

That living alone in the high mountains in winter is not necessarily monotonous this experience, described by Mr. E. A. Mills in "The Spell of the Rockies," sufficiently proves. Going into the San Juan mountains during the first week in March to learn something of the laws that govern snowslides, he climbed on skis well to the top of the range. Thousands of tons of snow that covered the precipitous peaks were ready to plunge down and sweep the very spot on which he stood. Almost before he realized his danger the snow on the upper slopes suddenly flew up as if from an explosion. A general slide had started.

I whirled, pointed my ski down the slope and went. In less than half a minute a tremendous snow avalanche, 100 or perhaps 200 feet deep and 500 or 600 feet long, thundered over the spot where I had stood.

There was no chance to dodge, no time to climb out of the way. My only chance of escape lay in outrunning the slide.

As I shot across the lower part of the ridge, about to plunge blindly into the gorge, I thought of the possibility of becoming entangled in the hedge-like thickets of dwarfed, gnarled timber line trees. I also realized that I might dash against a cliff or plunge into a deep canyon. Of course I might strike an open way, but it was certain that I could not stop or see the beginning of the gorge or tell what I should strike when I went over the edge.

As I shot through the air I had a glimpse down into the pointed snow laden tops of a few tall fir trees that were firmly rooted among the rocks at the bottom of the gorge. Luckily, I cleared the gorge and landed in a place where the snow was unbroken.

The heavy slide thundered after me with undiminished speed and came crashing into the dead trees

so close behind me that broken limbs went flying past me as I shot down off a steep moraine.

At the bottom of the moraine I was forced between two trees, flung off my balance, and my left ski smashed against a tree. Two feet of the heel were broken off and the remainder split. The slide did not slow down. I could hear the rocks and splintered timbers in its mass grinding together and thudding against the obstructions over which it swept. I threw away my staff and "let go." I simply flashed down the slope, rounded a cliff, turned awkwardly into Aspen gulch and tumbled heels over head into safety. Then I picked myself up, to see the slide go roaring by within twenty feet of me.

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