DOWN A MOUNTAIN.

Rapid and Exciting Descent Much Rougher than Tobogganing.

the descent should be made.

though whether or not to avail ourselves of Christ who is Himself the personification of it, was a

MATTER OF MUCH DISCUSSION.

Standing about the house were two or three men with long spikes in their shoer, and leaning against the walls appeared certain light wooden frames with long handles. These are sledges, and to do the mountain properly you should go down, like a streak of lightning, on one of them. It seemed a queer and nervous operation, as the sledge marks were visible down the steep crest for some distance, and then pitched round a corner into unknown space. There were, moreover, but two men available just then, so that our party must be divided.

The two ladies at last consented to try and all the little colony of the hill assembled to see them packed. The priests assured us of their safety, and that they would reach the bottom in twenty minutes. One portly old fellow, with a trombone of a voice, was not only emphatic in his assurance, but putting a hand on the shoulder of each of the men preparing to descend, warned them to take special care of the two English ladies.

Yet you should have seen them as they were tilted over the edge! A small pillow tied on each sledge formed the seat; two crooked pegs were all there was to hold by; the feet were pressed against the runners. For precaution, a string gathered in all habiliments lest they should catch against the rocks.

The men putting themselves between the handles in front, and leaning well backward, struck their spikes into the ground. In a minute they were

BEYOND SHOUTING DISTANCE;

in a minute more they were shooting round the shoulder of the hill, and whether for bet ter or for worse, our wives were gone !

As we could not know the result till we reached the bottom ourselves, we made hurried adieus to the friendly priests, and set off at our best speed down the path, reaching Saifnitz in an hour and a half. We met two or three sledges coming up carried on their drivers' backs, but could not learn the fate of those in which we were interested. At the door of the inn, however, we spied them, propped against the wall; and within their heads or their heels.

They described their unwonted flight as a short agony, -which it must be also for the sledgemen themselves, who were steaming with perspiration, and looking much exhausted. The men either ran with the sledges, guiding them round many turns, and pulling them lightly over obstacles; or, when the ese at favored, suddenly seating the sledge to its own momentum; then down went driver and sledge, and lady and

breath. the spiked feet were struck out in a mo waters soothingly fanning the whiskers of ment; but what with the speed, the shaking | Father Time. and the fright, poor S ____ and A ___ "Felisty," he exclaimed rapturously, as were aching all over; and though glad to his left hand and arm disappeared from have had the experience, were not inclined sight with a rapid yet sneaking motion toto repeat it.

Think on These Things.

It is often said that we are "the creatures" of habit." Our habit of thought has a great deal to do with our character and influence Our thoughts are, of course, determined by our natural disposition and temperament, but in regard to them, as to everything else, it is the truth that, consciously or unconsciously, we form the habits which regulate them. In the easygoing, pleasure-loving spirit which takes possession of most of us we are apt to forget that there is going on within us a silent forceful growth of ideas and tendencies which will gradually gain an ascendancy over us, and become the masters of our lives. We are what our thoughts are. It is therefore of the first importance that our habit of thought should be elevating, and that the subjects upon which we dwell should be those which will raise rather than debase us. The great letter-writer who had the care of the churches upon him understood this a very long time ago, and in his Epistle to the Philippians he emphasized it. It was a true love-letter that he wrote to those people, in whom he had great joy and satisfaction, and for whom he wished the best and highest blessings. There are peo ple, and Paul must have known such, in whom there appears, to us a homely phrase, " nothing to begin upon," and it seems rather hopeless to try to make excellent characters out of them; but to this class the Philippians did cert inly not be long. They had proved themselves Christians indeed; they believed in Christ and suffered for His sake; they loved Paul, Cynthia !" and he loved them so much that "in every prayer of his for them, he made his request | doctan-lot's wuss." with joy." They were, indeed, so good that it seemed possible that they should reach the perfection which he desired for them ; and in order to this, he told them what sub jects they were to choose for their contemplation and reflection. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever show ter night! things are honest, whatsoever things are ust, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever hings are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things Paul knew that if they did their whole lives would, in consequence, be more beautiful, mere helpful, more altogether Christlike.

The advice is as good for us as for those members of the Philippian Church, and quite as necessary to us as to them, for we, too. to the eminence which is truly Christian are | Avoid substitutes.

the apostle's words to be commended. "But ' some will perhaps say, "we cannot help our thoughts." Oh yes, indeed we can. All sorts of thoughts may flash into the mind ; but the disciplined heart will so ignore those There is an indefinable exhilaration in ra- which are wrong that they will soon pass pid motion, as every school-boy knows, away. Guests will present themselves at else why should he tug up hill, time after our doors, but we may either harbour them time, for the sake of sliding down again? or send them from us. Evil thoughts will But an Englishman, touring among the Alps, not stay unless they receive a welcome any describes a coasting exploit of two ladies of more than good ones will. We may choose his party, which, however interesting for the inmates of cur hearts and minds as ceronce, would hardly have been voluntarily tainly as we may select those who are to be repeated. In a small way, and with some the inmates of our houses. It requires some difference of method, it reminds one of the decision of character and energy of purpose, common practice of sliding down the Mount | it is true, to think only of the things which Wastington railway on a board. The par- are virtuous and praisdworthy; but where a ty had finished climbing, and was ready to man is master of himself it can be accomdescend, but then came the question how plished. "I will elect to think good thoughts, to be interested only in excellent things, to We might return on foot, of course, but examine into the characters that deserve to that would take two or three hours, and be- be imitated." Whoever comes to that resosides, that was not a la mode. For all who lution, asking for that help from the All can pay for it there is a peculiar contrivance | Perfect One which is never denied, will have of descent, which, sooth to say, had been "gotupon the up grade" in very truth, for he one of the attractions of the mountain, will dwell most of all in the presence of the everything that is lovely and of good report.

Sending a Shock.

Among certain Eastern nations the Englishman is supposed, from the success with which he uses certain simple remedies, to be endowed with magic powers, as a "medicine man." It is not only the people classed as uncivilized, however, who regard medicine as a black art, which can do anything.

physician who has become celebrated for his successful use of electricity in various diseases, and inquired:

"If anybody had headaches in the back of their neck, and was so nervous they could fly, do you think your batteries would help' em?"

"I might recommend electricity," said the doctor; "but I must know more about your symptoms."

"Bless you, they aren't my symptoms!" "Then come another day with the pa-

"But I can't bring her."

"Why not?" "Because she lives out West. I know you can telegraph that far, and I thought maybe you could set your batteries to work on her."

The Glory of War Departing.

The Philadelphia "Press" says :- The new English drill book just adopted for the use of the army cuts the space given to company drill to one-half its old space and expands the pages devoted to tactics to thrice the old number. The mechanical wheeling of companies on whose perfection our militia companies pride themselves is left out altogether. So are the movements for counter-marching. The drill is greatly simplified. The figures and movements which make so fine a show on the parade ground and are so useless in battle are omitted. For the long, straight wheel, the rigid line, volley firing, countermarching, and all the intricate drill to which so much time is given by our national guard, there is substituted a loose order in which 50 cents, doors were S -- and A ---, hardly yet the fire is maintained by the independent knowing, it seemed, whether they stood on action of a cloud of skirmishers, and the company officers are occupied in feeding this skirmish line from the rear and keeping the company in hand over a wide area, not by command, but by the intelligent co-operation of the men.

The Favour He Wanted.

Jenkinson Wipedunks would not have exchanged situations with the President of the themselves in front of each occupant, left United States, the Prince of Wales or the drum me jor of a brass band.

Felisty McGinnis had answered " yes" in all, at a velocity which took away the a voice as soft and gentle as the sigh of music in a dreamless sleep or the murmur-If a check occurred, or the ground varied, | ing wail of a caressing breeze from lethean

ward the back of the sofa on which they sat, and the fingers of his right hand appeared to be feeling for something in his vest pocket, "you have made me the happiest man in the world."

The timid upturned glance of her liquid dark eyes and the warm blush that overspread the happy face of the lovely girl replied more elequently than words could

And you will forgive my presumption, darling," he continued, "if in anticipation of your answere I have ventured to provide myself with-with a-with a-"

Jenkinson paused in some apparent excitement, and his finger and thumb nervously explored his vest pocket without seeming to find anything.

"I-I must have lost it!" he gasped. "Felisty, it was a ring! Ha! Perhaps it is

in some other pocket.' Rising to his feet he thrust a trembling hand into his trousers pocket. There was a hole in that pocket.

"Jenkinson," Felisty, as she noted with concern his gastly face, on which the light of a desperate resolve was breaking, "don t once, and by continuing its use grieve over it. It will turn up. You are three monthis was entirely cured, excited. Is there anything I can do to .-

voice; "Felisty, I think I know where zard and attend to business every that ring is. If you would do me a favor I shall never forget until the last hour of my life, get me a boot-jack and leave me to myself for a few moments."-

Rapid Treatment,

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Couldn't Eat the Soup-

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"Look here, I can't eat this soup." "All right; I'll get you another plate." On receiving the recond plate, the guest once more remarked :

"It's no use, I can't eat this soup." Then the waiter went to the proprietor and

"That old gentleman over there is complaining about the soup. He says he can't eat it." "You don't know how to wait on people.

I'll attend to him.' The proprietor went to the kicking guest

and said blandly: "I understand you say that there is something the matter with the soup ?"

"I didn't say anything of the kind." "You said you couldn't eat it." "Yes, I said I couldn't eat it."

"Will you tell why you can't eat that "Certainly. I haven't got any spoon."-Texas Siftings.

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