

Noted Swiss Toboggan Run at St. Moritz Which Could Be Easily Duplicated on Mount Royal



CANADA VERSUS SWITZERLAND IN WINTER SPORTS.—The end of the "cresta" toboggan run at St. Moritz, Switzerland, showing a tobogganist turning a rise corner at a speed of nearly a mile a minute. This run is considerably over a mile in length, but it is usually covered in less than two minutes. It winds in and out through the forests and around the hills in a most picturesque manner, and finally ends up in the valley seen in the illustration. For the purposes of safety, a toboggan is not started until its predecessor has covered the course. The sport is a particularly exhilarating one, and is participated in by members of the royal houses of Austria, Germany, etc.

Switzerland Like Canada is Home of Many of the Most Enjoyable and Invigorating Winter Sports



WHERE THE ALL-CANADIAN CURLING TEAM WILL PLAY—A quartette of open-air rinks at St. Moritz, Switzerland, which are used for curling and skating purposes. The surrounding scenic panorama is especially beautiful, the forests of pines standing out in bold relief against the mountains covered with snow.

A Flashlight Picture of Their Excellencies and Prominent Montreal Citizens at the Charity Ball



THE VISIT OF THEIR EXCELLENCIES TO MONTREAL—Scene on the floor of the Montreal Board of Trade on the occasion of the recent Charity Ball. Their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Countess Grey occupy chairs on the dais in rear of the dancers and around them are grouped the members of their suite and prominent Montrealers. (Flashlight photo by Ariess, St. Catherine Street West.)

THIS IS THE OLDEST ORGAN.

In the Baltic Sea, 40 miles from the mainland, lies the Swedish island Gothland, a Mecca for students of early Gothic architecture. In Wisby alone, the chief town of the island, with a population of 8,000, may be studied what remains of no less than ten churches, some of which date from

the eleventh and twelfth centuries. The oldest of them is the Church of the Holy Ghost, completed about 1046.

Professor Hennerberg, director in a German music school, and especially interested in the study of mediæval organs, visited 59 churches in Gothland, and in a little village called Sundre came upon the remnant of what is unquestionably the oldest known organ in existence. The case alone has survived the fret of seven

centuries, the holes for pedals and manuals are placed as in modern instruments, and inside one can see the chamber for the bellows and judge of their action; the exterior is adorned with paintings dating from about 1240.

When this ancient instrument could no longer serve its original purpose it was used as a sacristy, and for the safeguard of holy vessels and vestments was kept in careful repair, hence its excellent preservation to our day.



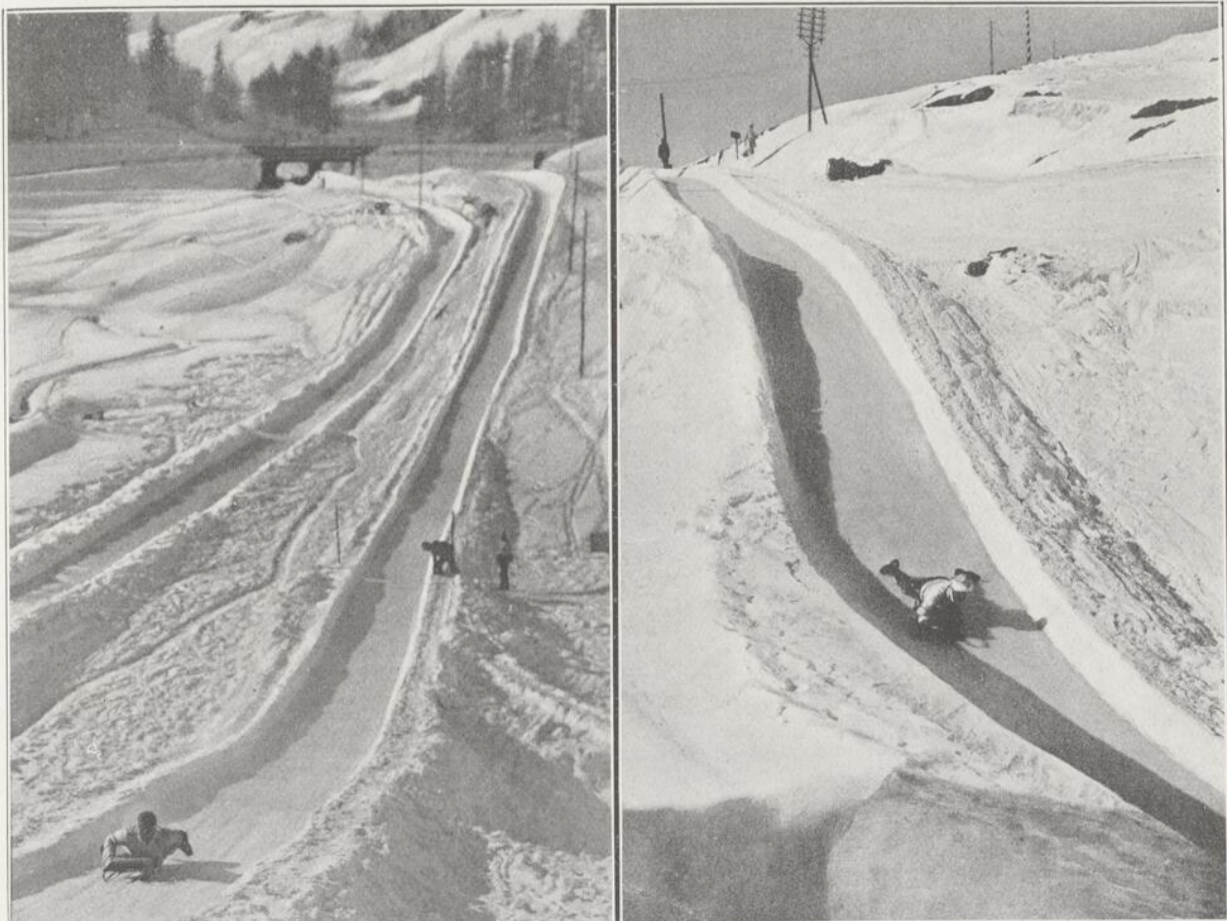
CANADIAN VERSUS SWISS WINTER SPORTS—The Archduke and Archduchess of Austria as they looked on the occasion of the opening of the International Curling Bouspiel at Celerina, St. Moritz, Switzerland, Feb., 1908.



HEIR TO GERMANY'S CROWN ON A BOB-SLEIGH—The Crown Prince of Germany starting on a bob-sleigh run from St. Moritz to Celerina in the Engadine Valley, Switzerland.



CANADIAN VERSUS SWISS WINTER SPORTS—A royal bob-sleigh crew try to reach the crest of "sunny corner" on the St. Moritz run in Switzerland.



A SUGGESTION FOR WINTER SPORT LOVERS IN CANADA—The bob-sleigh run and the "cresta" toboggan run at St. Moritz, Switzerland. These "runs" start from different points, and wind in and out of the forests, ending together. In some places they parallel each other, as shown in the first illustration. The speed attained by the bob-sleighs and toboggans is terrific, the course, considerably over a mile in length, being covered in 1 min. 56 secs. Such runs could easily be constructed on Mount Royal.

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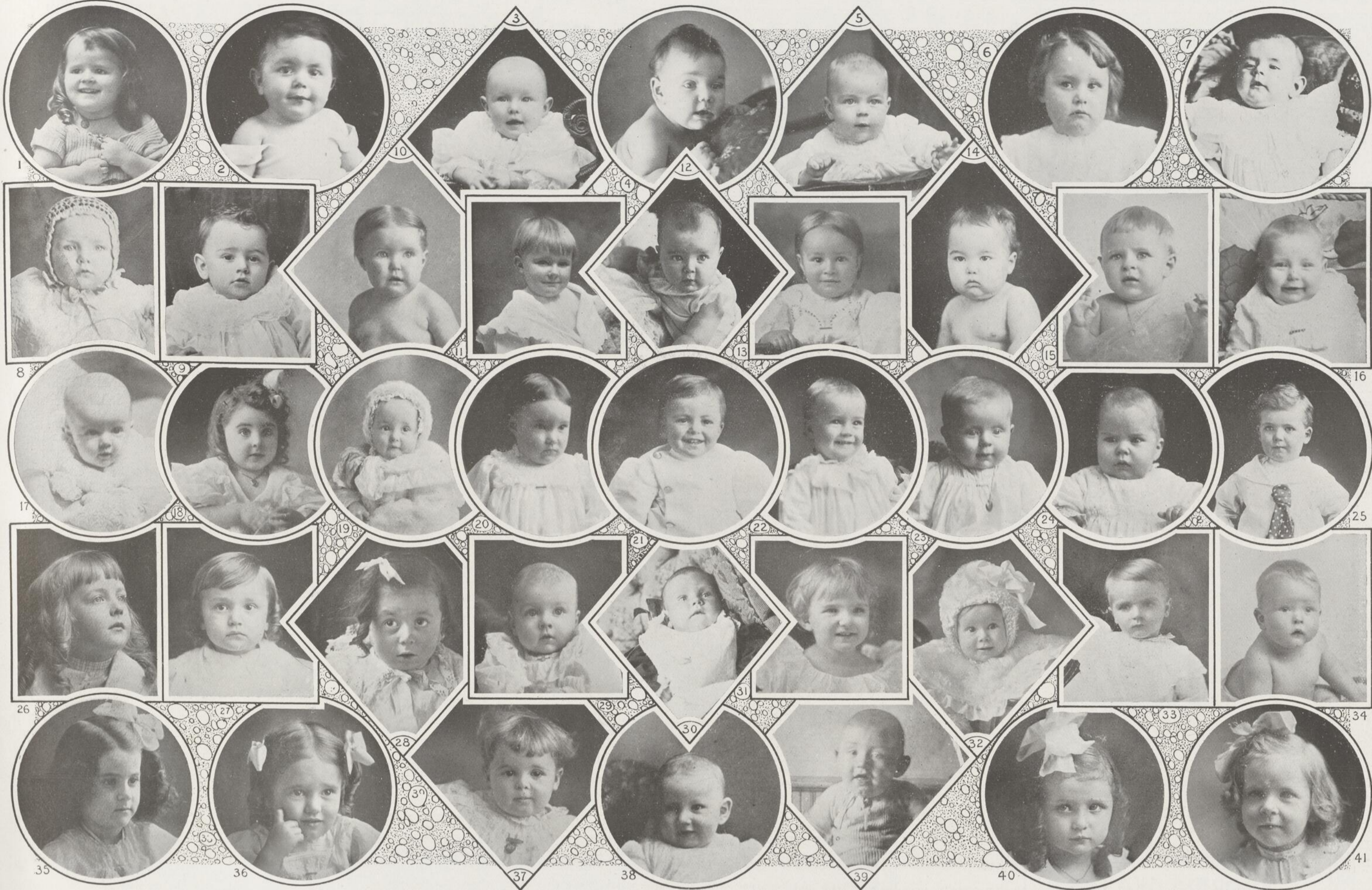
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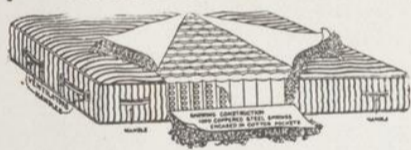
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REPTILES ARE STRONG CREATURES.

Recent experiments by Dr. Werner, of Vienna, show that reptiles are stronger creatures than any one had supposed. They have certain senses which are absolutely lacking in human beings, and in compensation some of our senses are wanting, such as hearing.

Both amphibians and most reptiles are lovers of water, and in consequence have developed a faculty of locating water. How this sense works is difficult to say, for man has no trace of it. In all probability the water de-

ductive organ is somewhere in the skull of the creature.

That it is no development of the senses of smell or taste was demonstrated by hermetically sealing a quantity of water in a metal container and concealing it from some reptiles. The creatures speedily located the water and busied themselves in futile attempts to get at it.

No instrument known to science was able to show the presence of the liquid. Professor Werner is of the opinion that the water sense is made possible by some sort of chemical affinity in the cells of the reptile's nostrils. As yet these cells have not been detected.

Another queer sense is located in the delicate forked-tongue which is constantly darted in and out of the mouths of snakes. Nearly all reptiles are deaf. They can hear absolutely nothing as we do through our ears, but they make air waves with their tongues and feel these waves when they rebound from neighboring objects.

Sight is the most acute of all the senses of reptiles and amphibians. Alligators not only see well, but see forward, backward and sideways without turning their heads.

In absolute darkness a snake can move about, avoiding obstacles without touching any one of them.



A SUGGESTION FOR WINTER SPORT LOVERS IN CANADA—Rounding "sunny corner" on the bob-sleigh run at St. Moritz, Switzerland. This corner is considered the most dangerous portion of the "run," and the bob-sleighs round it at a terrific rate of speed. Each bob-sleigh crew tries to navigate the corner at as high an altitude as possible, and the crew which manages to get closest to the crest of the bank of snow is considered the cleverest of the lot. This bank is nearly twenty feet high.



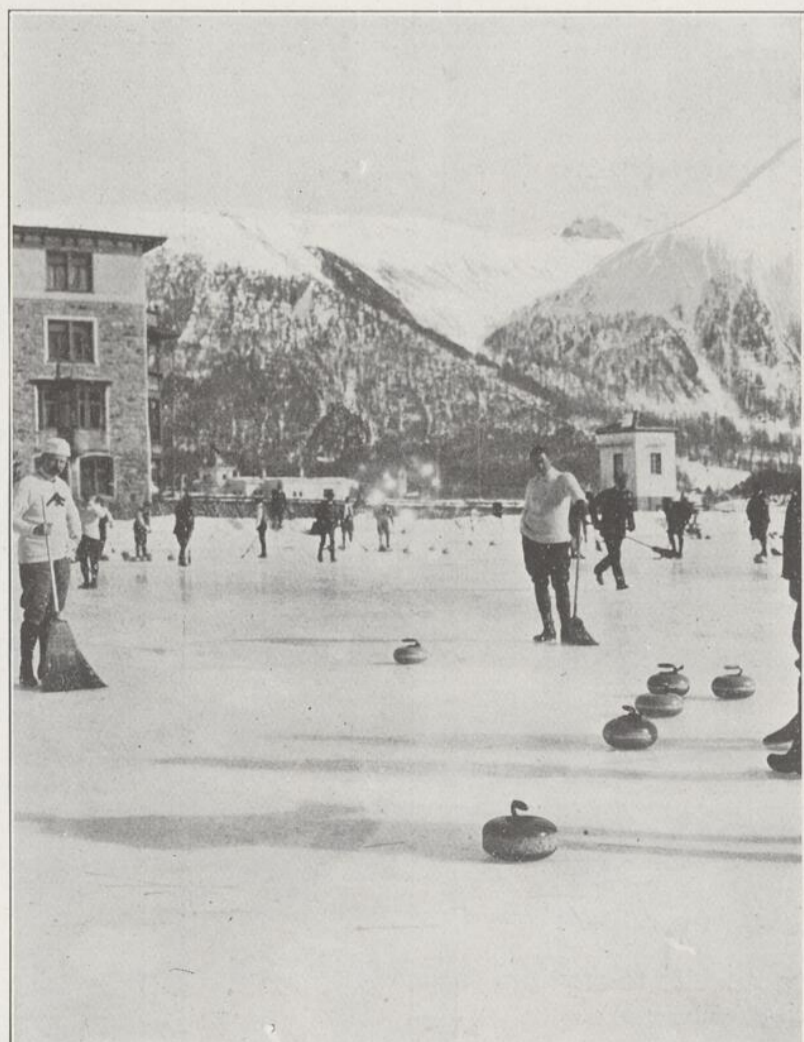
A SUGGESTION FOR WINTER SPORT LOVERS IN CANADA—"Skij-joring" at St. Moritz, Switzerland, one of the most delightful of the winter pastimes in the Engadine Valley.



THE BUSINESS BOYS' GYMNASIUM CLASS AT THE MONTREAL Y.M.C.A.—This interesting picture was recently taken in the Y.M.C.A. Gymnasium, Dominion Square, and shows the members of the class and trainers.

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For every tree cut down in Norway three saplings must be planted.

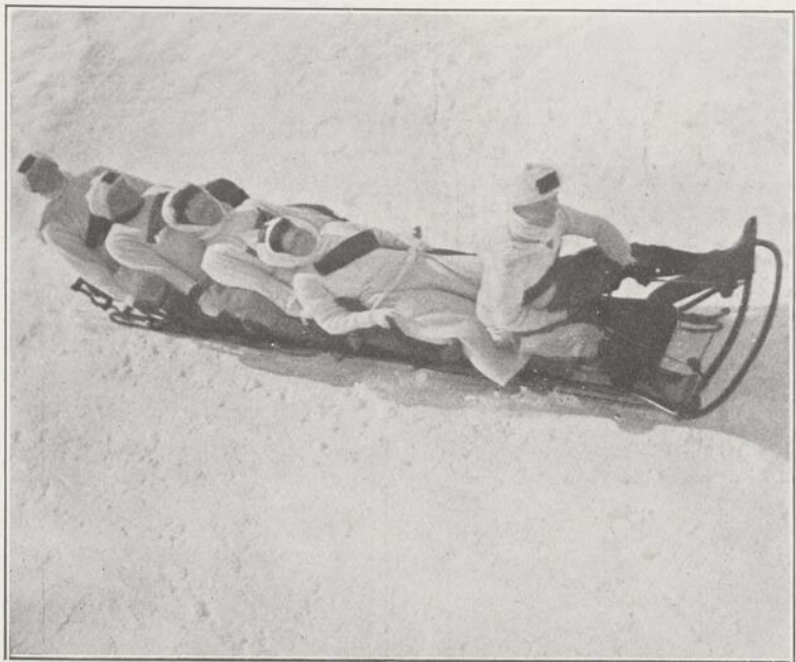


WHERE THE ALL-CANADIAN CURLING TEAM WILL PLAY IN SWITZERLAND—An incident in the International Curling Bonspiel held at Celerina, St. Moritz, Switzerland, in February, 1908. A Canadian rink took part in the play.

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CANADIAN VERSUS SWISS WINTER SPORTS—Bob-sleigh crew rounding "sunny corner" on the St. Moritz "run" at a high altitude. The speed of the bob-sleigh is governed by the man who steers and who sits upright on the front of the sleigh. At his command, "bob," the occupants of the sleigh raise their bodies and then incline backwards, as shown in the picture. The movement has the effect of accelerating the speed.



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