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Wild Sports In The Far West



Synopsis

This historic book may have numerous typos and missing text. Purchasers can usually download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. Not indexed. Not illustrated. 1859 edition. Excerpt: ... CHAPTER IX. HUNTING ANECDOTES AND EXPERIENCES -- CHRISTMAS CONWELL AND HIS REMINISCENCES. A backwoods gun--Anecdote of a panther--My dog " Bears grease " -- Collmar's house -- Hunting a tame bear -- Hunting expedition -- Hailstorm -- Spirit-seller -- Route of Eastern Indians; their sufferings -- The "Mulberry" river -- Christmas-eve -- Conwell, the old settler-- Hunting with Conwell-- His age and robust frame -- A bear -- Fat turkeys -- Anecdotes of the Indians ; their cunning -- Anecdote of the moccasins -- Method of hanging up deer -- Dangerous work with a buck -- Anecdote of a buffalo-hunt -- successful sport. Meantime it grew dusk, and Slowtrap returned with seven ducks, three of which had had their heads shot off. Meat was now plentiful. After S. had made himself comfortable -- that is to say, had taken off his hat, laid aside his rifle and pouch, pulled off his wet shoes and stockings, taken unto himself a slice of cold turkey, with its appropriate maize bread and boiled pumpkin, seated himself with his feet to the fire, cut off a piece of his chair to make a toothpick, and begun complacently to pick his teeth, a sure sign that he felt comfortable, all which operations took about three quarters of an hour -- he asked, "Well, what's the news ? " As the answer was not encouraging, another long pause ensued. When it was quite dark, and a good fire was burning, his wife brought us some bread and milk, of which he partook largely, and then began to thaw, and speak of his exploits: he had fired eleven times, and his piece had missed fire twenty-seven times, a habit the old flint gun had; but he had nevertheless brought home seven ducks, and he had seen a fresh panther trail; the panther had probably seen him from a tree, and jumped down... --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

The story is there, but the typos were legion. Compared to the past English translations it is not suitable for a good read.

Gerstacker's travels through nineteenth century Arkansas will be interesting for anyone wanting to have details about early crafts, building and the culture of Arkansas' first migrant settlers and native Americans.

It was in the 1840 and the writing didn't let me imagine that time. He was quite the hunter and had much grit and physical stamina. His stories were interesting but not riveting.

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