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# BOB CAT BAGGED BY DR. PHALEN COYOTE ALSO KILLED ON TRIP OVER COCHETOPA PASS ROAD

**With One Whiff From Smelling Salts  
To Steady Nerves, Salida Doctor  
Aims His Trusted 22-Caliber Rifle  
And Two Fine Rugs Are His.**

Dr. C. S. Phalen has won his spurs as a wild animal hunter. He can sit in council with the greatest of them all nowadays and swap tails of forest trail and jungle path, while he caresses the head of a mounted lynx with his hand and rests his feet on a coyote rug.

The doctor went over Cochetopa Pass Sunday on a professional call, accompanied by Cochem Dobbie. Near the top of the pass they saw a big bobcat in the center of the road. The doctor took a whiff of his smelling salts and after reviving sufficiently, he reached for his trusted twenty-two caliber rifle. With quick, unerring aim, as they say in the best sellers, he fire at the crouching man killer.

The bobcat dropped to the ground, but in a trice (which means an instant) the animal was up again, heading for the tall uncut. He had gone only a few yards when he turned a complete somersault and bit the dust.

The doctor advanced, covering the animal with his gun. The proud animal spat a contemptuous spit in the face of the doctor and keeled over dead.

Dr. Phalen picked up the trophy and loaded him into the automobile, his mind already filled with visions of renown.

He had scarcely started the car, when a full grown coyote crossed the road. Up went the gun and down went the coyote. But the sage colored animal was soon on his feet scampering up the hill. Dr. Phalen waited to see him rise over the top of the hill but he failed to appear. A search revealed the dead coyote behind a clump of sagebrush.

Dr. Phalen gave the coyote a berth in the car alongside the bobcat and he spent all day yesterday skinning the animals.

They will be mounted and made into rugs.

The bobcat was full grown. It was the first one Dr. Phalen had ever seen outside a zoo and the coyote was the first he had ever taken a shot at. Both were shot through the shoulders and died of surprise.