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## WINTER SPORTS IN CANADA.

Those who say that our winter climate in Canada is bleak and cheerless do not know what they are talking about. Ask those boys in our upper cut if there is not lots of fun in a friendly snowball match at the village school-house with some other neighbouring teamsters; or ask those boys in the lower cut, who are having a torchlight snow-shoe tramp over the mountain in Montreal, if there is anything more healthful and invigorating than the winter sports of our beloved Canada, and they would tell

you they would not exchange their winter sports for any other kind the world over. If not carried to excess, our sports are certainly both pleasurable and health-giving.

### MONKEYS.

The following story will show that even monkeys can behave well when they try:

Two missionaries, Dr. Chamberlain and Mr. Scudder, were once on a tour of a certain portion of India, preaching at the small villages through which they passed. They would attract the attention of the natives by singing a hymn, and then would talk to them, generally using some simple theme from the Scriptures. One day, when they had stopped in a large village, they had collected the people about them. In the rear was a sacred grove, the branches of trees hanging down over the huts that stood in the background. The Scripture lesson had been finished, the hymn sung, and Mr.

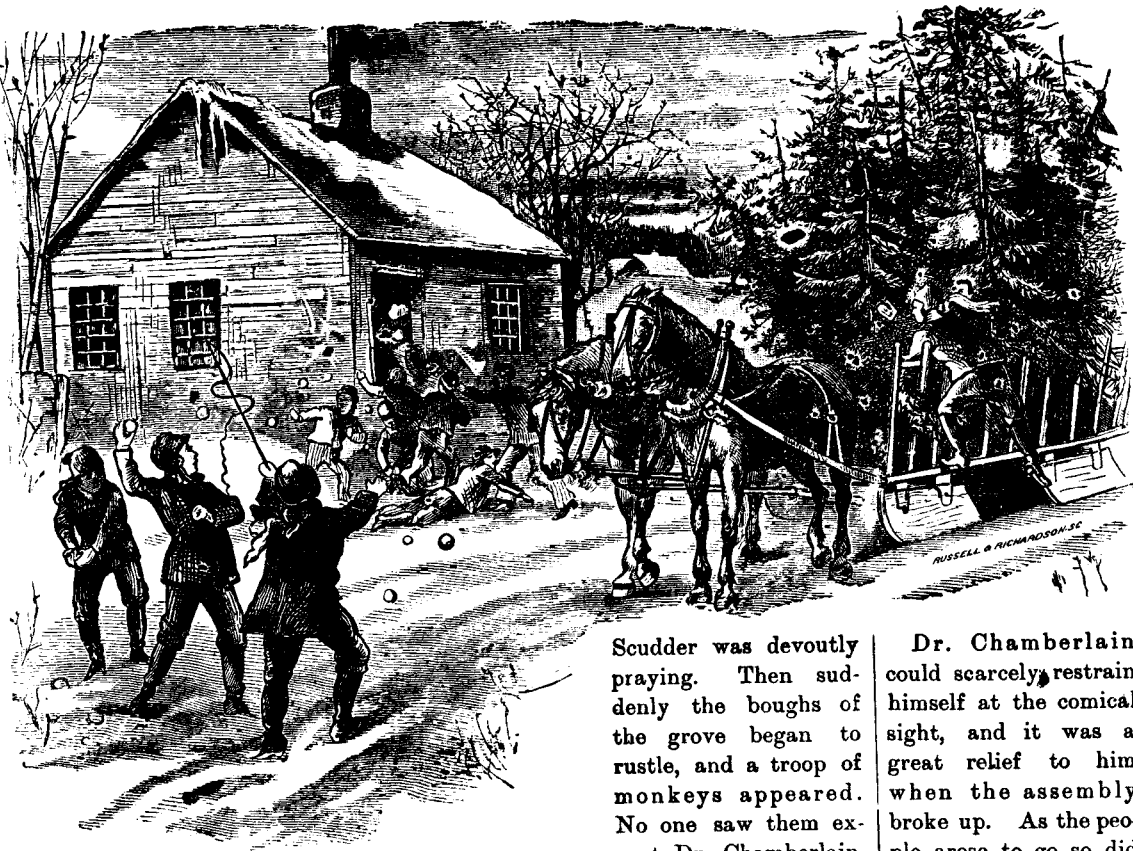
Old monkeys and young, gray whiskered and bald-headed mothers, with their baby monkeys, all descended and seated themselves in a semi-circle. They paid the strictest attention to the prayer. Should any mischievous youngster begin his monkeyshines, one of the dignified old-men monkeys would twist his ear until the little one ceased his pranks; and if one of the babies began to snivel, a few maternal pats quieted him.

Scudder was devoutly praying. Then suddenly the boughs of the grove began to rustle, and a troop of monkeys appeared. No one saw them except Dr. Chamberlain.

Dr. Chamberlain could scarcely restrain himself at the comical sight, and it was a great relief to him when the assembly broke up. As the people arose to go so did the monkeys, and they silently disappeared in the branches, evidently much impressed with the service.

Certainly, boys and girls ought to behave as well as these monkeys when attending public worship. Perhaps some of them would do better if they could see themselves in a glass while misbehaving. They would be ashamed of the ridiculous figure they cut.

The newest service rendered by monkeys to mankind was recently illustrated in London. In one of the school districts there were a great many parents who reported no children in their families; and in order to ascertain the real number of children in the district the school officers resorted



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