

*Nameless Pyramid, East Face.* This attractive rock formation lies just south of Kearsarge Pass and directly above Heart Lake. Almost a true pyramid, it has a sheer eastern face which promised a fine, if not a major, new climbing opportunity when Joe Brown and I approached it on June 30. We selected a slightly right-slanting crack that runs continuously from the grassy base to just north of the summit, almost splitting the mid-face. The climb turned out fine for a nice but busy afternoon: four full pitches ran straight as an arrow with an abundance of bubbly granite. We used 18 pitons and a few runners on horns. F7.

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*Castle Rocks, North Buttress of "Amphitheatre Dome."* A trip to the Castle Rocks in the western Sequoia area rewarded us when we found and climbed a fine face on the major peak in this compact group of granite summits, a mile south of better known Castle Rock Spire. Roger Briggs, Jim Jones, Dave Leen, and I scouted the west face of the main peak, which probably is "South Guard," climbed many years ago by Ax Nelson. Its general shape an ice-carved east cirque suggested the name "Amphitheatre Dome." Not liking the exfoliations that loosely clung to the face, we scouted the north end, a steep profile with sounder rock. On our second morning we returned to the climb and completed it about noon. There was some fine free climbing on the first two pitches, then a section of overhanging aid that required both pitons and nuts, and finally easier climbing after a bad area. We made the descent on the southeast, along the route of the original two ascents. NCCS II, F8, A3.

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*Goldfinger.* This spectacularly thin 125-foot granite needle on the "Cleaver" of the Sawtooth Ridge area was first climbed by Joe Brown and me on October 27. On a clear day illuminated by fresh snow, we climbed thin cracks on the vertical west face, largely on aid except for some nice free climbing near the top; we used 10 pitons and 2 bolts. A3, F6.

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*The Impala.* The Impala is the sloping pyramid of about 12,100 feet just above and west of Lower Boy Scout Lake in the Lone Pine Creek area. The face is about 500 feet high. The *first ascent* was made in June directly up the south face by Brad Fowler and Charles Ray. They began at the base of the prominent chimney leading directly up the face and climbed two pitches of class 4 to 5.0. The third pitch leaves from a large ledge and surmounts a small overhang (5.6). The fourth laybacks up 20 feet, works right and laybacks upward again for 40 feet (5.7). They