

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF ROD AND GUN:

I see by an interview with Captain Jones, Commodore of the Lumsden Line, when he visited Montreal a few days ago, that he made the statement that in every lumber camp on the Montreal River, Ont., and the lakes of the Kippewa Chain, Que., moose meat is served regularly under the guise of beef.

Now, Mr. Editor, I cannot speak for the Montreal River but I can for Kippewa Lake and some of the adjoining lakes, as our firm have had three camps on Kippewa and adjoining lakes both last year and this; and as agent for the company I can tell him that the statement he makes so far as our camps are concerned is without a particle of truth. I can tell him that this season we got two quarters of moose meat from a party of American sportsmen hunting under license and in the hunting season, and last year we got the meat of one moose under the same circumstances, and with these two exceptions we have had no moose meat at our depôt or in our camps during the last two years we have operated on Kippewa.

And the only other camps on Kippewa Lake that I knew of last year were two of Mr. Lumsden's. And does Mr. Jones charge the foremen of those camps with violating the game laws of the province, for that is what it amounted to, for it cannot be used in the camps without the knowledge of the foremen, and if they allow it they are breaking the laws of the province and are liable to a fine or imprisonment?

But, Mr. Editor, I know these foremen and visited their camps last season very often, and I venture to say that the statement as to their camps is just as reliable as it is to ours. And I would advise Capt. Jones, if he is anxious to preserve the game, as he pretends to be, that instead of making wholesale charges against agents and foremen in the lumber camps he would give information to the proper authorities in individual cases that he knows of. He would be doing more for the preservation of the game both in Ontario and Quebec than by making statements that are without foundation.

Trusting you will give this space in your valuable paper, I remain,

Yours truly,

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Sunnyside, Que., April 5th, 1901.

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EDITOR ROD AND GUN:

In your issue of May, 1901, you ask your readers to give their experience with the "Colt Automatic Pistol." I am a fortunate possessor of one, numbered 75 and I would like to say that I believe the fellow that told you that he could not hit a barn door at ten yards distance with the pistol is not worthy of belief.

My experience has been that while it is not as good an arm for target work, as a specially prepared pistol would be, bad marksmanship, to my mind, is due entirely to the user's inexperience with the weapon. You know a person cannot change from a type of arm that they have been used to for a long while to another, and do as good work as with the former.

I myself consider it a very effective weapon and have had very good results with it as a game weapon, last fall shooting a good buck at about 40 yards, second show. On the water, owing to the number and rapidity of the shots, it is very easy work to hit a mark. The simplicity of the weapon makes it very valuable, as it is almost impossible for it to get out of order.

I would also like to answer your C. R. Steele in support of C. A. B. I have had a wide experience in camping out, from the mouth of the Mississippi to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, both in winter and summer. I am a strong believer in the use of blankets, rather than in the felts that C. R. Steele advocates. I have found out by experience that several thin layers of blanket are much warmer than one great thickness of the same weight, and I construct a sleeping bag, the Johnson, made up on this idea, using four blankets that weigh two and one-half pounds each, laced together on the foot and side and covered with a waterproof canvas cover, the whole sleeping bag weighing but fourteen pounds. I may say that last winter in January, I slept out of doors at 35° below zero with comfort, in the Province of Quebec. Another great advantage of having thin blankets is, the ease with which they can be aired and dried when they happen to get wet.

New York City.

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TO THE EDITOR OF ROD AND GUN:

C. R. Steele asks why I recommend blankets instead of a sleeping bag. Weight for weight they are warmer. Blankets may be tucked in more closely, and are decidedly preferable to a heavy sheepskin sleeping bag. The Indian rabbit skin blanket to be bought at most Hudson Bay ports is, however, the best winter covering. These are very light and almost too warm. Mr. Caspar Whitney, if I remember correctly, found the blue four-point blankets of the Company more serviceable than a sleeping bag in the extremely low temperatures experienced at Great Slave Lake in winter. A very light bag of some waterproof material to go over the blankets and keep out wind might be a good addition—only it should not weigh more than two or three lbs.

C.A.B.

In reply to John Gird: Cut the blanket six inches longer than the foot. The foot is placed on a diagonal line joining two opposite corners, and the toe and instep covered by one corner turned back. The opposite corner is twined up along the heel tendon, and the remaining corners are folded over the instep and first fold. The moccasin holds all in place. In very cold weather two squares for each foot should be used.

C.A.B.

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Repeated use of Dry, Harsh Cleaners will Damage Your Shooting Piece.

Every season thousands of fine shooting pieces are ruined by the wrong kind of cleaner. Especially do sportsmen who use smokeless powder find that many cleaners do more damage than they do good. Cleaners that have acid are certain to have a corrosive action on the boring of the tubes. "3 in 1" oil is a cleaner that is all oil, and nothing else. It is the best gun cleaner on the market. It is really the only gun cleaner on the market, and does not contain a particle of acid or nit. Gun clubs all over the country use it and find it to be the very best they have ever used. Charles F. Stickle, of Springfield, Illinois, is the Secretary and Treasurer of the Illinois State Sportsmen's Association, and has the following to say about "3 in 1":—"I invariably use "3 in 1" for cleaning out my fire arms after shooting to remove the residue of powder. I take a fine mesh Thompson cleaner, and coat the surface with "3 in 1," and find that it not only cuts out the residue, but prevents the cleaner from wearing the choke. The use of "3 in 1" I find not only cleans quickly, but protects the boring of the tubes."