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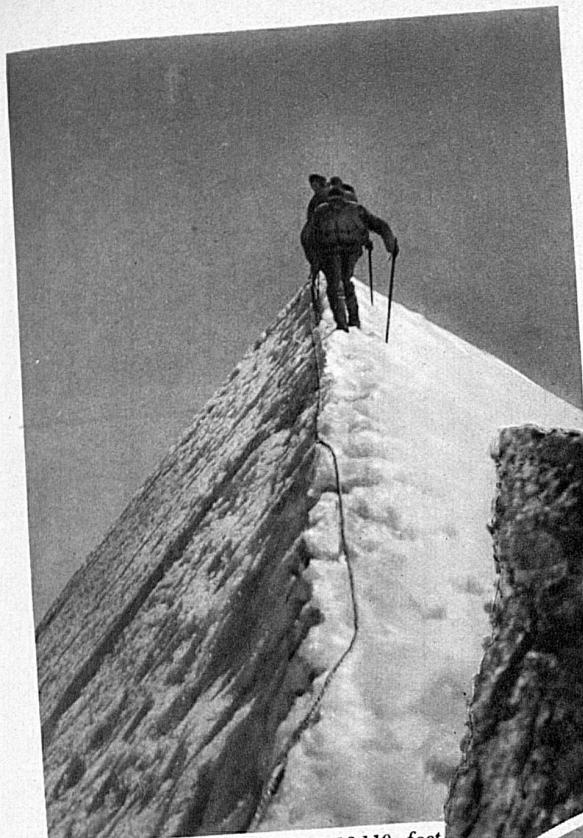
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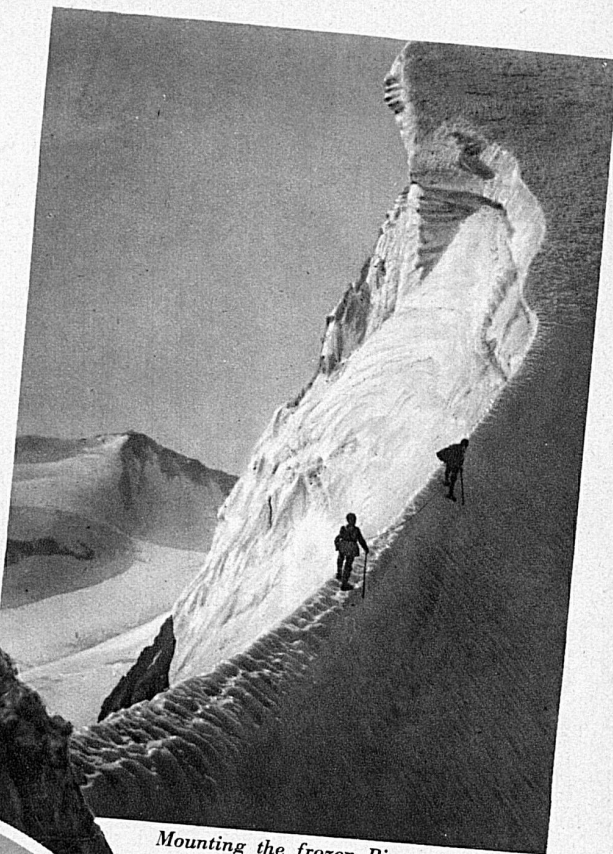
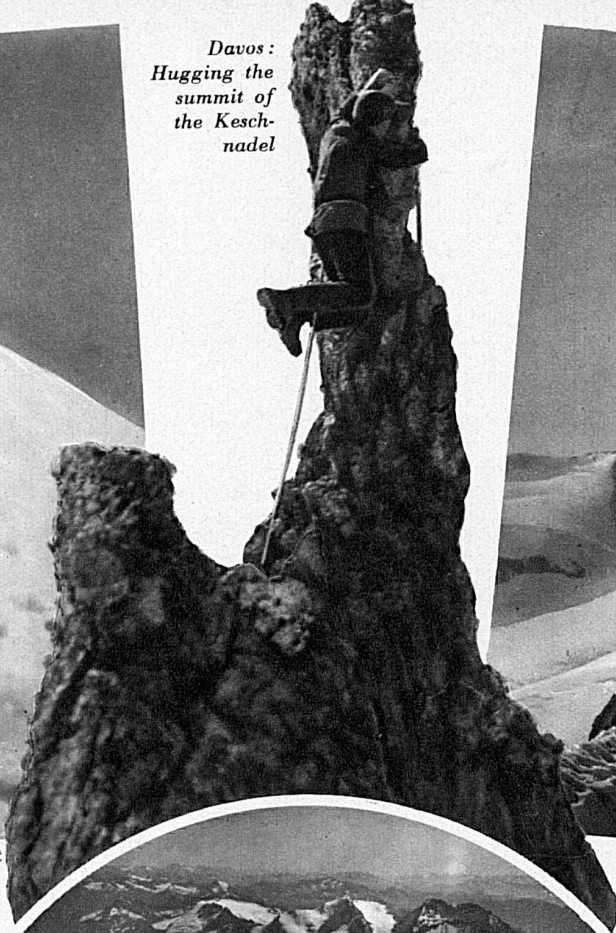
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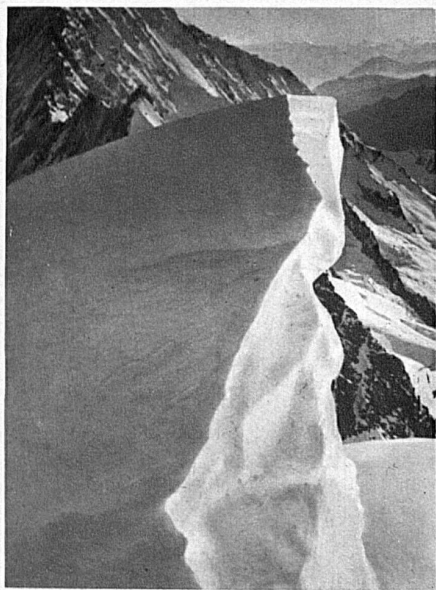
*Davos:
Hugging the
summit of
the Kesch-
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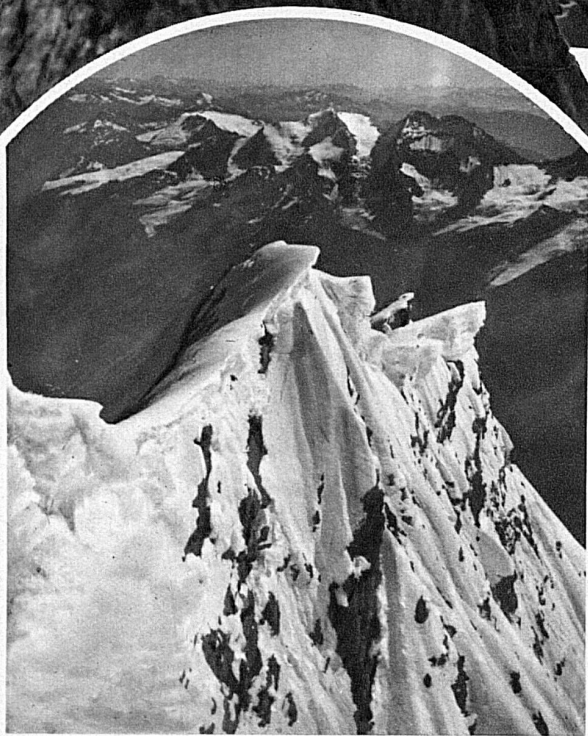
*The Zenith! The Piz Zupo 13119 feet
in the Engadine*



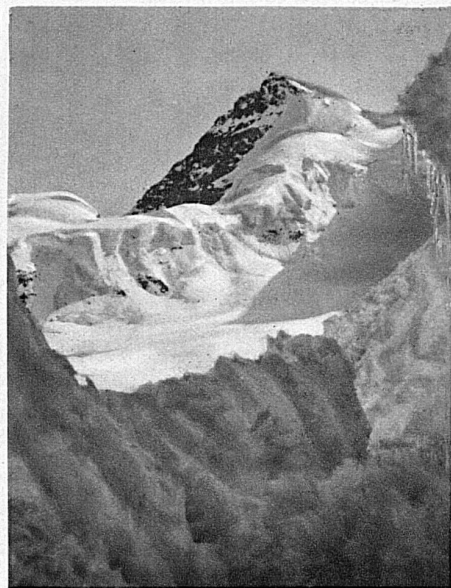
*Mounting the frozen Biancograt to
the Piz Bernina*



*Deep, wind-driven snow on the northern ridge
of the Zinalrothorn (Zermatt)*



*Summit of the Dom 14950 feet (Zermatt) with the
Weissmiesgroup in the background*



The Rottalhorn in the Bernese Oberland

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Most people who love the mountains have aspired at some time or other to climb them; and for this magnificent sport there is no country more popular, none which gives greater facilities than beautiful Switzerland.

There is a surmountable mountain for everyone — and more. They rise, spectacular and wonderful from 2000 to 15,000 feet high.

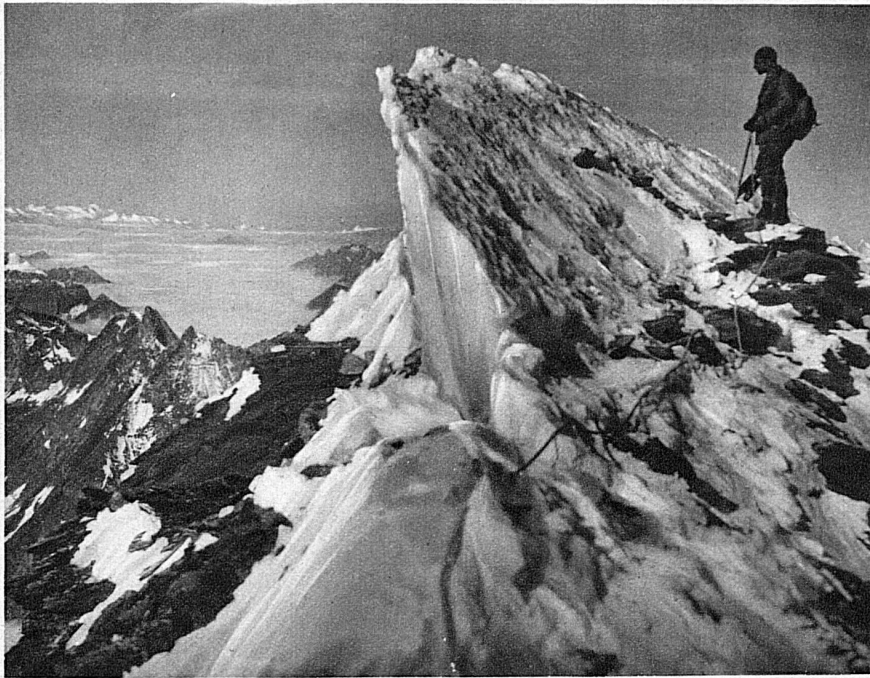
So mountaineers, take your choice!

All the year round climbing is possible at some altitude,

but September excels all other months. It is the time when the mountains are more sharply defined; there is a crystal clearness in the air rendering them grander than ever; the reward in views both near and distant is now incomparable.

The guide, the rope and ice axe are of course the companions of every mountaineer; courage, nerve, a sound heart and lastly perseverance are equally necessary.

Even then there are always the imminent dangers of the avalanche, the fog and the storm. But then risk is adventure to



the mountaineer! Who would not brave the elements in the attempt and frequent success, to scale the Alpine peaks when opportunity comes?

All over French, German and Italian Switzerland the opportunity is everywhere, for "come and conquer us!" is the call of the Swiss summits in September. And who could resist that call to the virgin snows beneath a peerless, blue sky?

It is indeed a wonderful sport in unending variety. Every ascent and descent is a novel, thrilling experience, and no two expeditions can ever be similar.

In mountaineering it is as good to journey as to arrive. With slow, strenuous progress up the mighty frozen slopes and ridges, over rocks and crevasses, along ledges, across glaciers, toil the enthusiastic adventurers!

Then comes the final exciting victory, when you reach the very zenith of your chosen peak, monarch of all you survey, when at last you can say "seen and conquered".

So from dawn till dusk is the climber's day; every minute is his own in the freedom of the great outdoors when the mountain monarchs are his, or hers, to conquer — and best of all in September. *Hilda M. Thorn.*



Top: *The top of the Matterhorn 14705 feet (Schweizer-gipfel), looking to the west*

Middle: *In the Bernina District. Serracs and crevasses in the Sellagletscher*

Below left: *Great and little Silberhorn, on the Jungfrau in the Bernese Oberland*

Below right: *On the Pizzo Gallo (Bergell) a mighty leap across the mouth of a Ravine*

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