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Last Sunday Henry Lee, John Winters, Mr. Harkness and three other gentlemen from the Mill made the ascent of Mr. Shasta. Mr. Lee was climbing steadily upward and was just leaving the snow near Thumb Rock, when his feet slipped and he started down the snow-bedded canyon with lightning velocity. At times he acquired such speed that he would leave the snow and fly through the air for a distance of forty feet or more.

Every moment he expected to be dashed to pieces and he struggled heroically to check his downward flight. At last he crossed the snow line a mile below, which stopped his descent. The flesh was torn from his right arm and an ugly gash marked his forehead. His bruises caused him the most pain. As he lay helpless, bleeding and almost senseless, one of the party above accidentally dislodged a huge rock which descended at a frightful speed and only missed Lee about three feet. After signaling the party above that he was all right, Lee struck out for saddle camp, secured his horse and rode home. He is around, but still suffers greatly and requires medical attention. He is plucky, and says that he will make the ascent to the top of the mountain as soon as he recovers from his injuries. As he goes through the streets with his arm in a sling and his head bandaged, he is pointed out as "the man who fell off Mt. Shasta."