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American Alpine Journal. 1964. Pride of place rightly goes in this *A.A.J.* to the American Everest expedition; it was an outstanding achievement in all ways. Two pairs reached the summit from the South col; another pair made a brand new route up by the West ridge, and traversed the mountain for the first time, down to the South col. Four men spent a night out in the open not far below the summit. Two of these last lost all their toes from frost-bite, but what a record they had to show for their injuries! Other articles deal with McKinley and Foraker, and a number of exceptionally difficult rock climbs in the Yosemite valley and elsewhere. Dr. Thorington has written a most interesting account of the climbs of Oliver Perry-Smith, who was making sixth degree climbs in the Alps long before the First World War. Francis P. Farquhar has another instalment on 'Naming America's Mountains—The Sierra Nevada of California' (see *A.J. 66.* 413).

American Alpine Journal. 1965. The doings of the North American Andean expedition, 1964, come first in this issue, and include two notable second ascents, but by new routes, of Huandoy Sur and Chacraraju. The German Himalayan expedition that climbed Talung Peak on May 19, 1964, is dealt with by the leader, Richard Hechtel. Alaska–Yukon provides a trio of writers; Lionel Terray on Mount Huntington (only 12,240 ft., but it set the French party a hard task); the Moose's Tooth, which the Deutscher Alpenverein undertook instead of Huntington; and a Japanese expedition was active on Mount St. Elias. J. Monroe Thorington writes with his usual skill on Mont Aiguille and there is a study, 'Antarctica—Why?' of recent work in those regions.

The customary valuable collection of 'Climbs and Excursions' completes the volume.

Appalachia (December, 1964). Philip D. Levin writes graphically of a 'Free Fall on the Dent Blanche', when attempting the Viereselsgrat, a fall, it would seem, caused by rocks collapsing under the guide's feet. 'Leaves from a Sierra Diary' by Kathryn E. Burnett, and 'Dog Sledging in Antarctica' by Robert L. Nichols, describe treks in the California High Sierra and in the Palmer Peninsula, Graham Land, respectively. In 'The Four Thousand Footers of Mountaineering Literature', by Leroy Dudley Cross, the writer lists forty-six books he considers essential to a well-rounded knowledge of mountaineering.

Appalachia (June 1965). Joyce Dunsheath writes of the first Indian Women's expedition to the Himalaya, when, with Sherpa assistance, they climbed Mrigthuni (22,490 ft.), which was effected on October 9, 1964 (but according to a note in *A.A.J.* 1965, p. 472, the date was the 10th), by Rani Baghwandas with the Sirdar, Tashi. Two days later, two others, with two Sherpas, also reached the summit, Mrs. Dunsheath, the veteran of the party, accompanying them to 21,000 ft. Robert W. Keyes, in 'The Energetics of Mountaineering', discourses on the food and energy needed in climbing, which for a laden climber, ascending 5,000 ft., he calculates at 4,000 calories in the day.

Cambridge Mountaineering. 1965. The most noteworthy essay in this issue is R. J. Isherwood's account of the Cambridge Chitral expedition of 1964. Actually, they were in Swat territory, Chitral having been refused to them. They got seven good peaks in a month, six of them first ascents. An account of the High Level route in the Alps, on skis, by H. R. Samuel, is a pleasant contrast to the more numerous notes on difficult rock climbs, at home and abroad.

Canadian Alpine Journal (vol. 47, 1964). The Alpine Club of Canada ran a camp on Baffin Island in 1963 and had a very successful time, with fourteen first ascents to their credit. The activities of Langford's Cambridge party in 1961 will be familiar to readers of the *A.J.* (vol. 67, p. 97); only two climbs, Asgard (second ascent) and Turnweather are described by the Canadians. Hans Gmoser deals with the Canadian Mount McKinley expedition of the same year, and the ascent of the Wickersham Wall (also dealt with in the *A.A.J.* above-mentioned); five articles are devoted to various ranges in British Columbia.

Fell & Rock Climbing Club Journal (vol. 20, no. 58; 1964). Alfred Gregory, in 'Peru—1963' writes attractively of his visit with Stembridge to the Cordillera Blanca (*cf. A.J.* 69, 88). His photographs, naturally, catch the reader's eye and substantiate his claim that nowhere are there mountains that are more beautiful or with more grace of line. Had Gregory's article been double its length, it would have been doubly welcome. Sir John Hunt takes us through the Pindus Mountains, also in 1963, and W. E. Kendrick, in 'The Lake District in a Technological Age', contains a warning of the horrors that may befall this National Park once new roads and still more motor vehicles make it possible for millions (literally) to take week-end or longer holidays round Keswick, Ambleside, or Windermere. He finds no complete solution to the problem, particularly of car parks, though the noise and vulgarity of large crowds appear to worry him still more. One suggestion, that the Forestry Commission

should establish camping and caravan sites within their forests, seems doubtfully sound, as an increase in forest fires would soon show.

Himalayan Journal (vol. 24, 1962–63). The French ascent of Jannu takes first place in this issue of the *H.J.* J.O.M. Roberts discusses the transport problems of the American Everest expedition of 1963. The ascent of Pumori (1962) is described by Gerhard Lenser. Captain S. N. Dubey writes of an Indian Army expedition in 1962 to the Mana Peak—Nilgiri Parbat region—where complete success was denied them. Dr. Horniblow deals with Khinyang Chhish; Trevor Braham with Swat and Indus Kohistan; and Sir John Hunt contributes the first part of an article on the British–Soviet Pamirs expedition. The latter article repeats Hunt's previously expressed opinion that had this been an all-British party, they would have packed up immediately on the death of Noyce and Robin Smith: this seems a disputable point of view, coloured perhaps by Hunt's loss of an old friend. Should expeditions that have raised funds from outside sources throw in their hand so early on? Would not the American Everest expedition have been condemned had they elected to call it off, when Breitenbach was overwhelmed in an avalanche?

Irish Mountaineering. 1963–64. Climbs on Irish hills occupy the largest part of these two issues. A short review of Himalayan exploration, by John Murray, leads up to the launching of the Irish Himalayan (strictly 'Karakoram') expedition of 1964, and to a hint that there is plenty of climbing out there for small parties of the Tilman–Shipton type in the 1930's.

An article by Brian Farrington describes briefly why he prefers the Pyrenees to the Alps.

Midland Association of Mountaineers' Journal (vol. 4, no. 2; 1964). In 'Peaks and Passes in Kim's Country', Bob Pettigrew writes of Kulu, a region he knows well. Showell Styles, a practised writer, deals with 'The Climber as Literary Artist'; he estimates that there are some 3,500 notable mountains in the world, each with an average of three ridges and three faces, so that if each route is separately described, and due allowance made for first ascents by a woman, or in winter, etc., etc., then neither the *A.J.* nor the *H.J.* should lack for material for some years to come.

Mountain Club of South Africa, Journal, 1963. R. Baillie contributes four articles to this journal, the first being 'An Eigerwander'. He summarises his views at the end in the words, 'So it was done. Enjoyable; no grim battles; no frozen fingers; no cracked skulls; but a healthy respect for that remote and incredible world that is the Eigerwand'. Other

noteworthy Alpine climbs are referred to in much more off-hand manner—East face of the Grand Capucin; North face of the Cima Grande; Santa Catarinagrat of Monte Rosa—they hardly score more than footnote attention. A longer article, 'Getting with It', discusses modern climbing methods he had found in the Alps.

For the rest, this issue of the *M.C.S.A.J.* deals mostly in short notes on a great variety of climbs, both in South Africa and elsewhere. There are some fine photographs.

New Zealand Alpine Journal (vol. 20, no. 51; 1964). C. F. Knox writes of East Greenland climbing, but the bulk of the articles are about New Zealand climbing, with Mount Cook predominating. Mostly, these are short articles of four or five pages only, and the longest single contribution to the journal is, 'An Historical Approach to the Olivines', by Bruce Alexander, a region for the most part in North-west Otago.

Rucksack Club Journal. 1964. Frank Solari writes in 'Winter Munros' of the Scottish hills at the turn of the year; Alfred Gregory of the journey he and Stembridge made to Peru (see above, *F. & R.C.C. Journal*) in 1963. The obituaries include well-known names in Bentley Beetham and Graham Macphee. Various new climbs are listed and two notes under 'Climbs and Excursions' describe journeys to the Taurus mountains and to Hannøy, one of the Lofoten Islands.

Scottish Mountaineering Club Journal (May 1965). Patey describes the first winter traverse of the Cuillin ridge, which he treats with his usual good humour. He adds in conclusion that he regards it as the greatest single adventure in British mountaineering. The Scottish Andean expedition is dealt with by Donald Bennet and Kenneth Bryan. W. H. Murray contributes an excellent obituary note on Longstaff.

Wayfarers' Journal, No. 13 (1964). Dennis Davis on 'Nuptse' (1961) writes well of this famous climb and says that the five weeks spent in climbing the great wall gave him some of the finest climbing he has ever had, both for sheer technical difficulty and for beauty of situation. A. J. Ravenscroft, 'Wayfaring in Peru' (1957) is devoted not merely to climbing, but to tourism and sight-seeing, all well worth while. R. P. Harvey takes us to Kulu in 1961, and B. K. Brooker to Halley Bay, Antarctica, 1958.

Yorkshire Ramblers' Club Journal. 1964. This is a nicely varied journal to read. H. L. Stembridge describes in rather more detail than in the

A.J. his adventures in the mountains of Peru, and has Gregory's photographs to embellish the text. W. C. I. Crowther takes us on a trip through the Irish hills; T. H. Smith deals with the St. Elias mountains of Alaska. A pleasant essay by R. Gowing, 'A Day on the Matterhorn', will appeal to all who know and love that great mountain.

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