

unnecessary to say that the present structure built on the same site bears the name of "Pooley's Bridge."

Having thus far treated of engineering matters, the reader would, doubtless, prefer a change; consequently an anecdote may not be out of place.

Among the contractors for the works on the canal alluded to was an American, named Findland, who was to have built a lock and dam at Hogsback; but owing to some misunderstanding the contract was not completed. Determined to have satisfaction from Colonel By, he shortly afterwards invested in a span of horses and handsome sleigh, which were procured in the States. On the vehicle were painted a spread eagle and lion, the beak of the former being in the eyes of the latter. It is said the Colonel survived this manifestation of ire on the part of the discomfited contractor.

It must not be supposed that our pioneers were without their seasons of enjoyment, for in 1830 Colonel By gave a ball, on which occasion an ox was properly prepared and roasted *whole*. It was then placed in a field in a standing posture, and when the dance and song had ceased the guests proceeded to study its anatomy. This jubilee was probably the celebration of the completion of the first eight locks of the canal.