INCIDENT AT THE FALLS OF MINNEHAHA

In our engraving the artist graphically portrays a remarkable incident that happened on the 28th of November to Charles Zimmerman, a photographer, residing at St. Paul, Minnesota. Wishing to obtain winter views of a place Longfellow has immortalized in his classic verse, Mr. Zimmerman passed under the falls. An hour later, a Mr. Haines, while exploring the rocks, happened to look behind the curtain of water as it leaped from the edge of the precipice to the abyss beneath, and was startled by what he saw. A large icicle weighing between two and three hundred pounds, loosened by the thaw, had severed its connection with the roof above, and had fallen on Mr. Zimmerman, crushing him down, and leaving him insensible beneath it. Mr. Haines quickly relieved the prostrate artist, whom he found nearly frozen. Indeed, had succor been delayed half an hour longer, the unfortunate man would have most certainly died. On recovering, Mr. Zimmerman stated that, while viewing the falls and the peculiar formation of the ice, something struck him on the head, and that was the last he knew about it. His recovery, under the circumstances, is certainly remarkable.

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