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Payer's Map of Franz Josef Land

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

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WITH reference to the remarks in Mr. Montefiore's paper on the Jackson-Harmsworth Expedition in the December number of the *Geographical Journal*, I have distinctly mentioned in the account of my voyage that my map of Franz Josef Land cannot be depended upon. How can any one construct a reliable map of an extensive country if there is only an opportunity to cross it in one direction? Take, for example, the kingdom of Bohemia, and traverse it from Budweis to Bodenbach; nobody would be able to produce anything else than a tolerably reliable route-map. If more details of the country are desired, the prominent mountains require to be ascended, although any map of the surrounding country made in this way is a mere sketch; it is not surveying.

It may seem advisable to leave out all guesswork of the features of a country; but it does not seem to me desirable to recommend the discontinuance of this practice, as in that case much of what is seen would also require to be left out.

The first sketch-maps of Arctic lands are always less reliable; those who come later are expected to improve them.

JULIUS VON PAYER.

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SESSION 1895-96.**

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