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and start his nerves a tingling. and well he may

RECEIVED TO STATE OF THE PARTY THE PARTY. Man was made for eral weather as well as warm weather, and the delicate mollycoddles who try to divert the designs of nature by staying close to the fire when the zero temperatures disport themselves are usually the first to succumb to pneumonla when a chilly breeze collides with their delicate little selves.

"What is so rare as a day in June?" sing the pasts. "What is so rare as a day in December or January?" sing the a true and tried be yacht, of spirited their backs, the heldisman is so placed the loser's family-if he had one. No bobsledding, of gliding under moon over the ice. It is this danger that Bt skies with the girls in the old fame | reades much of the fuscination of ice ily sleigh, of snowshocing and tobog yachting, and it is doubtful if the enganing, of hunting the sly fox, the thuslasm of men for its allurements Juley rabbit or the clusive, bobwhile exceeds that of the thrill craving wom-

The worst thing about winter is en of the day. that it pan't long enough," said a ruddy | The habitual skater claims that the cheeked athlete to the writer a few invigorating qualities of ice yachting days ago. He swims in New York bay are counterbalanced by the physical all the year round, breaking in the ice to secure a dip when necessary, and likes nothing better than running foot races in bare feet (in a bathing suit) over snow and ice. This borders on the heroic, and most of us would probably object to following such an exam-

Christmas is in a sense a tandmark



HOCKEY PLAYER CHASING THE PUCE.

In the sporting field, for, as a rule, it marks the opening of the outdoor season in the east. And in the northwest and parts of the middle west where cold weather comes earlier it indicates the time of the very height of activity. There is, after all, something characteristic of the very Christmas season itself in the pastimes of the holiday period. This is the season of good cheer, of good will toward men, theo racers who per retically anyway, and the recreations petually bicker are distinctively those that promote over the value of good feeling toward eneself as well as

It is almost impossible to enumerate Hans Brinker style the outdoor winter positioes that find of long distance favor in this errate land. That the ventures or be king of them all is ice yachting almost | fore an in irriting any one will admit, though unfornately the number of vist in an it thrilling diversion is him e. b. the emilion of the

space required and at write an arrange Lord a mate Danch so of the weather to a rouse of 60 -ager. But when favora to see prevail what can exceed a size of a - 1 -

A mere view of the spectrole of a collibra (Panylne, popular ice yachting center is such her lemice if the clent to start the novi wald and a or and all age heavit, ing. On Lake Minnetonia, Minnesona, . . acc 1810 the Lake Mi algan, Lake Champlein, the

the scenery Delaware, the Shrewsbury and Her the wat coax her son rivers these sensationally swift and to practice the

E-Christman holt of glaring ice at the rate of a mile injurial," because it is so difficult that she days are the key from thirty-seven to sixty seconds will take all winder to learn it. This day of the winter when at their best. Jumping cracks is a elever mode of scenning a monopsportsonen, for this yards wide, leaping yards into the air dy of one of the most desirable of period marks the from obstructing hummocks, crashing life's necessities. height of outdoor their large broaze runners inches into Counsionally the American sportsmen activity in sport in the hardest ice, on they go, with the are ridiculed by foreign rivals because

The grounds wire weight of one of the crew who clings been claimed that skating races and ter sportsman has to the windward stay perflously far out hockey games do not, for example, supreme contempt on the oaken crossbeam. Then it is call for the ruggedness and during refor the man who that the passengers must grit their quired in the Scandinavian sport of fours experience to feeth and pray that the belinsman alceling. Then, too, there are Greenthe cold, keen knows his business. The ice yacht landers and Icelanders having an unwinds that try a slipper who errs ever so slightly when conquerable passion for wrestling man's hardihood going over a mile a minute rarely lives stripped maked to the waist, on Arctic

many parts of the windward remor at times lifting ton our winner pastimes, they alloge, do or twelve feet into the air despite the not require especial hardihood. It has



SKEE JUMPER FALLING AFTER A 110 FOOT LEAP.



exercise derived from his own particular recreation. The "poetry of motion" in skating, he is convinced, is vastly superior to "The Merry Widow" waltz as a mental and bodily stimu-



their prizes, he resolves Into the a dropping a parential. tenders with the I maxes lit 11 12 13 concer the Phila



sound limbed, deep chested, oaken to regret it. In case of an upset, while it e floes. The man who is thrown off hearted American lads. "Then, if ever, his passengers, cronching low under the ice cake and promptly freezes to come perfect days," of stanting to the monster boom in their heavy furs, death is considered the loser. The windward, a mile in fifty seconds, on are usually thrown out on the lee on victor wins the privilege of supporting hockey matches, of skating over miles that he is invariably caught under the far as skeeing is concerned, scores of of glistening lake or river surface, of heavy fabric and crushed and dragged Americans have taken it up, following



THE CURLER IN ACTION.

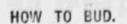
the practices of the Swedes and Nored immense slides and hold annual hampionship meets to decide the premiership of the skee jumpers. Some of these jumpers glide down a steep incline on the long ashen runners strap-ICE VACUT LIFTING IN MILE A MINUTE ped to their feet, bound from a takeoff and hurl themselves from 100 to 120 feet through the air, landing in an upright position. There is disaster in the skee Jump for the careless or untrained man, but who would stop to think of danger when a brace of plump Christmas turkeys and a champlouship title reward the victor?

The people who try to argue that American ice sports do not call forth the hardihood of those of other nations appear to the writer to be irresponsible or prejudiced in their way of talking.

How about a hockey game? How about the work of the men who handle the tillers of ice yachts? How about our snowshoers and our long distance skaters?

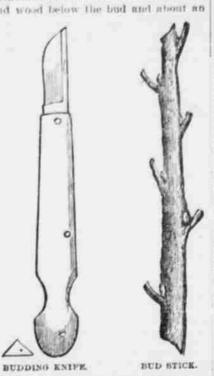
A hockey game as played by the well known clubs of Cleveland or Pittsburg or Detroit or New York or Buffalo or the many colleges is a heroic test for even the most seasoned athletes. The strain on wind, heart and muscle in a hockey game is so severe that in match games between prominent teams the players are xamined by a physician before being allowed on the ice. Sprained ankles, torn ligaments, violent blows from skate blades and sticks are the merest incidents to trained hockeyists. The typical Amerlican is a born fighter, and to satisfy his lust for actual combat he begins to play hockey as soon as the football season ends. He makes the game os much like real war as the police with allow, and when some meddlesome college president tells him he is an abysmal brute or a ruffianty man mangler he begins to fear for the stability of the nation





May Be Done Even by One Who Is Inexacrienced.

It is not yet too late to bud fruit trees. Keep a sharp knife. Cut the twig from the tree from which you wish to had. Cut out a vigorous bud. with about a half inch or more of back and wood below the bud and about an



eighth or a quarter of an inch above the bud. Cut off the leaf in the axil of which lies the bud to within an inch or so from the bud, leaving only the bottom as a handle to assist you in the operation. Now cut out all the wood from the bark save a very little under the bud. Some cut it entirely out. Cut through the bark of the tree stock the letter T and with an ivory or polished bone blade or something that is thin and smooth open or separate the bark from the wood sufficiently to insert easily the bud and no more, then quickly smooth the raised bark over the bark below and above the inserted bud. Wind and tie around the tree stock and insertion, commencing at the bottom, strips of bass matting. leaving only the bud exposed to the You can tell within two or three weeks whether the buds have set or not. If they do not the buds will dry shrink and die, but if successful they will look vigorous.

In from two to three weeks cut the strips of matting and remove them, thus giving all a chance to expand. In the spring if your buds do not winter kill, as peach buds sometimes do, they will shoot forth and, weather and insects permitting, in due time will bear you an abundant harvest.

In the spring, after the bud has started to grow, remove the top of the





BUD COMPLETE BUD IN POSITION. tree or branch to within a few inches of the bud, so that the sap will more generally flow into it, and as the shoot ascends tie it to the remaining stock to prevent the winds wrenching and breaking it. Peach trees are budded. and so are most kinds of stone fruit.

Worth Remembering.

As a traveler passes through any country he judges the prosperity of the farmer chiefly by the appearance of his buildings and farmyards. He can get some line on conditions by looking at crops in the field or cattle in the pasture, but the story is told most fully and accurately by the paint on the barn and the lawn grass in front of the house. And when the real estate agent takes a prospective buyer through the country he depends largely, almost chiefly, on the grounds and buildings to set the price on every farm. These considerations of themselves should urge all farmers to the improvement of their premises. But there are other reasons even more powerful to influence thoughtful men and women in the same direction. Most important is the fact that this is home. It is the place where father, mother and children live. The family life con its how If there is to be any home feeling it must come through a thoughtful care for the comforts, conventences and beauties of the home, If there is to be any uplift in intelligence or morality it must find its opportunity in wholesome and attractive surroundings One of the greatest differences between a farm and any other enterprise is that the farm is both a business and a dwelling place. Many things which a man would not care to undertake for the benefit of his business merely he must put through for the sake of his home. This has ever been the spirit of American farm life at its best, and it needs to be preached on every hand today.

Timely Hints.

There are contrivances to put on ploxes that polyerize the soil as you po alone Each round drags or crushes

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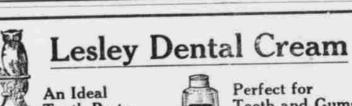
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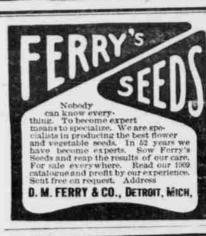
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