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During the past week St. Moritzers have had the pleasure of welcoming a number of Davosers for the curling and cricket matches and bobsleigh races. Unfortunately the weather has not been as bright as we could have wished, but at the same time excellent sport has been had, at any rate in the matter of curling and bobbing. In one respect it was unfortunate that the race-week has necessarily had to take place later, but we hope that those Davosers who came over have had an enjoyable time.

past week on the Cresta Run with the electric timing-apparatus which has been so kindly presented to the Club by Mr. Baird. On the whole they may be considered to have been satisfactory, and only one or two slight hitches occurred. Doubtless before the end of next week everything will be in perfect working order. Mr. Baird has kindly promised to give us full particulars of the apparatus, and we hope to be able to publish these in our next issue.

broomsticks, while the wickets were plain pieces of board on stands. The rule with regard to players was that they should all be on skates, the proposal that matting should be laid, and bowlers, batsmen and wicket keeper be allowed to play in gouties being tabooed as making the game too serious.

We regret to hear that owing to ill-health the Hon. Harry Gibson has found it necessary to resign the Secretaryship of the St. Moritz Tobogganing Club. Mr. Hume, who with Mr. Labouchère, was recently elected on the Committee, has been appointed to take his place.

In view of the Sporting Challenge received from Davos to play St. Moritz a game at Cricket on the ice in place of the Bandy match, for which they were unable to raise a team, two practice games have taken place, this being the first occasion, we believe, on which the game has been played at St. Moritz in winter. The implements of war were a Bandy ball, and two large

The games, which seemed to amuse a large number of spectators quite as much as the players themselves, showed that cricket on skates is not as difficult as it would seem to be. The fielding of many, notably Messrs. Headlam, Cousins, Fowler and Shawe, was really excellent, while the latter also seemed to find batting and bowling quite easy, his 46 in the second game being a very finished display. Cousins, Bird, and Johnstone also showed good form with the "willow", the latter being a fine hitter with a good eye, if without a very sound defence, while Cazalet's slow bowling was very successful.

Experiments have been made during the

Messrs. Gifford (Skip), Cameron, Ronalds and Little represented Davos against Messrs. Kent (Skip), Shepley, Smith and Sanderson, who championed St. Moritz. Twenty-one ends were played on each rink, and the result was a well-earned victory for St. Moritz. Mr. Buhlmann's team beat Mr. Boyd's by 12 points, the score being 25 to 13, and Mr. Kent's team defeated Mr. Gifford's by 2 points only, the score being 19 to 17. As will be seen the latter game was very closely contested, and if St. Moritz had not been fortunate in scoring two ends of six and four respectively, the result might have been different. Some of the players on both sides were in excellent form, and we may specially mention Messrs. Boyd and Gifford for the visitors, while for the home teams Mr. Bowyer did splendid service. Mr. Kent's play was very good indeed, and Mr. Foster fully justified his inclusion in the team.

In the evening the St. Moritz Curling Club entertained their Davos friends at dinner at the Kulm Hotel. An excellent dinner had been provided, and on the Menu, after the name of each dish, was printed a more or less appropriate motto in curling phraseology. Mr. Topham (vice-president of the St. Moritz Club) occupied the chair, and the vice-chair was filled by Mr. Buhlmann, the Honorary Secretary. Besides the usual loyal toasts there were numerous others, Mr. Boyd in his speech laying special stress on the great advance made in curling at St. Moritz since his last visit two years ago.

### The Cricket Match.

#### Davos and St. Moritz.

An event which had been looked forward to with some considerable interest was the novel one of a cricket match on ice arranged to take place on Thursday at St. Moritz. As appears in another column the St. Moritzers had been practising assiduously for the event during the fine weather in the earlier part of the week, and several of the team had displayed great proficiency in bowling and fielding on skates. The Davos team, on the other hand, were absolutely without practice, and owing to several men disappointing at the last moment, others had to be enrolled who admitted that they felt far more at home on the Curling Rink than on the Cricket pitch. Under the circumstances it would have been much better if the match had been abandoned and an ordinary pick up game played. In any case the weather was unfavourable, as there was but little sun and considerable wind.

Most of the St. Moritz team played on skates, while we believe all the Davosers wore gouties. The latter took first innings, but found Evan's bowling too much for them, being all dismissed for 16, of which Baillie Guthrie and Charles each made 5. The home eleven then went in, and thanks chiefly to the excellent batting of Evans quickly ran up a score

of 58 for 2 wickets, when stumps were drawn. Although the first attempt at a cricket match between Davos and St. Moritz can scarcely be said to have been a success, we hope we may hear of the event being renewed another year. Score: -

<i>Davos.</i>			
Alston	c. Evans	b. Shawe	0
Little		b. Evans	2
B. Guthrie		b. Evans	5
French		b. Evans	0
Charles	l. b. w.	b. Johnstone	5
Gifford		b. Evans	0
Boyd	l. b. w.	b. Bird	1
Heilman		b. Bird	0
Cameron		b. Bird	0
McCallum		not out	0
Kennard		b. Evans	0
		Byes	2
		Wide	1
			Total

<i>St. Moritz.</i>			
Shawe		b. Little	9
Evans		not out	29
Curzon		b. B. Guthrie	12
Cousins		not out	8
Innings declared closed			Total

### St. Moritz Tobogganing Club.

#### Novices' Race.

For the second year in succession the Novices' Race for Mr. Topham's prize was run from the Junction on the Cresta Run on Thursday last. Knapp's fine riding in the Ashbourne Cup and during the practice on the Cresta had caused him to be strongly fancied, but when he announced that he would probably have to leave for Davos before the race, the *cognoscenti* had to look elsewhere to spot the winner. From the times taken during practice it was seen that while Curzon showed the most consistent good form Urtubey was capable of producing some exceedingly fast times, and it looked as if one or other of these two was pretty sure to win. At the last moment however Knapp decided to postpone his departure, and at once became a hot favourite. The result proved that the confidence of his supporters was justified, but the fine riding of Spence and Spalding, both new riders, gave Knapp's backers some anxiety. We have rarely seen two finer pieces of riding on the Cresta Run than Spence's dash round Battledore and Shuttlecock in his final course in a desperate attempt to catch Knapp, and the determined manner in which Spalding brought his machine back into the run, when it looked as if he was falling over Shuttlecock. The winner has now thoroughly mastered his original method of starting, and, if we are to trust the times taken by certain gentlemen from the start to the top of the Rise, his start played no small part in his victory. Of the others Curzon and Urtubey did not ride up to their form in practice. A desperate struggle for last place resulted in

a fifth of a second separating each of the last five runners, of whom the "Daisy" eventually secured the wooden spoon. Times:

Order	1st Course	2nd Course	3rd Course	Total
Knapp	55.	55.3	54.	164.3
Spence	56.	55.2	54.1	165.3
Spalding, R.	55.3	54.4	55.4	166.1
Romero	56.	55.2	56.	167.2
Curzon	56.	55.4	56.1	168.
Wheatley	56.4	55.3	55.3	
Urtubey	55.3	57.2	56.	169.
George	57.4	57.1	55.4	170.4
Cazalet	57.2	57.2	56.2	171.1
Waterford	57.4	57.	56.3	171.2
Perry	56.3	58.3	56.2	171.3
Hodgson	57.3	57.2	56.4	171.4

### Bobsleigh Races.

Had there only been a little sunshine yesterday the Bobsleigh Races would have provided a really pretty sight, for most of the teams had turned out in artistic uniforms, of which perhaps those of the members of "The Turtle Bob" were the pick. Unfortunately the weather was dull, and a strong wind prevailed, which rendered it extremely unpleasant both for the spectators and for those taking part in the races. It was hoped that some of the Davos Bobs would compete, and three were entered, but owing to a little misunderstanding about the changing of crews none of them started. It was generally thought that the race lay between 3 Bobs, viz. The Flying Dutchman, The Wild Irishman and The Jumbo, but of these the latter after completing two fast courses unhappily came to grief in the third. The Flying Dutchman maintained the advantage it had secured in the first two courses, and beat its other opponent by nearly 2 seconds. The course cut up badly in one place during the racing, and judging by the Irishman's time in the third we rather gather that they considered discretion the better part of valour. The prize was very kindly presented by Lord Waterford. We are glad to hear that at least one sporting match is to result from yesterday's racing; we should like to hear of more. Times:

Title of Bob.	1st Course	2nd Course	3rd Course	Aggregate
Flying Dutchman	41.4	41.3	42.3	126.0
Wild Irishman	42.1	41.2	44.1	127.4
Turtle	44.2	45.3	43.4	133.4
Philosopher	46.3	48.1	54.3	149.2
The Jumbo and The Engadine Express fell.				

The winning Bob was ridden by Messrs. Labouchère, Sanderson and Curzon.

### Climbing News.

The first winter ascent of the Monte della Disgrazia was made on Saturday last by the same party who successfully attacked Crast' Agizza the week before. We gave some particulars as to their plans with regard to the ascent of the Disgrazia in our