A PERILOUS PASSAGE. From New York Weekly.

most miraculous escape, we found that the cushions of the sleigh, and

"It I were to advise you," said every wrapper, robe and buffalo, the station master, "I should say had been left behind us in the awstay where you are if you know ful chasm from which our power when you are well off. We all ful steed had dragged us.

know the lake never was more The piercing, cold, and cutting dangerous than now, unless it was sleet now played upon my exposed breaking up; and besides, ten person in a manner that soon drove chances to one you, miss, would a benumbing chill into the very freeze to death in this storm before marrow of my bones, succeeded by you could get across." a drowsey, stupefied sense of ease

"But I must go," reinsisted with and quiet. I was undoubtedly fast wild earnestness, fearing lest these sinking into that last chill sleep discouraging remarks might deter which precedes death by freezing, my companion. "I am willing to when I found myself suddenly and run the risk. I am not afraid." somewhat roughly awakened by my

"I'm a little warm, miss," said brave and generous companion. Harry Langley, apologetically; He had divested himself of his "only just enough, though, to keep overcoat, and was striving to wrap up my nerve and courage. If you me in it. He buttoned it snugly say go, I'll borrow an extra robe to around my half-frozen body, and keep you from freezing, and come then commenced shaking and round with my team in a jiffy." | thumping me violently, till at

afraid," I answered eagerly.

"Afraid?" he answered contempt- agy into which I had unconsciousuously. "I was never born in the ly sunk after the first cold chill had woods to be scared by an owl!" and struck me in my recently exposed he went off whistling through the state. The moment he saw I was beginsnow-storm with his companion.

In the course of ten minutes he ning to arouse from my involuntary came dashing up to the station lethargy, he began to talk loudly, with his team, and I was soon care- calling my attention to this or that. fully deposited therein and thickly and atriving by a variety of artifices swathed in wraps of various descrip- to prevent me from sinking back tions. Receiving the friendly good- into my former stupor; but in by and well wishes of the station- spite of all his efforts, without shakthe frozen bosom of the lake.

The snow had abated, or rather and then his voice, which would blew into our faces, piercing our my hearing, would begin gradually flesh like needles. But for this, to grow fainter and fainter, as the being borne farther and farther during the first few miles of our away, till there was nothing left journey, I might have felt tolerably of it but a faint buzz. Then he comfortable.

openings in the ice above the sub-"Come, come!" he would say.

as every second mile and imbibed his importunities. some of the spirits it contained, pressing upon me the importance of doing the same to prevent freezing, till I feared he would become incapable of the risky adventure he had

undertaken. I erdickrösill To rehma wish bin Indertaken. I onlicit reaction is a chim on the great subject of temperance, and to show him what a brave self-sacrificing person like himself might be capable of, if disposed to wean himself from this demoralizing hab-it. He said he had often tried to break off from drinking, and was free to admit that it never did him any good It might, he said, upon break off from drinking, and was free to admit that it never did him is a few days, i am that I was a new recommend the tea

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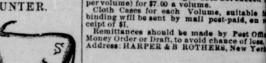
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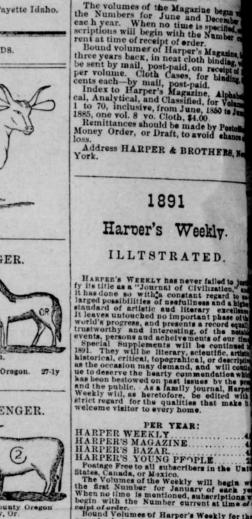
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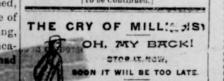
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an occasion like the present tend to quicken the blood, and prevent one from freezing.

"In that case," I answered, "if used for the purpose of preserving or prolonging life, it was to be regarded simply in the light of medicine, not as an unnatural and pernicious vice, as we must be led to regard its habitual use."

He admitted he should be better without it, and might be induced to leave it off, perhaps, if any one should take interest enough in him to encourage him.

"Look!" he exclaimed, pointing to an abrupt elevation or swell in the ice-field bdyond, "we are coming, now, to the last and worst reef of all! If we escape this, we are all right, and shall be in W---- in half an hour."

We had commenced to ascend, which presented the appearance of an ordinary low elevation of the earth's surface, covered with a fresh mantle of snow. We were soon at its apex, and the next moment the horse made a flying leap over the yawning rupture.

"For God's sake, miss, cling to the dasher, or you will be lost!" shouted my companion, and I threw myself desperately forward at the suggestion, disengaging myself from the warm fur wrappings which had enveloped me and caught a firm hold upon the dash-board.

The movement was not a moment too soon, for my salvation, for the next instant the strong dashboard struck the thick jagged edge. of the chasm about middle way of the curve, dropping the entire body of the cutter back into the fearful opening.

The next instant the sleigh came up with a tremendous jerk, that seemed to wreach every part of its slender but tough frame-work, and was hauled half-way down the other side of the reef on one runner. before it righted.

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