

TOBOGGANING.

A tobogganing hill should be as nearly perpendicular as possible, with, at the bottom, a long, level stretch, over which the sled can fly with the impetus derived from its descent. Two or three passengers make a load, the lady or ladies being placed in front and the steersman sitting behind. The toboggan having been placed on the verge of the precipice, the lady steps in and sits down with her feet on the stretcher, or disposed in the curve and her skirt tucked around her, and her escort sits down behind, having a short stick in each hand with which to steer. The steersman lets his hand trail on either side, and digs one stick or the other into the snow, according to the direction in which he wishes to turn the accursed craft. It is the correct thing to turn out in a blanket coat and leggings, with moccasins, and upon your head a red or blue tuque—a Phrygian cap of worsted. Having bidden adieu to your friends, you gently push your frail sled over the brow of the hill and launch yourself into eternity. Such of your readers as has ever fallen out of a balloon will have a good idea of the sensation of the amateur tobogganist during his first slide. There is a sense of goneness in the head and the pit of the stomach, and the nether world rises up and hits you all over very hard. A slippery and elastic board with 300 pounds weight upon it, launched down a hill of ice or snow a quarter of a mile long or thereabouts, with an inclination of say seventy degrees, gathers a tremendous headway in the course of a few seconds; the crisp diamond-dusty particles fly at your eyes like spindrift at sea before a hurricane, and a spray of shrieking silver is ground up by either steering stick. In a few seconds you reach the glacia, and change the plane on which you move, the sled giving a bound that makes you think of riding a frisky dolphin; then away it careers for hundreds of yards above the level, till finally it stops perhaps a mile away from the starting place, allowing an admirable opportunity for flitting with your fair fare during the return walk. Of a bright, moonlit night, with the air keen and the heavens overflowing with stars, there can be no more glorious sport. But it has its perils. If you loose your head and fail to keep that of the toboggan straight the sled will broach-to and spill you and your fare down the hill, with a display of ground and lofty tumbling such as Greenwich hill never witnessed on the jolliest of fair days. Fortunate will you be if, when you and your Dulcinea are for the moment standing on your respective heads, another toboggan does not sweep down and take you in your respective midriffs with a force of say 144-foot tons. Or, still worse, in a long-course, where there are trees to thread and maybe a gate or two to pass through, you may tilt head-on into a post or a state-ly maple. Not until you have been in such an accident do you fairly understand what is meant by "matchwood" and "a dull thud." Luckily as the lady is in front she acts as a sort of buffer, but her lot under such circumstances is not a happy one, as before she has fairly realized that she has been hurled against a tree she receives you in the back with no less crushing emphasis.

The Other Way.

The contraries of the Chinese, as compared with us, have often been commented on. The Rev. Selah Brown writes about them in the Christian Advocate. We shake hands as a salutation; a Chinaman shakes hands with himself. He stands at a distance, and, clasping both together, he shakes them up and down at you. We uncover the head as a mark of respect; they keep their heads covered, but take off their shoes for politeness. We shave the face; they shave the head and eyebrows. We cut our finger nails; they consider it aristocratic to have nails from three to five inches long, which they are obliged to protect in silver cases. The Chinaman's waistcoat is outside his coat, and his drawers outside his trousers. We blacken our shoes; he whitens them. We have soup as a first course at dinner, and dessert at last; they have dessert at first and soup at last. We want our wines ice cold; the Chinese drink theirs scalding hot. We bury in the earth; they on the surface. With us, black clothing is a badge of mourning; with them, white garments indicate the loss of friends. In that land of opposites it is the old man who fly kites, walk on stilts, and play the shutcock, and, to keep up their odd ways of doing things, they play the latter with their feet instead of with their hands. In China, women do men's work, and men are the milliners, dressmakers and washerwomen. With us the right hand is the place of honor; with them it is the left hand. In dating letters we place the year last; they write the year first. They always speak of the mariner's compass (their own invention) as pointing to the south. We pay our physicians when they are sick; a Chinaman gets revenge by killing himself. We use a soft pillow; they a block of wood. They launch ships sidewise, ring bells from the outside, and actually turn their screws in the opposite direction from ours. A singular decision, which in effect sets free a desperate gang of thieves and burglars that were arrested with great trouble, has just been rendered at Paterson, New Jersey, where queer affairs are happening all the time. The gang found a hiding-place and refuge on board a canal boat, whose captain shared their plunder. But when they turned about and robbed him he had them arrested. The judge ordered their acquittal on the ground—or more properly, on the water—that a canal boat was not a house, unless taken out of the canal and used permanently as one. For the sake of shutting up a gang of marauders, he might have strained a point, as the jury did, who brought in a verdict of "horse stealing" against a man accused of murdering his wife because the law provided only for manslaughter, and not for woman-slaughter; so, to make sure of punishing him, they thought horse-stealing would about fill the bill. Free Press. A large silver-gray fox was caught in the foothills near the Snoqualmie pass trail last week by a Falls City trapper. The pelts of these animals are very valuable, often bringing as high as \$50 each. Although they are often met with on the eastern slope of the Cascade mountains, they are seldom if ever seen on the western.—Eye.

"Indians are like children," said Mr. Kirkpatrick, in recounting his adventures to a reporter of the Philadelphia Times, "if you gain their confidence you can do what you please with them. I never made a promise to an Indian that I did not keep, and that is why I made plenty of friends among the tribes. They like bravery, too, and will not hurt a man who shows no fear when overpowered. When the Indians get you in a corner, if you stand up and bare your breast, and tell them to shoot, they will never do it. I have had to do that twice in my life, and so speak from experience; but I never knew them to kill a prisoner who defied them." Another great bridge is in course of construction across the Missouri river twenty miles north of Council Bluffs, Iowa. The winter weather, though severe, has not interfered with the work. The bridge is for the use of the Sioux City and Pacific railroad into Nebraska. When completed it will have cost nearly \$1,000,000. The piers are iron, the caissons being filled with concrete masonry, and are 110 feet high. The superstructure will be of iron, 1,000 feet long, about one-third less than the Union Pacific railroad bridge at Council Bluffs. The masonry and piers will be up by August 1st, and the bridge will be ready for use by November next.

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