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## THE SLEIGH DRIVE.

One bright moonlight night in February, when the snow lay deep on the roads and fields, a jolly party of some ten couples left Halifax in one of Casey's big sleighs, bound for Bedford. It was a beautifully clear, calm night, and the merry peals of laughter from the occupants of the sleighs were echoed and re-echoed on the keen frosty air. The sleighing was impeded by frequent "bunkers," into which the sleigh pitched and rose with sudden jerks, like a vessel riding over rough seas, but this only served to heighten the hilarity of the party, and give the young men the much coveted opportunity of stealing their arms around their sweethearts, and thus preventing them from being thrown from their seats. All parties seemed free to admit that an ounce of this kind of prevention was worth a ton of cure. The four spirited greys whirled the sleigh along at the top of their speed, and mile after mile was passed over amidst a confusion of jingling bells, songs with ringing choruses, tooting horns, and even the staid lieutenant was greeted with roars of laughter. Could more certain proof be adduced of the soothing effects of sleighing? In any other circumstances it would have been a case of real slaying. Bedford Basin was frozen over, and the party were soon gliding over its smooth surface, and in less than an hour from the time of starting, the four perspiring horses came to a standstill in front of Beech's hotel at Bedford. As soon as wraps had been removed, the fiddler tuned up his instrument, and a dance was improvised in the spacious dining room. All the girls were pretty, but one of their number attracted more than usual attention, and was universally admitted to be the belle of the evening. There was a subtle charm about her that none could resist, (a judicious use of Mayflower Cologne was the cause, but he was too knowing to divulge the secret), and the young men almost fought for the privilege of having her as a partner in the dance. This universal devotion excited some jealousy, and one pouting beauty spoke of her as a designing mix, but with this trifling exception, nothing marred the enjoyment of the evening, which was brought to a close by one of Beech's appetizing suppers. Of course, it failed to tempt the delicate appetites of the young ladies, who just took a bite, don't you know! but truth compels us to say that had they been present, the parable of the loaves and fishes would have been rendered additionally wonderful. It was midnight before the party started on their return, and the driver, whose nerves had been strung by the music—pulled the wrong rein just as he was about driving on the ice of the Basin, and in a second a chorus of shrieks from the girls proclaimed that the whole party had been dumped into a snow bank. The party were soon extracted from the snow in a more or less battered condition, and as some of the young ladies had received painful sprains and bruises, it was decided to return to the hotel and wait until the sleigh had been righted and the broken harness adjusted. Fortunately, Beech's was close by, and on the return of the party, Mrs. Beech met them in the parlor with a bottle of Simpson's Liniment in one hand and Price's Glycerine cream in the other, which she proceeded to apply to the bruises and sprains with most soothing effect. Much to the disgust of the young men the true two-penny salve could not be applied (maledictions on the head of the inventor of these gags) as the party was too well chaperoned. In a few minutes all pain had vanished, and the company were laughing over the ridiculousness of the situation. All but one. The poor fiddler had tied up his favorite instrument in its blue bag, and had buttoned it up in his overcoat. When the crash came, it had gone to "eternal smash," from which even Brown Brothers & Co.'s best Glue could not reclaim it, and he was sorrowing over "as one who has no hope." A liberal subscription did not mend matters, and even the delights of the return drive (which was accomplished without further accident) failed to rouse him from his gloom.

Simpson's Liniment relieves and cures Rheumatism, Sciatica, Bruises, Sprains, Neuralgia, Scald Head, Swellings, Tumors, Contraction of the Muscles, Frost Bites, Catarrh, Cold in the Head, Stiff Joints, Lame Back, Spinal Complaint, Inflammation, Chills, Pain in the Back, Side, Chest, or other part of the body, Asthma, Colic, Diphtheria, Quiusy, Sore Throat, and other numberable Pains and Aches to which mankind is subject. It is also valuable for the many accidents and diseases with which horses and other animals are afflicted.

**LEMON CAKE.**—Three eggs, one tumbler milk, three quarters tumbler butter, two and one-half tumblers sugar, four tumblers of flour, juice and rind of two lemons, one teaspoon soda.

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**FRENCH CAKE**—One cup milk, three cups flour, two cups sugar, one half-cup butter, three eggs, two teaspoons cream tartar, one teaspoon soda, raisins, and spice to taste.

Parents are often greatly distressed to see their children grow dull and listless. They mope around the house, refuse to play, cry on the least provocation, and nothing seems to please or amuse them. They make complaint of sickness, and no trace of disease can be found, yet day by day they grow thinner and thinner, until they become only shadows of their old selves. Medical scientists teach us that the body is composed largely of phosphorus, lime and iron, the bones consisting almost altogether of phosphorus and lime, and the blood containing a large quantity of iron, whilst the three are diffused throughout every part of the system. In those baffling cases it may be safely assumed that the children are suffering from a want of one or more of these three elements, and the parents should at once give them a regular course of treatment with Simpson's Chemical Food. This is a combination of iron, lime and phosphorus, and supplies the run down systems of the children with the elements in which they are deficient. Its effects are marvellous, and it is equally beneficial to old and young. Women who are run down from nursing, or who are troubled with the diseases peculiar to their sex; the business man whose system has been run down by over-work; all those complaining of loss of appetite, impoverished blood and general debility, will find Simpson's Chemical Food a never-failing remedy. Compounded only by W. H. Simpson, P. H. G. Ask for Simpson's Chemical Food, and take no other.

A gentleman travelling through the Annapolis Valley, was surprised to see on every farmer's well, the magic words—"Buy Simpson's Liniment." "What a queer place to put an advertisement," exclaimed he to an old farmer. "No," was the reply, it is most appropriate, every one using it is sure to get well. I was crippled with the rheumatism, but a few bottles of Simpson's Liniment has made me a new man." "Well, well, well," replied the gentleman, as he walked away, and that is just what all people who use the Liniment are joyfully crying.

**COFFEE CAKE**—One cup coffee as prepared for the table, one cup butter, one cup molasses, one cup sugar, one cup raisins, five cups flour, one teaspoon soda, spice with cloves and cinnamon.

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**SQUASH FRITTERS**—One pint cooked squash, one pint milk, two eggs, a little salt, flour enough to make them turn easily on the griddle.

What looks nicer than a good set of clean teeth. If you wish to preserve yours, use Dr. C. K. Fiske's Lavodent, manufactured by Brown Bros. & Co.

**POOR MAN'S PUDDING**—Three cups of flour, one cup of molasses, one cup of milk, one cup of suet, one cup of raisins, one teaspoonful of soda, spice to taste, boil two hours, use with sauce.

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