Born in England, the author was brought up on his father's estate in the mountains of Salzburg, and he has chosen to tell the life story of Teufel, lord of all he surveys, from the time of his birth among the rocky fastnesses until he meets a noble death at the hands of the hunter. How skillfully this has been done the reader will easily discover, for here is the mountain world recreated, with its beast, bird and human inhabitants, presented simply and with sympathetic feeling. The illustrations are utterly charming.

J. M. T.

"Ces Monts sublimes." Les Ecrivains a la Montagne, by Claire-Eliane Engel and Charles Vallot. 8 vo.; 304 pages, with bibliography, index and 8 illustrations by Samivel. Paris: Librairie Delagrave (15 Rue Soufflot), 1936.

This volume is the second and concluding of the anthology reviewed in *A. A. J.,* ii, 309. The period covered in 1803-95, and fifty-four authors, French, English and German are represented. They are poets, historians, philosophers and geographers, writing at a time when contact with the mountains was expressed in terms of spiritual exaltation, a common characteristic which has led to the use of "sublime" in the title of the present volume. Although the descriptions are restricted to the mountains of western Europe, one meets the authors in diverse localities: Lamartine at Milly, near Macon; Gautier in the Spanish sierras; Hugo on the Rigi; Durier on the Brevent; Schrader at Gavarnie. For the Alpine historian, however, these literary extracts will be of less value than the numerous biographical sketches of the various writers. Samivel, as usual, has furnished impressive illustrations.

J. M. T.

Les Batailles pour L'Himalaya, by Claire-Eliane Engel. 8 vo.; vii + 157 pages, with 16 full-page illustrations, 3 outline maps, 2 diagrams and bibliography. Paris: Flammarion, 1936.

This is an historical rather than a geographical approach to the Himalaya, and covers the period 1783-1935, approximately corresponding with the time of the first ascent of Mont Blanc in the Alps down to the present. Following a brief topographical description of the range, the early travellers and first climbs are discussed, and then in order the major expeditions from the time