

A REMARKABLE LEAP.

Thompson's Spectacular feat of Jumping Down a Mountain 100 Feet.

The sport of "ski," or snow-shoe running, so long popular in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, is beginning to be practiced in some of the northern of the Atlantic States.

Scandinavian sport, is becoming popular in Minnesota. The performer slides down hill on long wooden skates, or foot toboggans, and at a prepared jolt makes a leap into space.

Ninety-five feet is the longest ski jump on record in Norway.

Ninety-five feet seems an immense leap, but it has been so far surpassed in the Sierras that no Easterner need ever try for the championship.

The champion ski runner and leaper of the world was John A. Thompson—better known as "Snow-shoe Thompson"—who died in Alpine County, Cal., about thirteen years ago.

Thompson was born at Upper Tine, Frestfield, Norway, April 30, 1827, and died at his home in the Sierras May 15, 1876.

He was the father of the whole race of snow-shoe runners of the mountain counties of California. He made the first pair of Norwegian snow-shoes ever seen on the Pacific coast.

Thompson's greatest leap was made on the side of a steep mountain just west of the town of Genoa, Douglas County. Darting down the side of the steep mountain he made a leap of one hundred and eighty feet.

This leap is vouched for by W. P. Morrill, postmaster at Woodford, in the high Sierras, and by several citizens of Genoa. The leap was made from a terrace half way down the side of the mountain, and the leaper landed in a drift of snow over fifty feet in depth, where for a time he was buried out of sight.

C. P. Gregory (now deceased), who was for some years neighbor to Snow-shoe Thompson in the mountains, said, in speaking of the feat of the great ski-leaper: "I did not see him make his great jump off the side of the mountain back of Genoa, but I have often seen him make leaps of fifty and sixty feet at Silver Mountain, Alpine County."

The people of Silver Mountain mining camp are wont to amuse themselves in winter by descending a big mountain near the town and then darting down to a valley below on their snow-shoes. They had a starting point only about half way up the side of the mountain.

Snow-shoe Thompson sometimes joined these parties of ski runners. He was not satisfied with a run down half a mountain—he wanted it all.

He would circle around till he had reached the highest peak of the big mountain. He would then utter the wild war cry of the old Northmen, and then with his balance pole poised horizontally before him in both hands, would come flying down the side of the mountain like a fiend of the wind.

When he came near to the crowd of townspeople standing midway down the mountain, Thompson would stoop almost to the ground, then suddenly springing up, would go sailing through the air high above the men and women watching the descent.

At times he would make several leaps, each of from fifty to eighty feet in a single descent. His sky leaping was not a little like "sky flying."

Snow-shoe Thompson was a very stoney and powerful man. He stood six feet in his stockings, and weighed one hundred and eighty pounds. He had the blonde hair and beard and the blue eyes of his Scandinavian ancestors, the old sea-roving Northmen.—Virginia City Enterprise.

CHARACTER IN TONES.

The Power for Good or Evil That Resides in the Human Voice.

Few of us are there who fail to recognize the power for good or evil that resides in tone. There is the tone of authority that insures obedience; there is the tone of anger which exasperates; there are the querulous, the insinuating, the expostulating, the supplicatory tones.

There is nothing when one is under a high state of excitement so difficult to control as the voice, and probably there is no one indicator of character so accurate and trustworthy as the voice. In the prevailing tones of the voice in conversation a discriminating listener can readily detect the various qualities of the mind and heart which go to make up the character of the speaker; and this is to a large extent true whether he speaks in a language intelligible to the hearer or in one unknown to him.

The cultivation of one's voice thus resolves itself into the cultivation of one's character. Where the voice is habitually soft, clear, sweet, uniform, the character will be found to correspond with it. Where the voice is full of dissonance, harshness, coldness, negativeness, the character will be found to correspond with it.

The vocal organs are exceedingly mobile and sensitive, or they could not so exactly reproduce in tone the condition of one's mind and the form of one's character. Being thus mobile, they are capable of indefinite cultivation in the richness, variety, depth and modulation of the tones they produce; but no amount of cultivation will impart to the voice those peculiar tones and qualities which indicate sweetness of temper, charitableness of disposition or refinement of taste.

These traits must be in the character or they will not appear permanently and habitually in the voice. The mother who can repress in herself and in her children irritable, angry and impatient tones does much to insure harmony and peace within the circle of which she is the center.

There are those whose voices bring gladness, light, cheer, wherever they penetrate, for they give assurance of balm presence, genial sympathy, infectious merriment. Benefactors in deed are the owners of these voices, and their memories are precious to the hearts of all who listen to the melody of their utterances.—N. Y. Advocate.

Hatching Crows for Bounty.

An ingenious agricultural person who lives not very far from Boston has hit upon a new and decidedly profitable industry. There has recently arisen a demand for crows' heads, hitherto deemed valueless, and it is his purpose to supply it. Ten cents apiece the county authorities have offered for the crania of these interesting birds from whose destructive propensities the farmers' crops have been suffering seriously of late years.

Under ordinary circumstances this bounty would not leave a very large margin of profit for the recipient. It costs something, you see, to kill a crow. There is the ammunition, in the first place, which is expensive, and one can not count upon slaying even a single inky-feathered fowl for each charge of shot and powder. Besides, the sportsman's time must be reckoned in the account. But the enterprising speculator above referred to has devised a scheme by which a maximum percentage of gain is to be secured without any risk worth speaking of. He has set up a chicken incubator of the most approved pattern, in which is placed as fast as laid the product of about one hundred hen crows that have been trapped and confined, in company with perhaps a dozen cock crows. Within fifteen days the little creatures are hatched, and a fortnight later they are ready to be decapitated. For he it understood that the head of a crow chick is worth just as much as that of an adult of the species. At the uniform rate of ten for a dollar, dead, they pay the producer.—Albany (N. Y.) Argus.

Wisdom in Proverbs.

Pleasures steal away the mind.—Dutch Proverb. A grain of prudence is worth a pound of craft.—African Proverb. Envy shooteth at others and wounds himself.—Russian Proverb. Virtue and happiness are mother and daughter.—German Proverb. A blow from a frying-pan smites if it does not hurt.—Spanish Proverb. When there is room in the heart there is room in the house.—Danish Proverb. A mouse will scare a thief.—Italian Proverb. Intemperance is the doctor's wet nurse.—German Proverb. The envious may die, but envy never.—French Proverb. Children's virtues bring new wealth to the parents.—Tamil Proverb. A hired horse and one's own spurs make short miles.—Dutch Proverb. When the bee sucks it makes honey; when the spider, poison.—Spanish Proverb.

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Legal Notice. In the district court of Webster county, Nebraska. Fannie Sawyer vs Perry Sawyer. To wit: Perry Sawyer non-resident defendant. You are notified that on the 28th day of March, 1888, the said Fannie Sawyer, plaintiff, filed her petition in the district court of Webster county, Nebraska against the said Perry Sawyer, defendant, and prayer of which was to obtain a divorce from him on the grounds of a failure and refusal to support plaintiff and for wilfully abandonment and deserting plaintiff for more than two years past and to have decreed to her the care and custody of her three minor children to-wit: Henry Desmond aged sixteen years, Emily Flynn aged ten years and Agnes Emily aged five years. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 28th day of May 1888. FANNIE SAWYER.

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