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BEFORE YOU SHOOT, FIND YOUR BEAR
This youngster at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., borrowed his dad's togs and gun to go hunting. But he overlooked the fact that sometimes the hunted turns hunter and approaches from the rear.

THE VILLAGE LIARS.
(Crawf. Black)
I believe that kindly Nature has bestowed on one, and all B.M.s of humor, wit and wisdom, be the portion great or small; Here the rank exaggerators are a factor in life's game, And we should be coy and careful ere we censure them or blame. To the keen imagination we're indebted, doubly so; Were it not for bygone dreamers very little we would know.

I enjoy just thinking backward, to the mediums ruling them, Of the wit and of the folly of the characteristic men; Back to Nature's pastime players, long before the movie star, Back where mirth and entertainment was more genuine by far; I would like to spend an evening seated by the wood-stove fire, In the old bark-bottomed rocker, listening to the village liar.

I would like to hear Cy Hopkins tell of hero deeds afar, When he fought with Grant and Sherman, in the great American war; Hear him boast about his daring, and the fearless things he did, Of the bullet scars he carried, which from us were always hid; As he'd talk we all would listen, but the most of us could vow, That Cy's only deed of daring was to milk a mulley cow.

How I'd like to hear Tish Toney boast of her relations great, What lived across the border and owned a vast estate; How her father was advisor to every president, And was sent as an ambassador to another continent; How she chanced to be among us as a servant round-about, Is a mystery remaining that was never figured out.

I would like to hear Mat Mather yarn of things back years ago, When he used to chase the wolves and bears and wildcats through the snow; And how he fought the "Injuns," which were always five to one, With every brave a woodsman and an expert with a gun; How he'd face a pack of wolverines, all in snarling mood, When we knew well one-time a skunk had chased him from the wood.

To just go in the old hotel, I often long, and wish, That I could hear old "Slippery" yarn about the wondrous fish, Down in Mud Lake, so docile they'd eat bread-crumbs from his hand, And were so thick they crowded one another out on land; Though we knew there was never water deep down in Mud Lake, And about the only denizens were the mud-turtle and snake.

I long to hear Seth Spooner blow about his courting days, And of all the maids who pleaded to share his winsome ways; Hear him tell of reigning beauties he'd sidetracked and turned down, When he was a door-mat agent traveled round from town to town; Seth we know came back to Beanville, and he married Sally Brook, Who possessed that brand of beauty that would stop an eight-day clock.

I enjoy the thinking backward to the mediums ruling them, Thinking of the wit and folly of the characteristic men; Just to hear the village liars yarn about things in sixty-three, would be better than radio, or a picture show for me; I could sit all night and listen to their yarns back years ago, And they'd be more entertaining when I knew they wasn't so.

PRACTISING UNITY.
Detroit News.
Detroit clergymen to the number of 48 exchanged pulpits Sunday and with complete disregard of denominational lines, Methodists preached for Congregationalists, Baptists

proclaimed the Gospel for Presbyterians; Episcopalians listened to Presbyterians interpret the teachings of Christ; Universalists and Unitarians participated. Such a demonstration of Christian unity Detroit has never before witnessed. Most extraordinary of all, a distinguished Jewish Rabbi preached in a Christian church and the Dean of St. Paul's occupied the pulpit of Temple Beth El. All in all, it was a Sunday long to be remembered.

The millennium hasn't come, but it looks as if it might be on the way. This general exchange of pulpits in Detroit is a harbinger of a when we shall look back to denominational strife and sectarian bitterness with something akin to pity. How Henry Ward Beecher, Horace Bushnell and Phillips Brooks would have revelled in such a practical and inspiring example of spiritual unity and great good will! It would be advantageous if one Sunday a year at least were set apart for a general

exchange of pulpits and with an ever-widening circle of participants. And in the meantime all of us might profit by repeating with Whitlitter:

"Forgive, O Lord, our childish ways, The separate altars that we raise, The varying tongues that speak Thy praise!

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