

RLS on Davos

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On his doctor's advice, Robert Louis Stevenson spent two winters in Davos. He finished *Treasure Island* there, but didn't like the place:

Shut in a kind of damned Hotel,
Discountenanced by God and man;
The food? – Sir, you would do as well
To fill your belly full of bran.
The company? Alas the day
That I should toil with such a crew,
With devil anything to say,
Nor anyone to say it to.

'So,' according to E.S. Turner, 'RLS took to tobogganing, alone and at night, which he found strangely exalting.'