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THE AMBUSCADE.

Through the hushed air the whitening shower descends.

At first thin wavering; till at last the flakes Fall broad, and wide, and fast, dimming the

With a continual flow. The cherished fields Put on their winter robe of purest white. 'Tis brightness all; save where the new snow

Along the mazy current.

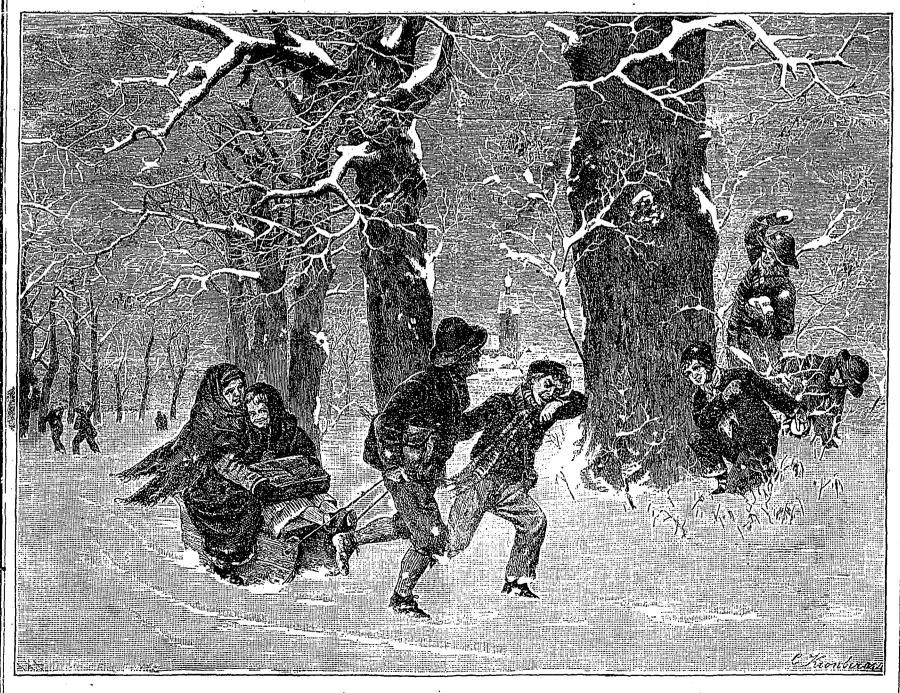
Where are there any young folks who do not look forward to the advent of winter with much pleasure? The bracing atmoshave their patrons, and the good old-fashnoned game of snow-balling is not without the army before Vicksburg, a number of to that duty." He served all through the

In the very lively picture given below, called "The Ambuscade," the artist has vividly depicted this amusement. The two boys, who are jogging merrily along drawing their sisters on a home-made hand-sleigh, are suddenly surprised by some of their companions, who have been waiting in ambush clined to drink received a note from Genbehind the trunk of a huge tree. The eral Grant to report at head-quarters. He snow balls fly, a well directed one hitting obeyed the order, and Grant said to him, Longfellow the smaller of the boys on the ear, and mak- "You are the officer, I believe, who rephere makes outdoor sports so exhilarating ing him put up his arm as a guard against that it is no wonder that this season of the year is a great favorite with all who are and will probably jump off the sleigh and that he was. "Then," continued the Genout the sense of nearness to Him.—Elizabeth blessed with health and buoyant spirits, themselves engage in the harmless warfare. leval, "you are the man I have been looking Prentiss.

He asked to be excused, saying that he again in request. The President, needing a man on whom he could rely for some imwent his way to his respective, command. Portant business, gave him the appointment. A few days after this the officer who de-

Tobogganing, snow-shoeing and skating all AN OFFICER WHO NEVER DRANK. for to take charge of the Commissary De-When General Grant was in command of partment, and I order that you be detailed officers were gathered together at his head- war in that responsible department, and quarters. One of them invited the party to afterwards, when General Grant became join in a social glass; all but one accepted. President, the officer who never drank was

> GIVE what you have. To some one it may be better than you dare to think .--



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