Great Snow Storms in England.

The winter of 1683-4 appears to have been the severest ever recorded in England. This was one of the occasions when the Thames was frozen over and a fair held thereon. The river was frozen from December to February. Trees were split in the forest by the violence of the cold, nearly all the birds perished, and the heavy snows made the roads in some parts

of the country absolutely impassable. The winter of 1708-9 was notable for its three months' continuous frost and snow. Ten years later a snowstorm on the borderlands of Sweden and Norway caused a terrible disaster. The Swedish army was marching on Drontheim. They were overtaken on the mountains by a snow storm so severe that 7,000 of them perished, and the expedition had to be abandoned.

The Norwegians have the credit of the introduction of soldiers trained to mancenvre on the snow, with a kind of snow-skate; but under such circumstances as these they would have struggled against the warring elements in vain. The snow storms of that season reached to England, and in the south and west snow fell for several days in succession early in January, and as one of the sufferers remarks, there was "very hard frost for a long thyme, besides snow very often, and all things very deare, so that a half-penny rowle weighed just a crowne piece, and two turneps sold for a peny, and coals sold for 40s. a quarter, and all their things, notwithstanding soe deare, was very bad in kinde."

Nearly half a century passed before there was any snowfall in England at all approaching this, but in February, 1762, it snowed eighteen days without ceasing. The eighteenth century closed as it began, with a succession of "hard winters." Looking through the records of these times, we can well understand the oft-quoted remark of the "oldest inhabitants," that since they were boys the seasons have changed. The winter of 1784 was one of the most severe of the series. Snow fell first on October 7, and from that date until April 2, 1785-177 days-there were only twelve days on which it did not either freeze or snow, or both.

The winter of 1814 was long remembered in many parts of England as that of the "Great Frost." All over the country the mail coaches had to cease running, and in many instances were abandoned in the snow, the letters being sent on by the gnards on horse-back. And even this means of conveyance proved unavailing in some localities, for when the snow lay four feet deep in the streets of great towns, it may be fairly presumed that it proved a more serious obstacle in the country.

Another remarkable snow year was 1820. In this year, as in 1814, the quantity of snow that fell on the moors and fells of the North, and the great plateau of Dartmoor, was enormous, and several lives were lost. So far as Great Britain is concerned, no snow storm for the past hundred years has approached in violence and extent that of December, 1836. After it had been snowing heavily for two days, by the evening of the 26th the wind increased to a hurricane. The fall of snow that night was four to nine feet, and some of the snow-drifts were twenty, thirty, even fifty feet in depth. "The mails, all business and correspondence were stopped nearly a week, until the multitudes employed had cut ; a way in the snow. Several lives were lost in the snow, which was equally great all the island over."

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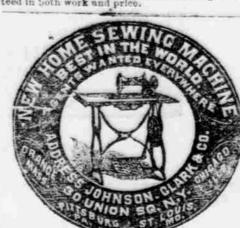
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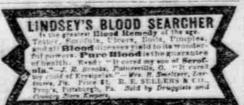
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The pestilence of 1720 swept away 52,000, or more than two-thirds of the 75,000 inhabitants of Marseilles, in less than five weeks; but of the 6,000 abstemious Spaniards that inhabited the "suburb of the Catalans," only 200 died, or less than 4 per cent. The most destructive epidimic recorded in authentic history was the four-years' plague that commenced in A. D. 542, and raged through the dominions of Chosaoes the Great, the Byzantine Empire, Northern Africa and Southwestern Europe. It commenced it Egypt, spread to the East over Syria, Persia and the Indies, and penetrated to the West along the coast of Africa and over the continent of Europe. Asia Minor, with its plethoric cities, Constantinople, Northern Italy and France suffered fearfully; entire provinces were abandoned, cities died out and remained vacant for many years, and during three months 5,000, and at last 10,000, persons died at Constantinople each day! (Gibbon's "History," vol, iii., chap. xlii); and the total variously estimated from 75,-000,00 to 120,000,000 (Procopius, "Ancedot.," cap. xvii.; Cousin's "Histtome ii.,page 178.) But in Sicily, Morocco and Albania the disease was confined to a few scaport towns, and the Caucasus and Abria escaped en-

This drendful plague made its first appearance in Alexandria, Egypt, then a luxurious city of 800,000 inhabitants, and Paulus Diaconus, a contempory historian, speaks of the 'reckless gluttony by which the inhabitants of the great capital incurred yearly fevers and dangerous indigestions and at last brought this terrible judgment upon themselvs and their mocent neighbors," (lib. ii., cap. iv.) Alexandria lost 500,000 of her inhabitants in 542, and 80,000 in the following year, and for miles around the ESTABLISHED FOR THIRTY-FOUR YEARS, city the ficlds were covered with unburied corpses; but the monks of the Nitrian Desert (3,000 of them had devoted themselves to the task of collecting and burying the dead) lost only 50 of their fraternity, who, with few exceptions, confessed that they had secretly violated; the ascetic rules of their order .- Popular Science Month-

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