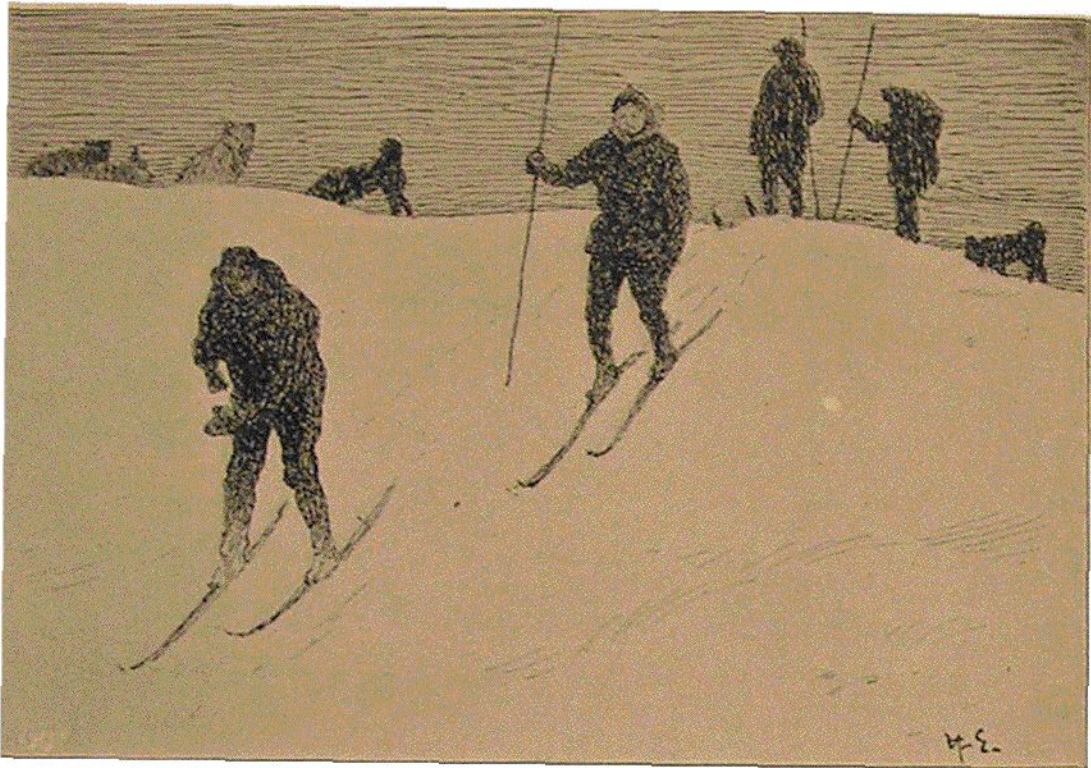


first-rate snow-shoers, but five or six of them would soon be feeling the pleasures of learning; if they had to go out on a long course, and without snow-shoes, it would be all over with us.

“After this we used to go out regularly in a body. Besides being good exercise, it was also a great pleasure;



SNOW-SHOE PRACTICE (SEPTEMBER 28, 1894)

(By H. Egidius, from a Photograph)

every one seemed to thrive on it, and they all became accustomed to the use of the shoes on this ground, even though they often got them broken in the unevennesses of the pressure-ridges; we just patched and riveted them together to break them again.

“Monday, October 1st. We tried a hand-sledge to-