

A Motor Scooter.

Two brothers of Eastport named Ketcham, with a local machinist to carry out their ideas, are the owners and builders of a novel motor scooter. She is of the ordinary scow-shaped scooter type, built rather heavy to stand the strain of the motor. In the centre is a trunk, very similar to a centre-board trunk, and in this trunk is a driving wheel with chisel shaped cogs to get a good grip on the ice. The axle, or shaft, of the driving wheel, runs in boxes fitting snugly at the bottom and sides, but with a space of two or three inches at the top, which allows the shaft to rise in the slot shaped boxes when the wheel strikes a hump of ice, so that the weight of the boat will not be brought to bear on the wheel, but will still be on the brass shod runner. Coiled steel springs are fitted in this space at the top of the boxes to press the wheel downward when the strain is relieved. The shaft of the driving wheel is connected with the motor engine by a belt. In the Ketcham craft the motor is of 3 horse power.