

some was on sleds some on platforms some on logs some in wooden trays and then that hadn't nothing else to ride on would set flat down on the ice and let others drag. some by two strings tied round their ankles but they all remembered what Dr Phil ant. say told them and nobody didn't touch the big boy's tooth there it stood right on the starting point as crazy as a hair trigger to go off.

I've seen a dozen fellows get into it all twisted together like a streak and all tumble into a soft snow bank together to the bottom of the hill like young rats in a meat tub wall pretty soon Dr Phil ant. say come out of the school house to look for jim wright but jim had just started in his little tray the swiftest craft on the track capt the big boy's tooth and his red bushy hair was beginning to stream back like a mane of fire.

Stop cried Phil stop you little surpint or ill be wter you and give you the worst licking you ever got in your life.

I can't cried jim looking back the outers got started and turned me over to try to stop her now she's got the bit in her teeth.

By the thunder an lile o' nix bubbled Doctor Phil and stomped down his foot and up flew both his heels and down he went back wards her wallop into the big tooth and away he went with his feet stickin up right in jim's wake jim said him come and put spurs to his horse that is to say he stuck his fingers into the ice and pushed ahead as if he was scapin from a millroad or went Dr Phil like a whirlwind and he was overtaken jim soon over hand or rather back over head and was just running about on hands when the tooth kept a bump off ice and sheered off at a tangent the boys all stop and looked at the

schoolmaster come on an unarmist astonished out of their breath and other ready to burst a coffin which meant the tooth down the steepest part of the hill.

An old boy half buried in the ice lay right across Dr Phil's path and the boys all knew mighty well what was coming some on ice had been shipwrecked on that day afore he got his new carten said so.

Harrington jumpin up and down and shuping his thighs there he goes and sure nuff there he did go for the tooth struck the leg and huped six feet into the air throwin Dr Phil ten feet down the hill whistlin over and over like a bear and he never stopped till he went splash into the bilow spring where the cattle went to drink and had tried it full of soft mud.

Where's the schoolmaster shouted jim wright crawl in out of the snow bank where he had landed and shaken the snow out of his hair crackey if he didn't think he'd ketch me at one time.

The boys all run to the bilow spring and there lay Dr Phil ant. say all shiverin with mud and snow groanin aloud and tears of anger and agony startin out his eyes his thigh and rib was broke Phil was a kind hearted man and the boys all loved him he used to talk savage to us sometimes but then he didn't care to hurt us the little boys stood round and cried when Phil told us that his leg was broke and the big ones took hold on him help and kerried him to the school house and then pulled him over the father's on a hand sled our beloved schoolmaster never got up again.