Bridges of Snow Across Crevasse.

Dr. Mauson and Mr. Mertz had been told by a member of the expedition that the crossing of crevasses was one of the ordeals that the geologist-explorer had to face. Bridges were formed by drifting snow that had accumulated to a height of about 600 ft. or more deep, and sometimes the bottoms could not be seen. In such a case there was no means of ascertaining whether the bridge of snow would bear him or not. If he fell across if the bridge was not strong enough, the explora
tor had to fall back and pull him out. If he fell in, if he had
sensed, as it was often the case, that the bridge was about to
break, he had to scramble to the surface of the snow so that
he could get to the side and push his friend to safety and back to
the base camp. If all else failed, he had to cut a rope or gash in
the ice with his ax to give his friend a chance to get back to
the base camp, and he could have had a little hope of getting
through if the ice was sound and if the crevasse was not too
wide. But if the crevasse was too wide, he was in for a bad
time. In such a case he had to rely on his own strength and the
natural resources of the region to save himself and his comrade.

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