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LIVING BEINGS BURIED IN SNOW

In an interesting little book on the great snowstorm of last December in southern England, the Rev. H. Hugh Breton mentions the fact that many sheep were buried under the snow, where some of them survived for weeks. This has frequently happened in the snowstorms of other years, and there are also many cases recorded in which human beings have lived under snow for a considerable length of time.

In the year 1795 a woman at Clardstock, in Dorsetshire, remained six days covered with snow and was rescued alive, receiving no injury but the freezing of a toe. About the same period a man in Devonshire was buried in snow, without food for fourteen days, and survived.

In February, 1799, a woman returning from Cambridge Market to her home at Impington was overtaken by a blinding snowstorm. ^{Becoming} exhausted, she sat down behind a hedge and was too benumbed to move. She was soon covered with snow and was not rescued until eight days later. She said she had slept little and not suffered much from hunger, but a good deal from thirst. The warmth of her body kept an open space above her head, admitting light and air.

In the storm of last winter a girl went to sleep in the grounds of Alexandra Palace, London, on Christmas eve. She was found buried in snow on the 27th and sent to a hospital. She survived.

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