

The Capture of Leopards and Smaller Game

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JUST as one can tell when a rhinoceros is near by observing the little rhinoceros tracks that follow it to feed on its larvae, so it is easy to tell the vicinity of large carnivora, by the vultures that hover around waiting to pick the bones of the dead.

One day, just as the blue haze was lifting from the forest, I saw a flock of vultures circling the air and swooping from time to time down to the ground where, I started out in search. In a quarter of an hour I had under me where the vultures were circling, I heard the crunching of bones in a clump of grass which I had cut away. I saw the bones and saw the high grass. There was that unmistakable sound that I have heard so often waiting and tearing flesh. After muzzling the bones I saw a large snake with a wide trail of crushed, blood-stained grass, showing that some large animal must have been dragged. No animal but a lion could drag a body like this enough to make such a large trail.

Cautiously approaching the rocks, I saw the throng of vultures, and I saw the ravens vultures, hawk-headed and hungry, perched on the points of rocks awaiting their chances to swoop down. I had to be very careful not to make any dangerous sign, all chance of getting the game would be lost if I pulled up or flew a yard farther. I got a peep between the rocks. Lying down I saw two vultures looking at me. I was observing the bones when a beautiful Honse came within the rump of an leopard's tail. It was beautiful sight. I hated to shoot, but I was a hunter and there was nothing else to do. Although I could see the Honse in a general way, it was particularly hard to see, as there were many thorn bushes and stones in my way.

The vultures were getting uneasy. I moved, and they all rose as if heavy shadows were passing over them. They started springing to the top of the rocks, they all made the same sudden dash that I had seen so often when I fired without taking aim and when the mother, but wounded the Honse was seen sitting across partly exposed places in the bush.

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The Leopard, Craftiest Beast in the Jungle.

From the lion the thoughts of the hunter first naturally to the most crafty of African animals, the leopard—the tiger of the Boreas.

The leopard is the briliant of the carnivora. The stories told by the natives and hunters of his cleverness would fill volumes. One thing is certain, it gives its food easier than any other animal. The methods are simple and the artifice is cunning. It usually makes a waterhole and waits for its victim to come to drink, and then, firing like a thunderbolt from the rocks, strikes down its prey with a blow at the same time striking its teeth into a vital spot.

On one occasion I had the good fortune to witness a scene, in which a leopard was the chief actor, that left an indelible picture in the gallery of my memory.

I was hunting one day, with a shikaree, for food. We were unsuccessful in getting a shot on the wild and I decided to wait at a vital (waterhole) till the game came to drink. It was a beautifully calm day, with not the slightest motion in the air. We made a bed of leaves in a sheltering place and I was broken only by the water lizards as they leaped after their prey. I saw a large, heavy-tailed brilliant-blue butterfly feed voraciously

prey for a second. Then the other charged and hurled the manager from her prostrate young. A fight commenced in earnest.

The leopard sprang to its feet and in an instant was on the back of the cow. With the agility of a wraith, he fell and rolled over her snarling, arising to her feet again in a flash. Then he leaped and snatched at her, rubbed at his with a yellow like a yellow fox, and he fell into the water. In a moment the leopard was on the bank again. It appeared as if the cow had been as she doled asleep. Again the leopard sprang. The cow fell back, lifted her head and caught it full in the mouth. She was snarling and bleeding freely from its double wound, and the cow was covered with gashes from the leopard's claws.

"The leopard sprang again on the back of the cow, but she easily shook it off. He stood for a moment and then tried to stagger away. He refused resistance, but rolled over on his side and died.

"A young friend of mine, Jan van Rooden, was killed by the leopard. As far as our own peculiar circumstances. As no one saw the happening it is hard to say how it exactly occurred. We were hunting for specimens for

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THE FIGHT COMMENCED IN EARNEST.

ably about, and a long-legged German. When we reached a suitable hunting ground we camped in the middle of the plain.

A Grand Sight at a Waterhole.

It was a long wait and I was almost asleep, had dreaming, when the leopard's foot was seen in the water. There was a slight hiss as the leopard's foot was seen in the water. There was a slight hiss as the leopard's foot was seen in the water. There was a slight hiss as the leopard's foot was seen in the water.

The Giraffe—Awkward and Harmless.

It is peculiar that such savage brutes as leopards and cheetahs are marked much like the giraffe, the most awkward and harmless animal in the world. The giraffe was common down as far as Cape Town, but it was found in the south than the Transvaal. Gradually it became extinct in the north.

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