ALPINE NOTES AND NEW ROUTES.

KAMM (3,870 m. = 12,697 feet).—This peak deserves more attention from mountaineers than it has hitherto received. The expedition has two recommendations. It affords an interesting rock climb, and the start can be made from the Eggischhorn Hotel without involving much additional labour.

On September 15, 1892, with my guides Augustin Gentinetta and Franz (Weisshorn) Biener, I effected what is presumably the second ascent of the mountain. We made some variations from, and, I think, improvements on, the route followed by the first party, Dr. G. Lammer and Herr A. Lorria, and the following notes, by way of supplement to the latter's account of the ascent (*A.J.*, xiii. 384), may be worth recording.

We attacked the mountain by the S.W. rock-ridge which runs down to the Inner Schönbühl, and followed mainly the line taken by the first party along the summit of the ridge; but when we came to the 'deeply-cut notch' below the steep rock face, which constitutes the principal difficulty of the ascent, we descended the gully to the left for a few steps and then climbed straight up a chimney some 40 ft. in height, possibly Herr Lorria's 'extremely bad crack,' finding the rock perfectly sound. From the top of the chimney we traversed loose but not difficult rocks for about ¼ hr. before regaining the ridge to our right, whence our route again coincided with that of the first party. We reached the summit in 5 hrs. 10 m. from the Concordia hut, inclusive of halts. We found only Messrs. Lammer and Lorria's cards. There is, to my mind, no finer point of view in the Oberland.

Whilst ascending we had a herd of chamois in almost constant view. During our first rest four of them stationed themselves on a knoll of rocks some way above us outlined against the little hanging glacier just below the summit. When startled they ran down to and across the side glacier which lies at the south-east foot of the ridge by which we were ascending. We determined to search for their tracks in our descent. We did so, and came to the head of a snow-gully running down from the ridge just below the hanging glacier. By this gully we descended to the side glacier, which is distinct from the main Schönbühl Glacier. The glacier was covered with snow in good condition, and we glissaded down its entire length. This line of descent must, I think, always be a better one than that followed by the first party, but in the ascent the most interesting route is undoubtedly that by the S.W. rock ridge.

We left the Concordia hut at 4 A.M., and reached the Eggischhorn Hotel at 2.45 P.M. J. A. LUTTMAN-JOHNSON.

THE GRIVOLA FROM THE SOUTH-WEST.—From Dégioz the Col de Belleface route is followed for some distance after it has taken a north-westerly direction, and until a very prominent band of yellow rock on the W. is reached, when the path is quitted and a south-easterly

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direction is taken, mounting always at first over slopes of grass and stones, and then over red friable rock until the first rocks of the peak are reached high up on the S. face of the W. arête, when a band of precipitous dark rock overlies the red. Here a curiously easy and almost level ledge is found on the top of the red layer, which is followed until the summit has been passed, as well as the foot of the largest couloir on the S.W. face of the mountain, and also a smaller one just beyond it. A rib of greenish rock forming the S. side of the latter is then climbed for about 30 mins., when a traverse across the couloir in a northerly direction is made to the next rock rib, which is followed to the S. arête, a few yards S. of the summit. The commencement of the ledge can be reached in 3 hrs. 30 mins. from Dégioz, and with the mountain in good condition the summit has been attained in 2 hrs. 40 mins. more. Where the ledge commences the face consists of four bands of rock, the top one red, the next black, the next red, on the top of which is the ledge, and the bottom one black. The whole route can be well seen from the King's Encampment, 1½ hr. above Dégioz on the W. side of the valley. J. H. W.

MR. F. T. PRATT BARLOW.—As we go to press the death of Mr. Barlow is announced. It is unfortunately too late to do more in the present number than record the fact, and express the sincere grief which many members of the Club will feel at the loss of one who was, till ill-health interfered, one of our most active climbers, and all his life long a kind and genial friend.

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Mountaineering. By Claude Wilson, M.D. With illustrations by Ellis Carr. (Bell and Sons.)

It was, we suppose, a foregone conclusion that when 'Mountaineering' had once been included in the 'Badminton' series the 'All England' series should follow in the steps of its statelier rival. 'Follow in the steps,' we say, for no new route was here possible. The 'Badminton' book went pretty well over the whole ground; but, fortunately, literature offers more opportunities for variations than climbing can. To drop metaphor, the existence of a book at 10*s.* 6*d.* in no way bars or renders superfluous the production of another at 2*s.* One is nice to put on our book-shelves, and turn over in an armchair by the fire; the other is good to put in our pocket, read in the train, or consult on the mountain-side.

As a matter of fact Dr. Wilson's book should be compared rather with Herr Meurer's 'Handbuch des Alpinen-Sport.' The historical and bibliographical portions are cut down to the smallest possible dimensions; art is not touched; and the pages are almost entirely filled with practical advice. That this is uniformly sound hardly needs to be said. If we are to offer any criticism, it would be that the 'Packing List' is rather too copious. No doubt boot-trees, chess-boards, tinned jams, 'and other sweetmeats' (as the old notice had it) are very soothing at certain moments; but they add materially to the bulk of the luggage to be looked after. We cannot help thinking that the happiest mountaineer in these days, at all events, is he who leaves his home with little more property than can be contained in a knapsack, with a Gladstone bag as reserve; and his inn with a lump of bread and another of any cold meat that may be obtainable—bacon for choice. For drink the present writer believes in the almost omni-

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