

THE FOREFINGER PINNACLE OF THE SHELTER STONE CRAG.

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THE above is near the top of the Pinnacle Gully, which is immediately to the west of the Shelter Stone Crag. (See C. C. J. note p. 365, Vol. IV.)

When one is down at the Dairymaid's Field en route for the summit of Ben Muich Dhui, the Pinnacle Gully offers an admirable way of reaching the top of the crags, and can be recommended to all hill-men as quick and easy, the hands having only to be used for a few yards on very easy rock near the top. The edge of the crags may then be skirted, and the fine rocks of Coire Etchachan admired.

The pinnacle, which does not appear to have been climbed before, looks very imposing as the gully is ascended. It is shown on the skyline of the photo p. 261, Vol. III.

Mr. H. G. Drummond and I were in the gully on 20th July, when we made the ascent, climbing it by the little connecting ridge on its upper side; hence traversing on the pinnacle to the right for twelve feet, reaching the summit by means of a small chimney.

The rock is not too firm, and required delicate handling. Leaving a cairn we retraced our route to the ridge, and descended by a small chimney on the west side, thence over the easy rocks mentioned, to the summit of the gully.

It might be interesting to note that the snow fields at the head of the Feith Buidhe are much smaller than is their usual at this time of the year. A large part of one had got undermined, and broken over the rocks.