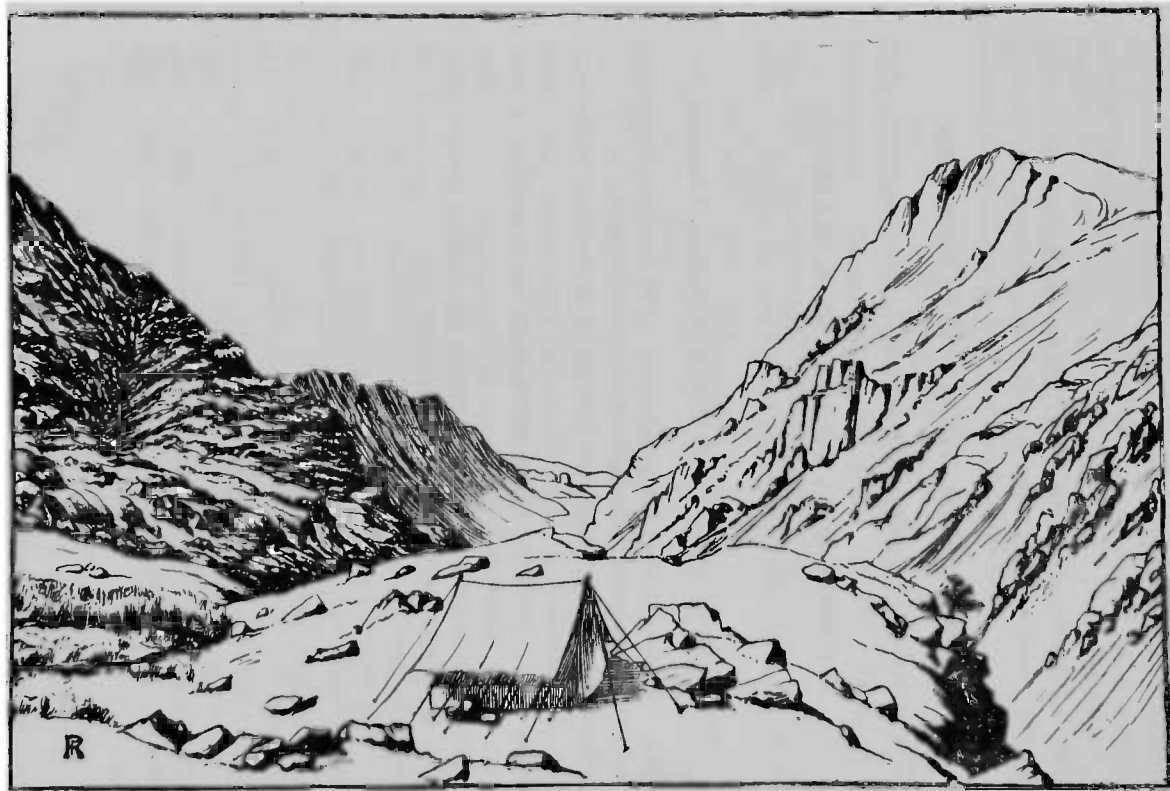




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A CAMP IN CWM GLAS.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A GULLY ON CLOGWYN Y GARNEDD.—This gully, which was climbed in June last by J. P., H. L. J., J. V. B., and A. G., is probably the southern-most one of any importance on the eastern face of Clogwyn y Garnedd, and starts from the path almost due west of Glaslyn. The early portion, after leaving the path, is straightforward, though not very easy. The first big and really difficult pitch is of the two-storied kind, and was taken direct as regards the first storey, but the leader turned at the top to the right of the direct route (which is here a shallow chimney, extremely difficult to get into), and ascended the steep face on the right, finishing with an awkward pull up on to a broad grass ledge. A. G. tried the chimney, but found it none too delectable, even with the rope. The next pitch—another big one—was climbed by the leader on the right by a succession of steep slabs, the upper ones giving the minimum of holds. At the top of these slabs the leader was able to make a valuable belay, and with this aid traversed back to the left into the chimney proper, which is here blocked by some jammed stones. The final part of the pitch, however, proved too difficult, and the leader had to make a rather risky traverse again to the left on to some steep grass, and so on to a narrow ledge. The remainder of the party climbed direct to the ledge, keeping on the left of the chimney, which here forms a wide splayed out corner, very steep, with occasional tufts of grass in the angle. The ledge was followed round for about 15 feet, and led to an interesting chimney about 40 feet high, containing two jammed stone problems. At the top of this, the gully loses itself on the open face of the mountain, almost on its south-eastern shoulder. If the middle (and biggest) pitch were taken straight up, the climb, though short,

would be of a distinctly high order. The rocks were fairly good, though wet; probably this climb has always a certain amount of water in it.

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LLIWEDD—THE SLANTING GULLY.—What is believed to be the 3rd ascent of the above gully was made on the 18th June last by H. L. Jupp, J. V. Brett, J. Phillips, and A. Garrett. The weather at Pen y Gwryd had been very bad for some weeks previously but remained fine, with the exception of a short drizzle, all the day. For the party of four, two lengths of 100 feet and 40 feet of rope were tied together. The first half of the gully, up to the great cave, needs no comment, as the rock is good and not specially difficult. The crux of the climb is the 60 feet (about) above the cave and, as this cannot be turned, the only alternative is a descent. Climbing out of the cave, which was wet and slimy, on the left, a narrow ledge with a small grass plot is reached. The rock then rises nearly vertically for about 5 feet, when the huge leaf overhanging the crack begins on the left. The cleft is difficult to enter, and the leader used the shoulders of the party freely. Once started the climbing was not so difficult, though tiring. Some of the splintered rocks here are loose. The right arm and foot are now kept close in the crack, and somewhat of a struggle continues until the awkward corner is reached at the top of the crack, which ends with an overhanging block. The comfortable-looking little platform that can now be seen, is the objective. The rock on the left is smooth and sheer all the way, and affords no holds. There is a sloping handhold, high up and round on the right, which seems to be the key of the position. Otherwise there would appear to be no hold whatever. With this sloping hold the attractive little platform may be reached by cautiously stepping round the overhanging block. The leader went the whole distance from the narrow ledge to the top before the second man followed; but it seems possible that a trusty second could follow up the first part, though he would

not be able to receive or give much assistance and a slip on the part of either must result seriously. The crack slants to the left, overhanging the cave, and a rope let down from the top fell well to the left (looking up) of the narrow ledge which is the starting place. The rest of the gully is steep rock and grass pitches, offering no special difficulty.

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CAMPING IN THE PASS OF LLANBERIS.—The illustration on page 36 shows an excellent site for a climbers' camp at the head of the Pass of Llanberis, near the junction of the Cwm Glas track with the Pen y Gwryd — or rather, where that junction would be if the former line of cairns did not come to an end at some distance from the latter.

A more delightful spot could hardly be found in the Snowdon district, and it has the advantage of being within easy distance—as the house-agents say—of the two main routes frequented by climbers; nor is it far from the social and culinary advantages of the Gorphwysfa. There is a convenient stream, with a delicious little waterfall hard by.

Two members of the Climbers' Club camped here for a week—all too short—in September; giving their attention chiefly to the rather intricate series of gullies on Esgair Felen, the chief of which, terminating at a bold notch in the sky-line, near the summit of the crags, was described by Mr. G. B. Bryant in this *Journal*, Vol. II., No. 1.

The shore of the somewhat dreary Llyn-y-cwm Ffynnon, on the opposite side of the Pass, had been originally chosen for the camping-ground, but the scarcity of running water, and the limited extent of view, led to its abandonment and the discovery of a situation, which, from a spectacular point of view, is perhaps second only to Cwm Glas, and, in point of convenience for climbing, second to none.

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WASTWATER HOTEL.—We learn that this Hotel is once more in the hands of the Ritson family, one of the new

proprietors, Mr. J. Ritson, being a nephew of auld Will. The advent of a professional guide to Lakeland has roused the anger of some of our members; but no one is bound to accept his services unless so disposed; and, although one of the strong points of our native climbing is that it teaches self-reliance, those who habitually shirk the responsibilities of leadership can scarcely be affected by the knowledge that it is a "paid hand," and not an amateur, who holds the rope above them.

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THE Editor will be glad to hear from anyone who can give him the present address of

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J. H. Newmann,

to whom copies of the last number of the *Journal* were sent, but have been returned, marked "gone away."

