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The latest craze in the east is coasting on wheels. Large and expensive rinks are put up for this new sport. In these there is a big platform, like a pavilion, high up. To reach this is an easy incline, with seats on either side. On one side there is a little tower, probably fifteen feet above the pavilion. That's where the start is made. There is a track laid in a big trough, with high sides to it, which runs right down hill on a curve. About half way down it begins to rise again, then it makes a deep lunge, and then goes right back up to the platform, making a complete circuit, the middle of the hoop down on the ground, and the two ends, one slightly above the other, high up in the air. There are four cars run on this track. They have hard wood settees, with boxed foot rests, and brass rails to hold to. They are placed on deeply grooved iron wheels that fit the track. Twenty people can go at a trip. The only thing it is necessary to hold on to is your hat. It is a merry sight to see the coasters. There are crowds at it both in the day and in the evening. They are mostly children in the day. In the evening there are crowds of ladies and gentleman, old and young. The first ride is the amusing one to watch. Everybody who hasn't tried it before is more or less timid; particularly the ladies. They get on the car very cautiously "to see how it feels." Before they know it they are launched on a journey. The young man loses his hat, the young lady throws her arms about him and holds tight. He has fourteen seconds of perfect bliss. Then they both want to try it over again. The man learns how to take care of his hat, but the young lady never so thoroughly regains her composure as not to throw

her arms about him. It's lots of fun! The ladies in particular seem to like it; both married ladies and young girls. One old lady eighty-two years tried it. When she got back she said it made her feel young again; she guessed she would go it again. In the evenings there are Chinese lanterns hung around the track, the pavilion is brightly lighted and large crowds of ladies and gentlemen are present. It is quite the thing to get up coasting parties of six or eight couples.

In the matter of the collision between the steamer State of California and the barkentine Portland, last April, the government inspectors find the blame rested with Capt. Debny, of the State, who neglected precautions that might have prevented the collision. For this neglect, the license of Capt. Debny has been suspended for ten days; a penalty which no doubt Simpson Bros., owners of the disabled barkentine, will think extremely light, and Capt. Debny and his friends will regard as grievous. A suit for damages that was sustained by their vessel and to their trade through her disablement has been brought by Simpson Bros, against the owners of the State, and is now pending before the California courts

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