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**BEACHY HEAD.**

Replying to Mr. Karl Blind's letter, printed in our last, Mr. St. E. Aleister Crowley writes: "Permit me to make one correction in Mr. Blind's letter of the 9th inst. The Devil's Chimney is a stack, not a gully, and the only way through it is a small window 12-in. high in the most impossible part! I suspect that Mr. Blind and his children were in 'Connie's Crack' far away to the east. In any case I trust they will accept my heartiest felicitations on their pluck and skill."—Writing in reply to Mr. Crowley's communication, which appeared in the *Pall Mall Gazette* on Monday, Mr. Karl Blind says: "Thanking Mr. Crowley for his kind letter, I may mention that it was the coastguard who, when we squeezed ourselves out at the top of Beachy Head, called it the Devil's Chimney. Whether he did so in a correct topographical sense, or in a seaman's generally damnatory manner, I cannot say. 'Devilish' difficult that last part of the ascent certainly also was. When I read in the interview with Mr. Crowley that 'these different climbs are known as the Devil's Chimney, Ethelreda's Pinnacle, the Cavern Climb, Pisgah from the West, Crowley's Climb, the Waterhouse Climb and various gullies,' I at once remembered—as I have done through all the years since our ascent—how the coastguard had described the hole through which we came up. It was rather towards the east; a narrow, winding bit and exceedingly steep. Whatever be its name, the one given it by the coastguard was not far away from the truth, and I have no special wish to clamber and to creep up once more through that tight, perpendicular, slightly corkscrew, chimney."