

VACATION ALPHABET.

- A's for the Aspirant to Alpine delights.
B's for the Bergschrund he'll find on the heights.
C's for the Charm of the peaks before dawn.
D's the Disgust when his breeches are torn.
E is the Energy used on the walk.
F is the Folly of trying to talk.
G is the Gasthaus set high on the pass.
H is the Hut whose comfort's a farce.
I is the Idiot who kicks down a stone.
J's for the Jester who climbs on his own.
K means **Kaput** when the avalanche falls.
L is the Leisure when peak-bagging palls.
M is the Matterhorn "everyone's done."
N's for the Névé that melts in the sun.
O is the Odour when lantern is lighted.
P the Predicament—party benighted.
Q is the Quartz that you find near the ice.
R is the Rope — to cut it's Not Nice.
S is the Summit, that far distant spire.
T is the Torture of going on higher.
U's the Umbrella as used by John Ball.
V is the Vertical that makes us feel small.
W is **Why** should that big boulder slide ?
X is for Xavier, Chamonix guide.
Y is for Yodel (Swiss community singing).
Z is for Zinal, its sweet cow-bells ringing.

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