

With Rod and Gun

Two summers ago some people of the town of Chase, B. C., were halted by a striking spectacle. It was on the slope of one of the hills that come close up to the town on the south and east.

The grassy incline is set with clumps of firs, one of which little thickets formed a screen between a sleeping bear on one side, and on the other a local photographer getting a picture of the lake and valley. Each was hidden from the other yet both were in open sight of the watchers below.

After the photographer had finished his work in serene unconsciousness of his bold neighbor and had come away leaving the bear undisturbed, two young men went up the hill with guns and brought back bruin's pelt.

For two weeks the bear's mate lingered near the town until it was shot from a gun in the hands of an unskilled hunter frightened her away.

Bears are common in the vicinity of Chase and around the Shuswap and Adams Lakes, though it is not every day they go to sleep on the open hillside in sight of town. The sportsman can come here with confidence that he will find a guide who can show him a bear, black, cinnamon, or grizzly, according to his taste.

Young bears are frequently captured alive. For the past two seasons cubs have been brought into town and kept till they were big enough to be a nuisance. Then some of them were sold and some were served up as "mulligan."



On the Trail of the Deer.

But bear hunting is the sport of the few; it is the pursuit of the nimble deer that ofteneast lures the hunter to the lake and hill country around Chase. Deer are more numerous than bear. Five has been the legal limit for one man in a season, and not a few have gone the limit.

One day last fall a couple of school boys went up on the benches near town to hunt rabbits and came back in a couple of hours with a fine buck. Every autumn the supply of venison cuts the revenue of the local butcher shops.

With an Indian guide, a couple of cayuses, and a gun that you are on familiar terms with, a successful deer hunt depends on