

RIDING ON SNOW SHOES.

SLIDING DOWN A MOUNTAIN PURSUED BY HUNGRY WOLVES.

Thrilling Escape of a Very Careless Westerner - Chased by Wild Beasts, He Traced Himself to the Rough and Wounded Mountain Side.

Perhaps not many people east of the Rocky mountains have ever traveled on snow shoes. The inventor of snow shoes, or skis, are the only ones used here.

On the 17th of February I started from my cabin at the foot of Storm mountain to make a trip to the top of the mountain.

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MARTS FOR THIEVES.

JEWELRY "FENCES" WHERE PLUNDER IS BOUGHT AND SOLD.

Prices for Diamonds Are Lower Than in Reputable Stores - How the Business Is Conducted - What Inspector Byrnes Says About the Subject.

"I would like to know how some jewelry store keeps running to sell their wares so much cheaper than others," was the remark that a man heard the other day in a famous jewelry shop not far from Union square.

The speaker was a pretty young lady who held in her dainty right hand a beautiful solitaire diamond ring not less than a carat in weight.

"This ring," she continued to the clerk, "you ask \$10 for. You say there is an actual market value for pure white stones of this weight, and that no retailer can sell it for less and still make a profit."

"How is it, then," she continued, "that at —" and she mentioned the name of a well known place near Madison square, "they offer me a ring with exactly this size of stone for less and still make a profit?"

"There are half a dozen large and fashionable jewelry stores on Broadway and in the vicinity of Union square. They and Thirty-fifth street are nothing more than repositories for stolen articles of jewelry. These people, of course, preserve a respectable appearance, even toward their questionable patrons."

These fashionable "fences" do an immense business, amounting to thousands of dollars every month. In this way, they have a prestige over the ordinary pawnshop for the reason that in nine cases out of ten they buy the goods from the right, and pay 20 per cent. more than the market value than the others. Of course many of them do a legitimate pawn business, and in this way also are enabled to sell their wares at much lower prices than the square up and down jewelers.

But the main attraction these places have for the gentlemanly sneak thief is the protection they offer against detection by the police. The latter in hunting for stolen goods seldom if ever enter these places, whose great show of plate glass, hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of stock and outward effusion of respectability seem to present perpetual barriers against fraud of any description.

Said a well known jeweler in speaking of the matter: "There are scores of robberies committed every day by sneak thieves of which the public never hear at all. These robberies of jewelry are reported to the police, but they are not investigated, as it is the policy of the men at headquarters to place the thieves on their guard by announcing the fact that the police are close on their trail."

When Inspector Byrnes was asked about the "fence" he said that while they may exist he has serious doubts of their doing a regular business of this kind in any magnitude.

MARBLEIZING PAPER.

Could Have Saved Einstein's Life. The one man in the world who could have prevented the assassination of President Lincoln is John P. Parker.

One of the funniest things that anybody ever imagined in this world was the notion of marbleizing paper. This is the name applied to the sort of red and white-colored ornamentation on the edges of nicely bound books, and on their bindings, too, sometimes. Every one has observed such markings, but it is safe to say that not one person out of 10,000 has ever taken the trouble to speculate as to how the effect is produced.

There is nothing commonplace about the process. On the contrary it is a marvel worthy of contemplation by the aesthete and the sage. You can see the things and the way they are made at the government printing office if you care to ask the privilege.

There is a tree in Senegal, Africa, from which exudes a gum, just as any other sort of gum exudes from a cherry or other kind of tree. The natives of Senegal collect the gum from this peculiar tree and sell it to contractors, who send it all over the world in the shape of little hard lumps. It is commercially known as "gum Senegal." The most important use for it is in one of marbleizing paper.

For this purpose a solution is made of the gum in water. A tumbler, say four feet long and two feet wide, is filled with the solution, and then the operation is ready to be performed. At the government printing office you can see it done any day. The courteous attendant in charge will show you how he does it.

To begin with, you will see nothing but a tank of a foot or so in depth filled with water. On a shelf close by are half a dozen paint pots filled with most brilliant water colors. The operator takes the blue brush and sprinkles the surface of the liquid in the tank with drops of that color. Then he takes the red brush and sprinkles the surface with drops of that color. Next, he takes the yellow brush and sprinkles the surface with drops of that color.

Now the expert takes a long stick with fine teeth like a comb, and with it comb the surface of the liquid in the tank just once from one end to the other. Then he gives it a single comb crosswise. The result of this is a most curious mingling of the blue, yellow, green and yellow. Next, on the surface of the fluid he carefully lays a sheet of white paper, and lifts it off again by one corner. Lo, the sheet has received a reproduction of the water color pattern from the liquid most elaborately and most beautiful. To reproduce it, even imperfectly, by hand would take months of labor. Each color in the pattern is as distinct and brilliant as water colors can possibly be.

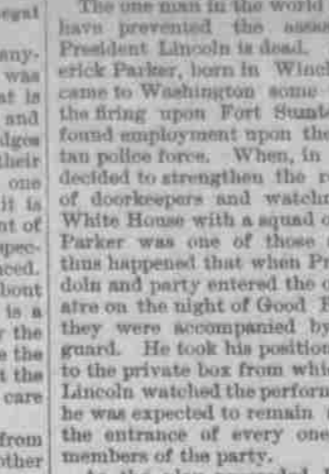
This, however, is but a simple pattern. The expert takes a small comb with wide teeth and makes a single wriggle over the surface of the mixture. He lays down another white sheet upon it, and behold, a lovely design resembling a collection of conventionalized peacocks' feathers, green and yellow. To reproduce it, even imperfectly, by hand would take months of labor. Each color in the pattern is as distinct and brilliant as water colors can possibly be.

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