

tion of the survivors, so deeply moving in its stark simplicity, which had remained sealed in the judicial archives of the Canton of Valais. To the mountain lover, "L'Alpinisme Anecdote" is far more fascinating than fiction.

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*Pour Miss Cynthia*, by Charles Gos. 8 vo., pp. 186. Neuchâtel: Attinger, 1934. Price Fr. 3.50.

A negligible storiette with a climax that would tax the credulity of even a non-climber. Far better reading is an article comprising the last third of the volume, which concerns the filming of a 'movie' on various parts of the Matterhorn. Mountain climbers who do not know the Alps, and whose ascents have been confined to the Californian climate of the Sierras, cannot in the least imagine the difficulties, discomforts and dangers, not to say disappointments, of bad weather conditions which may last a whole season, in the Alps. There, under such circumstances, every ascent is verily a march stolen on the mountain. If the Himalayas have their guardian deities, the Alps have also their avenging demons. M. Gos knows his mountains. A more fitting description in more graphic language we have not found anywhere.

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*Men Against the Clouds*, by Richard L. Burdsall and Arthur B. Emmons. With contributions by Terris Moore and Jack Theodore Young. 8 vo.; xiii + 292 pages, with 65 illustrations and eight maps and diagrams. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1935. Price \$3.50.

In the rooms of the American Alpine Club hangs an American flag, which once flew on the summit of Minya Konka, 24,891 ft., the second highest peak ever ascended by any expedition. The story of this mountain adventure is told by the four men who accomplished that remarkable and hazardous feat. Beyond the great red basin of Szechwan in Western China and the high Tibetan grasslands stands a range of gigantic snow-clad peaks, of which Minya Konka is the culmination. Shrouded in mystery for centuries it stood unconquered until its challenge was met by the Sikong Expedition in 1932.

The men spent a month in measuring Minya Konka and its range. They explored the wild, jungle-filled valleys and the