IN A SNOW PIT.

On the 15th day of November in the year 1893, a peasant named Dmitri Petrov left his village of Zenjenjelief, the government Riesk, was sent by his father to the city to sell some horses which with packed away on a sledge. The weather was fair, and he sped on his way without accident. But scarcely had he left the city when the sky became covered with clouds. A few minutes later it began to snow. The wind rose stronger and stronger, and soon a storm came with fearful violence upon the plain and began to sweep in all directions.

Dmitri was only a few versts from the village when night fell, but the snow had entirely covered the hardly pass beaten that marked the way. The consequence was that he became lost. After he had vainly sought for right direction for a long time he alighted from the sledge, for in consequence of the intense cold he began to be overpowered by a feeling of sleepiness. For some time he wandered at random, leading his horse by the bridle, but suddenly the snow caved beneath his steps, and almost at the same moment the horse and sledge were under. All his efforts to right them again were fruitless. The sand as each battle the storm succeeded, rapid more violently every moment, and he was finally forced to cling to the sledge, in order to withstand the force of wind which were heaping the snow high about him.

There was nothing for him to do but wait for daylight. He he unharnessed the horse and tied him to the shafts. Then he laid himself down in the sledge as tranquilly as if he were in his own cottage. He now stretching himself out he covered his boots and cap, which he placed under his head, Russian fashion. Then he covered himself with his kaftan and lay down in such a way as to protect his head from the wind. Thus he passed the night.

When he opened his eyes in the morning, he was covered with snow. As he comprehended that it was already to day, he took his little willow stick out of the sledge and began to follow out the snow above him. Although it was slowly gently solid, he succeeded in breaking a hole through it.

Then, raising himself up as high as he could, he threw his head out. The sun was up, but it was so dim and overshadowed in clouds as to be almost indistinguishable. The wind had not yet ceased. He let himself fall back into the sledge and underwent to enlarge the space about him as the matter of siberia do when on a journey and wishing to pass the night in an unshaded place. From the main aperture he dug little cuts in the snow, whence while he moved in order the more quickly to derive warmth and vapor. Thus he again passed some time in peace on his sledge. When he attempted anew to put his head out of his prison, he struck against so dense a stratum of snow that it was impossible for him to penetrate it.

When Dmitri did not return on the day on which he had started for Batsk, his father foreboded evil and set out to search for him. The local authorities immediately summoned a number of peasants, who were to traverse the entire neighborhood. All efforts proved vain, and all returned home with the firm conviction that the unfortunate boy had been overcome by the storm and was too deeply buried in the snow ever to be found again.

The weather finally changed for the better, and on the 9th of December a peasant of the district resolved to go hunting. As he was passing along the edge of a snow covered declivity he noticed that not far off his dog was pressed down flat on the snow and seemed to be scenting out something. Approaching nearer, he discovered that it was the foot of a horse which lay buried in the sledge, and whose head was slightly partly delivered by wolves. He returned with all speed to his village and gave information concerning it.

Immediately Dmitri's relatives, together with other peasants, hurried to the spot with axes and shovels. In a comparatively short time the body of the horse was dug out of the snow. Soon afterward the sledge appeared. The workers redoubled their efforts and at last struck a layer of hard snow spread over a sledge. They found a hole through the stratum, and, to the amazement of all present, a warm vapor exhaled toward them. One of the peasants knelt beside the opening, and pressing his face against it looked about inside. A man lay on the floor of an ice grave, giving no sign of life. When the aged father was apprised of this, he went to the tunnel which the shovels had scooped in the snow and called in trembling tones, "Dmitri, art thou still alive?"

"Yes," answered a half smothered voice.

"Then come nearer the hole, so that we may help you to leave this snow pit."

"Gladly, but have a care that you do not wound me with your axes."

Some seconds later his head appeared in the opening, which they had widened with might and main to enlarge. His face was doubly pale, but his bearing evinced admirable composure. He had already stood his accounts with life.

Twenty hands helped him to rise from the grave. He was stiffly enfeebled, and his damp clothes steamed. When Dmitri saw his father, he was deeply affected and stretched out his hands to him, first of all handing him the little leather pouch which contained the proceeds of the fairs that he had sold in the city. After this they conducted him to a neighboring inn, where he changed his clothes and took some nourishment. When they told him that he had passed 18 days under the snow, he was surprised. Of course the time had seemed long to him, but he had been unable to measure its duration, for consciousness had provided the most profound darkness and silence. Though he had lain there almost motionless and was conscious only with his actions, he had been quite unaffected by the cold. A few days sufficed to restore his strength.

His mother-in-law, with terrable horse, are not very common, but powerful as a Russian peasant is, yet still, as a rule, he is unable to cope with the hardships of these worlds, and numerous graves are found along the road after each a storm.—Translated From the German For Deseret.

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Voice of Wind.

"The first of nothing," said the hill wind.

"Have I," replied the spokesman.

"Let's work," cried the first.

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