are found by the hunter, he increases his speed for the first time. He soon discovers the game, and with a yell of triumph bounds forward.

"The cry started the fallen animal to a momentary burst of speed. After a leap or two it stops. As if aroused to the fact that further efforts to escape were utterly futile, it turns and faces its pursuer with all the defiance its exhausted nature will permit. The hunter knows the animal is too weak to harm him, and he seizes it boldly, throws it to the ground and cuts its throat. Without a second's delay the Indian cuts from behind the forehead a large piece of meat, and trotting to and fro constantly, he sucks the warm blood from the meat, and now and then eats a small portion of it. After sucking the meat dry he throws the carcass across his shoulder, if it is not too heavy, and starts back for his wigwam. Cor. New York Mail and Express.

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