

Mountaineering Dogs. In addition to those already cited, (*A. A. J.* ii, 553; iii, 113), Mlle. C. E. Engel would add *Lutine*, the pet of Major Rogers (*Le Major Roger et son barometre*, *A. A. J.* ii, 542), who climbed the Chenalette in 1833 and, a few weeks later, crossed the Monte Moro—a noteworthy achievement considering the date.



An Early American Traveller in the Alps was Peter Irving, brother of Washington Irving, whose Journal of a crossing of the Alps and trip through Switzerland, June 20th-July 6th, 1807, is in the Yale University Library, and will shortly appear in the *Bulletin* of the New York Public Library.



Eiger. As for the past few years, many attempts were made to climb the N. face of the Eiger, and as has been usual, the name, Eigerwand, as the head of a dispatch has meant a tale of disaster, injury and death. A number of parties appeared on the scene to try their luck, national jealousies apparently playing an important part. Two Italian "guides" climbed a part of the wall, and traversed as far as the Mitteleggi Hut from which they had to be rescued. Two German boys attempted to climb the section of the wall up which lies the route successfully completed by Herr Lauper a few years ago. After several days' climbing they managed to reach the Mitteleggi ridge, from which they were finally rescued after one had died of exposure. They had foolishly left a rucksack containing their food and tentsack at the foot of the climb. Another German party in attempting the climb found and recovered the body of one of the men lost last year. It is encouraging to note that even the German press is turning against these senseless exhibitions of heroics. We are led to wonder, however, whether the cost of last year's rescue parties, RM. 5500 or slightly under \$2000, had anything to do with this reversal of attitude.

In pleasing contrast to the sorry tale of the attempts on the N. face is the account of the successful climb at the first attempt of the S. E. face of the Eiger on August 11th-12th by O. Eidenschink and E. Moeller, when they negotiated this forbidding face by straightforward climbing, and were forced to take two days for the climb only by the lateness of their start.



CAUCASUS

Ski Traverse. Three members of the Austrian Ski Club made a notable traverse on skis of the central chain of the Caucasus this past summer. Hugo and Fred Rössner, and Anton Hromatka started from the Terek Valley on June 1st, and skied via the Khrumkol and Bezingi Glaciers to Misses Kosh in the Bezingi