

**THE EASTBOURNE GAZETTE  
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**FIFTY YEARS AGO**

**EXTRACTS FROM THE  
"GAZETTE" FILES**

**BEACHY HEAD CLIMB**

On Wednesday (says a correspondent) the first ascent of the pinnacle at Beachy Head was accomplished by Mr. E. Aleister Crowley and a friend. The route chosen was from the east side. Climbing the North Gill led on to the ridge joining the pinnacle with the cliff, the north face was then ascended, the route lying first to the right then to the left and then to the right again.

It was found necessary to cut steps in the chalk with an axe in parts, and the impossibility of mounting without these is the best proof that no previous ascent has been made.