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## MOUNTAIN CLIMBING.

Care Should Be Taken to Minimize the Danger of Accidents.

At least three-fourths of the accidents that occur in mountaineering are the results of foolhardiness.

More than half of the entire number of accidents happen to persons climbing without guides, some to climbers attempting a dangerous or impossible route with guides, and there are still other forms of folly. One may carelessly engage an incompetent guide or an overbold one, who will undertake an ascent under unfavorable conditions.

Eliminating these contingencies, there remain certain risks which must be taken by every climber who ascends difficult mountains.

However fine the weather, there is the possibility that a sudden storm may render the descent perilous, though even then the chances are ten to one that a skillful climber with first class guides will return in safety. Furthermore, on certain mountains there are places where a party is exposed to danger from avalanches or falling stones.

The risk may often be reduced to the minimum by waiting for the best of weather or by making a very early start.—All Outdoors.

### Our Humorists.

All we can say is that we hope any given humorist of ours will live out the greatest length of days and not stop joking before he dies. We need every moment of his threescore years and ten to keep us sane and kind, and we cannot be satisfied with a stinted measure of time for him. When he begins unsurpassably to delight the world our national pride as well as our hu-

### What He Advised.

A young man unhappily married and practically penniless took his tale of woe to a prominent divorce attorney in Chicago and concluded with this: "I'm too poor to pay much for a divorce, but my wife makes my life miserable. After I get home at 6 o'clock in the evening I get no peace until I go to sleep. What would you advise?" "After considering all the facts in your case," said the lawyer, "I would suggest that you get a job which requires you to work all night."—Exchange.

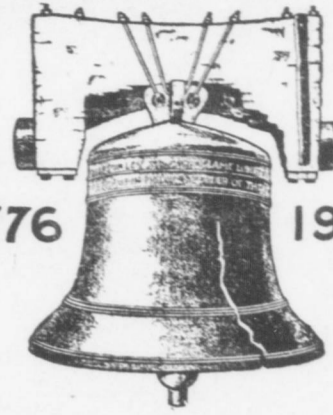
### Too Sore to Shake.

"Did you take the mixture I gave you?"

"To tell you the truth, I did not, doctor."

"Why not?"

"Well, I fancy you made a little mistake. You gave me ague mixture. It says, 'Shake before taking,' and my complaint is rheumatism."—Pall Mall Gazette.



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