

the final summit, which they gained at 11.15, having taken 6 hrs., including halts, from the foot of the rocks. The north-eastern slopes were thickly covered with snow, and boots and axes, which had often been in the way on the ascent, were here very useful. The party left the top at 12.25, and, being able to glissade almost the whole of the descent, were at the hut in 40 min.

Little of the climb is easy, and bits here and there, particularly the wall after crossing the head of the big couloir, are sufficiently difficult. Combined as it was on this occasion with the traverse of Tofana di Mezzo, the following day, on the way back to Cortina, the expedition is recommended as one of the most interesting in the district.

TENTS IN BATUM.—Mr. W. R. Rickmers, Radolfzell (Baden), would be greatly obliged if Members who have deposited tents in the Caucasus would be kind enough to communicate with him.

'ALPINE JOURNAL,' NOS. 78 AND 79.—These two numbers are required by the Appalachian Mountain Club to complete their set. Would any Member who may be willing either to sell or to present them to the Appalachian Mountain Club be good enough to communicate with the Assistant Secretary, Alpine Club?

LLIWEDD, E. PEAK.—The first ascent of the E. peak of Lliwedd from the N. was effected on April 24, 1903, twenty years after the first ascent of the W. peak.\* A practically straight line was maintained up the centre of the buttress to the cairn. A ledge large enough to afford sitting room for the party—Messrs. Archer Thomson and O. Eckenstein—was met with at the height of 400 ft. A hundred feet above this point the difficulties moderate. The climbing is severer than upon the W. buttress. Time, exclusive of halts, 8 hrs.

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## REVIEWS AND NOTICES.

*L'Alpiniste. Revue illustrée de l'alpinisme.* Nos. 1-4. (Genève, 44 rue de Montchoisy. 1903.)

*Deutsche Alpenzeitung.* Vol. 4, and vol. 5, no. 1. (München, G. Lammer, 1902-3.)

*Wandern und Reisen.* Illust. Zeitschrift für Touristik . . . Kunst und Sport. Nos. 1-7. (Düsseldorf: L. Schwann, 1903.)

These are three fortnightly periodicals, published independently of any of the Alpine Clubs, the contents of which are concerned chiefly with mountaineering. The 'Deutsche Alpenzeitung' is now in its fifth volume, and keeps up its excellent character. As it was reviewed in the last number of the 'Alpine Journal,' it is unnecessary to describe it here again. The other two papers are products of this year. 'L'Alpiniste' is a small paper of eight pages in each issue, and requires to be very much improved to make it of value among Alpine periodicals. The German paper, 'Wandern

\* *Alpine Journal*, vol. xi. pp. 239-41.

und Reisen,' on the other hand, is almost of the quality of the 'Deutsche Alpenzeitung,' but its interests are less exclusively mountaineering. However, it contains much information on the doings of Alpine Clubs and on climbing, with many good views of the mountains described. For the bibliographer this increase of extra-club publications is terrifying, when these are of such a quality that some attention must be paid to them, as is the case with the second and seems likely to be with the third of the above publications.

*Mountain Club Annual.* Published by the Cape Town Section. 8vo, pp. 50. Illust. 1901-2.

The 'Annual' is this year considerably enlarged and its contents give evidence of increased activity on the part of members of the Mountain Club. The eight illustrations are especially good. They show that there is much excellent rock-climbing to be got on the mountains of South Africa, even on Table Mountain itself, though, as in Great Britain, there is nearly always an easy way up any particular peak. Several first ascents are described, but the writers have not yet learned the difficult craft of how best to give details of an excursion so that the account may be of value to anyone following the route either in imagination or in practice. Evidently the climbing done must have been good, but this we gather rather from the plates than from the descriptions. However, we heartily congratulate the Club on its energy, and trust that it will yearly have increasing success.

*The Daisy Ballads.* By Archer Hallett. 8vo. (London, Gay & Bird. 1903.)

There is one ballad here which calls for notice, 'The Mountaineering Girl.' From this we quote the following with reference to the guide:—

'She is right to regard him kindly,  
For it's chiefly thanks to his aid  
That her feats are performed, and the peaks are swarmed  
By the mountaineering maid.'

The 'Mountain Club Annual' on the same subject is equally ungallant:—

'She likes the view but not the work:  
Her escort—I'm afraid he  
Gets little enjoyment with the shirk-  
ing mountaineering lady.'

*Alpine Flora. For Tourists and Amateur Botanists. With Text Descriptive of the most widely Distributed and Attractive Alpine Plants.* By Dr. Julius Hoffmann. Translated by E. S. Barton (Mrs. A. Gepp). With 40 Plates containing 250 coloured figures from water-colour sketches by Hermann Frieze. (London: Longmans. 1903.) Price 7s. 6d. net.

We can strongly recommend this book, which is accurately described on the title-page. It is well got up, beautifully printed, and of a convenient size. The illustrations are clear, and free

from the smudginess which one so often sees in coloured representations of flowers. The book is furnished with an index, and a glossary supplies the meanings of such botanical terms as are likely to give trouble to non-scientific readers; for the work 'is not intended as a foundation for strictly scientific study but as an introduction to the gay and lovely flora of the High Alps.' The illustrations are not all equally good, but if *Eritrichium nanum* and *Aretia vitaliana* hardly satisfy us, we have but to turn to *Anemone alpina* and *Ranunculus pyrenæus* to be consoled. *Ranunculus glacialis*, if a little rosier than one usually finds it, is yet delightful. We feel sure that lovers of flowers who are not botanists in the strict sense of the word will find this volume a very pleasant help among the mountains, and a by no means despicable resource on a rainy day.

*A Fine Pair of Horns.* By F. T. Wethered.

This is an account of the ascent of the Täschhorn from the Fee Glacier, which appeared in 'Alpine Journal,' vol. ix. pp. 200-208, and of the passage of the Mönch from the Eggischhorn to the Little Scheideck, which was briefly described in 'Alpine Journal,' vol. vii. pp. 325-326. The longer description of the latter expedition here given will be welcome to climbers. The booklet is a reprint from the 'Guardian' of April 15, 1903.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

### 'CLIMBERS' GUIDE TO THE BERNESE OBERLAND, VOL. I.'

*To the Editor of the ALPINE JOURNAL.*

SIR,—In the number of the 'Alpine Journal' for February, 1903, I notice that on pp. 345-46 an anonymous critic prints a list of what he believes to be mistakes in the above work. Your critic (who is *not* reviewing the book, as it was noticed in your number for August, 1902, p. 205) has certainly lighted upon various misprints and omissions in the book, and he might have found more. But he himself makes various mistakes. I beg leave, therefore, to correct certain statements of this anonymous writer, particularly as most of his criticisms refer to the ranges enclosing the Lötschenthal, and as I am the fortunate possessor of most of the original notes of my lamented friend Mr. E. F. M. Benecke, which he compiled expressly with a view to the 'Climbers' Guide.' I follow the order of the observations of your critic.

*Plattenhörner.*—The book names only the three higher points of this jagged ridge, and not that (705 ft. lower than the lowest of these three summits, and not 1,000 ft. higher than the Gemmi Pass)