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## THE HERMIT.

When ladies go alligator bunting. they should cearly understand that people whom they find and associate with freely in an Alabama bayon should not always be bowed to in Piccadilly. This sounds simple—an axiom, in factbut because Miss Wilcom did such an mocalled for bowing, things happened which put two most respectable families in a condition of open fory, and I carned dislike as the origin of evil. As matter of accuracy, my rachtmate was for more guilty than I. He had gone a fishing one day in his zlirt, and had spent eight hours sandwiched between wind and water, and had naturally returned with his legs bitten red raw by the sun. He developed a temper in consequence that would have made him shumed in the nit, and I was driven into a deed of temporary separation

Our yacht was then in the bayon of Bon Secours, which opens of Mebile bey, and the mun with the sunburned legs said with many adjectives that move ment for aim was out of the question. He remarked that he would stay on the aloon and fish for gaff tone is (as they call the catfish), and cavallog and sheepheads and sharks and whatever else he could get, and said that polite conversation was a strain to him. He stated that our crew (of one negro) would make a suitable butt for his future remarks. and Dut forward the suggestions that I should take myself off. "Go and hunt alligators up the ingome and live a savage in the awamps, and eat crackers and tront, and calcu fever if there's any throwing about a said the man with the sunburned lega. "That'll be about your form.2' So I pitied the nigger and went off-in pale pink pyjamas and the ten foot yaw lboat.

The authoritent sail down the lagoon ander a brazer torrelit of sunshine, came as one of the seven pleasures of life. There was a great wall of trees on the landward side, rearing itself from the water a lip in a bedge of undergrowth. To southward, from over the rambling line of dunce, with their fringes of scrab grass and palmetto, came the dim bellow of the surf sell creamed and crombled on the white golf sand. And down the silver ripples of the laguor there blew in mir, faintly salt, which chilled the wes cocton against one's spine.

The lagoon baved to an end, and there opened out another channel to be punted through, a narrow winding canal of twirls and branches through quaking march land, a waterway runtling with fish and ablaze with yellow liller. Cardinal birds peered at one from the bushes, and purple herone thrust out curious beaks from the grass clumps. It was all yary peaceable and extremely hot. Then there came a lake with islands.

a lake of water called by courtery fresh, which was lemon yellow to look through and black to look upon. It swarmed with fish, which took the hook and were supped upon for their sing, and because there was no whisky in the yawhoot for dilution it served as a beverage in all its sulphurous nastiness. Then the san dipped behind the forests at the back. and night followed like the shufting down of a box. One mounted a bullacye lantern on the hatband, which would shine down a rifle's sights, and put out again in the boat, paddlingstealthily. It is not siverys easy to distinguish between a firefly and the gleam of an alligator's eye, and shots are apt to be wasted and the neighborhood scared. But on that night fortune held, and the lead went home six several times. Then the dead were made more mately dead with the ax, and their slayer laid him down to sleep on the boat's floor with his head beside the centerboard trunk.

So passed my first night away from the sloop. The morning was compled in the process of skinning, and then coosmore on toward the east. There were mure lakes and more canals all full of their own new wonders, and ever away in the distance on the starboard hand was the noise of the surf as it broke where the logs from the gulf givers bristle in the milky sand. In late afternoon I came to a lagoon with a wooded island in it, and among the trees of the island, when they grew distinct from one another. I saw a man.

I bore down on him under sail, for there was a spanking breeze coming in from the sea, and when we were within hatitus distance the boat grounded. "Do you went to land head" he

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south, and then he weekled up the

From over the way -- Pembroke." leave your boat and come up to my when you turned up." place. Sorry I didn't tumble to you at . "Not now. At present I am going to firm, but then you don't loss over ra- turn in to sleep. Probably I shall die speciable just now. Are you make down in the course of the night. It will save your hick?" me the trouble and pa "Oh, I'm not hunting slitgator proon your luck?"

but not into trouble with the law of the myself." be said. "I'm here permaneutly. 11

By this time we had got into a bit of a clearing inside the wall of trees. patch of sorghum, another of sweet potatoes, another of com with stalks that stood ten feet high, and a goodly planting of green tobacco plants, with showbling palmetto growth at the back. "Paith," I said, "ron've queer no- ness.

tions of a pleasure record "I'm a man," he said, "with all to be seed in the lagoom and later.

the river?"

on his victuals for all that, and then relit my bipe and went on with the talk.

came the noises of the night—the chat- ished. ter of katydids and rostle of jardies, the love stug of tree cricken and toads, the deep reed notes of frogs in their natches of march, and through all mingled the heavy diapason of the surf, from scross the dunes, and the forest, and the black waters of the lake mellowed by its passage through the purple night. I am the most practical and unpoetical creature in the world, as a general thing, but the influence of it was too beavy for me. I started on to chat again about the bosts, and about women and yachts and books and the other interests of the outer world, but the things fell flat, and presently the talk died out of us altogether. We lay there, hung in silence and sensuonaly drinking in what the night gave up. We must have spent hours without throwing down a word.

Then Atoheson spoke. "That is my usual concert," he said. "One gets to like it."

. I did not snewer at mee. I could not although his words came clearly enough to my ears. A sort of measurerio done pluned me down.

When I managed to rouse. Helt angry with nivself for weakness and spoke with a meer, "You most find it mighty monotonous, I said.

A mietake; an utter mistake. It is

full of infinite variety; it never repeats itself, and I know, because Thave listehed to it now for three years, in calm, in oyclone, in every kind of night which know this."

to write about this Walden pond of Yours 1 T asked.

I am no Thorean with a pen. Be sides. I am selfish and if I could not this down I would not. One man in ten! follow who had lived in the air with the things that grow in the air away from ized. \*\*

The spell of the place was closing down again and pinning me. I found myself with an effort and swore for relief. "Atcheson," I said, "I believe you are either the devil or Circo with a more and let me aleep. If I listen on. I shall forget the place from whence I am come and stay here and become as one of the swine."

"I am worry," Atobeson said, "and because I do not want converts or consnanions I will say no more. Therefore handful. aleep you. "

The minems of the lorus was in my veins and I knew it and feared. I woke sullen and suspicious with the first life of day and got down to my boat. Atcheson came after and cried a pleasant and wiederschen, and I answered with a scowl and threw out the scule. I was very angry with myself and still more frightened. I had been in that kind of temptation before and knew what it was afterward to wish that I had fallen. Consequently I made up my mind to get back to the yacht without a halt and so put in a day of savage toil, and because the ann above burned like a kettle of molter brass and the air baked, the material pains of the body gave me other matters to think about. And when I made out the aloop's riding light dancing on her forestay I knew there was another antidote close at hand. The man with the sunburned legs was a very carnal and practical sort of person.

He received me affably. He fed me first with sumptuousness, referred to the decrease of his own affliction, and then told me that we and the oysterman no longer had the bayon to cornelves.

"The Van Sciaks have come in with their schooner," he said, "and they've a girl on board who says she knows you -a Miss Wilcoxn."

"Ah." I said. "I know her well succession. We used to see a goodists deal of one another once.

"If you mean that you were zhooss on the lady," said the man with the sunburned legs, "I guess you'd better forget that. She's engaged to a Yankee belt of his fronzers. I can't say he man from Massachusetts now, a person seemed overpleased to see me. He saked with culture and dollars heaps of dol-with point what I had man for.

I told him, and then said. By the lime. And being anno statis som 28, may, you're a varsity man, aren't you?" said Riows what is a soft thing and is "Yes, Oxford—the Mouse. Ten are look likely to chuck it up. Take of those too, I've a notion." rage and put in something respect and we'll make the nigger scall us "Well, if you've nothing better on, across. She said I was to Ering you

me the trouble and pain of kicking my-

I concluded he was there because he sumbitteed lags, "its the course of you hand einembere, but I did not suggest com whisky? Oh, you're morrise althis because it is considered rade to ready, are you? Surely it's drank you touch upon family matters ariuvited, are, my son, because otherwise you've But after a minute he broached the come back very dotty. What not to go topic himself. "I'm here for amusement and live like a hermit all by your less-100000 TE

> Miss Wilcom was a young women with a great notion of hewing her own way. Had I known her less I should have tried to avoid speaking on a motupou. Being sequeinted, as we ware did not bring out any fattle sin

imagination. Consequently I make a 1 told her, with one reserved, but take a hammock. Where's our night on the twigged that there was comething left out and demanded to hear what it I told him, and we went out hard at being shop till the sun went out.

I being to have a strong idee that the secon, shapter, could have and verse, man was mad, but I stopped my hunger more!

\*\* You my From the other side of the clearing man!" she demanded, when I had fin-

> "Did I say sot" "You did, and you mentioned also that he rowed against you at Henley's for the Stewards' and Ladies' plate. That fixes him. If you'd done me ties compliment to remember, I was down there on a houseboat that year. And au, of course, his name isn't Foote at all?" "Perhaps it's got changed," I admitted weakly, "Men's names do, you know, when they climb down the scale

as be's done. " exactly where this because lives." "The chart's all wrong. The place

there isn't surveyed " "Precisely. But you've been there,

the landmarks from the gulf side." "If you go up there and see this fellow and sleep even one night in those swamps, you'll catch fever and die; also the mosquitoes and the sand flies will ant most of you before death comes, Ben't be a fuel. What more do you went to know about the man't Stay here, and

I will tell you." "My excellent Mac. I have pumped you dry. For the rest I must see him myself. And I shall not dis of fever, because I shall get this yeaht to take me God will give. It is his orchestra, but around to the outside and go from there, until the taste has grown one does not and so not have to spend a night ashers at all. Nor will the insects of the Another pause. Then, "Are you going swamp devour me, because I own a wide we seem best speak a bar becoming collent wail "

In an hour's time the two yachts were standing out board and board over the ber which guards the autrance to Bayon thousand might understand, some wild Bon Secours. There was a romping eight knots past the low shore, where

lakes and waterways, and told the Van Boinks that we hoped to alsy alligators by daylight, which is probably the haldest excess a grown man with a pretty invention aver made. But I will give the girl credit for one thing-she didn't changed sex. Be merciful and speak no latar talking to the fellow for more than ten minutes. What she said to him I don?r know, because my instructions were to stay by the boat and see that It didn't Crift away. But when she came back and we rowed off she found cause to comment that A tobeson was a curious

> dil told you that before." I said. Now you've learned it for courself, I trust you're satisfied?" "I am entirely, Mac. Thope you are

too. \*\* But when I got back to town, and to my vast actonishment aw Atcheson there, then a light began to dawn upon me. He was marching down Pall Mall as Jarge as life and very resplendent. He had on a fronk coas down to his heels the last effe of the gods in the way of hat and tie. and a new resped chin, which stood out refrashingly white against the rest of his countemance. He all ook me by the hand and mid I was a great man. Then we went into a olub and talked for several hours without a stop, and he explained to me how a heamit cannot hermities unique he has à discuss walgarly istown as the hant

"It's enjoyable enough while you have that," said Atcheson, "ber when the hump goes the bostom's knecked opt of the hermit business altogether, What a filthy, equalid brate I must have been all that time."

""But you liked it well spough?" "I believe I did, in my morbid way, But it's over and done with now, thank heaven, and I'm going to marry Tuni-Yum, Yum-Yum, your anger pray tarby Gh, bother, I've forgotten the words. Joye! I shall have a lot to pick

up ments." "That's a fact, " I said. "Ordinary sanity, among other things. And so you're going to marry Mary Wilcoxn, after ally"

"It's a same thing. Of course her people were mad, because I'm not very well off on't you know, and the other Johnnie a people are mail, too, at his bains out out. But you're the passon they can't get over. It's you they were wild

at principally. They will persist in it that you ware at the botton of the whole thing. Im's it delightfully fun my?"

I didn't think it funny at all. I make outto sufficient enemies off my own but for personal consumption. And besides, as I have said, if the other fool hadn't got his legs suphursed, I shouldn't have give of mobe to the very final and leaves and his legs suphursed. I shouldn't have give of mobe to the very final and leaves and his legs suphursed. I shouldn't have give of mobe to the very final and leaves and his legs suphursed. I shouldn't have give to the very final and leaves and his legs suphursed. I shouldn't have give to the very final and leaves and his legs suphursed. I shouldn't have give to the very final and leaves and his legs suphursed. I shouldn't have give to the very final and leaves and leave

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