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SWISS TEXTILES FOR THE HOME

Even if the women embroiderers, dressed in their national costumes, whose pictures are still to be found on post-cards, have almost entirely disappeared from East Switzerland, the so-called "cottage work" goes on to a considerable extent, more particularly in regard to chain-stitch embroidery, which is greatly in demand at present as a decoration for modern table and bed linen. The reputation possessed by East Switzerland, as being a centre for embroidery, and the use of this for model garments, as well as for "ready-to-wear" articles, has tended to make people forget that the Swiss cotton and embroidery industries also produce furnishing fabrics: curtains, hangings, household linen, materials for covering furniture, etc. This production, like that of all the other Swiss textile branches, owes its reputation not so much to its quantity, but to the quality of these products and to the elegance of the novelties which are put on the market, each year. It is this aspect of the Swiss textile industry which was stressed particularly, on the occasion of a visit made by the Swiss Press recently to East Switzerland, for purposes of information.

SWITZERLAND, LAND OF AERIAL CABLEWAYS

Swiss manufacturers of aerial cableways and of similar means of transport, are so experienced in the matter that their constructions are greatly appreciated abroad, as can be seen from the results obtained. Indeed, in 1960, one Swiss factory, the de Roll firm, delivered several aerial-seats to the United States, for the "Lakeland" recreation park in Memphis and for the "Freedomland" recreation park in New York. This same firm also supplied the Ulriken aerial cableway at Bergen, in Norway, and the Miranda funicular, in Portugal. It also put into service, last December, the Mont-Gele aerial cableway, at Verbier, the famous winter sports resort in the Valais. This last mentioned line, which is 2890 feet in length and has a difference in level of 886 feet, is capable of carrying as many as 40 passengers in one cabin, up to a altitude of 9840 feet. The operation of the cable is assured, for the first time in the history of aerial transport, by means of a Hydro-Titan variable speed transmission mechanism with infinitely variable speed. To this impressive picture, we must add that an order was received recently for an aerial seat, intended for a recreation park, in Dallas, Texas.

CHEESE SOUFFLE

Soften $\frac{1}{2}$ loaf of old bread in two cups of boiling milk, mash up, add two egg yolks and $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of grated cheese. Season to taste (ever tried nutmeg?), beat egg whites and fold in carefully. Put into buttered dish, bake in medium hot oven (400F). Will serve six.

—H.Oe.

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