



"I STRUCK AN ATTITUDE ON THE FIELD OF ICE"

ed, and, sliding down an opening in the snow, I found myself at the entrance of an immense ice cavern. The roof was of solid green ice, 100 feet thick, through which the light scintillated and made it as bright as day. Several huge pillars rose from the floor which was bare rock of the mountain side, and supported that wonderful roof which was studded with boulders that had been gathered high up the hill, and now looked strangely out of place in the transparent greenness. Miniature mountain ranges, hanging upside down on that great canopy of ice, lent a weirdly beautiful effect which

was heightened by picturesque shelves that protruded many feet from the walls. Over all of these was an opening, and I scrambled out through it to find myself quite high up on the sloping ice. I sat down and slid to the bottom where I came a cropper in a huge drift that completely buried me. After much slipping and tumbling I reached the camp.

Next morning the sun lit up the distant peaks two hours before the stalwart pines cast their shadows over our cabin. Not a breath of air was stirring, and deep blueness of the sky was not marred by a single cloud. That was the day for the ascent, for there might not be such another for weeks. The cook prepared us a tasty lunch as we saw to our rifles, unearthed our snow-glasses, slipped our storm-caps under our belts and strapped our snowshoes on our feet. Then, accompanied by "Patsy," a faithful little spaniel who had a *penchant* for mountain climbing, we set out. There was a long "hog's back" that took us to the eastern side of the glacier, and for this we headed. In two hours we mastered it and reached the foot of a wall of ice and snow. Here we poked steps in the hard crust with our snowshoes and Mansfield crept up. We had tied the strings of our snowshoes together, and the line thus made reached to the first ledge. By means of his collar, "Patsy" was hauled up in a half-choked condition, of which he seemed



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