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British mountaineer, writer, and artist who is the best known of the nineteenth-century mountaineers because of his many "firsts" in Europe and South America. From 1860 to 1869, Whymper conquered several unscaled peaks of the Alps, including being the first to find a viable route up the Matterhorn (1865). He described these adventures in *Scrambles Amongst the Alps* (1871). In 1880, Whymper was the first climber to reach the summit of Chimborazo in the Andes.