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A Young Woman in British-Columbian Wilds—AMONG THE BEARS, MOUNTAIN SHEEP AND CARIBOU.



Shooting Gophers in Ground Hog Basin



Watching the Sunrise in the Selkirk



Breaking Camp in Ground Hog Basin



Among the Glaciers.

By Mary L. Jobe.

Over the hills and far away,
Beyond their utmost purple rim,
We had spent three weeks in the
Ground Hog Basin, in the heart of the
great mineral country of the Selkirk;
but, as yet, had seen no real lode
mining.

Coming up the Long Trail, from
Revelote to Downie Creek, we had
met Superintendent Reimers, of a mining
company, which owns a big prop-
erty in the Standard Basin, thirty-
three miles north of Revelote and
five miles east of the Columbia.

He invited us to visit the mine and
see, how labor, patience and skill may
reclaim the buried wealth and resource
of the mountains.

Accordingly, one morning eight of
our party set out for the Standard
Basin. It was to be a good thirty-
mile tramp, and was to prove one of
the most desperate attempts of the
season.

Much of the way was through a
most glorious forest, having gigantic
arbutus trees, thirty-six feet in
circumference. Late in the afternoon
we began to emerge above the timber
line, and at last arrived at the mine.

Our welcome was the kind which
leaves no room for doubt as to its
sincerity. A piping hot supper was
waiting for us. The men volunteered
to turn out of their bunk houses and
give them to us; but we said that, as

we were roughing it, we should sleep
in the open air; and this we did.

The mining company has a superb
site on a plateau, commanding the
panorama by the majestic Columbia.
There are nine copper veins crossing
the claims. These have been proved to
a depth of more than five hundred and
fifty feet. This ore carries twelve per
cent. of copper and some gold and
silver. It is a beautiful substance, a
brilliant greenish gold in hue.

The mine is so high in the basin
that an aerial tramway, now under
process of construction, will carry the
ore five miles down to the Columbia,
where a smelter will prepare the metal
for shipping.

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of the heat, essential to the fusion of
the sulphur and iron in the ores
themselves. This saves the cost of a
calcining plant and the running ex-
penses of crushing and calcining the
ore. By this wonderful economy of
nature two handlings of the ore are
saved.

The mine we visited is one of the
five biggest in British Columbia now
in operation, and promises to make of
Revelote, not only the "gateway" of
the Kootenay, but also the outlet of
a vast and increasing mineral output.

After our visit one of the men vol-

unteered to take us to the glacier
above, which gave us a beautiful view
of a sheer cliff and a small lake be-
low.

The snow field was reached after an
hour's climbing, and we started off to
the point above the lake, about a mile
away. It was perilous climbing, but
we were fastened together by a short
rope, the guide leading the way, aided
by a heavy alpenstock. That night
we camped out again.

Bright and early we started out next
morning, leaving the good trail behind
us and heading for the Illecillewaet

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material universe, like a scene in some
ideal spectacle.

As the sun lifted, as the light shifted
and changed from moment to mo-
ment, every crag and crevice in the
mountains near at hand stood out
clear and distinct.

Away to our left, commanded by us
as in the highest seats of a vast am-
phitheatre, stretched a great, unma-
glacier, reaching, seemingly, up to the
horizon.

Pure white it lay in the morning
sunlight, or, with the varying light,
flashing with all the hues of the prism,
as the rays were broken by projecting
ridges of ice.

But breakfast was to be considered.
An opening between two rocks served
as an ideal spot for the making of a
camp fire. Jack, after much searching,
discovered dead branches of
scrub, and we soon had a cheerful
blaze. Puffs of snow and ice brought
from the nearest glacier, were soon
melting for the tea and breakfast. In
a short time the meal was over.

Here we separated for the day,
some returning to the camp, the re-
mainder going on to explore the gla-
cier. A prospector, who had joined our
party the day before, started off to
hunt. Bears, we knew, were plentiful,
as was not our supply of meat in the
camp.

About 4 in the afternoon the pros-
pector returned, bringing a ptarmigan
and part of a caribou ham. He said he
had followed the caribou for eight
hours, and had at last shot him three
miles from camp. We went out to help
bring back the meat.

What a glorious animal he was! And
what a sacrifice to have killed him! The
practical side of affairs had to be
considered, however, and we started in
to skin the caribou. While doing so we
saw nine mountain goats walking
slowly along the mountain stream. The
peaks above, several shots
were fired at a range of about eight
hundred yards, but the animals scur-
ried away in safety.

Soon it was inkly dark, and the re-
turn to camp was hazardous. The first
mile was over rocks and snow, and
then we would find the trail. Now and
then some one would fall down, but we
plodded on, taking our direction from
the north star. We had fresh meat
with us, and our route was through a
wild mountain pass, the refuge of the
woodsman's greatest enemy—the silver-
tip bear. Before reaching camp at eleven
o'clock that night we were com-
pelled to wade a mountain stream. We
had no bears, however, and our only
trouble was from fatigue and hunger.
But we were happy in having a splen-
did supply of caribou meat.

During the day Jack had seen a
mountain goat and followed him for
hours. Late in the afternoon he
saw a herd of ten caribou across the
glacier, and crawled barefooted along
the edge, in order to get near them.
Losing his footing he slipped and
slid nearly half a mile down the glacier,
stopping just at the brink by dig-
ging his fingers into the snow and
holding in this way, until those above
could come to his assistance, throw
him a rope and pull him over to a
rock.

In our several diaries we named that
Big Game Day, and never ceased be-
ing thankful that no disastrous ac-
cident occurred.

Just His Way.

Let's have charity for others
As we're greedy on the way
All are crying with me brothers—
That's the best that you can say—
Making crooked paths to the bend,
In and out and round the bend,
Tracing every curve and angle
From the creek to the end.

Puffed with pride or bowed with sor-
row,
Earning for some foolish end,
Possibly it is caused by blindness,
Half a dollar for a friend!
Striving vainly after riches,
Making efforts small and frail,
Tumbling often in the ditch,
Lucky to keep out of jail.

Mixing hotly in the scramble
For riches, power and fame;
Landing only in the shambles,
Broken hearts and poor old lame;
Hoping as he runs to cover
Things will turn out for the best,
Only to discover
All his plans knocked galley west.

Let us treat them, then, with kindness,
Though he ships a time or two,
Knowing it is caused by blindness,
And is all that he can do—
If he sometimes makes a blunder,
Let us smile and let it pass,
For it isn't any wonder,
'Since we're also in his class.

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Denmark, which has been in use since
1215, is the oldest existing national
banner.

A BIG DROP MADE
THIRTY SECONDS CLIPPED
FROM PACING RECORD.

From Dover to Dan Patch—Inter-
esting Series of Figures—Re-
cord of Pocatontos, at 2:17
Stood for Seventeen Years—
The List.

New York, Feb. 9.—During the last
sixty-six years exactly thirty seconds
have been clipped from the pacing re-
cord. The evolution of the pacing re-
cord from 1839, when the first mile
better than 2:30 was made, to the
present mark of 1:58 is an interesting
study.

The bay gelding Dover paced a mile
in 2:28 over Beacon course, New Jersey,
on October 3rd, 1839. On August
2nd, 1844, Fanny Elliker, gray mare,
went in 2:27, at Albany, N.Y., and
in the same year, August 2nd, Un-
known, a chestnut gelding, paced the
Beacon track in 2:23, and was the first
pacing standard performer. In 1851
room gelding, Pet, paced over Union
course, on Long Island, in 2:21, and
in 1852, August 9th, lowered the re-
cord to 2:19, and then to 2:18, over
the same course.

During the same year Pocatontos
paced the Union course in 2:17. This
mark stood for seventeen years.

Yankee Sam, on October 21st, 1869,
cut the record to 2:16, at Urickville,
Ohio. The bay gelding Sweetser made
two successful tries at the record. On
October 3rd, 1877, he paced the Cleve-
land track in 2:16, and, at Oakland,
Cal., December 25th, 1878, made a re-
cord of 2:15. Sleepy George equalled
his record at Rochester, N.Y., on Au-
gust 7th, 1879, and at Columbus,
Ohio, July 16th, 1879. Sleepy Tom
paced in 2:14, and reduced the record
to 2:12 at Chicago, July 25th, 1879.
At Hartford, Conn., on August 24th,
1881, Little Brown Jug cut the record
to 2:11.

The first 2:10 side-wheeler appeared
two years later, when Johnston turn-
ed the Chicago track in that time on
October 9th.

In the following year, on the same
date and track, Johnston went in
2:06, and the record stood until Sep-
tember 4th, 1889, when Direct went a
mile over the Independence (In.) track
in 2:06. Direct cut the mark for
stallions to 2:05 at Columbia, Tenn.,
November 8th, 1892.

Hal Pointer was the first to take
advantage of the pneumatic tire
sulky. He paced in 2:05, at Chicago,
August 18th, 1892. Mascot was
world's champion that year, however,
pacing a mile in 2:04 flat at Terre
Haute, Ind., September 19th.

The next year, at Chicago, on September
15th, Flying Jib equalled Mascot's
record with a mile in 2:04. In 1892
Robert J. beat the record three times,
at Fort Wayne, Ind., August 31st, he
paced in 2:03; at Indianapolis, Ind.,
September 5th, he stepped in 2:03,
and at Terre Haute, Ind., September
14th, he paced a mile in 2:04.

John R. Gearty cut the record to
2:00 at Portland, Me., on September
24th, 1896, and Star Pointer paced in
1:59 at Keaville on August 28th,
1897.

Star Pointer's time (1:59) stood as
the world's record until August 19th,
1903, when Dan Patch paced in 1:59,
with a runner in front. On October
27th, 1903, Dan Patch pulled a wag-
gon over the Memphis track in 1:57.
On October 22nd, 1903, he went a
mile, aided by a wind shield, in
1:56, over the Memphis track. Then,
again, October 26th, 1904, over the
same track, he paced in 1:56 behind a
pacemaker. On October 7th, 1905, he
turned the Lexington track in 1:55,
and on November 11th, 1905, (un-
paced), went a mile over the Memphis
track in 1:58 flat.

A KITCHEN CART.

Military Men Dubious Over Its
Practical Value.

Washington, D.C., Feb. 10.—The
army subsistence officers in the west
are engaged in making the plans for
a kitchen cart, but they doubt the
wisdom of constructing any such ve-
hicle. There are officers of the army who
believe that these so-called improve-
ments may easily lead to such an
increase in the impediments of a mil-
itary column, as to seriously hamper
the movements of troops. It is a grave
question whether the military estab-
lishment is not already weighing down
its soldiers with burdens, which must
be rejected on the march, and whether
the array of waggons, with the extra
equipment, surplus ammunition, fire-
arm cookers, tentage, and the recently
adopted entrenching outfit, will not
do more harm than good. There is a
disposition in some military quarters
to call a halt to the so-called promo-
tion of the comfort of the soldier,
when he is in the field. Army commis-
saries say that it is not to be expected
that the trooper under arms in the
neighborhood of the enemy, either as
pursuer or pursued, will dare or need
hope to have the comforts of the gar-
rison, or even the luxuries of the pic-
nic camp. For this reason it is felt
that there should be a conservative
consideration of the various and in-
creasing propositions for making sol-
dier life more bearable.

Great Cities of the United States.

An expert statistician, who has been
employed in the United States census
bureau, estimates that three American
cities will by 1910 each have a popu-
lation ranging from nearly 2,000,000
to almost 4,500,000. The population
of New York is expected by that date
to show a total of 4,437,000, Chicago,
2,205,000, and Philadelphia, 1,818,000.
In the list of cities which are expected
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