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SAILING ICE BOAT.

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THE Sailing Ice Boat consists of a wooden triangular platform, about two inches in thickness, and mounted on two runners. The mast is placed well in front, and the sail is what is commonly called a "leg of mutton sail."

On glib ice a very slight breeze will cause the construction to travel with wonderful rapidity; whilst a strong wind will send it along at the rate of 20 to 30 miles an hour. The boat is steered with a sort of spiked rudder, and will sail within a very few points of the wind.

This amusement, while affording a great amount of fun, is at the same time a dangerous one, for should you run against any inequality on the ice, large enough to cause a momentary check, the sudden shock will create a sensation similar to what would be felt at a collision in a railway carriage, and not unfrequently you are pitched out with considerable violence on the ice.