

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Tommy Lawrence knows the best blueberry patch in the Upper Peninsula. It is located "somewhere" between Crystal Falls and Amasa near Balsam. Tommy claims he often picks sixteen quarts of berries while the train is going from Balsam to Amasa and back.

A story circulating the area boasts of a wonderful blind pig. The swine was born blind and at a tender age of three months was sold to a neighboring farmer who took it home in his wagon. The road was not only crooked, it also passed through a village with dozens of cross streets with the entire trip being two miles beyond the village. The pig was turned into a small lot and on the third day away from its birth place it was back with its former owner. There was no other way for the pig to return home then by following the road over which he was carried in the box. It never ceases to amaze apparently "dumb" animal's powers of instinct.