

same excellent quality. We spent a week in August among the spires of this lovely range. Chris Seashore, Jon Turk and I climbed the southwest buttress of Mount Harmon, the highest of the range. We chose the only buttress of the three that leads directly to the summit. The route began in a steep crack system on the southeast side of the buttress. The cracks led to the backbone of the ridge in a single long pitch. Five more fine, moderate pitches led to the summit. (III, 5.9.) A ridge of sharp spires rises directly behind the new Olive Hut on the east side of the Catamount Glacier. Hank Abrons, Eloise Thompson and I climbed two 5.8 pitches on the east face of the first sharp, distinctly separate spire, a half mile from the hut. We found no signs of previous visitors to the summit. (II, 5.8.) Later the same day, Abrons and I did an excellent three-pitch 5.10 route on the west side of the second spire. (II, 5.10.) Turk, Abrons, Lili Thompson and I next climbed a mixed route on the north face of Black Fang on the southeast side of Catamount Glacier. We followed steep snow to rock gullies and deviated onto the east side of the peak for the final 100 feet. (III, 5.8.)

GRAY THOMPSON

Middle Scottish Peak, East Face. From the setting, rock and quality, this 5.6 climb deserves mention. From the North Star Glacier, the east face rises as a smooth slab. We climbed a pitch up the right side of the face to a prominent ledge, moved 100 feet to the left to an obvious crack and climbed to the summit. These top three pitches were unusual in that every move was 5.6, nothing harder, nothing easier. Protection was poor where the crack sealed off into a seam, but it would be hard to find a better climb at that grade. (II, 5.6.)

JON TURK, *Unaffiliated*

Canadian Rockies

Mount Alberta's North Face and Northeast Ridge. Mark Wilford's remarkable solo climb of this route is described in a complete article earlier in this *Journal*.

Mount Alberta, Northeast Ridge. During the first week of August, Jack Lewis and I climbed the northeast ridge of Mount Alberta. We bivouacked the first night at the base of the upper black band, the second on an airy site on the knife-edged cornice just below the summit and descended the Japanese route on the third day. The rock was loose. We climbed two pitches of 5.10 with a lot of moderate 5th class and mixed. The snow at the top proved to be the scariest part of the route, although both ropes got chopped on the Japanese descent.

THOMAS KIMBRELL, *Winthrop Mountain Sports*

Edith Cavell, North Face Solo. Robert Cordery-Cotter soloed a route on the north face of Edith Cavell at the end of September previously climbed by Colin