

Additional Notes 1972 Polar Regions

NEW GUIDE-BOOK

The Staunings Alps, by D. J. Bennett (Gaston/West Col, £2.80). This, the first volume in a new series from the above publishing group, is a mine of information for the intending visitor to this part of Greenland—history, future climbing prospects, expedition planning, geology, flora, and fauna. There are two useful maps on a 1 : 100,000 scale.

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Sea Cliff Climbing in Britain, by John Cleare and Robin Collomb. (Constable, to be published early in 1973. Price £3.50).

This long-awaited book summarises most competently the state of progress in this new development, which adds to British climbing a new dimension of unclimbed summits with complex problems of access. It is well produced, though unfortunately the reproduction of the pictures does not always do justice to John Cleare's originals.

As an account of the whereabouts of the hardest climbs, the historical background and the deeds of the most advanced sea-cliff experts it cannot be faulted, except perhaps in minor detail. What is sad, however, is the impression it gives that only those at the highest level of competence can participate. For climbers (still perhaps the majority), who cannot lead above VD or mild S standard, there is plenty of sea-cliff climbing available in many, though not all, of the areas described.

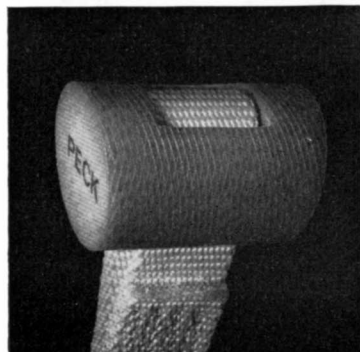
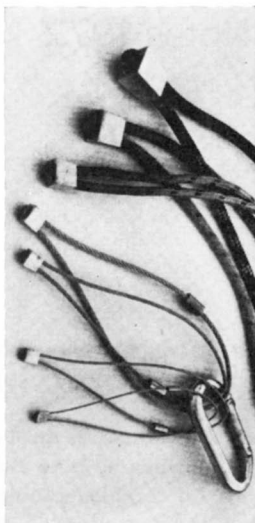
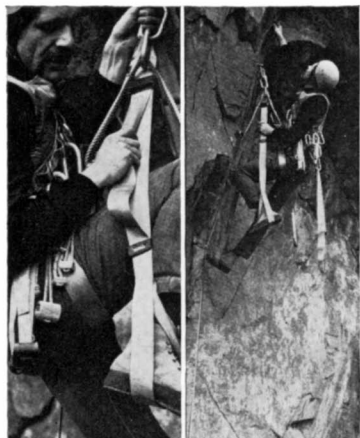
Nevertheless, this is one of the most interesting books on British climbing that has appeared in the last two decades.

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The Southern Uplands, by K. M. Andrew and A. A. Thrippleton. Scottish Mountaineering Club Guide. (Scottish Mountaineering Trust, Edinburgh. Price £3.20).

Obviously, the most exciting areas of Scotland are not dealt with in a guide to the Southern Uplands, but this book is a mine of information about an area which the authors rightly suggest can provide more peace and quiet than the 'Overburned North'. This is in the best tradition of the SMC guides, but even it has to overspill slightly into England (and why not?) to cover the Cheviot. It would be a heavy book to carry on a long hike, and a paper-back at some future time would be welcome.

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