

After weeks of mild weather, nearly every county in the British Isles has been suddenly caught in the grip of the coldest spell for years. This was one of the main roads near Glasgow -- and away to the south, ~~on the heights overlooking Fort St. John, there was a break of sports.~~ *it was just the tea frozen north*

H.M.S. Victory was given the Nelson touch. And the fearsome ~~xxxx~~ cannon that once upon a time struck terror into the hearts of the French, now look like chocolate éclairs blown inside out. On the beach, the pleasure boats are finding out that ~~xxx~~ life isn't all pleasure, especially if you've got snow on your rudder. *M*

Frost and snow put a stop to sporting engagements in many different parts of the country; though on the international rugby ground at Twickenham, all-out efforts were made to protect the turf.

In Trafalgar Square, the fountains were playing a losing game against the icicles.

But needless to say the kind-hearted public was on hand to see that the pigeons didn't miss their usual free meal.

In St James's Park, the young birds couldn't make out why their feet had suddenly got too short to reach the water.

Still --- ~~it wasn't so bad for the youngsters.~~ *the youngsters can let their hair down* embarrassing *It only gets/*
~~xxxxxx~~ ~~EMBARRASSING~~
~~xxxxxx~~ ~~undignified~~ when you see some old bird showing her slip