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SKIING.

At Garmisch-Partenkirchen, about 50 miles South-West of Munich, many of Europe's greatest skiers prepare for a downhill contest. Here's Italian champ Carlo Gartner making the steep, bumpy course look almost easy.

Gartner comes flashing over the finishing line even as a rival gets going at the top. France, Italy, Switzerland, and of course, Germany are all represented, and there's a single entry from America.

Well, that's one way to finish the course. Watch Gebhard Hillbrand and Austrian, in action. Notice his perfect control and balance.

Here goes another on the down-grade.

A bad fall nearly sends him over the mountain edge. He took a nasty knock on that tree, but spectators who rush to his aid find he's not badly hurt. Meanwhile, the racing still goes on. This is Anderl Molterer, an Austrian, making the run that gives him second place. A fellow-countryman comes in third. Here he is - Toni Sailer. Yet another Austrian, Ernst Oberaigner, is the winner. Can you wonder that the people of Garmisch, with superb slopes like these on their doorstep, take to ski-ing almost from birth.

Even the locals still have something to learn!