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# HUNTING NOTES 1939

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October 16

Opening day! The first day of hunting from our homeplace - the first day of shooting over "Old Blue" and the first day hunting together after a long, long time. We got up at six a.m. and drove the station wagon back to our log road and left it - walking down to the bridge over Sandy and started to hunt up from Spiker's sawmill thru wonderful looking rhododendron and hemlock and rocks, but saw no birds until quite a way up. We had been walking them cutover cover and quite a distance ahead, from the base of a huge hemlock, a grouse flushed up the hill to the right. A moment later a second one cut off diagonally to the left, and finally a third one rose, following the first. I took a long quick shot at it and, surprisingly enough, dropped it with my right barrel - a long distance for number 7 in the right barrel. I called Blue, and Kay and I hurried up to the bird, which fluttered and finally rose in a crippled manner. I fired as it turned beyond some brush, and whether I touched it or whether the first shot did the damage at last, it fell and I found it after our search. I let it lie and had Blue find it - handling him and getting him to point nicely, which he did. He was delighted to have such luck at the first shot. After a bit of rejoicing, we went on and flushed the first bird without taking a shot, as we didn't want to clean out that section. We went on up along Sandy and soon crossed to the north side of the stream, ~~as in our~~ <sup>George Bird Evans Papers</sup> ~~had planned to find most~~ West Virginia and Regional History Center

of the corn cut off the south side. The north side is beautiful laurel and rhododendron cover with huge hemlocks in places - one growing out on the top of a large rock - the biggest hemlock I've seen grow that way. Not far along the log was a bird flushed but we were unable to find it later.

We went on upstream, climbing the ridge to the bank became a cliff. We found no birds until we had reached Sister's line fence, which we crossed and saw a bird flushed down at the foot of the hill. It returned to Sister's land and we hunted it, flushing it from some laurel and into a tree - and from the tree back up to where it had originally risen. I notice that the game in this country has a way of flushing off the ground into trees, making it difficult for a dog to wind them and providing a hard shot. This one flushed without a chance to shoot. We followed but did not relocate it.

Beyond the intersection of Sandy and Beaver Creek we dropped to the stream and ate lunch on a big rock at the stream's edge, while Blues went wild over our bird.

I never saw a dog take so much interest in a dead mouse as Blues does. After lunch we climbed back up the sides of the

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ridge and proceeded up to a small mill we could hear operating. I found it was Castle's mill. Kay picked some bittersweet while I talked to some woodsmen. There was a regular thicket of it. We had no sooner started back downstream when Kay saw a grouse flushed back toward the mill. As we went to find it, another bird flushed as Blue walked up to it; I couldn't shoot but Blue soon put it out of some rhododendron and I stepped at it and missed.  I should have shot when I marked but it was a quick shot and all over too soon. The bird landed on a branch and sat there, stunned, from the report, while I waited for him to go on. That he did in a moment, but away from me and out of sight. We got another rise from him, and this time he practically flew thru the small itself. We came on downstream, trying the far side but found it too thick and too low in cover - and no birds. A bit below where we ate lunch we put out two more grouse - one crossed the stream - the other flushed out of sight. We saw the big deep pool where "Beaver" goes "nandy" - a beautiful well looking spot - and very inviting looking on this hot day - which had become unbearably hot in a cost. We found the south side of the stream too cut out - and the north bank unmarginable - so walked down the middle of the stream ~~for a cool walk~~. We went back

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abore at the point we had crossed over this morning - and intended hunting that ridge back down to the road - But soon we flushed three grouse - one of them soaring down from a big pitch-pine - crossing in front of Kay - who marked him down up on the top of the ridge to the right. We determined to follow and mounted the ridge - munching tea-berry leaves to keep from choking from lack of water. Well up on the top of the ridge Bud found the grouse and I took a map shot as he rose thru the thicket, practically straight-away. I didn't see it after I shot, but Kay said it dropped. When I ran up I couldn't find the bird but saw a number of feathers go down on the hill. I called Bud and put him on the trail but we couldn't find anything. In a moment the grouse flushed apparently only slightly hot - and I felt right bad. But soon I saw Bud trailing and after a bit I saw him worrying over something, and his tail wagging - and I knew he'd found my bird. Sure enough he had it, badly mussed up but the bird I'd shot, the other we had been a separate bird. We gave Bud some appetitive resounding thumbs and decided to come in for the day - in order to keep him fresh for tomorrow's hunt. We had a fine meal of buckwheat (our own) cakes and ~~soup~~ <sup>in front of an open fire.</sup> All flushed 13 grouse.

3 shots - 2 hits - (10-15-1, north side) (3-4 on south side)

October 17. Second day of a wonderful season! I hunted alone with Blue - Kay driving me to Sandy and then leaving for town. I started downstream in some excellent grouse cover - medium hemlocks and rhododendron. It was cloudy and somewhat cool - perfect grouse weather. We hadn't gone so far until I heard a bird flushed downstream and soon after, one or possibly two flew up the opposite direction - I merely heard all of them. I followed the first one but couldn't miss it and after a bit of circling up the slope, I returned to where the first bird flushed, and followed it. Soon came to a line fence ('spikes') and much larger timber - huge hemlocks and rhododendron. Before long the grouse flushed and I followed by sound. At last a grouse flushed up ahead. I could see the leaves blow up as it went - and then another - the last was the one I'd followed, I believe - went from tree. I continued, and after a bit - a bird flushed up the slope to my left - going away and crossing to my right. I dropped him with my right - and as he rolled over and over, I called in Blue to find it. He walked around a bit and soon <sup>found</sup> ~~saw~~ it and grabbed it. It was a beautiful grouse, dark and red. After enjoying it for a few minutes, we went on - stopping low down the hill to avoid flushing the other bird - as I want to have plenty of birds there to find in half-day hunts.

I stopped a flat along the creek a ~~hundred~~ hill - and a wonderful

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were far gone but saw no signs of any. I later climbed back up the ridge and continued on downstream - flushing no bird that went back up the ridge. I ate lunch in a will looking place with two giant hemlocks and an oak, blown over by the last big wind. I left Spelers land and struck a cut-over piece that scarcely had enough cover for birds - so I crossed the stream to the Matting ridge - or perhaps its "Roads" - and found an old mill race. I flushed out a few grouse there but didn't follow back up. Going on down I crossed the stream at the ridge and came up the far side - climbing steeply thru some brush thickets and at last flushed a nice group in some good brush cover on top the ridge - at the edge of some fields. I followed him but had no luck in locating him. I continued around the top of the ridge and dropped down over again to where I'd begun hunting today. I believe I was in Faulkner's land. I covered the little laurel bottom at the foot of the hill and then came home - stopping hunting about 3:30. and didn't want to tire Blue, who seems a little soft for long hunts just yet. Consider this country today as a good half-day prospect with a nice number of grouse. I raised 7 or 8 and fat ones there or more about.

1 shot - 1 hit.      Nov 9-11

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October 18. Kay, Blue, and I went to Kellogg's for the day.

Charles and I hunted down around Beaver in the forenoon - raising a number of grouse. Blue made his first real point - had two grouse. Later he made another. I was delighted with the way he worked. We returned to the house for a marvelous chicken dinner - a real holiday feast - and we ate and ate! After some time, Charles and I went back over about the same country and flushed a few grouse - I had no shots all day - Charles shot once at a bird. It was purely a matter of not really hunting - we didn't follow the birds properly. However it was a nice day - and some of the most beautiful country I've ever seen. We came in about 3:30 and Kay and I drove home.

No shots - round 7-7

October 20th. I went out with Blue in the afternoon - having worked here all day yesterday and this morning. Kay drove me to our sawmill road and came back home.

I hunted out the bottom of Bearcreek to our sawmill and up to our corner, at last flushing a grouse in the swampy tangle between the Matheny place and Records' field. I missed him both times - a rather hard shot - thick and straight across to the right. I flushed him again without a shot. Further

flew into me — then sailed off into a hemlock. From then, he floated down as I approached and I never did find him in the rhododendron, till later on. I went on down the edge and flushed a bird from an old down tree-top — an easy shot — that I missed miserably.

I followed him and when we cut up through trees



I turned and sent a load after him, without touching a feather. I was unable to flush this bird, but on my way back up I put out the one before him, from where he'd been in another clump of rhododendron; or, I could, it may have been another grouse. Anyway Blue pointed the clump and the bird flushed without a chance to shoot or see where he went. I put up a bird on my way up, that probably was this same one. When I got above the swamp where I'd missed the first grouse today — I flushed one or two more — and later flushed one again.

As I couldn't raise him, I crossed Sandy over to Mr. Hicken's hunting upstream along the base of the hill. I heard one go out and thought it may have been the one I'd been hearing drumming. I followed, and about Faulkner's line, a grouse flushed from a hemlock. I went down to find him, but couldn't find him. I came up then more hemlocks a grouse took out of the branches, but I

heard another bird, piping as it flew - and I recognized  
 a woodcock, flying from the branch.) I shot and that  
 we fell, tho' it was rather thick. I called Blue in and had  
 him hunt around, and he soon showed an interest in a  
 brush tuft where he stayed a few minutes, and soon picked  
 up a woodcock and brought it part way home. I was  
 delighted with him and to get the woodcock for Kay.  
 After a bit I started on around and a grouse flew from  
 a tree branch without a chance to shoot, and of course,  
 the dog has no chance to scent them. A few feet farther  
 a grouse flew out - whether or not from a branch I can't  
 say - but I shot as he cleared the thicket and saw him  
 fall in down in a terribly difficult place - all grown up  
 with rhododendron. As I plunged in to the tree I'd marked  
 him by, and called Blue, I saw a regular cloud of feathers  
 floating in the air. Try as I could, it was impossible for  
 Blue to locate any scent, but of course, you can't find a down  
 bird without a trail, if his crippled. I hunted until it  
 was too dark to see and then finally quit. I know  
 I hit him, but where he is *Great fight at Tilton Park*  
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tomorrow morning and try to find him. I had a wonderful afternoon - and came home to a cheery buckwheat cakes and sausage meal.

1 woodcock shot. 1 hit

missed 6-11 Matheny  
missed 5-5 Falkenblom  
Cameran

5 grouse shots - 1 hit

Saturday October 21. We went back to Sandy about 10:30 to find the grouse I shot down last night. We started in at the location, in a rain - and tho we crawled thru all that section and searched carefully, we could find no sign of him, and at last, gave it up. As the morning was too far along for me to accomplish any work at home, we decided to hunt a while. We flushed a couple of grouse - hearing them only - but followed on to Spiker's line. At last after flushing one near Blue, I saw the grouse flush back around the hill, to where we'd been. We went back, and after crossing the line again, we walked a short piece, and the grouse took out of a tree below us and started back downstream thru the bearlocks. I made a quick shot and dropped him with my right barrel. I could see him when we fell, and as I ran up I could tell he was a big one. I called Blue in and let him find him. He was a young boy by

cockbird with black ruffs and a beautiful tail. It was a real thrill to get one of the large birds. After a few moments of admiring him, we decided we'd better get to the house and eat lunch, as I was to meet Art Thomas and Hunt in the afternoon. We drove home and Kay took a picture of Blue and myself with the grouse - and while she got lunch I took two more of Blue with the bird. I hope they turn out well. We went to Princeton when we finished eating - and found Art hunting for me. He suggested that we hunt up toward the new hollow instead of the country we'd planned. We drove to the hill above the messer place and started down over the ridge. We flushed two birds at once - one of which I missed at first. We were unable to find either - but hunted up to Ryan's run, flushing a grouse on the way. As we went up the hollow we flushed a bird which crossed the road and landed on the other hillside. We hunted that hollow well, flushing about four grouse. Art shot at one and missed. We hunted down to the hollow below the car, missing nothing! We came in about 3:30.

We've just cleaned this morning's grouse, and he sure is a fine big bird.

Fallenstar scored 2 return  
1 - 2

2 shots - 1 hit. Ryan scored 7-8

Tuesday - October 24. Ray and I and Blue drove to the foot of Jiminy Gutterie's hill and left the station wagon just this side of the bridge. We started hunting upstream and had no sooner set out than we heard a grouse flush ahead - and it sounded large. Following, we heard him go again, without a sight of him. Some ways ahead, I was walking along and had just come to a standstill when the grouse tore out of me low cover, a brush heap - and flying close to the ground - started down toward the stream. I dropped him with my right barrel - and found him lying at the foot of an oak tree - a really large bird - a cockbird, with beautiful black ruffs and a huge fan. I let Blue find him. He was the largest bird so far this season. We decided to hunt on upstream, but not to shoot anymore in that particular cover. We came to Barnes Run, flowing thru some beautiful rhododendron and hemlock cover - and as we crossed, we heard and saw a grouse flush upstream - where Blue was working. We cut back to Mandy and crossed, and a third grouse went out of the rhododendron just across the stream. However, instead of hunting him, we continued on up the right bank and then some rather good country but saw no more birds. At the road from the White Oak Corners we crossed to the left bank and went up along the stream, thru some gorgeous hemlock cover - and ~~as we turned inland a~~ George Bird Evans Papers West Virginia and Regional History Center

bit, we flushed a bird. We went up the hill to Ray Gathen's -  
and left the money for the backwater thrashing that I owed him.  
Then coming back down to the stream, there wonderful  
corn all the way, we found a nice log on the water's  
edge and ate lunch. Sandy is by far the nicest along in  
this section. After lunch I've crossed the stream and just  
around the bend, came upon a beautiful long pool. Near it, a  
small run emptys in, and we started to hunt up this ravine -  
which turned out to be wild and beautiful, with lots of rhodo-  
dendron all the way up the ridge. We followed this up to the top,  
with a rooster to be ~~sighted~~ hunted out more likely looking corn -  
with ~~loads~~ of wild grapes. After we continued our climb up the  
ravine a ~~pace~~ I worked up over a steep bank there. The rhododendron  
and a grouse tore out near me. I waited until I saw him go  
into clear view and turned and shot - but I waited too long, for  
it went on untouched. I likely undershot it. As the bird had gone  
on up the gorge, we followed, but this I hunted hard, we were unable  
to flush it. After circling and hunting up to some huge rocks - the  
backbone of the ridge - I decided to cross and hunt down the opposite  
side - where I felt the grouse had to be. I had just gone to the stream  
and was half way across when the bird flushed - rising high.  
I waited for a shot and took it. The bird sailed down with a wing  
broken. I marked it and called Blue who came at once and  
began hunting. I saw the grouse ~~on the ground~~ and already it

had started to run, so rather than chance losing it I decided to shoot it. Then began what seemed more like stump blasting. I shot once and then again - and still I didn't seem to hit the bird. So I reloaded and shot still again - as the bird was getting well down the gully, this time I turned her over. I let Blue come up and find her - and he picked her up and started to me, but stopped a brief away. I was pleased. The bird was a large hen. We decided to go back to the hole in Sandy before returning to the car. We came out a bit downstream, but at an even more striking foot at the foot of a cliff - dark and very deep. We crossed when we could, and soon flushed two more grouse and later another, that might have been the one we'd put up this morning. However, we had heard too much drumming. Instead of following the stream, we climbed the ridge by the road, and passed Nestors and Upgrades, and after a chat, there, we went to the car and home. We felt this was about the most successful day yet, what with the two birds and the new country we'd discovered.

Jim Dutches: 3-5

Cuffy: 5-5

3 shots - 2 hits

Thursday October 26. I worked at the cabinets in the catcher all day yesterday and this morning. About noon the rain let up and I started out hunting about 2:00 or 2:30 - going alone with Blue. Leaving the car at the sawmill road, we cut up over the hill behind Beers Roads and had started down the ~~old~~ <sup>old</sup> ~~country~~ <sup>country</sup> side of

flushed from a rhododendron bush well up the hill side. He went out close to me but I had no clear shot for any length of time. I fired, however, and the charged too thin a tree trunk. I followed but couldn't raise the bird, and then I scoured that hill, I just couldn't find him. I walked back down down and came out on the road very near Rewards' field. I then hunted up along the road to the Canton section near our crossing the first day of the season. Hunting the bottom well, I decided to try further up the hill above the rock ledge, ~~edge~~ in the hemlock and rhododendron cover. I cut up over at a small gap and put Blue over. I hadn't been there long until a bird flushed from a tree and then another one, or it may have been the same bird, flushing from the ground. I circled a piece before following and immediately two more grouse went out - one, down over the cliff - the other back along the ridge toward Rewards. I was terribly hot with my coat on and sweating - and furthermore - was hunting directly into the sun. I hunted clear to the end of the ridge without a rise - and then I returned, higher up - first hiding my coat in some leaves under a bush. Part way back I raised one of the grouse, but too wild to shoot. I hunted hard for the others but had no luck. At last I started back into the sun once more - hunting worked out the entire hillside, and flushed a grouse near where I'd put up the three a few. I shot in a wild impulse, but the bird had almost turned out of my sight as I

pulled. After I hunted the bottom thoroughly, I couldn't miss a feather. At last after the sun had dropped behind Spikes' ridge, I cut back to the car and then down the sawmill road to the Mattingly corner, where I immediately flushed the big grouse I'd seen before. I was too far to shoot, altho I got a good look at him. I put him up over  again but had no shot and tho I hunted out the thicket I couldn't find him after that. I returned to the road and to the station wagon - seeing the Hunter's Moon, full and yellow - thus the Newlookes.

Little Sandy N: 6-7  
Mattingly: 1-2

2 shots - no hits

Saturday - October 28. Kay and I went with Blue to the hillside across from Records' - hunting down from the sawmill; we flushed a good about the line at Spikes' and followed down some ~~place~~ <sup>without</sup> a rise. We cut down to the rhododendron thicket in the bottom and put me out while crawling thru it. On the way back up the stream we flushed two more - one sailed off over my head <sup>without</sup> a sound before I could shoot , and another flew back down the hillside. Kay saw it but I didn't. As we were out only an hour till dark, I hunting worked late at my drawing board, I got no shots.

no shots - Falkertown <sup>new moon</sup> 4-4

Monday - October 30. Kay drove up to George Bird Evans Papers <sup>George Bird Evans Papers</sup> <sup>in West Virginia</sup> <sup>and Regional History Center</sup> about 3:30, after I had worked all day. Then she returned

home while Blue and I cut half way down the road and over into the woods. I hunted up Sandy to Barnes and at the mouth of the latter, Blue flushed three birds - as the third one came out of the hemlock offering me an open shot, I fired, feeling certain of the grouse - but he flew on and turned into the trees again. However a big bunch of downy feathers floated down and I know I touched him.  I thought I might find him

crippled but I followed and couldn't find him, one way or the other tho I hunted hard in more likely looking places. I then crossed Barnes Run to the point of land between it and Sandy and heard another bird flush where Blue was. I soon put up one of the first grouse but without a shot, and after some searching I hunted out the entire cover, with no result, then I walked across Sandy and back again and back to the first mile of Barnes. At last I flushed two birds together on the point between the streams, but saw neither, as they took out of trees. These particular grouse seem well able to blend for themselves, as they almost invariably flush from hemlocks - making a dog or man look foolish. At last I felt I had lost all of them, and was just about to cross Barnes fairly high up, when a big bird flushed from the ground. I started him and

followed, crossing the stream twice and only got to see him  
 as he left a hemlock and went out of the country. I  
 crossed Sandy again and came back in an effort to raise  
 him but to no purpose. Just as I neared Barnes normal,  
 a bird went up from the ground but I merely heard him. I  
 followed to the other side of Barnes and started down Sandy  
 and put him out of a hemlock. I followed him down  
 the stream and finally flushed two grouse from an alder  
 thicket back from the stream. It was so dark I could  
 scarcely see, but I followed them and put both of them  
 out of oak trees later on, but had no shot. It was so  
 very dark when I got out of the woods I could merely find  
 my way. Kay was at Mathies to drive us home. I felt the  
 grouse made workups of both Blue and me today!

One shot - no hit. Nov 1-15

Friday November 3. I had worked all day and finding a  
 good trapping point I decided to have a little hunt before  
 dark. Kay drove Blue and myself back to Sandy and I  
 set up Sam Records combline and hunted up along the creek.  
 Halfway up two birds flushed wild and went up the  
 ridge. I followed and came ~~to the edge of the thick woods~~  
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From a bunch of "down" tree tops, where he almost had to be, heard the grouse start out and I hit him as he flew away from me. He tumbled and as I dropped my eyes to reload he righted himself and cut around and over the brow of the hill, leaving me dumbstruck. I had Blud search thoroughly in case there had been another grouse, much as the case had been in that very hollow's only a few feet away the first day of the season — but there was no bird to be found.

I went to where I expected the grouse and in a short while flushed him from some more brush. This time he hit the ground when I shot and I called Blud in to find him. The bird started to run when Blud came up but once he saw the grouse it was all over. He caught it and carried it almost all the way to me, laying it down before I could get him to reach me. It was a thrill to have him do this, as he is going to be a real retriever.

I made over him a lot.



Then we hunted down over to the stream and not raising my other gun we crossed Swallow and hunted up the ravine where I got my first grouse on opening day. However this proved empty so we hunted back down to the moraine, on the way I shot at and missed a bird ~~that was not out or hawk,~~

but it turned out to be a wood hen or Indian hen. I was glad I missed. I believe my timing is different as I'm used to shooting only at grouse. However I don't count this in my record of ~~game~~ shots as a miss.

At the mill, I decided to run up along the ridge parallel to the road, as it was nice looking oak woods with rhododendron clumps and developing into laurel growth and fruit steep. It was fast getting dark. Part way along I flushed a bird wild, without a shot. Following I decided to walk a bit higher on the ridge to explore it. In some laurel a big grouse tore out and away from me overhead. I missed with my right and took a shot with my left, and don't remember having made - tho I've missed loads of them.



This time I hit, for the bird fell

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hard, and at the same instant another grouse tore out above me. I ran to where the bird had fallen calling in Blue, and as I stopped to listen for it flapping its wings I could hear it running away, down over the steep hill. When Blue came, he hit the trail at once but back-tracked and by the time I got him in the right direction I had ~~disconnected him and he was~~

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inclined to go out away from the right place. I was in a sweat over it as I felt sure I had lost the bird for good. To tell you I hadn't been wrong about it, I went to where it had fallen but tho I made Blue search, he could find no trail. In a faint hope of coming on it, but with no real conviction I headed Blue down over the steep hillside toward the road. Shortly I saw Blue make a leap and heard the bird flutter away from him along the ground. He soon had it, but by the tail, and as its feathers pulled out, Blue went down over the cliff after it. I grabbed up the tail feathers in passing as I saw Blue carrying the grouse down along a little run at the foot of the cliff. I climbed down and tried to get him to bring it home but he laid it down in the stream of water where I picked it up.

(cork)



It was a large bird, a big hen and it made the day perfect to have found her after feeling sure she was lost. I adored both my grouse for a while and patted old Blue, who seemed rather sorry about finding them. Then we walked home along the road in the dark to the little shanty, where Kay met me. Hilda and Dorothy Holloway were with her and we all rode home to a nice dinner and open fire. Both birds were very large.

more 3-3 south  
2-4 north

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Friday - November 10. Kay and I started out on our "second" hunting season - the last three weeks. We drove to the ridge back of Ray Gathers on Muddy and hunted upstream. I soon flushed a grouse without a shot and was unable to find him again. However, I put up one that was drumming and missed him as he flew from under a hemlock. We followed and tho I flushed him twice more, I didn't get to shoot. Later on, Blue found me down nearer the stream and Kay said he was nearly on a point, tho his tail hadn't frozen. I flushed the bird after that with no shot. We started the cliff back of Gathers and crossed over Muddy, putting one out before we crossed - merely wounding him go. On the other side the cover looked good and we were covering it carefully, when we heard Blue flush a bird. I flushed a bit and finally, partway up the slope a grouse went out - across to my left and low. I had time to shoot thru some leaves and missed him as he soared on up over the ridge. We followed and after hunting some bit Blue put him up as we came back over the brow of the hill. He was a beautiful red grouse and I had no chance to shoot as he cut thru some hemlocks. We crossed some severe cuttings in what must have been gorgeous hemlock woods and dropped over to Muddy, eating our lunch at a beautiful spot <sup>George Bird Evans Papers</sup> ~~in hemlocks and maples~~

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with the stream in full sunlight in front of us. While we ate we listened to a grouse drumming on the ridge just above us. After lunch we went up to try to flush him but not shoot him, and we cut out of some tall hemlocks over my head. We hunted up through thick rhododendron cover along the old tram road.Flushed two birds we could only hear - and another we flew low over Kay's head. It soon became so thick it was impossible to get a shot and we worked our way out of the thicket a bit higher up. Soon we recognized our situation as being Hillman's land - the old road was familiar. We dug out a small spring of water and satisfied our thirst - The day was terribly hot and dry. After a rest we decided we'd better start back, and we hunted the ridge back - keeping higher. We flushed no birds all the way back until we had crossed the stream and returned to the car. Just as we were stepping out of the woods, Kay walked into the bird that I had shot at and missed this morning. It flew up the road. We followed and flushed him twice without a shot. It was nearly dark when we pulled out, driving up the other road and nearly wrecking the station wagon on the cracked of a road.

2 shots, no hits

Nov 3<sup>new</sup> 8 Ray Gathin  
7(2)-8 cups

November 11 - I went to Muriel in the morning & intended to hunt in the afternoon, but Mr. Romesbury told me of a lot of grouse he'd flushed the day before and we decided to try them. I drew game for my outfit and left Key. I picked Romesbury up and we drove out the road toward Hopewell. We started in the woods where he had raised so many the evening before - but, as so often happens, we found only one grouse that got out without a shot. We jumped a deer - I couldn't tell whether it was buck or ant. We ran into a number of rabbit hunters and that likely accounts for the lack of birds. Romesbury shot one grouse and missed another. I missed the latter one with barrels, then were rather thick cover, a poor chance. I followed and missed another shot at the bird as he got out low to the ground.

We came in at 3 o'clock. Blue was limping, and tho' I hadn't been able to find a thing ~~wrong~~, that night before we went to bed, I discovered, a long thorn from a crabapple tree, that had run into his paw a full  $3\frac{1}{4}$ ". It bled profusely when I pulled it out. However, several days rest will fix him up.

3 shots - no hits. award 3~~5~~ 5↓

Romesbury,

Monday, November 13. I hunted alone without Blue today, leaving him home to recuperate. I started at the mill and hunted up along the road, where I had flushed 2 or 3 the other night. This time I did no good until I was climbing down the steep side of the valley up the ravine I planned to hunt. A grouse started from some rhododendron in the very open cover, and this I waited till he was opposite me. I moved him with my right barrel, as he cut thru the trees, low down.



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I followed and flushed him without a look at him. Unable to rain again,

I hunted on up to the two old farms that lie up the hollow. It was beautiful in these old spots and I spent some time looking about. One ruins was that of a dog house. The other had a stone chimney partly standing, and I got some prints from this hollow. Late my lunch sitting on a stone wall or fence, looking out over a glorious view. After lunch I started to hunt some good-looking grapevine cover that I had noticed around the brow of the hill. I soon flushed a bird that cut diagonally across to the left and away from me - dropping him with my right. It was a terrific thrill to see him fall.

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around the hill in the pines and flushed two more. They all appear to be young grouse. I didn't shoot at them as I wanted to see how a few more left. Around the hill a piece I walked into a group in a "down" tree top and I don't believe I ever missed a shot as clean as this one - straight away and wide open. I missed both barrels. I finally put ~~up~~ this bird in the hawk's hook below. I decided to return and hunt out the hill tops and up ~~under~~ the top of the hill, covered with wonderful pines. I flushed 3 young ones and shot one. The other two flushed and disappeared. ~~I~~ I killed my bird, unfortunately pulling out the tail feathers as I did so. I stopped the birds on top and flushed another grouse making either 6 or 8 in that section. I started to walk home a long distance away. I cut across to Charles Kelly's adt of ~~Raven~~ and walked down to ~~Mundy~~, crossing at the bridge near Whaffers and walking home via Faulkness' and Forquers. This was a cool sunny day and a bunch of a nice hunt. Kay had cleaned the birds which I wrote down from <sup>of the</sup> ~~5~~ <sup>new</sup> nets - 2 nets.

Nov 9-11

Tuesday, November 14. I hunted alone again today, as Blue's paw is still tender and I wanted to save him for tomorrow to hunt with Romesburg. Kay stayed home and I took the car to the bridge below Johnny Barnes. I flushed a grouse on the way upstream and couldn't raise him after the second time. I hunted clear up Barnes to the road and back along the upper edge of the woods, putting up a grouse near the edge of the field. I finally crossed Barnes and hunted out the point of land between the two streams. Not far along, a big grouse flushed to my left, very close, and cut away from me, very low. I dropped him with my right barrel, and reloading, ran up to where I'd seen him fall. I saw a few feathers, but couldn't see my bird. I ran ahead to cut him off if he was running, but saw no sign. At last I got down to search very carefully where I'd seen him flutter when he fell, and after a moment I located him hiding under some briars and leaves - his wing shattered. He was a huge cock bird, one of the largest I've ever shot. His tail measured 14 inches across the fan!! It was a huge thrill to get him. I decided against hunting further in that cover and returned to hunt down at Castels, as I crossed Barnes. I flushed a grouse and a couple of quail. Down at the summit, I flushed two grouse from brush traps ~~but got no others~~ also.

put up a record covey of quail. It was dark when I returned to the car and came home, after a fine afternoon's sport.

shot - hit <sup>not now</sup> <sup>{ 4-5 from Butcher's</sup>  
2-2 L. Sandy N.

Wednesday, November 15. I took Blue and picked up Mr. Ronesbury and we drove out the Haysletown Road and turned down where Art had taken us fox hunting this summer. We left the car and walked down a road to a good looking hollow with shotshells down the center. Ronesbury, flushed three birds close me and on the second rise he missed a shot at one - another taking down the hillside in plain view, but offering no real chance to shoot. We hunted well around the hill along <sup>big</sup> Sandy and flushed several more birds and a covey of quail. Ronesbury shot at them and missed, claiming he thought they were grouse. We hunted back to the original hollow but raised no more birds until we'd walked back down to the road from Clifton along Muddy, where Ronesbury missed a shot at a grouse that we followed along the hill, lower down than we'd first tracked it. The next rise was close and low and he missed again. We followed the bird and Blue at last showed signs of gave up on top the ridge in some grape vines. The grouse came out like a shot straight down the ~~hill toward me~~ <sup>West Virginia and Regional History Center</sup> hill <sup>toward me</sup>

shot until he was sideways outhead and hit him squarely with the right barrel - the feathers flying as he rolled over and over.



x I let Blue find

him and pick him up but he wouldn't fetch. This

was a large grouse, a big hen!! We heard a second bird flushed as we stopped to eat lunch. Bonestbury missed a rabbit as the grouse flew. After lunch we hunted on downstream, but high on the ridge and made a circle flushing a grouse twice with no chance to shoot. The

day was hot and sunny, and very dry. We hunted back to our first hollow and took the car about 3:30. Driving out to the main road, we left the car and hunted both sides of the road, flushing a bit on the down side and another as we walked back to the car at dusk, tho it was quite early.

Nov 12-16

One shot - one hit.

Friday - November 17. Day on Briery !! This was

one of those perfect days. We got up at 6 A.M. and left about 8 o'clock for Homer Miller's, driving by the old Terra Alta Pike past Centenary Church to Renox and turning off there - back up on the ridge to Miller's. We found them at the barn milking and Mrs. Miller greeted us with "Well I'll be dogged!!"

After meeting their son and being invited in for supper, we left and cut up over the ridge, by the old trail we'd followed last summer, trudging about a mile and a quarter to the top of the mountain. There we dropped over to find the headwaters of Slick Run, but were surprised to find the cover poor for grouse - all burnt-over for miles, with only red-brush growing up. So we decided to hunt down another run we found on the map and went to the source of it and started down - a nice little stream, crystal clear, and lots of rhododendron. We soon flushed three grouse without any shots and tho we wanted them, had no chance to shoot. We hunted back and down the run, passing a wonderful big white pine and some pitch pines - then sighted a pair of hemlocks. We went to it and found the under-cover thick rhododendron. As we stepped in Blue found a big grouse that flushed up the stream. I followed and put him out - back, down the stream, where he apparently left the hemlocks. We decided to eat our lunch there in that wonderfully wild spot under the hemlocks. After lunch, we hunted back down to the original stream and at the fork Blue found three grouse - one flew downstream, one up, and the third into a tree, from which he flushed immediately in front of me when I stepped up. I turned with barrel, snapping at him as he took wing!

They marked her as going into the hemlocks where we'd eaten.  
 We followed back, and on the way, a second grouse flushed  
 and went to the same hemlocks. As we entered we heard two  
 grouse rise - but evidently only up into the rhododendron, for  
 a moment later I saw one go, without shooting. I intended  
 to follow it and then heard the other one roar out and  
 just glimmed her as she cut out thru a sunny spot in the  
 hemlocks and rhododendron.



I pulled square on  
 her and she dropped in a  
 lame when I called and soon I heard the grouse flutter and  
 then all was quiet. She had her and started to carry her to  
 me but the tailfeathers pulled out and he dropped her. She  
 was a beautiful huge hen, verging toward the bronze in  
 color - evidently the big red bird that had first flushed from  
 the hemlocks. It was a real thrill to get her and we were all  
 there delighted! Of course we didn't hunt the other bird but left  
 it to live in that marvelous spot and went back to the main  
 stream and hunted down it. We hadn't been trudging very long  
 until one of the group of three that we'd flushed, cut up from the  
 stream and went straight across to my left, flying low. It  
 was a very open shot and I dropped it with the right barrel.

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I ran up and found the grouse but let it lie for  
 Blue to find. He did finally and picked it up & took it

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return to me - as he dropped it. We decided not to shoot any more grouse, but to explore and hunt on down the stream, as it was no more than 2 o'clock. We flushed another bird in a short distance - eight altogether in that one valley, and we left six of them, and doubtless a number of others. It is good to know such an isolated spot exists where likely no other birds were shot and none will be this year. We crossed a road and followed the stream to a cabin - Clint Records' - so they called him " and went on downstream a piece, flushing a ninth grouse which Blue pointed after we had flown. We took an old train road back around the ridge thru gorgous looking bird country and could undoubtedly have raised grouse, had we got down with the thicket and hunted them. We came back by the road to Muller's where we had a dandy time at supper - and left late (with sausages and honey Mrs. Muller gave us) arriving home very tired and late and very happy after a real Day in Priery!!

Nov 9-15

4 shots - 2 hits

Blue / no pts.  
2 ret.

Tuesday November 21 - Hunted on Faulkner's ridge - hunting stayed home yesterday due to rough weather. Today looked cloudy and I went out in afternoon - as it cleared nicely. I felt the birds might be out feeding after the stormy weather. <sup>George Bird Evans Papers</sup> I <sup>so decided to try the grapevines</sup> West Virginia and Regional History Center

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high up the ridge. I flushed a bird without seeing him down in the usual haunts. As I worked up and around the hill I came to excellent looking grouse cover and having nearly reached the end of the cover I saw one grouse fly out and down the hill I was on the lookout for more. Blue worked up about me and a grouse tore out coming right past me - not eight feet away. I very carefully turned and shot twice but missed - tho I was almost certain of my shots. I had just reloaded and hadn't moved from the spot when Blue who had worked out ahead put up another one. I seemed to have attracted the birds this day for it came right past below me and I missed another shot. That sort of thing does things to your shooting. I followed these grouse and succeeded in raising me twice but without a shot. Having hunted the hill side thoroughly (I saw one bird go out down in the valley and another high up on the hill as I crossed the upper edge) I hunted around to the upper part of Yuleen hill side - as I remembered having flushed a grouse there early in the season I had just reached the place when Blue put him out ahead of me and I took a shot as he roared up against the sky line - and missed.

Then another one flushed and another and a fourth. I took a shot at him without ~~meas~~ <sup>George Bird Evans Papers</sup> ~~meas~~ they <sup>West Virginia and Regional History Center</sup> ~~meas~~



a fifth grouse flushed. I had but a buck I never expected. I hunted these birds but had no more rises as they had all sailed down over the ridge into the briar thicket that is a safe riding place for them. I cut down over this piece with a lot of struggling and waded handy getting my feet good and wet. I followed on western boundary line up over the hill and home - running into a covey of quail in the thirty acres as I came in at dark. One of my very wild days' shooting.

5 shots - no hits.

Friday - November 24. I decided to take an all-day hunt over the territory I covered Tuesday - as I felt I had sufficiently calmed down to do some rational shooting. Blue and I started in the lower meadows after they drove us back - and flushed a couple of grouse over into Peter's part. I decided to follow and after putting me up I turned back the hill higher, and a grouse flushed low ahead of me. ~~\*~~ I shot and he turned over and spiraled straight up and I let him have the left barrel but missed, and then I stood and watched him flounder away over the trees, merely able to keep to the air and finally settle down out of sight. That was a rather poor way to begin a day's shooting! I followed the grouse feeling certain we'd find him - and so I hunted for most of an hour and finally, and

at flush as grouse ahead, I don't believe I ever found that bird. I hope he recovered. I fear I had shot the end pinions out of his wing without doing him any injury.

I hunted, at last, around the hill to the grapes up in Faulkner and flushed one bird and jumped a deer. Then I decided to walk around to where the first grouse had been on Tuesday. I ate lunch high up on the brink of the hill, just short of the territory where I expected them. It was a beautiful outlook - I could see snow still on the north slope of Kelly Knob and the ridge above Haycock. Also could see our own hemlocks - both in the hemlock gorge and at the house. After lunch, Blue and I started on around the hill and I hadn't gone far until I put up the bunch of grouse ahead, but instead of five, there were nine!! Grouse seemed to fill the air!! Blue went wild and put them up, one after another. As we were back fast me, I tried a shot but didn't touch him. A straight across to the right shot and then the trees. I followed and later put up a number of the birds but had no shots except a quick double snap that I missed. I had very little luck in raising them tho' there were loads of grouse in that woods. On the way back around the ridge Blue made a very nice point, but there was no bird there. I hunted the lower hemlocks and ~~both~~<sup>a</sup> a ~~lot~~<sup>lot</sup> of grouse that took

out of one of the trees, but missed. It was nearly a shot, but in such a hair-trigger state of mind a person will try them. I looked up to the high grapes and flushed (I hunted the hillside until dark and tried the path thru the hemlocks again flushing two birds - one of them a pretty shot - diagonally across the path and overhead - usually a rather fair chance for me, but I missed. I was disgusted with such shooting as I had done Tuesday and today. I walked home up the road.

7 shots - no hits.

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Saturday November 25 — I took Blue and went to below Jimmie Guthrie's — Kay driving us as far as Guthrie's house. I started in hunting halfway down the hill below the road — trooping over to the stream. At the bottom in the laurel a big grouse flushed and cut away from me down the path. I held on him where I thought was just right and fired as he disappeared into some cover, but missed. Blue found him and he flushed from under a small hemlock and I followed and flushed him again — when he apparently dropped over and hid in the thicket just above the bridge where I usually park the car. However I was unable to find him and decided he may have gone below the bridge — when, sure enough, I put him up, but without a shot. I couldn't raise him again, I believe he must have crossed the stream, ~~and I believe~~ <sup>George Bird Evans Papers</sup> while I was in West Virginia and Regional History Center

that section to try around Castle's sawmill for the large birds I had seen there. I finally reached the mill site - it had burned some few days before - and near it I heard a grouse flushed ahead of Blue. I took the lower path and after a short piece a big grouse tore out from the side to my right - a clump of small hemlocks and cut almost straight across to the left. I hit him square with the right barrel and he never moved after the shot struck him - but fell against a log in the path.



Blue came up at

once and searched and getting wind of the grouse as he approached the far side of the log, he pounced on him and at my command he retrieved the bird as beautifully as I ever expect to see one brought in.



I had seen it was a huge one, I don't much to me - for I shooting, Blue had

been acting oddly, and this rather broke the streak - for Blue's work had been about flawless, my shot was really a peach, and a grouse like that is news on any occasion. We sat down and reviled a bit and then walked back to the country along the bridge, leaving my birds in that section for other years. As I worked up the instruction of Barnes

birds, and not even as I entered that corner when I've nearly  
 always found them. I crept up under the big hemlocks and  
 was clear in under them when I was surprised to hear one  
 tear out of the upper branches. I got a mere glimpse of him  
 as he sailed into the open  and I cut loose and  
 was surprised when he fell, - wing tipped. <sup>X</sup> I ran up and called  
 in Blue who was a piece away. I soon saw the bird on the ground,  
 walking rather in a daze. I wanted Blue to find him, so I stood  
 still and tried to get Blue to the  proper place - and this he tried  
 hard, he seemed to be extremely excited and ran up and at  
 one point actually put his foot within a few inches of the  
 bird and stepped over him - neither seeing the other. That  
 convinces me that Blue searches for dead birds by scent  
 almost entirely. The bird walked directly into me so I put him  
 out of his suffering and let him lie until Blue did find  
 him, when he picked it up, but oddly enough, wouldn't bring  
 it to me. Perhaps my being so close made some difference. As  
 I didn't want to shoot any more grouse I decided to eat my  
 lunch, tho it was early, and then walk home - which I did -  
 much to Kay's surprise and delight. The second bird was a yearling  
 the big bronze measured 14 inches across the fan. <sup>George Bird Evans Papers</sup> <sup>more</sup> <sup>2-3</sup> <sup>Darling</sup>  
 3 shots - 2 hits <sup>"</sup> <sup>2-2-12. Sunday N.</sup>  
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Monday - November 27. I decided to try once more in  
Faulkner's ridge and above Spikes - so went back in the  
afternoon. My memory of this day is rather hazy as it has  
been so long, but I can remember no birds until I had  
walked back above Spikes' residence. At last I ran  
into four or five of the grouse on the brink of the hillside -  
three flushing as I walked up from a brush heap and  
one hemlock. The fourth cut across after the others had  
flown and I missed him both barrels - a straight  
across shot to the right - the left barrel cutting off a  
spurting. I hunted hard for those birds, but managed to  
miss only one, from a tree. Evidently the others had hidden  
in trees in that thick woods. I covered the top and Blue  
pointed and then flushed a grouse that went back around the  
hill top. I later flushed him down over the hill side and when I  
covered that hill side once more I put one out of the rhododendron  
half way down. I worked around and into the hollows in the thick  
rhododendron and flushed one or two grouse there. That is remarkable  
cover for them - too thick to get thru and most in - a fine place to  
protect the birds. I walked around to cover the rest of that  
territory and came home.

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2 shots - no hits.

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Tuesday - November 28. Second Day in Briney! Another trip  
to that gorgeous wild country. This time to Lick Run and on to  
Lick Run where we left the car at the house in the turn of the  
road. We hunted up along Lick Run, the clearest trout stream  
I've ever seen anywhere. We saw no game tho the rhododendron  
cover along the stream was excellent. Finally we crossed the  
stream which is cold and sparkling - the day was frosty and  
cold with clear sunlight - a perfect day! We hunted up  
along the first tributary runs and soon picked up I put  
out a grouse from the rhododendron. I mapped and marked  
him so he cut across to my left and away around the hill.  
I marked him and tried hard to find him but just couldn't.  
So we returned to where I had flushed him and went on up  
the ravine, but saw no other birds. At the top we decided  
to cross over to the next ravine, by map, instead of returning  
to Lick Run. On the backbone of the ridge we dropped  
over into good looking corn - open corn fields and grape vines with an  
inch or so of snow still on the ground. From a spot a few feet  
from me a grouse flushed and cut away - I waited until  
he passed out behind some intercepting bushes and dropped him with

my right. I saw where he crumpled up and found him lying in  the snow when I ran up. Blue came in at that shot as he always does and in a moment ~~marked~~<sup>located</sup> the grouse and picked him up and brought him to me, but pointed first when he got the scent. It was nice work. We suddenly discovered that this was the first bird I had missed and followed Blue - our tracks in the snow were the clue. We had been within a few yards of the grouse and somehow Blue had not found him. Probably lying very tight and the snow had helped hide him from us. We decided to go on up to the next ravine and eat lunch, and as we were on an old tram road we followed it. Just above the run another grouse flushed and rose in clear view and sailed down over to some hemlocks in the hollow - but I didn't shoot. We went down to those hemlocks and ate our lunch with our grouse lying on the ground between us, and with Blue aching to be up and away. After eating we started up the ravine to hunt it out - and Blue soon put out a bird, also up on the tram road. I saw it sail toward the hollow where we were and turn and come right past me and land in the hemlock Kay was standing beside. We watched it for a full minute as it sat on a branch  and finally fly off into the valley.

We had no other birds up, tho we hunted all up the hill and they turned and came down the other side of the ravine - at last flushing a grouse - or rather it flushed to the right ahead of Blue and came across and into the ravine, but I didn't follow as I was anxious to cover as much of the territory as possible. We soon struck the train road again and took it up the hill along the course of Lick Run. I took one side of the road - below - and we have good cover and soon put out a grouse that got out and away about as fast as anything I ever saw. I saw him turn and go out around the hill - so we followed, but didn't raise him. We dropped down into the next ravine and got a drink of good cold water and then went on to Lick Run and took it on upstream - but raised no birds. That cover is particularly cut over - with only a few hemlocks remaining, not very good grouse country. I believe now that the best bet for grouse is up at the heads of the various ravines that run up to the right of Lick Run. As we were working up into barren cover we decided to turn and work back down as it was getting late and we were well up in wild country. We followed a sort of game path downstream and then cut up the hill side thru the thickest and briest cover - the ridge of mountain is well named. At last we

struck the train road along where we ate lunch and we took the hill side back down to Fish Run and then back to the car - just along the houses we went to the stream to look at a hole - a long deep hole that was as clear as a spring - a beautiful stream. Kay picked a branch of mountain laurel and green-leafed berries that is still beautiful. <sup>(and it still is.)</sup> We talked to the man at the house - I can't remember his name - and then drove home by way of French and Centenary Church. Another wonderful day in Pocahontas.

2 shots - one hit.

round 5-6

Wednesday, November 29 - My last day of hunting - as the deer season opens on the 30th. Kay drove us to Gray Gathers and Blue and I walked by the road to the White oak oaks and into the woods - hunting down to Mandy and saw no birds - tho usually I had found three or four in Ray Gathers' woods. I hunted it quite well and then crossed Mandy and hunted the bottom along the stream on the other side; about opposite Ray Mullies' house. A grouse soon flushed from some rhododendron and went upstream. I soon found myself in the same nation where I had flushed and missed a bird on the other trip up here. I felt I was dealing with the <sup>George Bird Evans Papers</sup> ~~same road. That put him out~~ West Virginia and Regional History Center

up on the hillside above the hemlock cutting and I saw him soar out and down the hill, curving into the cover along the path. I knew then how he had slipped me the time before. I worked up to him carefully, but he went out and upstream. I got no sight of him as he took to cover far upstream, and I marked him by a dead snag. I located the snag at last and tho I hunted hard I couldn't find the bird. I had made a circle and was about to leave that cover when I came onto Blue winding to the left of the path. I hunted and he worked in and the pounce took out - rising straight up to clear the steep cliff. I snapped at him and missed, blowing away part of a dead rafter. I marked him down, up on top of the hill, but tho I went up and searched carefully, I had to give up. I dropped out to the stream and ate lunch on the same log where Ray and I had eaten before - at the head of the stream. It was wonderful - this time the rocks in the stream had more and ice on them, lying in the shadow. After lunch I crossed to and around into the bottom again without a sign of game. It was deadly hot and dry. Crossing muddy and cut up the hillside below the hemlock cutting and started back downstream -

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metting an old man and his dog. After exchanging a few words I went on down the hillside. I forgot to mention that just before I saw the man I had put out a bird - hearing it cut down the hill side, I had marked it by guess. soon after leaving the old fellow I was walking along slowly when a grouse roared out of a rhododendron clump to my right and I dashed him as he came into view on the other side + he crumpled up into a rhododendron bush just above Blue - Then righted himself and started to crawl over a log. I called Blue! Blue! Dead bird! and the action began. There was a flutter as Blue dove in, he had already seen the grouse and needed no command - then quiet, after he had picked him up. First he turned around, trying to locate me - bird in mouth - and decided to come straight down the clump of rhododendron - which bringing the grouse to me beautifully. Was I delighted! We lay on the ground just trying to drink in the full . . .



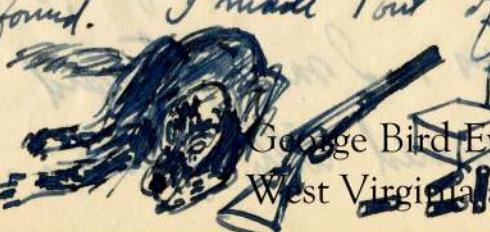
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ruffs and a tailfeather before me now - a gorgeous bird. We decided not to shoot at any more grouse - and after a time of rejoicing, we came on down the hillside to the woods path we had found before - flushing another grouse. I fully believe the bird I shot was the first one I had raised and the same one I had raised on the other two trips. So I only flushed two birds in territory that should have been full of grouse. I stayed on the left side of the stream all the way - locating the lower run that shows as a ravine on the map. I struck at the outlet, from a rock covered with enormous icicles. The lower end of this cover is entirely cut off. I crossed at the bridge and went down the right side to the marshy cut above Burns, looking at my bird once more. Then I crossed Burns and up the hillside to Union Station and on home by the road - meeting May at Forquer's gate - on her way to pick us up. It was the end of our first season at home - a wonderful year in wild country. There still to locate a real abundance of grouse but I shot some of the largest grouse I've ever killed and more of them - a sign of more virgin territory. I killed 18 grouse, dropped another I never found, and killed one woodcock.

<sup>32.700</sup>  
missed 2 - <sup>in front</sup> on cliff  
2 shots - one hit.

My shots for the season are 58 shots - 19 hits on grouse alone, or 1 out of  $\frac{3}{19}$ , a better record I believe than I've ever made. I counted the one bird I hit but never found. I made 1 out of 1 in the woodcock.

I used Kleenlore #7, <sup>3</sup> drums in right, and SuperX #6 in left.



March 114 - 245 flushed  
scouts 8.77 bird count  
22 days.

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22 DAYS

13 COVERTS

8.77 bird/cover

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KELLY 018 7.7.0 7

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RYAN: 021 7.8.0 7

JIMMY GUTHRIE 024 3.5.1 / 030 9 ⑦ 15.0 / N14 4.5.1 / N25 2.5.1 10-7

CUPP 024 5.5.1 / N10 7 ② 8.0 / N29 2.7.0 7-5

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RAY GUTHRIE N10 3.8.0 / N29 0 3

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~~LITTLE SANDY~~

SLIGER HOLLOW N15 12.16.1 12-11

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