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A FAIR SMUGGLER

THE DEALT IN CONTRABAND BECAUSE OF THE EXCITEMENT.

Has Many Thrilling Brushes with the Excise Officers on the Frontier of Switzerland, But Never Loss Her Nerve.

Although the world never moved faster than it does at the present time, life to some is still lacking in excitement and variety. To a certain Mlle. Marthe Reye, who was young, beautiful and rich, the quietness of her home life at Drize, a small frontier village of Switzerland, had become unbearable. The mountain scenery bored her; and even the exhilaration of daubing along dangerous highways in her 40-horse power motor car at breakneck speed had begun to pall. Something must be done. Mlle. Reye decided to add excitement to her life. Then a thrilling plan arose in her mind. Tobacco, saccharin and snuff were cheap enough to buy in Geneva. Away across the frontier in Haute Savoie such luxuries were dear. Visions, no doubt, of tales of smuggling arose in her thoughts and added piquancy to the idea. At any rate, within a few days of the first conception of the plan Mlle. Reye had equipped herself for the enterprise. Snuggly dressed in her powerful car she had placed many pounds of tobacco, whilst boxes of snuff and saccharin completed the cargo.

The right and wrong of the exploit had not escaped mademoiselle's mind. If successful, she realized her profit would be great, so she satisfied her conscience by determining that all her profits should be given to the poor.

One dark night, driven by her elderly and experienced chauffeur, Mlle. Reye set out on her first journey across the frontier. The coldness of the night thrilled her; and the excitement grew intense as, letting the car go, the chauffeur, dashed by the French excise outpost, and a little later drew up in Haute Savoie.

For some time mademoiselle made her smuggling expeditions across the frontier with impunity. Only once, so far, had the excitement grown a little more intense than she had desired. Then it was that the excise authorities, their alertness heightened by being repeatedly haunted by the car, had managed to get in close pursuit. Mademoiselle had heard the crack of their rifles, but the old chauffeur had managed to reach the shelter of Haute Savoie safely.

But misfortune was in store for the pretty smuggler. Her chauffeur fell ill, and performance she was compelled to make another, less experienced and resourceful. So it happened that on the second trip with the new driver, the customs officers captured the car.

Mlle. Reye, attired in the latest Paris costume, beamed on them unperurbed. It was all a joke, she explained laughingly, as the customs officials overhauled the car and fast discovered it of the contraband burden. Even when a heavy fine was demanded, the pretty smuggler only smiled, tossed over a bundle of notes and gayly rode off.

To rectify the further smuggling adventures of Mlle. Reye would require



Mlle. Reye, Attired in the Latest Paris Costume, Beamed on Them Unperturbed.

many paces. Let it suffice to say that far from putting an end to her wild rides across the frontier, capture by the authorities only added to her zest for the sport. A few weeks later she was again captured, but, and again nonchalantly paid the heavy penalty and crossed the line. But this time she was warned that if caught again her car would be confiscated.

HUNT POLAR BEAR

SPORT IN THE ARCTIC REGIONS GROWING IN FAVOR.

Expeditions Becoming a Regular Thing Every Year from Germany—Treacherous Ice More Perilous Than Arctic Bruin.

Strange that it has not been thought of before as a hunting ground, but up to within at least the last year or two the Arctic regions is a field for the sportsman has been neglected. It is said that the Germans have been the first to make expeditions into the frozen north for the sole purpose of engaging in hunting big game, especially the polar bear. Every year the great German amateurs, with M. de Gishort of Hamburg as chief, depart on expeditions jointly several Arctic expeditions which have no other object than that of the chase. Of one of these expeditions made during the past summer George Zappropoff gives an interesting account.

The party left Bremen on the morning of July 2 on board the Lofoten, bound for Norway. In about about 52 meters long and pretty well manned. There were ten hunters, each of whom had his own cabin. The generous company, which traveled with them contained even the evers of skins, so that all trophies might be safely preserved. A doctor went with the expedition.

On July 8 they reached the polar seas, where they plowed about till they arrived at, on July 24, the Isle of Hea.

A bear chase is not very dangerous if one has coolness of mind and a good rug. Taking everything into account, it is easier property to wound a bear than to catch a rabbit between hedges, because, in spite of his ferocity, the bear knows very little about defending himself against man armed with a man is nowadays. Besides, the Arctic bear does not recognize man as such, and takes him, for the most part, for a seal.

Sometimes the bear takes to the

water to escape. In this case he is best, for he can swim as quickly as a boat can follow, and the hunter can still run almost, without running any risks.

The dangers of which one is exposed are less in the actual hunt than in the heat of the chase. A hunter has at his disposal a few cartridges or a few rounds of the ice gun with his feet. The thick snow which it is covered by the bullets creates or creates a trap for the sport. A few weeks later she was again captured, but, and again nonchalantly paid the heavy penalty and crossed the line. But this time she was warned that if caught again her car would be confiscated.

This particular expedition reached the latitude of 80 degrees, at the south of and very near the part of the land called Francis Joseph Land. The island that they discovered in an odd fashion. They had left the icebergs and were looking everywhere for the island without success, although they knew that the land was 29 kilometers long and had mountains 650 meters high. After examining all the known means used in such cases, they were looking despondently at the seaquills which were always hovering about and following them in whatever direction the boat took. Evidently the land was near, but where? A skid skimmer by them, and plunging into the sea, they picked up a big seal, which was started on a direct flight home to give it to her young. This showed them the direction of land, and half an hour later, in a lifting of the fog, they saw Bear Island chily a little way off.

On the pale-anemic coffee since my wife has had to cook. If you saw the steam she serves me, how my every daily meal. From the little that she serves me, some, but an ordeal. You're a pity, Mary, pity, though your love for me is strong. And you're a pity, Mary, I know it, and would get the better of the biscuits and the butter. So, love, Mary, mercy, don't be stubborn—what's the use? —The Baby, Evening Post.

Abortive Scheme.

The Sutter-Johns, your parlor clock is an hour fast. The Kid Brother—I know it! But don't tell sister. The Sutter—Why not? The Kid Brother—Because she thinks you don't know it—Cleveland Leader.

He Made Good.

Troutler—When young Higgins left college a few years ago he declared he was going to find his way to the front. Did he make good? Homer—As a forger, yes. He's now occupying a front row cell in the penitentiary.

Put Your Money In a New Country

The Pacific Coast extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway now under construction, opens to the settler thousands of acres of excellent agricultural land. The new country in Adams, Hettinger, and Bowman Counties, North Dakota, and Butte County, South Dakota, is now reached by the new track. The soil is a dark humus with clay subsoil, and produces in abundance wheat, oats, barley, spelt, flax, corn and potatoes. The land is well adapted to farming, good water is found at a depth of from twenty to fifty feet, and the whole country is underlain with lignite coal that outcrops along the streams, and in most cases can be had for the digging.

The climate is healthful, the air is dry and invigorating, and the percentage of sunshiny days is high. Outdoor work can be done almost every day in the year. Rainfall is amply sufficient to raise the crops. Regular mail service has been established, the roads are good, rural telephone lines traverse the country, and automobiles are in common use. The deeded land in this district sells for from \$10 to \$18 per acre. There are many instances this year where the crop equaled in value the cost of the land.

In Butte County, South Dakota, there is considerable government land open for homestead entry. Government land offices are maintained at Lemmon, Hettinger and Bowman, where filings and final proofs may be made. All of these towns are on the new line of the

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In Montana, the new railroad traverses good farming land. It has been demonstrated that big crops of grain may be raised. Along the Yellowstone and Musselshell Rivers, the water is used for irrigation, and phenomenal yields of alfalfa, sugar beets, and grain, are always certain. In the Judith Basin near Lewistown, Montana, is one of the most remarkable sections to be found on the new line. Under natural rainfall, the famous bench lands produced this year an average of 35 bushels of hard wheat to the acre, and the price was 94 cents per bushel. The basin contains about 1500 square miles and is sparsely settled. Some government land still remains open for settlement. A government land office is maintained at Lewistown. In Fergus County, outside the Judith Basin, is one of the greatest stock countries in the world, and good ranches can be purchased at a reasonable figure.

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