

of all, which looked very difficult and was turned to the E. by a steep and unpleasant descent in an iced couloir, a disagreeable traverse, and an equally unpleasant ascent up another couloir. The last slope up to the peak was ice, and took care and time. The rocks throughout the climb were bad and rotten, and great caution always necessary; but the descent to the Ober Schallijoch was easy.*

From the Ober Schallijoch the Moming Spitze (12,695 ft.) was traversed to the S. Moming Col—steep, good rocks on the ascent, and an easier ridge, followed by snow, on the descent. This little peak had only been climbed twice before. From the Moming Col the usual route back to Zermatt, *via* Hohlicht and Rothhorn glaciers, was taken.

Times (actual going): Gite to Schallijoch, 3 hrs.; Schallijoch to Schallihorn, 3½ hrs.; Schallihorn to Ober Schallijoch, ¾ hr.; and to Moming Spitze, also ¾ hr.; thence to Zermatt, 4½ hrs.

TO SKEESTERS.—Mr. W. R. Rickmers will be in Adelboden from December 29 to February 1, and hopes that many members, or friends introduced by members (ladies are also welcome), will take advantage of his offer to teach them skeepig. Terms, none; conditions, enthusiasm and discipline.

At Easter Mr. Rickmers proposes to be on Ben Nevis if a sufficient number of those interested in the sport promise to join him there; otherwise he will be glad to make appointments for the Feldberg (Black Forest) as last year (see 'A. J.,' No. 159). Please address: W. R. Rickmers, Radolfzell, Baden, Germany.

THE NOMENCLATURE OF THE MONT BLANC GROUP.—In view of the number of names in this district in which 'Rouge' already occurs, I wish to withdraw the name 'Les Rouges' for the rocky aiguilles between La Noire and the Aiguille du Géant ('A. J.,' xx. p. 538). At the same time it is desired to change the name of the Pointe du Piolet ('A. J.,' xviii. p. 245) to Pointe des Papillons.

G. YELD.

TOFANA DI ROCES.—Would the correspondent who wrote on this subject be good enough to write again, as his communication has unfortunately been mislaid?

REVIEWS AND NOTICES.

Mes Escalades dans les Alpes et le Caucase. Par A. F. Mummery. Traduit par Maurice Paillon (London: Fisher Unwin. Paris: Lucien Laveur.)

THIS volume, in which the late Mr. Mummery described his 'Climbs in the Alps and the Caucasus,' had an immediate success, owing both to the extraordinary nature of some of the feats de-

* The Schallihorn had been once previously descended by this N. ridge (see *Alpine Journal*, vol. xx. p. 264), but apparently somewhat less on the actual ridge than on this occasion.

scribed and the vividness and spirit of enjoyment that pervade the narrative. The English edition is, we believe, out of print, but its publisher has issued a French translation, which has in one respect more interest than the original, inasmuch as it includes a sympathetic sketch of the author by the translator, Monsieur Paillon, and a brief account, condensed from Dr. Collie's volume, of the circumstances in which he met his fate under the ice cliffs of Nanga Parbat, beyond Kashmir. It is also provided with many new illustrations and an excellent portrait of Mr. Mummery. The translator has done his work faithfully. He has attempted rather to allow the foreign reader to appreciate the style and humour of the original by literal translation than to paraphrase Mummery's sentences by the equivalents a French writer might more naturally have adopted. The turn of words as a rule, therefore, as well as the turn of thought, remains essentially English; but to Mr. Mummery's countrymen at any rate this can hardly be a matter of regret. There never was a greater mountaineer than Mummery, and few climbers have given an account of their climbs as stimulating and attractive as that by which he surprised his comrades and delighted the public. It must be a satisfaction to his friends to find that his qualities have met with appreciation beyond his own country and among a nation who are keen judges of literary merit.

Aosta et sa Vallée. Guides Illustrés Reynaud. Prix 2 francs 50 centimes.

This is one of the best guides of its class that has come under our notice. The price is very moderate and the information trustworthy, whilst the printing and illustrations leave nothing to be desired.

For an exhaustive account of the mountains of Val d'Aoste the traveller must have recourse to the pages of Ball, Vaccarone and Bobba, and the Climbers' Guides; but as a general handbook to the district this work may be strongly recommended. It is, indeed, well worth buying for the beauty of the illustrations, which are lavishly abundant.

These comprise panoramas of the Matterhorn and chain of Mont Rose from the Herbetet, and the Massif of Mont Blanc from the Mont de la Saxe, and many full-page plates, of which the Grand Assaly (Rutor) and the Grand Paradis and the Cogne Mountains from the Grivola will probably be the most interesting to climbers. But the small illustrations seem to us to constitute the special attraction of the book. They are very numerous, and for the most part charming.

We were particularly pleased with Verrès, p. 17; the Château of Fénis, p. 29; Pâturages au Breuil, p. 78 (the background in this case is a little blurred); the Grivola, p. 160; Femmes de Cogne, p. 162; Le Mont Blanc (vu de la Pierre Taillée), though there is an awkward telegraph wire on the right of the picture; Valgrisanche—Le campement, p. 187 (Alpine troops appear in several plates); and

Aiguille et Glacier de Triolet, p. 214. The plates mentioned are but a few out of many, but will give some idea of the variety of the scenes depicted. There is a full description of Aosta itself, with plans and copious illustrations. We can cordially recommend the book.