

overhang easy slabs lead to the lower edge of the snowpatch, from whence one has a clear view of the final face above—*ca.* 350 ft. I am sure that it has many places that are not climbable, and can be overcome only by more artificial maneuvers, which we could not and did not want to consider. We had used up our pitons on the lower part of the climb, and had no desire to make an ascent which was not a matter of good climbing but merely an affair of driving iron in the virgin rock. There is little satisfaction in such methods; anyone with strength and ability to swing a hammer can do it, and it takes neither skill nor brains.

Our conclusion is that an ascent of Snowpatch Spire will only be possible with the use of a whole magazine of pitons and karabiners. Undoubtedly the side on which we started offers the best possibilities for such an attempt; on the other faces (the W. particularly) which, at first glance, seem to offer good routes, one probably will not even find the necessary fissures for pitons, and only a drill and the chiseling of steps would make an ascent possible—what horrible thought!

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*Eastpost Peak.* First ascent, August 16th, 1938. E. Cromwell, F. S. North. This summit is unnamed on Thorington map, but was christened in relation to Northpost Spire. It can be seen from the Bugaboo Valley floor. To breakfast place on Crescent Glacier (2 hours, 40 minutes), whence the Crescent-Eastpost Col is attained and an easy snow slope on the N. W. face leads to a saddle in the N. ridge. Thence to summit (30 minutes). Descent through glen leading from two small lakes at N. toe of Crescent Glacier directly to left lateral moraine of Bugaboo Glacier and camp (2.5 hours).



*Turret Peak.* First ascent, August 20, 1938. E. Cromwell, Miss G. Engelhard, F. S. North. A small rock summit projecting through the middle of the snowfield halfway between Pigeon Spire and Marmolata. To breakfast place at head of moraine on middle tongue of Bugaboo Glacier, under Snowpatch Spire, 2 hours, 45 minutes. Thence the glacier was ascended directly to the objective peak (2.5 hours). The W. ridge was followed up chimneys and slabs (15 minutes). Crossing the S. ridge of Pigeon Spire the party descended to camp via the Bugaboo-Snowpatch Col in 5 hours.

On the preceding day the party had failed after 5 hours to ascend the main glacier, which is now extremely open and difficult.