



Below Zero By Noel Pocock, A Travesty Of Winter Sport. Humorous Winter Sport Book.

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Description

Humorous Winter Sport Book, Below Zero By Noel Pocock.

Below Zero, A Travesty Of Winter Sport by Noel Pocock, with verses adapted to the occasion by A.E. Johnson, published by Hodder & Stoughton, printed in the city of London by the Edinburgh Press. Not dated, presume first edition. Owner dedication to half title page 'To "Freddie" Xmas 1919. With all best wishes' and a later 'To "Chooch" Christmas 2019. With all my love Paaap'. External cloth cover slightly bumped and worn, cover with some discolouration, red and black lettering to front with illustration of a court jester on skis, spine with thermometer image. Internally very good, minimal foxing, all 61 pages intact with 12 tipped-in bright and clean colour plates mounted on brown card. Humorous verses by A.E. Johnson accompany the colour plates of winter sport.

Contents:- Prologue, "Domine Dirige Nos", The Do-it-or-Diver, Sweet and -----?, "Ski's Off!", The Roaring Game, "Full Fathom Five", "____!", Bandyng-Words!, The Ski-Runner, To Jemima, Juggernaut, Full Stop!.

In its issue of 30th November 1911, 'The Scotsman' described "Below Zero" as "an amusing album of grotesque coloured pictures ... These clever comical compositions poke fun at all sorts of winter sports - tobogganing, ski-ing, curling, skating, sledging, and so on; and are accompanied by appropriate bits of parody in verse by Alfred Edwin Johnson, clever and funny, like the pictures."

A nice copy of a scarce book.