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ICELAND A DESERT.

Interior of the Country a Howling Waste of Sand and Ice.

Iceland is little better than a desert. The peculiar configuration renders intercourse difficult, and, along with the barrenness of the soil, makes the conditions of existence strangely hard. People with so little to make life attractive might be pardoned if they were to sink into a stolid indifference to everything but the struggle to keep alive, says the Atlantic.

The size of Iceland is greater than that of Ireland, and the population numbers seventy thousand souls; but the only inhabitable portion is a narrow strip of pasture land extending like a green girdle round the coast and up the deep, narrow fiords. The interior of the country is a howling waste of sand and ice; traversed by darting glacial rivers and utterly incapable of supporting more than a few scattered inhabitants. Grass is the only considerable crop. The hills and valleys are treeless and afford at best but scanty pasturage for horses, cows and sheep. Roads and bridges scarcely exist.

A Danish merchant at Reykjavik has a wheeled carriage, but in the interior such a conveyance is unknown and would be useless if known. The backs of horses are the only means of transportation across country. Small boats carry travelers over dangerous rivers, while the horses swim on ahead. Hardly anything that ministers to comfort, to say nothing of luxury, is produced in Iceland. Every nail in an Icelandic house, every pane of glass, every bit of wooden flooring, every insignificant bit of furniture, has to be transported laboriously from one of the seaports to its destination.

That the Icelanders are poor goes without saying. There is little or no home market, for every Icelandic has the same products to sell as his neighbor. The circulation of money is, therefore, very small. If a farmer has direct dealings with the agents for foreign markets, and is sufficiently prosperous to have a little surplus each year, he may handle a little money, but in general the trading at the seaports is literally trading. An Icelandic barter a certain number of horses or sheep or rolls of dried fish or bales of hay for a supply of groceries and other necessities of life.

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THE SNOWSHOE DRILL.
Introduced into the German Army by Emperor William.

The drilling of light infantry corps on snowshoes is a long-established practice in the wintry countries of northern Europe, particularly in Norway, where ski-running is the national sport. In Holland, soldiers regularly maneuver on skates, on the frozen rivers and canals. In Germany, this Arctic equipment is a recent innovation; but, the emperor having taken the lead, certain infantry regiments in Hanover



SOLDIERS ON SNOWSHOES

and Brunswick are at present doing some energetic military snowshoeing, as shown in the picture which we reproduce from the Paris illustration. The German snowshoe, or snowskate, is a modification of the Norwegian ski, consisting of a strip of polished wood somewhat wider than the foot, and about four feet long, the front end curved upward, pointed and tipped with iron. The subofficers are trained in snowshoe practice in a special platoon, after which they take charge of squads from the rank and file.

A WATCH THAT TALKS.
It Is So Made That It Speaks the Hours Instead of Striking Them.

It is said a watchmaker of Geneva, Switzerland, has just completed a watch which, instead of striking the hours and quarters, announces them by speaking like the phonograph. The mechanism of the watch is based on phonographic conditions, the bottom of the case containing a phonographic sensitive plate which has received the impression of the human voice before being inserted in the watch.

The disk, according to the Jewelers' Circular, has forty-eight concentric grooves, of which twelve repeat the hours, twelve those of the hours and quarters, and twelve more those of the hours and second and third quarters. If the hand on the dial shows the time to be 12:15 o'clock, one of the fine needle points of the mechanism crosses the corresponding groove and the disk, which turns simultaneously, calls out the time, just as the phonographic cylinder. The lower lid of the case is provided with a tiny mouthpiece, and when the watch is held to the ear the sound is all the more plain.

A well-known New Yorker of convivial habits has for many years, upon his return home late at night, indulged in a rice-pudding lunch, which was always left on the kitchen dresser by his good wife. The other night he arrived home somewhat the worse for his day's debauch. In the dim light left burning low he spied his favorite dish and ate the contents. The next morning his wife missed seven lace collars she had left in the starch over night.

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