

A Bear Story.

Wal, from nearly fifty years ago when Elial Parmelee built his one-story farm, if he saw anything contrary to his wish, he would set very badly, so that his wife was very unhappy, and used to tremble when he came home late to find her in a passion. After harvest a poor little boy, who used to go out in the field attending the pigs, one day made a mistake and took his pigs into the wrong field. After a time his master, as usual on his rounds, went into the field, and began to swear badly at the little boy for taking his pigs into the wrong field, and sitting on his horse, when the poor lad, looking steadily at his master, said, "Pray, sir, do not swear at me so, for I cannot bear it."

One time she got interested in picking raspberries, they were so thick, and had stayed a little further away from the boy than she expected. All at once she happened to think of her darling, and leaving the bushes—fairly red with berries—she hurried back to where she left the baby, and, horrible to tell, he was gone! With her heart, she ran rather and on, screaming for her child. She looked in every place where it seemed possible for him to go; she crawled under bushes, among rocks and stumps, and pale and faint, staggered home with the awful news. Elial started, and his wife followed as fast as she could, but no boy was to be seen. They could find, save the little white cap his mother had made for him a few days before.

Nobody can tell the feelings of that father and mother unless they have been placed in similar circumstances. After they had tired themselves all out in their search they sat down, broken-hearted, in the place where the baby was, and tried to think of every possible chance that could befall the child. All at once Elial started up and said, "I'll bet my life a bear has carried off that boy."

"Yes," says the mother, "I don't say that."

"I believe it. I have heard of such things, and probably a bear-brother had the baby asleep, and has carried it to her den. Of course you heard no outcry?"

"None; and it may be that she will not harm the boy. In heaven's name, what can be done?"

"Well," says Elial, after thinking for a while, "it may be that we can save him, if we can find the bear's whereabouts."

No sooner came they to this conclusion than home they ran to notify their neighbors. The news that a bear had carried off one of the Parmelee children went like wild-fire among the inhabitants, and within an hour fifty men and half that number of boys, with rifles, shot-guns, axes, iron bars, and anything they could lay their hands on that would kill, or help kill a bear, were mustered and ready for the hunt and fight. It had got along well into the afternoon, and it was high four o'clock before they started. Mrs. Parmelee went to the place where the darling was left, and she began to look around for tracks. Between the bushes the grass was soft, and mighty good for tracking anything; but Elial found a broken twig, and he judged from the way it was leaning that she had started to track the place known then and now as "Barnes's Swamp." It had been cleared over so much since then, and thousands of great pine trees off all around it, but you know to-day it is about the ugliest hole in town. She had taken a round-about course, and struck in on the north side of the swamp; but he had surrounded it, and his brother Bill was the first to find her tracks as she left a spring where she had probably stopped to drink. They were big ones—nearly as long as a man's footprints, and two rods from the muddy spring not a sign of them to be found. No one had seen the bear. No one had found anything that looked like a den. The sun was almost down, but tried to help us by lighting up the dense thickets as if through slanting rays among them. Hope had almost died-out of Elial's face when a scream, "There she is!" came from one of the party. All eyes turned toward it, and there on the limb of a tall pine, at least twenty feet from the ground sat a bear with the unharmed baby! Her back was leaning against the body of the tree, while with her right foreleg she held the boy as tenderly and carefully as would his mother. We had cut her off from her retreat, and the rough bark of the pine had made it an easy task for her to climb—she supposed out of our way.

What was to be done? Forty suggestions were mentioned in a jiffy. One suggested one thing; another something different. Ten minutes went by before anything was decided on. Elial's voice rose above the rest, and we stopped and heard him. He says: "Ben Sperry, you're the best shot in Clarendon. We will get under the tree; you shoot the bear, and, God willing, I'll catch the baby as he falls. There isn't no other way. I'll soon be dark and then—here his voice broke in sobs.

Quickly fifty pairs of stout arms arose, while I looked at old smooth bore to see if she was all right. I tell you, good folks, I've stood up and been shot at in the war of 1812, and would again if I had a chance, and I have shot many a wild-cat and bear, but never did my heart thump as it did when I drew a bead on that creature."

It was as still as death, and not even the breathings of the anxious men and eager boys could be heard as I drew my trusty gun to bear on brain's heart. Crack she went, and first came the baby—safely caught, alive and well—and a second after, raking the bark with outstretched claws, tumbled the dying bear.

"You think you've heard me about it? Well, you ought to have heard the yell that sprang that stillness as the sun set on Barnes's swamp, while Elial hugged me, with tears streaming down his cheeks. The young fellows out two saplings, sharpened them, and drove them through old brain, fore and aft; and shouldering the load, marched into the settlement amid the rejoicings, hurrahs and general jollifications of the whole town.—Uncle Ben in the Golden Rule.

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