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There is now at Darjeeling a mountaineering expedition of great interest, its purpose being an exploration of the glaciers of Kanchenjunga, the great peak which has so far successfully resisted all attempts to storm it. The party consists of five Europeans, Mr. St. Edward A. Crowley, Dr. Jules Jacot-Guillarmot, Mr. Ralmond, Mr. Packe, and Mr. A. C. de Righi, of the Woodlands' Hotel Company, whose services have been lent for the occasion. All the members are experienced mountaineers, and Mr. Crowley and Dr. Guillarmot have had special experience of the Himalayas. In 1902 they were members of the expedition that attempted to climb Chogo Ri (the famous K. 2 of the Indian Survey) in Baltistan. K. 2 is the highest mountain in the world, if we except Everest, but the party failed to make anything approaching a Himalayan record, owing to the continual storms and high winds that were met with. The weather has always been the great obstacle to serious climbing in the Himalayas, and it is what the party at Darjeeling is most inclined to fear. The proposed route to Kanchenjunga is by Pemaionchi and Jongri, over the Kangla to Seram, the Nepal Durrbar permitting, and thence up the Yalung glacier, which is in the southwest corrie of Kanchenjunga. The party hope, by establishing a series of camps, to reach the pass on the south wall, whence, given good weather, an attempt might even be made on the peak itself.