

rope. The two illustrations accompanying Howard Palmer's article on Nettie L. Mountain (*A.A.J.*, I, 40-44) are panoramic and show the range from Mt. Templeman to Silver Mountain.

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Cariboo Range. This range is now officially the McLennan Range (*C.A.J.*, XXI, 94). The first crossing was made in 1947 by R. T. Zillmer and his son, from Tête Creek to Canoe River, thence to the N. Thompson and out to Gosnell (*C.A.J.*, XXI, 21). A glacier heading in the only large lateral branch of Tête Creek was named Gilmour Glacier.

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Purcell Range. Ascents in July 1948 by F. Beckey, J. Hieb and R. Widrig are described in an article in this issue.

Early in August four California climbers were caught in an electrical storm near the summit of Bugaboo Spire. Two were injured fatally, and the others suffered second-degree burns.

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A Sorry Season. Very bad weather severely limited climbing in the Alps during the summer of 1948.

Early American Ascents in the Alps. Through the efforts of Mr. Oscar Houston, the A.A.C. has received an unusual inscribed alpenstock, the end of which is turned in the form of a chamois horn, though it is entirely of wood and continuous with the shaft. The spiral inscription reads: "D. P. Sackett, Juillet 1873, Chamonix-Montanvert, Jardin, Mer de Glace, Mauvais Pas, Chapeau, Source d'Arveiron, Gl. des Bossons, Pierre Pointue, Mont Blanc dessous laiguille du Midi." The last undoubtedly means that the owner reached a point on the Glacier des Bossons near the foot of the Aiguille du Midi, and does not imply that he went either to the Grands Mulets or to the summit of Mont Blanc.

Darius Parmalee Sackett was born at Tallmadge, Ohio, on 22 September 1842; he died at New Hartford, N. Y., on 1 April 1912. He graduated from Yale in the Class of 1866. After graduate study he taught for two years at Genesee Academy, N. Y., and then was