

of Mont Blanc." *Ascent of Mont Blanc* (1838), 15, and illustrations.

During the summer of 1869, "of the accident by which Mr. Chester perished on the Lyskamm we need only say that it was caused by a slip on a comparatively easy slope, which was, it seems, originally due to Mr. Chester's having attempted to save a dog which was with him at the time, and had slipped on the snow." *A. J.*, 4, 375.

In the summer of 1902, A. O. Wheeler's dog, "Fritz," was killed by a fall of 700 ft. on the N. side of Geikie Glacier. In two seasons in the Selkirks he had climbed many peaks, among them Swiss Peak, Rogers, Avalanche, Grizzly and Abbott. *Selkirk Range*, 345.



Piz Popena. One of our members, Christine Reid, with two guides, Guiseppe Dimai and Angelo Verzi, made a new ascent of the S. face of the Piz Popena. The climb which took 4.5 hours as rated as "fourth to fifth grade" in the Dolomite "scale of difficulty" and has been named after the climber, Via Christine.



Piz Buin. A 5 m. cross has been erected on its summit, the highest peak of Vorarlberg (Silvretta).



Franz Stöger, guide in the Kaisergebirge, died in December at the age of fifty-two. He was the keeper of the Stripsenjoch hut and was the inventor of the karabiner ring. Between 1925 and 1934 he made 227 ascents of the Totenkirchl.



CAUCASUS

Austrian Caucasus Expedition, 1936. An Austrian party under Prof. Rudolf Schwarzgruber made a number of climbs in the central Caucasus around the Bezingi Glacier.

Tikhtengen was climbed by the W. ridge on July 15th and descended by the E. ridge, a bivouac being required on the return. *Skhara* was climbed by the route of Cockin on the first ascent, on July 20th. The next day the mountain was traversed to the W. peak and the night spent in an ice-cave. The following day a traverse was made in poor weather to the rock-tower overlooking the Janga cirque, where a second bivouac was made. On July 23rd, the E. peak of *Janga* was ascended and the night spent in an ice-cave near the summit, after which the descent was effected by the Merzbacher route. *Gestola* was climbed in a four-day trip August 2nd-5th requiring three bivouacs. *Dykhtau*, *Mirshirgitau*, *Krumkolbash*, *Koshtantau* traverse. This stupendous traverse was