"DOGGIN" RABBITS

A Reminder of Boyhood Days.

Ernest McGaffey, in the Chicago Record.

think of that when waiting by a good | participate in our hunts but ourselves. pointer as he "stands" a bevy of Of course, all firearms were strictly quail and I can step forward with prohibited in these hunts, and indeed breech-loader ready for the birds to there was no need of any. When burst from cover. It is grand sport Henry Clay got the bearings of any with a trusty friend along to hear particular rabbit nine times out of ten one's explanation of how easy shots the rabbit would have saved time simare missed. Days in the cornfields ply by lying down and giving up. It and brush, down in the little "slues" was almost a certain thing that the between the field and wound old combination would get him. For the orehards and along fences and creek hound very seldom lost the trail, the bottoms after "Bob White." But curs could stand the going, and the sometimes the frantic rush of a "cot- boys never let up until the rabbit tontail" will dart by a dog's nose, the wilted. A boy's cruelty may be dog standing steady as a rock and not thoughtlessness or a trace of the origiminding it. The canines of other nal stone age gentleman. Either way days hadn't that pointer's control- it is there, and he cannot understand not the lank hound and the two non- the fine gradations between the marder descript curs with which I used to go of the Thanksgiving gobbler and the "doggin" rabbits in the Missouri slaying of the defenceless rabbit.

is inclined, and there in Nodaway turkey there was no chance on earth. County we were inclined to hunt. A There was a council of war and the biggest boy generally ruled the roost Rube Swearingen always led us, be-Rube could lick either of us. This hound was a sad-eyed, long-eared out. animal, that had one of the most cavernous appetite ever known in dogdom. He could eat his weight in mixed truck every twenty-four hours and never gain a pound for it, either. He was a bay brute, with a high baritone voice and four tall legs. He was tongue to a frosty pump handle.

would scratch back a bunch of soil with his hind feet and look up diagohis. At last he would let out a moan that was half a yawn and half a yelp, and then we knew that he had got the scent. And then Oscar and Juno would "scrouge" in between his legs and bark and "rassie" around in the

Henry Clay usually ran them into brush piles or hollow logs, and either way it was suicide for the rabbit. If the prey scudded into a brush pile old Clay and his willing mouth, the sharp teeth of the two "yaller" dogs and our clubs the rabbit had his "own doin's" heap and "encore" by the entire com-

fatigue in the mad energy of the chase. As for boys, why up to 20 their sinews are all steel and whalebone, and it's only when they get in bed that they only when they get in bed that they cat tired. So when we went "deggin" Clay.

better than to be 11 years old again yet he was completely cured by ten bettles of Botanic Blood Balm (B.B.B) Robert Ward, Maxey, Ga., suffered from secondary and tertary blood poison, face and shoulders a mass of correct tired. So when we went "deggin" Clay. it war certainly great sport. The rab bits were outlawed anyway, as their DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They specialty was young apple trees and "garden sass," so we were never hindered in our operations by even the crustiest of the farmers. It was a

After all has been done and said ¡Cold or hot, we never backed down there is something in the primitive when the hunt had been arranged. savagery of a boy that outkeens the And we three made a close corporation savor of later days. I sometimes out of it and no one was allowed to

The latter, indeed, might sometimes As the invironment is bent the boy get away. But for a selected holiday

When a rabbit betook himself to a mile from town on one side the hollow log we used to chop him out or prairies lay and in the early summer twist him out. Chopping him out they were red with wild strawberries. was when the hole in the log was too To the north and northwest was the crooked to admit of poking in a stick timber, heavy and threatening, and to twist him with, or when the rabbit with many squirrels and rabbits in its got up into a log beyond the reach of mazes. The men hunted prairie the sticks. We would put our ears to chickens, turkeys and deer mainly, the log, pound it, and finally locate but we boys went "doggin" rabbits. the unfortunate cottontail. And A "doggin" trip was usually planned when this was done the light axe in Friday night to be put into execution | the hands of Rube solved the problem the following Saturday morning early. speedily and the rabbit was added to his mates. It was cruel, of course, from a humanitarian point of view. and laid out the route to be taken. If we could twist the rabbit out we simply stuck a split stick into the cause his father owned the hound bele until we reached the quarry and that we took along, and also because then got a purchase on him with the split end and persuaded him to come

Whenever we ran a rabbit into a cornshock we would rip the shock to pieces like Indians and out would bounce the rabbit, with Henry Clay and Oscar and Juno in hot pursuit, and generally someone of the procession nabbed him. Such a pandemoa past prime rabbiter, though, and nium of yells and shouts, with the held on a cold trail like a boy's barking of the smaller dogs and the baying of the hound to add to the Oscar and Juno were the other music. Rube Swearingen used to dogs, and they were just yallery dogs kind of forget that he was the boss, -pesky fighters, small and able to and when we got into a scrimmage of worm through brush piles slicker than that kind it was every one for himself Henry Clay and whenever Henry didn't care much for. Occasionally "hollered" it meant rabbits. He one of the curs would nip a fox squirwould drag himself lazily along until rel which had ventured too far from we got to the woods and then he his home tree; but, generally speaking, we didn't bother with them.

Those Missouri rabbits were big fellows—long-legged, rangy and of excellent staying powers. But we were too much for them, and never a Saturday

"We want the abstinence that is voluntarily imposed upon himself by man, under the serious conviction that intoxicating drinks are evil."

These are wise words, worthy of consideration. Every effort to secure pledge signers should be accompanied would sniff a little at the leaves and ing, we didn't bother with them. tip-toe around, getting more and more Those Missouri rabbits were big felinterested all the time, and finally he lows-long-legged, rangy and of excelnally with that long, sharp head of in the late fall season and early winter that we failed to get a good bunch. We kept the dogs hungry while we

were hunting, for to feed them would have been to destroy their usefulness. They all knew better than to try to eat a rabbit after they had killed one. brush and presently a frantic rabbit That would have meant a good stiff would emerge from a hiding place, and licking, administered on the spot, and cold with fierce, joyous yells of "There he Rube wasn't afraid to waltz right into goes!" the trio of boys would rush Henry Clay if he had ever tried it. forward and the dogs would stretch | He did try it once and I think old out in a frenzied line after the rabbit. Henry never forgot it. Rube just of liquor. naturally grabbed up a big "chunk of brush" and wore it "plum out" on him, as he expressed it. And that settled the rabbit eating issue right Henry would lope up and smell around there. Oscar and Juno had been a few seconds and then give a tell-tale clubbed out of such notions when they bay that said as plain as daylight, were puppies. It was hard to say "Here he is! Oop-oop!" Then Rube which enjoyed it the most, the hoys would get up on the brush pile and Randolph and I would take up position and I would take up would let Juno and Oscar squeeze in would run around in a circle and and interview the rabbit. Each of us Henry Clay would bay when we got to boys had actick, and what with Henry the timber until you would have thought he would split his throat. Coming home we would string the

rabbits on a sapling and trail through to get away from us. If he did man- the town with the admiring comments age to run the gauntlet it was merely of old and young following us. That a case of a chase to another brush was not the least of the fun, I can tell you. And rabbit pie, and stewed rabbit, and fried rabbit, and rabbit roast-A certain amount of this was bound of and stuffed was also something not the symptoms can never return.

of discourage the most ambitious rabitous to discourage the most ambitious rab- to be sneezed at. So, although the bit. As for Henry Clay, he never latter-day hunting has its elegancies tired in the woods. I'll give him that and its science of hand and eye, of the body, excruciating aches and pains credit, anyway. And the two smaller dogs forgot everything pertaining to win success, I do not ask anything fetigue in the mad energy of the characters and muscle, more complicated to in bones and joints, falling of the hair, sore throat. His troubles resisted the treatment of the most noted doctors,

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The learned grocer brought forth a islands of the Grecian Archipelago, box of the little, sticky, sugary, gritty currants, and which is used in fruit cake, plum puddings, mince pies, buns and the like.

"Why, them's 'em," exclaimed the little girl.

"Yes, them's 'em," assented the grocer, "and if the Grecian maiden run together like gumdrops, and it who trod this particular lot of 'em into | takes a lot of care and work to sepaship shape had used a little water or rate them again. After they are even a feather duster on her feet before she began there wouldn't be so much grit in 'em as there is. She must have been having a regular hoedown on the classic sands before she began to dance on this box of fruit. There, sissy, tell your mother she must bathe 'em in several waters before she uses 'em, or she might just as well put a lot of sandpaper in her fruit cake. And tell her that they ain't dried currants, either."

"What's the reason they ain't dried customer when the girl had gone.

"They ain't dried currants any more than they are dried pumpkins," replied the grocer. "The reason they ain't dried currants is that they weren't currants before they were dried. Good reason enough, ain't it?'

"Yes," said the customer, less disputative than he was. "But what does everybody call them dried currants for, then?"

"'Cause they don't know any better," said the learned grocer. "They'll go right on coming in here and asking for dried currants just the same after I tell 'em why they ain't dried currants as they did before."

"What should they ask for, then?" inquired the customer.

"If any man should come in here and ask for dried corinths," replied cessarily be a gentleman, but I'd bet on him being a scholar. Dried corgritty raisin, for it's a raisin, pure and simple."

"How's that?" the customer wanted to know.

"Because it was a grape before it was dried," said the grocer, "and if raisins ain't grapes, what are they?" "But you said these were dried corinths," persisted the customer. 'What's a corinth, anyhow?"

that grows," replied the learned grocer, "and it lost its name years and years ago because it was gradually corrupted into 'currant,' which became also the name of the acidulated little berry of our garden, which you might condition of a raisin than a pea is. This little grape grows all over the and was first exported from Corinth. and that's what gave it its proper name. The bunches don't grow much bigger than a stem of red currants. and they are so full of sugar that when they are picked and dried in the sun they actually seem to melt and separated is the time when the Grecian maiden gets her work in on 'em, for it is one of her pleasant duties to jump on a heap of the sticky stuff with her bare feet until she has compressed enough of the little raisins to squeeze three boxes of them into one. No hydraulic pump could do it better. If it could we wouldn't have the sand and grit the maiden's feet mingle with the fruit, and without that no

"Still, I shall expect folks to come currants?" demanded a disputative in here right along and ask for d-ied currants just the same," said the learned grocer, as he went to wait on a new customer .- New York Press.

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