

# CARNIVAL.

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ously, she has enough common sense to dress neatly and warmly and enjoy the life-prolonging exercises that are as necessary to the perfect health of woman as of man. The flying trip over a toboggan slide has its attending dangers. There are collisions, and when collisions occur there is more or less mixing up of the opposite sexes. Of course a man who prides himself on the stiffness of his backbone and the elasticity of his muscles, takes no especial delight in being suddenly tossed up in the air to come down in an undignified heap on the back of the shoulders of a struggling female who is trying to crawl out from beneath an overturned toboggan. It hurts his pride, and usually has about the same effect on the



female. Neither does he yell for an encore when he is suddenly compelled to leave his seat on the toboggan and bury himself up to his pants in a large, cold snowdrift, but he who rides the toboggan takes all these chances.

There are three ways of steering a toboggan, and the most popular is known to the professional coasters as "yorker." This is where the pilot places his hands on each side of the toboggan, gives a short run then drops down on one hip, with one leg bent up under him and the other hanging over, which acts as a rudder, the slightest touch of the toe being sufficient to dictate the course of the toboggan. The style that stands second in favor is where the steerer mounts the toboggan much as a cowboy would fix himself on a cayuse and steers with his heels. This style is discarded in the city, especially if the steerer doesn't take the precaution to tie down the bottom of his pants or stick them into the tops of his boots. The third style is only practiced



AT THE CLUB-ROOM. when the steerer occupies the toboggan alone, and there is a scarcity of females on the slide. It is called, perhaps immodestly, "bellykerchunk." He throws himself at full length on the toboggan on his front, with his feet, allowing his toes to hang over the tail end far enough to enable him to touch them as the course of the toboggan requires. This style is followed to a great extent by boys under 30 years of age and is no rival to the style of "yorker" by the ladies. The hills and slides in the city are covered with lovers of the sport nightly and if external indications go for anything, many a heart that was bounding freely before the toboggan craze struck the city will be struggling in the seductive meshes of matrimony before the ruins of the ice palace are eradicated by the ardent rays of the summer sun and on all account of toboggan. Dr. Quinn, Edie Allen and Dan Baker walked down from Minneapolis Saturday night on snowshoes. They came overland and did it in an hour and a half, which time would have been shortened had there been no snow on the ground.

## A CARNIVAL DREAM.

The Strange Vision That Came to a Carnival Voluntary.

Augustus Jones was a leading spirit of one of the carnival clubs. When the association was formed he had been present and had risen in his seat at the call of the chairman for a rising vote of all in favor of the motion that an association be formed. He had been a member of the committee appointed to elect a board of managers and had been made one of that board. When the stock books had been opened his name had been one of the first to be put down. He was the first to order a carnival uniform, so far as the records show. He had invested an even \$100 in the first edition of ice palace lithographs at 10 cents each and sent them broadcast over the country. He had attended the earlier meetings of the winter club and made suggestions as to the sports. He had looked up the reports of carnivals at Montreal and had many valuable suggestions to make as to uniforms, and his advice as to the cost of snowshoes, toboggans, toboggan sleds and sledges was generally accepted. He was made an honorary member of several of the clubs. He was one of two or three who first conceived the idea of "bonouncing" as an initiatory ceremony, and had been the first to be bonounced.

TO BE BONOUNCED. Mr. Jones had been present at the first meeting of the St. George's Snowshoe club and had not allowed any of its subsequent runs to be made without his presence. Mr. Jones was very popular and there was no club meeting into which he dropped but he was a welcome visitor. He had been the recipient of three pairs of snowshoes from admiring friends; he had four uniforms, and it was deemed an honor by each particular club for him to appear in its regalia. The ladies had made him presents in the shape of scarf pins of carnival designs, and he wore as cuff buttons two small golden snowshoes with diamond settings. Mr. Jones had been presented with a pair of skis, and the curling club had made him an honorary member. He had watched the growth of the carnival craze. When the men about town displayed their shapes in knickerbockers he was always an admirer, and when the city pastors took the palace for their texts and found it a fruitful framework on which to hang their pictures of the pearly gates and jasper walls of the New Jerusalem, Mr. Augustus Jones was an interested listener. He had carried in the opening evening had died away that Mr. Augustus Jones

HAD DROPPED ASLEEP. after having placed on a chair near the head of his bed a carnival suit of a different color from the one worn on the opening day.

It must have been 3 o'clock when Mr. Augustus Jones was startled from his sleep by the sound of some one opening the door of his bedroom, and he rubbed his eyes and listened. He raised his head from the pillow and looked toward the spot from whence the sounds came. A slight net his

eyes that made his blood freeze to a considerable extent in his veins. Before him stood a creature the like of which he had never before seen. It was tall and lank. Its face was as white as the snow. Its ears were in the form of snowshoes that seemed to be fastened to its head with leather thongs. Its arms were flat and instead of fingers the hands seemed to end in a single piece curved up like a toboggan. Its face was partly covered with a snow-white beard and with large horns of icicles that bristled in all directions. His garments were of bear skin, and snow had sifted through the long shaggy hair. His teeth were icicles. He had the sole of a moccasin in his mouth, which he chewed constantly. On his left cheek was a birth mark that looked like a bit of red blanket with an irregular fringe that gave him a peculiarly savage appearance. His nose was flat, and from his nostrils came large flakes of frost. When he glided toward the bed on which Mr. Augustus Jones lay it was as with the sound of cracking ice. His body seemed an immense ice cream freezer, festooned with wreaths made of snowballs, and with every breath could be heard a rattle as if he were filled with rock salt. Just outside Mr. Jones' window hung a thermometer, in which the

MERCURY STOOD AT ZERO. and the strange visitor, without saying a word, raised the window, took the thermometer, and, with one movement of his icy teeth, chewed it to bits and swallowed it.

Mr. Jones was startled. He seemed to feel chilly, and the sight of his carnival clothes lying on the chair beside him made him sick at his stomach. Raising himself he said to the strange visitor: "Who are you, that so intrudes upon my private affairs?"

Without so much as a nod of recognition the creature paused and placing the curved end of his hand to one nostril and with a terrible puff blew from the other a stream of ice that fell to the floor and broke in many pieces. "Who are you?" again asked Mr. Augustus Jones, now somewhat alarmed. The creature turned its head toward Mr. Jones and from its mouth spat out a storm of snowballs and large hailstones that flew so near Mr. Jones' head that he ducked it under the blanket and lay shivering.

In a moment the creature spoke. His voice was like the hoarse cutting of a saw through a block of ice, and when he spoke a chill came over the room that froze the beads of sweat that had formed on the forehead of Mr. Augustus Jones as he shivered beneath the blanket. "I am," said the creature, "the evil spirit of all winter carnivals. I am the son of the ice king who disinherited me when I was a mere child because I had this birthmark. He refused to give to me my rightful inheritance and made me an outlaw. I live in a cave dug in the coldest spot of Zembla's snow-covered mountains, and I eat the hard ice of ice. I consume at one gulp whole ice houses. I eat frozen mercury for dessert and pick my teeth with icicles. At the sight of fire I have fits and the froth from my mouth is slush. I sleep with my cheek on a pillow of ice. When my father once sent for me to return I froze the messenger with my breath and sent him back with

A HUGE ICICLE sticking in his body. When I see whole cities bow before my father and do honor to him, I gnash my teeth and eat salt and snow in my rage. I skate at the rate of a mile a minute. I skate to the North pole, and climbing upon its frozen top, I laugh when I see the children of men freezing in the blizzards of Dakota. I am greater than King Frost. I am a holy terror with spikes in my boots."

"But why are you here?" asked Mr. Augustus Jones, in a quaking voice.

"I am come to take you," said the monster. I will drive you through the snowfields of my own province on snowshoes. When you are weary I will not let you rest, but with nothing on but a linen duster you shall go down toboggan slides hundreds of miles in length. When you sleep it shall be on the pointed end of a ski. I will chase you over great snowbanks, and prod you with icicles if you lag but for an instant. You have thought to do honor to my father, but I have caught you first and you shall be my slave. Snowshoes shall grow in place of your ears, and when you are old I will make you young again that the tortures I have inflicted may be repeated. You shall freeze, and when nearly dead I will thaw you out that you may again suffer the sting of the frost. Your companions shall be foxes and wolves, and you shall sleep in caves where amid chunks of ice you shall listen to their dying moans. You shall shiver but never be warm. When you perspire it shall be beads of ice, and you shall sigh in vain for the sultry dogdays for they shall never come.

Mr. Augustus Jones had listened to this picture of his future with

A FEELING OF TERROR. Already it seemed as if the chilly fate was upon him. He looked again at his blanket suit and saw that it had been covered with shivering frost. Already he felt icicles sprouting from his forehead. His hands felt like chunks of ice. When he tried to speak he found that his tongue was frozen.

"Come," said the fiend, "you must go with me. We will pass through the ice palace on the way and shall shiver for a moment beneath its icy walls and then we



speed away to the frozen North. To-morrow we shall be in Labrador and the following night we shall glide in the glaciers of Greenland. In a week you shall have reached Nova Zembla, where I will give you your first run on the snow fields, and again he blew an icicle from his nose. Mr. Jones prepared to go. He arose, tried to take his blanket suit, but the fiend blew a gust that whisked it out of the window. How cold it was and Mr. Jones stood in his room shivering, his teeth chattering, the frost gathering on his beard. "I think he must have been standing in his night clothes for nearly half an hour," said Mrs. Augustus Jones, the next day as she was explaining to a neighbor why it was that Mr. Jones was unable to be out that night. He contracted a terrible cold. I had hard work to wake him. I never knew him to walk in his sleep before, but he was shivering in his nightgown at the window and seemed to be talking about eating snowshoes or something of the kind. He had been out on the parade the night before and I expect was very tired. It is doubtful if he is well enough to take part in the storming of the castle. It will be a terrible disappointment for he has taken a deep interest in the carnival from a very early start."

## PROGRAM AND PRIZES.

Detailed Plans for Daily Celebrations—Prizes Offered.

The official carnival program as announced by General Manager Van Slyke is as follows: SECOND DAY. Tuesday, Feb. 2, 11 a. m., opening of toboggan slides in palace grounds; 3 p. m., opening of toboggan slide on Ramsey street

hill; 4 p. m., unveiling of mammoth ice statue on Bridge square; 8 p. m., grand promenade concert at carnival hall.

THIRD DAY. Wednesday, Feb. 3, arrival of King Borealis from the regions of perpetual ice and snow in the extreme north; 3 p. m., King Borealis, accompanied by his chief dignitaries and officers, arrives at the union depot by special train where he is received by a delegation of leading citizens and conducted to the city hall, where the mayor formerly invests him with the freedom of the city; 3:30 p. m., grand parade of all visiting and local clubs in full uniform, acting as escort to the king and his court in his progression from the city hall to his royal palace; 8 p. m., grand official reception by their royal majesties, the king and queen, at carnival hall.

FOURTH DAY. Thursday, Feb. 4, 11 a. m., curling match on rink at the palace grounds for challenge cup, valued at \$250, open to all clubs; 3 p. m., winter in St. Paul, how the citizens enjoy themselves during the season of frost and snow; from 2 to 4 p. m., Third street, from Seven corners to Sibley street, will be reserved for pleasure equipages, during which period citizens with their guests will occupy it in winter holiday attire and equipage and in such number as to demonstrate the fact that St. Paul possesses more fine horses and beautiful turnout than any other city in the world. St. Petersburg not excepted; 8 p. m., arrival of the Fire King and attendant gherbers at the palace of King Borealis; declaration of war; 9:30 p. m., assault on the palace by the Fire King and his forces; defense by the ice King; repulse of the attack and sortie by the garrison; defeat of the Fire King; retreat and dispersal of his army.

FIFTH DAY. Friday, Feb. 5, 11 a. m., fancy skating tournament at the rink in palace grounds; 3 p. m., grand toboggan parade of all toboggan clubs, including both ladies and gentlemen of the organizations with toboggans elaborately decorated and other tasteful and fanciful features; 8 p. m., grand carnival masquerade at carnival hall.

SIXTH DAY. Saturday, Feb. 6, 11 a. m., grand parade of Esquimaux dog trains with their drivers, followed by a tribe of fifty Sioux Indians in full war paint; 3 p. m., trotting races on track on the Mississippi river, opposite the city; 8 p. m., concert and exhibition of the Winnipeg branch of the St. George's Snowshoe club, introducing representations of winter sports and pastimes in the domain, including the sword dance, bounding snake dance, club songs and character sketches.

SEVENTH DAY. Monday, Feb. 8, 11 a. m., tobogganing at all the slides; 3 p. m., match game of polo at the rink in palace grounds for prize badge and championship of the Northwest; 3 p. m., grand prize masquerade at the palace grounds; 8 p. m., second entertainment by the Winnipeg St. George's club at the carnival hall; entire change of program.

EIGHTH DAY. Tuesday, Feb. 9, 11 a. m., dances, foot races and other exhibitions of Indian sports by the band of Sioux Indians at their encampment at the palace grounds; 3 p. m., grand prize grotesque masquerade through the principal streets; 8 p. m., illumination of the palace and entire grounds by colored fires and dissolving lights. Tournament for prizes by all visiting and local clubs.

NINTH DAY. Wednesday, Feb. 10, 11 a. m., prize exhibition at the palace grounds by the ski clubs; 2 p. m., trotting and pacing races for gentlemen's driving horses on track at the river; 7:30 p. m., novel illumination of the palace and grounds.

TENTH DAY. Thursday, Feb. 11, 11 a. m., prize snowshoe contest between white men and Indians at the palace grounds; 3 p. m., reception of Shattuck school cadets by juvenile uniformed clubs, drawing decorated toboggan and dog train procession through the principal streets and palace grounds; 7 p. m., saturnalia at palace grounds, all clubs participating. Illumination of palace and grounds by colored fires and simultaneous ascent of balloons, ranging in size from fifteen to twenty feet in diameter, concluding with a grand pyrotechnic display.

ELEVENTH DAY. Friday, Feb. 12, forenoon, reception of visiting posts of G. A. R. by local posts; 3 p. m., parade of G. A. R., other visiting and local military companies and all uniformed clubs; 8 p. m., storming of the palace by the G. A. R., defense by the combined uniformed clubs, success of the assault, lowering of the flag, capitulation of King Borealis and surrender of the garrison, who march out as prisoners of war.

TWELFTH DAY. Saturday, Feb. 13, 11 a. m., exhibition of Esquimaux dog trains, with their drivers, races and games by Sioux Indians in their village on the palace grounds; 2 p. m., all slides, rinks and courses in the palace grounds reserved for the exclusive use of children; 3 p. m., grand display of daylight fireworks, animal balloons, etc.; 8 p. m., grand rally and torchlight procession, novel illumination of interior of the ice palace and on the palace grounds.

Racing Program. FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, FEB. 2. No. 1. 2:45 to 3:00, inclusive, class, purse, \$75; \$50 to first, \$15 to second, \$10 to third. No. 2. Pacing, 2:27 to 2:35, inclusive, class, purse, \$100; \$60 to first, \$25 to second, \$15 to third.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, FEB. 5. No. 1. Pacers without records; purse, \$75; \$50 to first, \$15 to second, \$10 to third. No. 2. Trotting, 2:30 to 2:35, inclusive, class, purse, \$100; \$60 to first, \$25 to second, \$15 to third.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, FEB. 13. No. 1. Pacing, free-for-all (Mike Wilkes barred); purse, \$100; \$60 to first, \$25 to second, \$15 to third. No. 2. Trotters without records; purse, \$80; \$35 to first, \$15 to second, \$10 to third.

FOURTH DAY, FEB. 14. No. 1. Trotters, free-for-all; purse, \$100; \$60 to first, \$25 to second, \$15 to third. No. 2. Gentlemen's road horses with no better record than 2:40; a fine suit of horse clothing marked "Carnival Prize Winners."

FRIDAY, FEB. 5. Bruno Beaupre is chairman of the committee in charge of the races. R. C. Judson is secretary and will receive the entries, and W. H. Van Slyke is treasurer. The entrance fee will be 5 cents of the purse competed for. Entries should be made as soon as possible.

Prizes for Winter Sports. It has been arranged to offer the following prizes to the winners of the various contests:

THURSDAY, FEB. 4. Forenoon—Curling contests, A. McLean superintendent. For best record by curling rink, open to all rinks on the continent, punch bowl, salver and ladle, \$20; individual curlers' records, four gold medals.

FRIDAY, FEB. 5. Forenoon—Skating contests, S. S. Eaton, Jr., superintendent. 1. One mile (amateurs); first prize, gold medal; second prize, silver medal. 2. Three-mile race (free for all); first prize, gold medal; second prize, gold medal; third prize, silver medal. 3. Exhibition of fancy skating (open to all); prize for best exhibition, gold medal.

Afternoon, 3 o'clock—Grand prize toboggan race, W. H. Adams and T. H. Underwood, superintendents; for club making best display in drill, equipment and decorations, elegant silver cup. Evening—Grand masquerade ball at carnival hall, F. J. Gleason, manager; prize, best group of not less than twelve masks, \$50; second prize, best group of not less than eight masks, \$25 gold; third prize, most elegant lady character mask, \$20 gold; fourth prize, most elegant gentleman character mask, \$20 gold; fifth prize, best male or female character mask, \$10 gold; sixth prize, second best male or female character mask, \$5 gold.

MONDAY, FEB. 8. Forenoon—Toboggan contest, W. H. Adams and T. H. Underwood, superintendents; for gentlemen making the most slides in twenty minutes, prize, gold medal; for club making best average slides, prize, gold medal; for lady making most runs in twenty minutes, prize, gold badge. Afternoon, 3 o'clock—Polo match (for Continued on Sixth Page.



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