

pastime because of its appeal to "mind, muscle and imagination"; Mummery, as representative of an important development in climbing, the emergence of the amateur as leader.

The reproduction of modern photographs, suitably inserted in the text, give definition and color to both narratives.

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Mont Ventoux, by Francesco Petrarca. 21 pages. Munich, 1936.
Der Tummelplatz Europas, by Leslie Stephen. 8 vo.; 186 pages,
 with 19 illustrations. Munich, 1936.

In their two most recent publications, the Gesellschaft Alpiner Bücherfreunde again demonstrates that Alpine classics can be translated and presented to modern readers at low cost and in attractive format.

On April 26th, 1336, young Petrarch, accompanied by his brother and their servants, ascended Mont Ventoux in Provence. The Latin narrative, accompanied by the classic German translation of Viktor von Scheffel are printed in commemoration of the six-hundredth anniversary of an event from which Petrarch has become known as the "father of mountaineering." It is an attractive, moving story, fresh and ingenuous as if written yesterday and containing at least one passage which might well be inscribed on club-room walls: *In summo finis est omnium, et viae terminus, ad quem peregrinatio nostra disponitur.*

W. Rickmer Rickmers is the able translator of the first German edition of *The Playground of Europe*, its publication coinciding with the Blackwell edition, edited by H. E. G. Tyndale, in England. The carefully selected illustrations add much to the pleasure one has in re-reading this ever delightful book.

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Alpine Bibliographie für das Jahr 1934. 12 mo.; 235 pages.
Himalaja-Bibliographie (1801-1933). 12 mo.; 48 pages.

Two publications of the Verein der Freunde der Alpenvereinsbücherei (Munich), compiled by Dr. Hermann Bühler. The Alpine bibliography is the fourth annual issue of this valuable list and contains 3110 titles, carefully indexed. The Himalayan bibliography was gathered together in preparation for the German expedition of 1933, and contains 736 indexed titles, including a short list of maps.

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