

when he fights: he raises himself upon his hind legs, and fights in the manner of a cat, taking care to protect his head, which he knows is the only part where he can be hurt by blows; for the thick layers of fat protect his body from every thing but fire-arms. These layers are what bear's grease is produced from, for the growth of the hair.

In one respect, the American bear shows himself a refined animal; that is, in his appetite, in which he very nearly resembles the farmer: he can eat women and children, but greatly prefers pork.

It happened one night, in a settlement near St. Francis, that a bear was seized with a violent desire either to form a new acquaintance with a hog, or else to perpetuate an old one: be this as it may, he made the best of his way into the hog-sty. The farmer, being aroused by an unusual noise in that part of his farm, hastily left his bed, followed by his wife, and they were just in time to see the bear getting over the fence with a fine hog in his fore-paws, which he embraced most lovingly. The farmer killed the bear and saved his hog.

You all know, I dare say, that pork and green peas