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Skating! This ancient sport is mentioned in the sagas of the Norsemen, who used bones for runners, as did some of the American Eskimos. It is said that the ice is so hard in northeastern Siberia that skates can not be made to take hold. European countries noted for skating are Scandinavia, Finland, the Netherlands, England, Austria, Germany and Switzerland. In the northern United States and Canada, due to the long cold winters, skating is a major winter sport. An ancient writer records that a skater made two miles in two minutes, which may be questioned in view of the lower records made at the present time with much better equipment.

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