

## HIMALAYAN PEAK DEFIES EXPLORERS

Two Alpine Club Members  
Fail in New Attempt to  
"Scale Kinchinjunga."  
IS THIRD HIGHEST  
MOUNTAIN IN WORLD  
Imported Guides, Club Hut  
and Other Aids Needed in  
Big India Range.

By GEORGE PILCHER.  
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Calcutta, Dec. 19.—For the first time in many years a serious attempt at Himalayan exploration has again been made during the last few weeks. Two members of the Alpine Club, London, namely, H. Raeburn, the author of "Mountaineering Art," and C. G. Crawford, of the Indian civil service, set out on Sept. 2 from Darjeeling, the summer capital of Bengal, in an attempt to explore at least the middle slopes of Kinchinjunga. Kinchinjunga is the world's third highest peak (28,156 feet high), and is some 45 miles from Darjeeling, which is about 300 miles north of Calcutta. The Raeburn party placed exclusive reliance, apparently, on the local type of semi-Mongolian guides and porters. That they found to be satisfactory within certain limits. Their maximum height seems to have been not much above 20,000 feet—some 1500 feet below Mr. Freeston's record, when, with Italian assistance, he made the complete round of the mountain in 1893, and considerably below the records of more than 25,000 feet and 25,000 feet, respectively, put up at Kinchinjunga by the Duke of the Abruzzi and by Mrs. Workman and Mr. Martin Conway in the middle and northeastern sections of the Himalayas.

Started Early.  
Mr. Raeburn's party started considerably earlier than was formerly the custom to camp near the base of the glacier as soon as the tropical rainy season ended. He seems to have been mistaken in attacking Kinchinjunga from the southwest glacier where Mr. Freeston had believed would be found the best hope of ascent. Finally he was baffled by the impossibility of taking his Asiatic coolies to a higher level than 20,000 feet. His party returned to Darjeeling over a new pass 18,000 feet high.

The sporting effort of Messrs. Raeburn and Crawford draws attention once more to the Himalayas, the exploration which still awaits the intrepid—well, actually—Alpinists in the eastern end of the Himalayas. None has yet approached the crest of two of the world's three highest mountains—Everest (29,002 feet) and Kinchinjunga (28,156 feet). These mountains, apart from modern peaks such as Kailash, Pandita, Sulekhin and Makalu—all of them more than 20,000 feet high—constitute in their relative nearness to the plains of civilization such as Calcutta. There are, however, many provisions which must be laid down preliminary to the development of an "Alpine playing field" in India.

The first necessity seems to be the foundation of a Himalayan club which would offer a nucleus of Alpine effort in India and furnish some of the essentials still lacking to a thoroughly successful Alpine expedition in this country. There are no clubs of the Alpine type and no trained Alpinists. A Himalayan club might maintain a small number of Swiss or Italian guides familiar with the mountain and the use of rope and ice. At present the superstition of the natives regarding the supposed celestial and demonic inhabitants of the Himalayas is a serious obstacle to exploration.

Obstacle Is Expense.  
One of the greatest obstacles to success is the expense. Everything which a party lives must be maintained and even a three or four weeks' excursion entails a prodigious expenditure on coolie labor.

Could difficulties such as these be overcome the remaining obstacles such as mountain sickness, rain, mist and snow, should not be insurmountable, as the Duke of the Abruzzi proved in his great ascent of Kinchinjunga.

A greater difficulty in the case of Himalayan exploration may prove to be the hostility to exploration of the primitive states which surround the bases of the great peaks. Everest lies wholly in the state of Nepal.

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## REVIVAL OF FAMOUS SINGING SCHOOL

Sabatini School to be Re-opened by Former Pupil, Angelo Parolo.

By RENEZ.  
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Rome, Dec. 19.—One of the most famous singing schools of recent years came to an end in 1915 with the death of its master, Vincenzo Sabatini, a great singer who had developed many other singers of world wide fame, including John McCormack and Clara, but this famous school is to be revived in its old home in Milan. One of the most brilliant singers it developed, Angelo Parolo, who has sung opposite Toscanini and Sammarco at the Manhattan in New York, and with the same company at Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Francisco, New Orleans, etc., and who has been heard at the foremost opera houses in Europe, has left the operatic stage to devote himself to teaching. It is his intention to carry on the methods and uphold the traditions which brought pupils to Sabatini from all over the world.

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