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It every year. may be that some of our readers have never seen so much as the picture of snow-shoes, while others have sported with them many an hour over the drifted fields. In we either case, think you will be interested in some things about them, reprinted from Young Harper's Young People. The writer says:

"Three things have the 'red children of the forest' given to the white children of the cities, which are so perfect in their way that it is hardly possible there will ever be an invention filed in the pigeon-holes of the Patent Office at Washing to n that will surpass them. The canoe for shallow water and what might be called cross-country navigation, the toboggan, and the snow-shoe for deep snow, seem to be the very crown of human ingenuity,

even though they are only the devices of ignorant Indians. Plied his table, or voyaged in the summer-One cannot help a feeling of hearty admi-time upon the broad rivers and swift-ration when looking at them, and noting running streams, whose bountiful waters strong, and the end section a medium in form and fashion as the most fin- particular need for them in his work, but strength, but in the other two is threaded

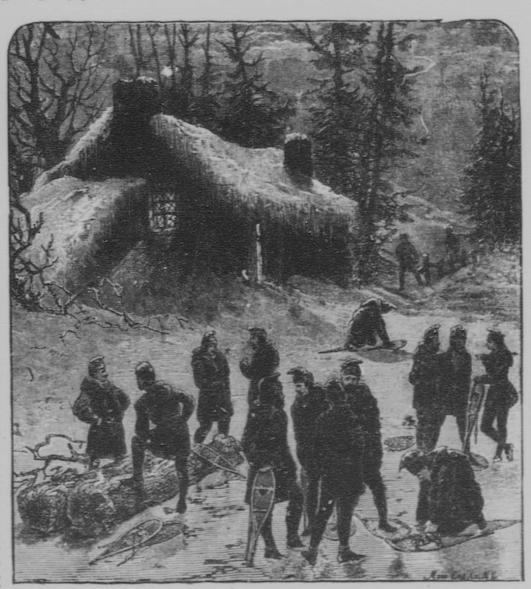
or as made in some foreign countries, has | plements as the spade, the plough, and the become with its owner almost a necessity, rake are to the farmer. Without them he and its use in snow-shoeing sports, even in could not in winter-time have roamed the our own country, is gaining in popularity snow-buried forests, whose recesses sup-

SNOW-SHOEING IN CANADA. For travelling in deep snow, the snow-shoe, either as manufactured by the Indian and the toboggan were as important imthree become favourite means of sport and recreation.

"In the States and in Canada the shoes are made in many shapes and of many sizes, ranging from two to six feet in

length, and from ten, to twenty inches in breadth. This is how they make a shoe of three feet six inches, which is a fair average size: A piece of light ash about half an inch thick, and at least ninety inches in length, is bent to a long oval until the two ends touch. when they are lashed strongly together with catgut. Two strips of tough wood about an inch broad are then fitted across this frame, one placed about five inches from the curving top, the other some twenty inches from the tapering end. object of these strips is to give give both strength and spring to the shoe. The three sections into which the interior of the frame has thus been divided are then woven across with catgut, each having a different degree of fineness in the mesh, the top section being

how perfectly they fulfil the purpose for furnished him their ready toll of fish. grade between the other two. The gut in which they were designed, and are at the His white brother has, in adopting them, the middle section is wound right around same time as light, graceful, and artistic put them to a different use. He had no the framework for the sake of greater



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