

BOMB SHIFTS AVALANCHE.

Avalanches which create such havoc in the Alps many soon be a thing of the past if a new apparatus is proved successful. The device is intended to shift the snow-drifts before they grow too large. It works on the principle of a mine thrower; a small charge when ignited, fires a rocket from its lengthy barrel. Here's a demonstration of the gear in action against a high, snow-covered mountain slope.

Down rumbles the snow, smashing small trees and bushes in its path, but doing no damage to villages further below.

The terrible catastrophes which took place in all regions of the Alps last year may well be avoided altogether if the new device is put into immediate production, and operated at the slightest sign of danger.