

POSSES WITH CANDY HUNT ROVING PET BEAR

Cub Yields to Urge of Spring, Breaking From Chain and Flee- ing to Long Island Woods.

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Spring surged too early this year in the breast of Minnie, one of the two cub bears of Gardner Murdock, sportsman and hunter of Brookhaven, and posses are beating through the underbrush of the game preserve looking for her. Last Sunday Minnie snapped the chain which bound her, beside her brother Petty, to a tree on Mr. Murdock's lawn, and she has been missing ever since.

"What I am afraid of," said Mr. Murdock, "is that some one will take her for a wild bear and shoot her."

Minnie and Petty were captured by Mr. Murdock two years ago when he killed their mother. He established them, fastened by chains, on the lawn of his home, and they not only became friends with Mr. Murdock's family but with passing automobilists, who enjoyed their tumbling antics and their persuasive begging for candy.

A year ago Petty got away, but was found in a few days near Yaphank. Candy was used to lure him back home, and so the men seeking Minnie are going through the woods with candy as weapons instead of the guns which hunters usually carry.

While Mr. Murdock and a party of ten are scouring the country around Brookhaven, another group led by Deputy Sheriff John Edward Davis is hunting around Yaphank. Mr. Davis has discovered daisies gayly blooming and reckless angleworms cavorting above ground in disregard of the fact that it is only January.

"I guess Minnie just decided Winter was over and it was time she was through hibernating," said Mr. Davis today.