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### Joy's of Hunting Trip.

What Such Holidays Cost — Selling Venison — Chance of a Black Fox.

Few men who look forward to a two-weeks' outing as a respite from the year's toil spend a cheaper or more enjoyable holiday than does the hunter who seeks a fortnight's vacation amid the ozone-exhaling wilderness of the northern woods. Scores of Grey County men during the past three weeks have been encamped in the bush, many of them chaps who could ill-afford an expensive jaunt. Aside from the special railway fare of 2 cents a mile and a few sundries, it is safe to say that for such the daily cost was well within \$2.

A party of hunters off for the bush not infrequently take their own equipment, consisting of one large straight walled tent. In such cases two or three of the crowd are usually detailed to go a day in advance and pitch camp. Arrived in the woods the rest of the party find a snug canvas domicile awaiting them, its sides banked up with logs, a fire roaring in the sheet-iron stove, and deftly laid beds of fragrant spruce boughs on which to spread their outing blankets of grey and warm red. Thus taking their own provisions, doing their own work, and dispensing with guides, a party of eight or ten may live on the fat of the land at a cost of not more than one dollar a day.

#### PREFER CABINS.

Notwithstanding that such an independent outfit gives the hunters an opportunity of penetrating virgin sections, devoid of settlers, and abounding in game, many dislike living under canvas in stormy weather. Consequently the majority of lovers of the chase plan to rest their weary limbs in some good log walls and a staunch roof keep out the rain and snow and bitter weather in the November woods.

Sometimes a lumber camp offers accommodation to one or two hunters, often a party elect to put up at the camp of some local man who caters for hunters, while many clubs have their own comfortable camps to which they resort annually. Millionaire and mechanic are alike in this last regard, save only that the former sets more store on commissariat than cartridges.

#### LUXURIOUS HARDSHIPS.

Champagne, Indian guides, and expensive foods loom large in the requirements of some parties with whom the actual hunting seems a mere incidental. Such luxurians "back to nature" gentlemen think nothing of spending \$50 or \$75 a week apiece in camp expenses, presently going back to the city and bragging to their friends of how they roughed it. Champagneless campers, however, are more likely

to have the early rising habit. And while their lazy conferees still snore in soft couches awaiting the call of the chef to a sumptuous breakfast, the dollar-a-day man is probably well on the way to the morning's hunt.

#### THE RED CAPS.

Reminiscent of the red-headed woodpecker, is the north woods deer seeker, as he sallies forth bedecked in scarlet cap to warn his fellows that a certain fawn-hued creature they glimpse in the bush is no deer. Perhaps his party is using hounds. If so he waits patiently on a runway, fidgeting as their baying sounds closer. Should he be still-hunting, disdaining dogs, he walks steadily, shed in soft sheep-skins or lumberman's rubbers, his every sense on the alert.

Partridge hunters wonder at this zeal of the deer-stalker. Why come all that way to fire one shot, get one's limit of one deer and finish the hunting, perforce on the first day—or worse still, to walk a week without firing a shot. Nevertheless the former, strolling along an old lumber road, potting, alas, but too often, has an eye to the main chance. Buckshot shells in a side pocket are handy for chance deer.

#### SELLING GAME.

There is little doubt that some hunters kill far more than the one deer to which they are entitled. This is done by taking out licenses in the names of others and attaching these certificates to the animals when shipping.

Wandering through the wilds, like as not at any minute the hunter may bag a trophy more valuable than a deer. Well north, he might get a moose or caribou, for which by the way the license is \$5, and which in addition to huge carcasses and many pounds of edible meat, often have fine antlers. Either might net him from \$50 to \$100. Bear are also to be expected. Bruin's skin in good condition is a fashionable fur nowadays and brings from \$15 to \$40. Butchers will buy him hide and all, hanging him where folks will stop to admire his glossy pelt and be think them of juicy bear chops for supper.

Though he hear their dismal howls when stars sparkle in the frosty night sky congratulating himself that he is safe in camp and not lost in the bush, the hunter will not likely ever see a wolf. A bounty of \$15 and perhaps \$5 more for the pelt is the meed of him who bags one of these lupine ravagers. More likely is he to sight a fox which shy creature loses his customary sagacity when stirred up by the tongue of the hounds on the deer trails. Who knows, but reward might be black or silver-grey and worth a small fortune.

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### Cuckoo Valley and Eugenia Falls

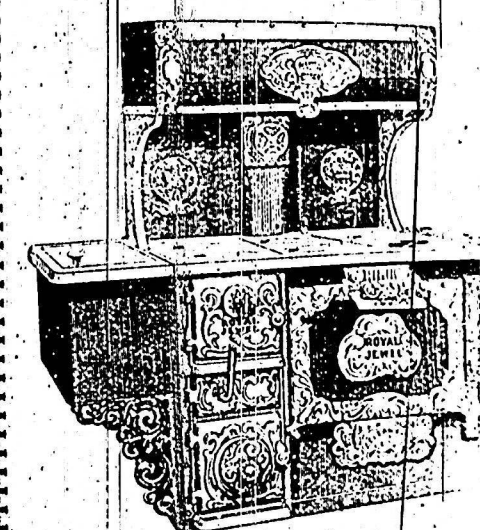
Detroit, Mich.

Seldom in a life time is one privileged to enjoy the beauties of nature more thoroughly than by taking a trip through Southern Ontario.

During July of 1913 the writer had the pleasure of making a five-day trip from Detroit to Buffalo, Toronto, and north by rail from there as far as Markdale. The weather was ideal, and nature everywhere seemed to be smiling. The farms, so carefully tilled and fenced, seemed to be teeming with each other as to which could bring forth the most productive yield. The fine farm buildings and up-to-date machinery everywhere, also stock, was evidence of prosperity and thrift, and can certainly be considered equal to anything in the United States, possibly I am safe in saying the world. Then, as though the traveller might become weary of this beauty, nature seems to have sandwiched in the Cumberland Mountains, and the beautiful Credit valley before taking one out onto another plane. And so we go on, and on, observing everything closely, and noting how different Canada was to what I had supposed it to be, this being my first trip there. From Markdale one of the most pleasant side trips taken was a drive to Eugenia Falls, and either down the Cuckoo Valley towards Meaford or along the Mountain road, to the east of the valley, for scenic value this is equal to anything east of the Rockies. After viewing the beautiful falls and its surroundings we were surprised to find the little town apparently fast asleep; to see no sign of life and activity in such a beauty spot seemed strange indeed. From the Falls down some distance the valley is narrow, and everything is apparently in its native state. Then as we reach the Junction of the Boyne and Beaver rivers the valley broadens, and small farms creep in, and farther on farms the most fertile imaginable spread down the valley and up the slopes on either side.

Mr. J. I. Graham, to whom the writer is indebted for this trip, took both pleasure and pains to show this valley from every angle. And one of the most interesting things shown was the system of irrigation used on his valley farm; also his hydraulic power plant used for chopping, threshing, cutting, sawing, etc. Farther down the valley we find the town of Kimberley lying like a wounded "dude", afraid to move either up or down, and too exhausted to climb the slopes. From here North as far as the eye can reach the valley broadens out, and the beautiful fertile plains and slopes present almost a paradise to view. I was enchanted and impressed with its beauty; also the

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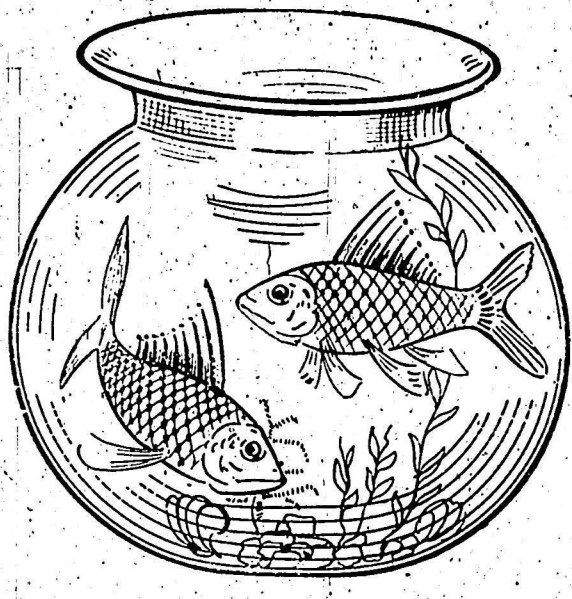
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