

THE LADIES' ALPINE CLUB MOUNTAINEERING EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION.

AN exhibition of mountaineering equipment was held by the Ladies' Alpine Club at their new rooms at the Great Central Hotel from May 2 to 7.

Although primarily intended to illustrate articles for the use of ladies, a fair number of novelties of interest to the sterner sex were to be seen.

Amongst the exhibits by members and their friends we specially noticed the following :—

An eider-down sleeping bag, 6 ft. 6 in. in length and weighing only 3 lb., lent by Mr. R. W. Lloyd. This is the most useful and portable sleeping bag we have seen. It is manufactured by Messrs. Heal & Son, of 196 Tottenham Court Road, W.

Mr. Andrews lent a silk sleeping tent of useful design which is sufficiently light to roll up in a rucksac.

The Hon. Mrs. C. G. Bruce exhibited a specially designed light travelling trunk with a metal frame covered with Willesden canvas, capable of withstanding much rough wear.

Countess Lewenhaupt and Miss Venables sent specimens of clothing, gloves and mittens of special design.

Miss Broome was represented by a wine and sandwich case of the usual hunting pattern.

Amongst Mrs. Nettleton's exhibits a string rucksac appealed to us as a very serviceable adjunct to minor expeditions. This lady also sent the only pair of kletterschuhen in the exhibition.

Miss C. M. Sanders showed a neat little leather case holding a No. 3 Brownie camera, a Conway's guide, a Siegfried map, and a small metal sandwich case. Altogether a very compact and useful little article.

The trade exhibits appeared to be of a remarkably good and serviceable character.

Messrs. Thomas & Son (6 Brook Street) showed a climbing costume of Scotch tweed which attracted considerable attention. The Norfolk coat has a pleat in the back to allow freedom to the arms, two pleats in front, two pockets outside, and one inside breast-pocket. It is lined with silk, and has elastic wind cuffs.

The knickerbocker breeches lace at the knee, with an additional thickness of cloth under the laces to protect the knee.

The skirt, of registered design, buttons down the front, and is doubled about nine inches at bottom. By an ingenious device this skirt is convertible into a cape, and has a very smart appearance as such. The strap round the waist forms the collar-band of the cape, and is shortened by buttoning up a pleat to make it fit the shoulders.

A soft leather bonnet made of gazelle skin, with the hair outside, appeared to be a most useful and comfortable head covering for climbing in a wind.

Messrs. Burberry (31 Haymarket) exhibited specimens of their Gabardine wind and weather proof garments, which are too well known to need comment.

A very becoming waterproof scarf or motor veil was an attractive novelty.

Messrs. Jaeger's exhibit comprised a serviceable double-breasted sweater with high neck, sleeved waistcoats, moccasins, and a throat and chest protector which buttons round the neck and hangs down over the chest. All their goods appear very warm and eminently suitable for serious mountaineering expeditions.

Mr. J. S. Carter (16 South Molton Street) exhibited specimens of the boots for which he has for so many years been celebrated. A new method of nailing with ring clinners attracted our attention. An ingenious collapsible sandwich tin was also shown by him.

Mr. G. W. Norman (3 Belgrave Mansions, Grosvenor Gardens) also showed boots of high-class workmanship.

Mr. H. Heath (105-9 Oxford Street) exhibited smart waterproof hats of silk plush which were very effective and folded up like Panama hats.

Messrs. Hill & Son (4 Haymarket) sent, besides axes and nails for boots, an aluminium cooking stove with two cups.

Very light cameras, aneroids, and snow spectacles of a special shade of orange tint were sent by Messrs. Sinclair (54 Haymarket).

Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome & Co. contributed tabloids, 'Hazeline' cream, as well as photographic outfit.

Messrs. Fortnum & Mason, besides showing their tinned meats and preserves, kindly loaned a fitted rucksack, a hut pillow, and a capital 'hold-all' with large pockets. They are now manufacturing these latter articles.

Mr. B. Edgington sent specimens of the well-known Mummery and Whymper Alpine tents.

Possibly the most interesting exhibit in the room from a man's point of view was that of Mr. W. Bill (93 New Bond Street), who displayed a large variety of genuine peasant-made homespuns, suitable for the roughest of hard wear. Many of these are of the closest texture and of great strength, and were considered the beau ideal for men's mountaineering clothing.

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