

THE LEDGE

of the second riata. When I had it, he shoved the log off the ledge. There it hung straight down the granite, dependent from the line I had already made fast to the projection above. Next I took in on the second riata, whereupon, naturally, that end of the log rose to my own level, and the gap was bridged.

There remained now to assure its solidity. I looped a great round boulder on my side. Then we tested every inch of hold of those two ropes, lest they slide or abrade. We crossed first over the new bridge, and so we went on to our second problem, well pleased with our solution of the first.

The gully we decided we would have to fill. A certain number of loose boulders and stones lay ready to our hands, but the supply of these was soon used up. We then had to carry our materials from greater or lesser distances as we could