

## TOOTHPICK FUNFAIR.

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At the Mechanical Museum in San Francisco, the latest novelty is a miniature funfair all made to work. And everything you see has all been made --- out of toothpicks. To build this kind of toy you need lots of time. The men who made it are inmates of the Federal Prison --- so time is one thing they've got.

## SKI-JUMPING.

The season for ski-jumping has started; and this is the first big meeting at America's Bear Mountain. It's a regular annual show --- but it's a thrill that never ceases to be amazing, whether they stay upright or fall flat. ^

The winner of the Memorial Trophy was Canadian Jacques Charland --- with a jump of 160 feet.

## JET PATROL.

They seem to stand as steady as a sentry on Palace Guard; they are Scorpions of the American Air Force, on patrol from Alaska to Greenland. Keeping station at a height of nine miles --- they're travelling at six hundred miles an hour. They are armed with fifty-two rockets.

## CALIFORNIAN FLOODS.

These pictures were taken from an Army helicopter, flying above the disastrous floods in California --- floods that followed more than a week of torrential non-stop rain, and the bursting of the banks of many rivers.

Towns and villages were submerged by the raging waters, which drove thousands of people from their homes. The number of lives lost, and the material damage caused, cannot yet be officially estimated; but this is without doubt one of the most cataclysmic floods, in the history of the western states.