

principal of Leicester Academy, Mass., for three years, and of Hopkins Academy, Oakland, Cal. For a time he engaged in stock-raising at Santa Barbara, but about 1876 established the Sackett School in Oakland. In 1896 he removed to Brooklyn and for 18 years thereafter was connected with Charles Scribner's Sons. There are now no surviving relatives, and no further information on his Alpine tour can be obtained. The name of Sackett does not occur in any of the published lists of those who ascended Mont Blanc.

Accompanying the alpenstock there is a tourist cane inscribed "Interlaken" and surmounted by a chamois horn.

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Alpine Museum and Library at Munich. We have received from Dr. J. Monroe Thorington a letter addressed to him by Dr. H. Bühler, librarian of the Alpenverein. Excerpts are published herewith:

"The Alpenvereinsbücherei was destroyed by bombs and only a little part of the 60,000 volumes of it has been saved.

"Also the building of our Alpine Museum at Munich has been burned down, but 75% of its objects could be saved.

"The Alpenverein itself since 1945 is divided in an Austrian and and in a German one. In Germany only the former sections of the Alpenverein are existing as simple selfstanding clubs without a head. But we hope to have soon one again by the future reunion of the three western zones.

"In Munich we meanwhile try to rebuild the Alpenvereinsbücherei and the Alpine Museum and therefore we intend to install again our exchange of publications as before the war. From 1942-1948 we had no more publications of the Alpenverein. Since April 1948 we have again our 'Mitteilungen.' In 1949 the revival of our 'Zeitschrift' is planned . . . "

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Sinkiang. In October 1948 the *New York Times* reported an attempt on 18,000-ft. Bogdo Ola by E. E. Shipton and H. W. Tilman, well-known English climbers. According to reports, the climb was attempted from both the S.E. and N.E. sides. A camp was established at 15,500 ft., but the summit was not reached.