

The Mountain Divide

antelope-hunting, buffalo-hunting, grizzly-bear hunting, elk-hunting. Now I don't say I don't like you and I don't say you won't do. What I say is, you talk too much. I'll tell you what I've learned. I've learned not to say too much at a time. And when I say it, I don't say it very loud. And if you don't get killed, in advance, you will learn the same thing in the same way I learned it. Where are your blamed batteries?"

"Bill, you are all right."

"I am, am I?"

"First help me enter these way-bills and check up the express packages so I can deliver them to this mob."

"My business isn't checking up express; but I like you, young fellow, so, go ahead. Only you talk too much."

"Just a moment!"

At these words coming from the other end of the office, the lineman and the operator looked around. The military-looking man and his companion had entered the room unobserved and