

or slightly lower one". Of the fifth attempt on Aorangi the author (who refers to the result as "victory") says "we reckoned the summit to be 140 feet above us".

We are far from desirous of carrying at climbs which were to all practical purposes successes, inasmuch as it was want of time, and not insuperably difficult which compelled retreat. We merely note the fact as being original.

Mr. Mannering shows a real love for the beauties of mountain scenery, and his un-studied descriptions of the grandeur of the ice and snow world are pleasant reading.

The party climbed without guides, and as none of them were experienced in Alpine travel, their expeditions do them much credit. Mr. Mannering seems to have helped to qualify himself for the work, by an extensive course of Alpine literature, an aid which many persons are but too inclined to dispense with, for we feel sure that, given a fair amount of opportunity for testing the maxims and theories of skilled climbers, a good deal of knowledge of the craft can be instilled in the library. We are inclined to disagree with Mr. Mannering's remark that experience is the best master in training the mountaineer. Life is too short and weather too often cuts down the list of peaks to be climbed and passes to be crossed, to allow the average mortal, unaccompanied by skilled companions, to reach the perfection point of an *Anderogger* or an *Almer*, who, themselves, no doubt owe much to the generation of guides who preceded them.

Let the climber go for a few seasons with the best guide he can get; then let him continue his education under the master, experience, and so will he have a good chance of getting near a high ideal.

But we have digressed from the subject to which our leading refers, and must hark back to the "Rope and Axe" of Mr. Mannering, the former of which (if we may venture to criticise the art aspect of the work) would look much more natural on the cover if called in the usual style, than is its present elaborate arrangement in ringlets.

The illustrations, from photographs, are numerous and fairly well reproduced, they are of great interest, especially to that large class of persons who are entirely unacquainted with the Alpine scenery of New Zealand. The map at the end of the volume is clear, and helpful to the reader in following the course of the various excursions described.

The distances from headquarters to encampments are considerable, though infinitely less than is, say, the Caucasus. The party did nearly all their own portage, and usually camped out for several consecutive days, their tent being frequently almost washed away by the numerous torrents with which the district abounds. The book, as a whole, gives a good idea of travel in the New Zealand Alps.

* With *Axe and Rops* in the New Zealand Alps, by George Edward Mannering Messers. Longmans, 1891.

Curiosities of Correspondents.

Every one, whose name is at all well known receives innumerable letters from eccentric people. The following extracts from some of the curiosities of my fathers correspondence may possibly amuse the readers of the Post.

The addresses are sometimes curious: one envelope, of which the contents are unfortunately lost, bears the words

Important.

Darwin Esqrs.

Author of Darwin's Theory of the Human Race.

The post-office authorities managed to deliver this letter, adding however this singular remark "Not known by this address in Chelsea." Nor are the signatures wanting in originality: a foreigner (a complete stranger) who asks for a photograph, ends his letter in the following mixed style:—"With the greatest respect, I am yours very affectionately."

Another foreign correspondent, this time an autograph-hunter, describes himself, for purposes of personal glorification, as "Son of the Lord Mayor of Harburg."

A similar motive is apparent in the following letter from an Englishman.

"As I am a graduate in honours of Ch. Ch., and nephew of an Arch Bishop, and a friend of one or two Primates, and allied to many of our dual families, and heir male of one of the most ancient dual families in Great Britain myself, if I am not wrongly informed, I think I am entitled to be believed". He goes on to say that he has the gift of healing occult diseases, and recommends as a sure remedy, 15 grains each of Platinum, Osmium and Indium, "given in small doses in guava jelly". A prescription which reminds one of Lear's Nonesense Cookery.

There is an admirable simplicity about some of the letters, for instance in the following American specimen

"Sir, I shall be under many obligations to you for a copy of your new work on the Expression in Animals &c., Voyage of a Naturalist &c., with autograph on fly leaves, for my library. If you will inform me of the cost I shall remit the money."

Other communications are a little obscure:—

"I have the honour to announce to the English people and Sir Charles Darwin, that after an exact examination of the several principles, nature-philosophical and philosophical, who are founded by his strong mind in the world, as one of the fruits of his long scientific life, those thoughts and data he has given, for instance in the struggle for life, can be contemplated a very new theory of the origin of senseless and foolish illnesses"—He goes on to say that his views are given "in a popular teach". The "teach" as far as I know never arrived, and the title of it, which he mentions, is not of any interest.

The following remarkable communication is given in the original—but the author's solemn fulfily of style should evaporate in the process of translation

"Un soir pour accrocher un tableau, je me suis approché d'un mur, et tent occupé de mon travail j'ai tout-à-coup aperçu le ver appelé *Cinex lecularius*." No sachant pas, au premier abord, comment m'en débarrasser, j'ai saisi une bougie et la plaçant sous le ver, j'attendis que ce dernier tombât. Durant le petit espace de temps qu'il duré cet accident, je remarquais avec surprise que le ver changeait de forme, en s'élargissant, à devenir presque oblong, — du rod qu'il était auparavant; une fois tombé, je ne l'ai plus observé.

Voilà le fait; je m'empresse de vous en faire part, dans la supposition qu'il peut vous être utile à quelque chose.

En vous priant, Monsieur, de vouloir bien me faire connaître votre opinion la-dessus je vous présente mes salutations les plus distinguées."

There are other letters from the flying-machine fanatic, the religious enthusiast, and the begging-letter writer; but though the world is said to be mostly fools it is only a small minority of them that put any honour into their writings, and but few are worth reproducing.

FRANCIS DARWIN.

¹ I have changed the name of the town.

² A fragment from a great American writer will make clear to the unlearned, the vulgar name of this insect.

... in time to stop a red bug.

From running off with Colonel P.

Twice just a common *Cinex lecularius*.

Rules

for the St. Moritz Skating Rinks.

The Committee of the St. Moritz Skating Rinks treat that visitors will conform to the Rules given below which have been framed in the general interest and are the same as those adopted in former years.

I.

When either Rink is fit for skating a flag will be hoisted on the telegraph post opposite the main entrance to the Hotel, a red flag for the large Rink and a green flag for the small one. No skating is to take place on either Rink except when the flag corresponding to it is hoisted.

II.

No dogs, chairs, or toboggans are allowed upon the ice, nor is any tobogganing to take place down the approaches to the Rinks.

III.

Sticks are not to be used upon the ice, either by skaters, or by persons walking across the Rinks.

IV.

A part of one of the Rinks is specially



retained for curling and cannot be used for any other purpose.

Skaters are particularly requested not to skate on the ice set apart for curling.

Visitors are requested not to leave the remains of their lunches, sandwich papers etc. about the Rinks, and it is hoped that skaters will throw away their cigar ends, snuff etc., at the edges of the Rinks and not on the ice.

The Committee reserve to themselves the right of framing any further regulations in the interests of visitors using the Rinks,

but they wish it to be understood that the Rinks are the property of Herr Badrut, who receives all the subscriptions and is therefore responsible for flooding them when required, removing the snow when necessary, and otherwise keeping them in proper order.

Committee:

Chairman *Dr. Holland.*
Rev. Kidley.
Grimké.
H. C. Cutley.

Rule IV. added Dec. 6th, 1891.

Newspapers

To England, weight not exceeding 50 grammes — 1 1/2 ounces	00.05
To England, weight not exceeding 100 gr. — 3 ounces	00.10
In Switzerland, weight not exceeding 2 1/2 ounces or 75 grammes	00.02
In Switzerland weight not exceeding 250 grammes	00.05
In Switzerland, weight not exceeding 500 grammes — 1 lb.	00.10

Telegrams.

To England, tax	Cents 50
Each word	Cents 35
In Switzerland, tax	Cents 30
Each word	Cents 2 1/2

Swiss Meteorological Station, St. Moritz.

1856 m. above the sea-level at Marsellas.

Observer, *Pfarrer Hoffmann.*

1891 M.	Temperature (Fahrenheit)			Minimum temperature during the night	Maximum temperature during the day	Direction of winds	Valley wind	Baromet. at 3 p.m.	State of sky
	1 a.m.	3 p.m.	9 p.m.						
28 Sat.	16.2	42.3	30.1	14.4	665.7	—	NW.	1.8	clear
29 Sun.	17.2	30.9	22.6	9.5	665.9	—	NW.	—	*
30 Mon.	19.8	31.1	21.2	—	668.1	—	S.	—	*
1 Tues.	18.3	31.3	23.3	16.5	669.1	—	S.	—	partly clear
2 Wed.	17.6	33.1	23.4	14.2	667.2	—	S.E.	—	clear
3 Thurs.	21.9	32.4	20.6	20.5	—	—	NW. 1/4	—	*
4 Frid.	23.0	40.1	31.3	18.1	645.9	—	NW.	—	*

Church of England.

WINTER SEASON 1891/92

Kulm Hotel St. Moritz.
 Sunday Service.

1st and 3rd Sundays.

Holy Communion	8.30 A. M.
Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion	10.30 A. M.
Evening Prayer	6.00 P. M.

2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

Holy Communion	8.30 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon	10.30 A. M.
Evening Prayer and Litany	6.00 P. M.

Daily Service.

Morning Prayer	10.00 A. M.
Evening Prayer	6.45 P. M.

On Holy-Days there will be a celebrating of the Holy Communion at 8.30 A. M.

All the Ordinaries are in aid of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, which maintains this Chaplaincy. Funds are urgently needed to enable the Society to carry on its work at the Continental Chaplaincy.

W. D. Ridley,
 Chaplain.
 No. 85, Kulm.

Davos-Platz.

St. Luke's Church.

List of Services for the week December 6th to December 13th 1891.

December 6th. 2nd Sunday in Advent.

8. — a. m.	Holy Communion.
11. — a. m.	Morning Prayer and Sermon.
12. — noon.	Holy Communion.
3. — p. m.	Litany and Sermon.

December 9th. Wednesday.

11. — a. m.	Shortened Morning Prayer with Advent Lectures.
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December 12th. 3rd Sunday in Advent.

8. — a. m.	Holy Communion.
11. — a. m.	Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon.
3. — p. m.	Childrens Service and Sermon.

D. Harford-Batterby M. A.
 Chaplain.

Measured

1 kilometer	— 1093 yards, or 1/4 of a mile nearly.
10 kilometres	— 6 miles
16 kilometres	— 10 miles
2 1/2 centimetres	— 1 inch.
1 metre	— 39 1/4 inches
11 metres	— 12 1/2 yards
1 litre	— 1 1/4 pints

The above Tables are roughly calculated for general purposes, it is perfectly accurate decimal fractions must be used.

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 Stockwell & Co., 15 King St. Cheapside.
 Bolton's Library, Knightbridge.
 UNITED STATES & CANADA—The
 International News Company, 83 and 85
 Nassau Street, New-York.
 PARIS—Office of "The American Register",
 2, Rue Scribe.

BERLIN—Amelang, Leipziger Strasse 133.

VIENNA—Wilhelm Frick, Graben 27.

ROME—Galliani.

FLORENCE—Frattelli Bocca.

MILAN—Libreria Dumalard.

BERNE—Railway Bookstall.

ZURICH—Railway Bookstall.

BOURNEMOUTH—Bright's Library, The

HALE—Railway Bookstall. [Arcade]

GOSCHENEN (for Andermatt)—Railway

OLTEN—Railway Bookstall. [Bookstall.

LUCERNE—C. F. Proll's Nachfolger. Dele-

schal's Buchhdlg. Gebhardt's Buchhdlg.

INTERLAKEN—S. Gertsch

THUN—Egen Stämpfl.

SAMADEN—Printing Office of S. Tanner.

ZURICH—Schmidt, Rosenzweig.

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MONTREUX—Librairie B. Benda.

C. B. Faist.

MERAN—Fotzelberger.

GRINDELWALD—Herr Boss, Hotel Bar-

COIRE—Hotel Steinbeck. Mr. Hinz.

WISEN—Hotel Bellevue.

ST. MORITZ-DORP—Bureau Hôtel Kulm.

Gögel. Central Bazaar.

DAVOS-PLATZ—Bureau Hotel Bolvedere

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G. Peter, Proprietor.