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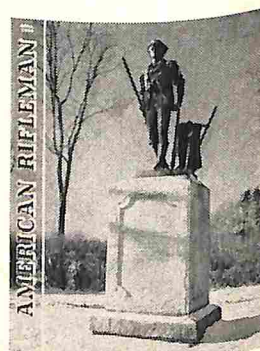
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## Dave Bushnell

says: Give me the good old days... BUT

A letter I received the other day reminded me of a story about a really great hunter. Let's call him "Smoke" Johnson.

"Smoke" is one of those old school, Daniel Boone, woodsmen—loyal to the good old days—come what may. When a companion showed up with a riflescope, he'd always snort: "When I need glasses, son, I'll quit."

Last summer a pal went after grizzlies with him. On the second day they made camp at the edge of a high cliff—a mistake.

Starting out next morning they forgot the "grub." "Smoke" went back to get it, but somebody beat him to it. As soon as he laid down his rifle a big grizzly reared up from behind a bush. Don't know who was more surprised.

Grizzly might have high-tailed it, but the cliff was behind him... thought he was trapped. And when a bear thinks he's trapped, there's trouble. "Smoke" dashed for his rifle... regained it with the bear nearly on top of him, but he got off one amazing shot, wounding the grizzly slightly, but still getting his shoulder laid open wide.

Finally alerted, 150 yards away was "Smoke's" friend. Quickly he leveled the crosshairs on the grizzly just as he lunged again. Bruin dropped with a bullet in his spine as "Smoke" crawled away.

Now, "Smoke" had nerves of steel, but this "tiff" had him leaning against a tree—white as a ghost. It was a long time before he said anything. While dressing his wound, he finally spoke. "Jack, I'll eat every word I ever said about your scope." That was all. It was his way of saying "Thanks."

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