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Skis in warfare! While the value of troops trained in skiing has recently been well demonstrated, it seems that the Norwegians used ski regiments in former wars. A military force using skis in a snow country has a great advantage over an adversary not so equipped and trained. One writer says, "An army would be completely in the power of even a handful of these troops which, stopped by no obstacle, and swift as the wind, might attack on all points; while the depth of the snow, and the nature of the country, would not only make any pursuit impossible, but almost deprive them of the means of defense, the ski-soldiers still hovering around them like swallows, skimming the icy surface, and dealing destruction upon their helpless adversaries."