

a splendid buck that had jumped over the railing in seeking protection from a large wolf, which was glaring at his intended victim from outside, being unable to climb the fence. Schultz immediately shot the deer, and let the wolf escape.

Another annoyance was the great abundance of snakes, particularly rattlesnakes. I have never before or since, even in Florida or Louisiana, seen anything like it. When out hunting, I became so well acquainted with the sound of their rattle that I lost all fear of them. Whenever a rattler made his presence known to me, I would break off a pliable twig from a bush, and cautiously approach the reptile. As soon as I saw it coiled up, I would swiftly deal it a blow upon the head with my rod, following it up rapidly with a succession of other blows until the snake was killed. I never missed one, and I must have destroyed hundreds.

I became quite a successful hunter, and during the season our table was always liberally supplied with game, so that my contributions to the general stock were quite as valuable as what the labor of my brothers and uncle produced; for there was no meat market where our supplies could be got, nearer than Galena, which was forty miles distant, and fresh beef could not be transported that distance in summer. We could only get mess pork at \$40 a barrel, and \$4 for hauling; while game was more palatable, and could be got for the hunting.

Galena, whither we went not to exceed twice a month, was our only market. We were always made welcome at the house of J. P. B. Gratiot, brother of Henry Gratiot, with whose family my mother had ascended from St. Louis. Having now dissolved partnership with his brother, the former had erected, I believe, the first Drummond smelting furnace at Galena, by which the enormous loss and waste of mineral which the old process entailed was very greatly reduced. He now lived at Galena, in a pleasant and comfortable residence, just completed. Sometimes Mrs. Adèle Gratiot, his wife, accompanied by some of her children, would come out to our farm, returning our visit, and spend