

beavers. Curing the skins occupied their time fully, as they were constantly adding to the supply; and not alone beaver but elk, bear, big-horn, cougar, and other animals yielded their hides to swell the store.

Our story now draws to a close. We have followed our hunters through their varied adventures and trials from the moment of their departure from Finlay House, and we at length see them safely settled in their mountain home, where they have begun to reap a rich harvest of valuable furs.

It is with regret that we bid adieu to the gallant youths and their veteran companion,—a regret which we would fain hope is shared by our boy readers. In the spring the trappers intend to return by the same route to dispose of the produce of their season's hunt. Perhaps we may again have the privilege of accompanying the party on their downward way, and of chronicling their adventures for the benefit of those of our young friends who may have been interested in these pages.

THE END.