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The Toboggan

A Laughter-Provoking Method of Enjoyment

White City Amusement Park, 63rd Street and South Parkway, Chicago, IL (1905)

One of the most popular and best patronized attractions at White City is the Toboggan; also known as the Figure 8 or Double Circle. It is impossible to give a detailed description which would be of interest of this unique and hilarious method of enjoyment, because there is no elaborate apparatus, no grand scenic effects, and no regulated program, but there is always music during the operation of this feature; the music of happy laughter and joyous voices tuneful with accents of merriment.



Structure of Toboggan



The Toboggan or Double Circle

The participant in this sport takes a seat in a comfortable cushioned vehicle and sturdy attendants roll it down the track to a point where it is seized by a wire rope and is elevated up a steep incline, where the rapid and mirth-provoking journey begins. Upon reaching the top the cars seem imbued with life and dart down a gentle declivity as though fitted with powerful wings.



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Darting around unexpected curves, up slopes and down into valleys, the car is whirled at a rapid rate of speed upon a journey lasting almost two minutes. It finally returns to the original point of departure, where the merry passengers disembark and make way for others, who eagerly fill their places.

All afternoon and evening crowds happily make their way to the Toboggan, and it is universally voted to be one of the jolliest forms of entertainment at White City.



Toboggan or Figure 8



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