

I have seen several of these <sup>with</sup> very well worked iron legs & stand; & I obtained a disused but inferior one for a couple of frames: no doubt they may be bought: & in England would be curious I think.

6 Round, & rather clumsy, snowshoes about as big as a dinner plate. made of split wood & very coarsely meshed netting - They are made in another valley, but I have seen them here.

7. Wooden shovels for clearing snow - we have used great numbers in the ice rinks: the blade is of birch or pear wood & fancy & is curved to keep the snow from slipping off it: the handle is 4 feet long & straight

Price 2 frames 50. They come over from Coire.

If you thought any of these worth having I should be happy to obtain & send them. I hope you have the things from Tenariffe, that I ordered, by this time.  
Truly yours  
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My dear Sir

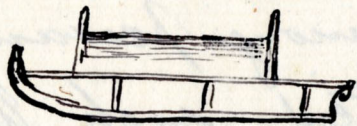
Knowing how interested you are in the implements &c. in use among peasants; I have noticed such things here during the winter with a view to enquiring if you think it worth while to acquire any; were I able, I would gladly purchase & present some



to your museum, but that unfortunately I can't do.

The following I have thought worthy of notice -

1. Little sledge (or as we English call it "toboggan") used by children for sliding down steep streets, roads &c. It is generally a simple sledge but I have seen at Pontresina a more elaborate & quaint form having a sort of saddle to sit astride on.



Some what thus, (in elevation.)  
I understand that about 5/- <sup>or less</sup> would purchase one.

2. The plaited rawhide ropes used for all tying purposes, & for reins, here: they are made at a village in the valley. The reins cost 15 francs a pair; but ropes

with wooden eyelet holes could easily be obtained, new or used.

3. The yokes, used for single oxen; placed behind the horns, & curving downwards - the ends of shafts being passed through on either side.

4. Curious whips used by all - made of rawhide twisted thongs mounted on a handle formed by splitting ~~one~~ large stick into 4 & twisting them together into a tapering pliable handle.

Other whips are 6 or 8 feet long on a longer handle, ornamented with badger hair - these are the ones they crack so loudly.

5. Iron lamps hung from roof consisting of a saucer or pan on which is placed a lump of tallow or grease & a bit of stuff to serve for wick.