



"ALL TOGETHER, BOYS!"—AUSTRIANS "ROLLING" A HUGE SPIT INTO THE "FACE."

This co-operative method of loosening a ton or so at a time saves the cunning Austrian much wearying digging off his own bat—or rather spade.



The Austrians in the far North have hit on a far better method of obtaining gum than the ordinary process of digging. They have erected an oil engine and pump, which keeps the "face" of their digging quite dry, and at the same time gives a plentiful supply of water for washing the gum from soil, etc. By this means they are able to work to a depth of eight or ten feet in comfort. The gum and soil are put through a washing sieve, which is kept in motion and very little of any value escapes the keen eye of the Slav.  
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**THE PERTINACIOUS AUSTRIAN GUMDIGGER GOES IN FOR MACHINERY.**