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Mr. Big. Bill. Buman.  
Tennant. IOWA.

My Dear Bill.

Well Bill you old rascal i was just going to write you when your letter came. we were sure glad to hear from you once againe the Mrs would hardly waite for me to finish reading it she would keep saying give me that letter of Bill, s. also James wanted it. but we sure got a great kick out of your letter. the Mrs said when she had finished reading it how long has Bill been married and i said about four year she said well he is a going hound with three kids all ready. i will ~~half~~ to send that boy some thing as you have named him Charlie. for all Charlies are bear can not stop them. do not know if you named him after me or after some of your own famley or your wife, s. but being as his name is Charlie. i will take the honors. well Bill we are sure haveing one bad winter up in this neck of the woods it has been on an Average below Zero since the first day of Nov. 68 below has been our coldest night with lots of fiftys below weather. we have around 18 inches of snow on the ground. it is the hardest winter up here that we have had in 15 years. but it is surpriseing how well my horses are wintering with the deep snow and cold weather. they are all in good shape right now i keep moveing them around once a month to new feeding grounds and they will all winter may half to bring in one horse soon and feed him up. but he was sick last fall while on the trip and was thin when i turned him loose last fall. i will name the only horses that is left in the bunch that i had when you were up here. see if you can member them. Pup, Jocker, Pig, Bob, Major, Panto. that Caraway wode. Big & Little Buck, Nigger Mair, Peck. these are the only old horses left the rest is all dead. i killed Turk last fall for fox feed as he could not winter no more i had feed him the past three winters. it most broken my heart to shoot him for he had done me a many kind turn dureing his life with me. i have 34 head of horses. had 42 head last summer but sold six head. and had two die last summer with some kind of fevor had 15 head sick with it before i got it stoped it was a funny sickness would knock all the life out of a horse in 24 hours they would go all to pieces and could not stand up would fall flat just walking along. we did not have any luck with our foxes the past season only had six pups they all mated up fine but for some unknowen reason they did not have pups. think that i had them to fat at mateing time. i have them fairly thin this year and if they dont bring a good crop of pups this spring i will knock them all in the head next fall and quit the fox ranching. we have not lost no money on them yet and i could kill them all tomorrow and make money on them but i will not keep them if they wont breed for it is quite a choar takeing care of them. we are quite comfortable in out new house but it is sure hard on the wood pile this winter have burnt 25 cord all ready this winter and a Ton of coal. i have got to go to the woods next week and get more wood as we are about out of wood now have wrote you all the news about our self so will now tell you about other things. I had a very good season last year with hunting parties had Dr Setters Wife and Son from Spokane Wash on 30 days spring bear hunt we got 7 Grizzlys on trip and had a fine trip beside they were fine people to be on a trip with. on Aug 10th. H.O. Harrison. from San Francisco Cal and a friend from Africa that he meet while over there on

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his hunt two year ago in fact the man that was up here with him on the trip last fall Phil Percival was his name was Harrison Guide on his Africa hunt and Harrison took such a likeing to him that he payed his way over hear to this country and brought him up here with me on the trip.well this Percival was about a nice a fellow as i ever meet if he was an Englishman there was to be four of them in the Harrison party but at the last minute two of them could not get away from Business so only Harrison & Percival come on the trip.it made Harrison Fourth trip up here with me but he said that he was a glutter for punishment or he could of never made that many trips with me Ha Ha.well we sure got a fine collection of trophies on trip i hunted with Percival and sure got him a fine bag.of heads.one sheep with a 44inch curls and the finest moose head that i have ever gotten it had a 62 &  $\frac{1}{2}$ .spread with 38 points and a big Masive head perfect head in ever way a carpenter could of not built and more perfect head.this was Percival Bag of trophies 2 sheep 2 Caribou 1 Moose 2 Grizzlys.one very large.2 wolf one black one gray.one large coyote.one wolvereane.one large Billy Goat.not bad Bill do you think so.it is a bag that i,am not ashaime to have percival take back to Africa and show those Lords and Dukes what our north America game is like Percival is going to put it up in the sportsman club in Niboria and it will give a lot of Addervisement.I had an Indian hunting with Harrison and they did not get very much. 2 Sheep 3 caribou.1 Bear.but Harrison did not want much stuff as he has so much now that he has no place to put it.we had very bad weather while on the trip.but we had a very fine trip and lots of fun as Harrison is a fine fellow to be on a trip with and he likes to have a good time.i had all new men with me this trip and none of them was very much good.it is a very had thing to get good men now days as they all want big pay and no work.this country is getting full of wolf and coyotes.but i can not notice much differnt in the game seems to be as plentiful as when you was up here.Had a letter from Mike Knowles last April and just answered it he still had his mine when he wrote he had a mineing expert comeing in to have a look at it he said that he was going to make a barrel of money out of it.Pete.Drapper.& Bill Scernic.are still in Mayo and doing well so i hear.Roy.Churchill.is still in Livestone Creek and starveing to death can not take out money enough to buy Grub with something wrong with Roy,s.head.Old Joe.Beauchamp.went back to Montreal a year ago and got him self another wife a Frenchie can not speak English.Shorty Chambers is still alive and out at Champaine.he is to mean to Die.My Truck is a hum dingger if it is a Ford goes out to Bear Creek like a scart wolf with a Ton of stuff and four people in 10 hours.the roads our no better than when you was up here worse if any thing.but that Ford Truck will pull any thing if it can get footing have never been stuck with it yet it has the Ruxel Axle and when you stick in the Ruxel she goes out of mud holes or up the hill cant stop the Ford.this is James last year hear in this school he will get out of high school in june.then i,am going to send him out to California to Davison Agerculture collage and have him learn how to grow a spud or a year of corn and then they cant starve him to death if the world does get worse.can not think of any more news so will close the Mrs joins me in our very best wishes to you and your famley.from your friend and bear hunter partner

*Chas H Baxter*

P.S.yes Bill it is my H.O.Harrison.that has the Cattle at Harlan he told me lastfall that he had formed a big cattle co at Harlan Iowa and i rember one of the partners Name is Ryan and he is an old cattle man son.

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