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equipment to purify a waste water flow corresponding to over 2 million head of population and has signed licence agreements in over fifty countries on all continents. It is not always big installations, however, that are needed to meet the requirements in the way of clean and portable water, and another, smaller company has a production range which for this reason includes portable drinking-water filters (for travel, sport, the army, etc.) and tablets for sterilizing small volumes of water and keeping them in a fit state for drinking.

Other companies have developed refuse incinerators to enable the consumer society to keep a step ahead of its garbage production. These meet with keen interest abroad, and markets already include West Germany, Poland, Spain, the U.S.A. and India.

The improvement of the environment in a rather different sense is the aim of a Swiss group manufacturing ladies' and gentlemen's cosmetics. Its products hold a leading position on the home market and in West Germany and are doing well in several other countries. The good odours spread abroad by a number of makers of synthetic scents, aromas and flavourings — who are well to the fore internationally— have an even wider geographic distribution.

These are of course only a very few of the items that will be found on the lists of the Swiss Office for the Promotion of Trade. To correct the picture a little, here are a few heterogeneous facts from this area: The combined machine for printing and folding corrugated cardboard packages made by a French-Swiss manufacturer was at the time of its introduction the largest in the world. Rotary presses of Swiss provenience are used in many countries for printing stamps and newspapers. "Made in Switzerland" will be found on numerous machines and automats used for filling and sealing tins and for stoning fruit. It is intriguing to note that a small enterprise engaged in "industrial data processing, digital positioning and the manufacture of equipment for the automation of type composition" should be domiciled in the comparatively rural fastnesses of Appenzell, while a firm in French Switzerland with less than a hundred employees produces sapphire and diamond tips for all types of gramophone needles available on world markets.

Since this has been a rather random array of products, let us close it equally unsystematically — and not because the Swiss are specially good shots, or because William Tell set a first famous example — with reference to hunting and sporting firearms, including the Swiss pistols and rifles that are regularly used by many marksmen at world championships.

—Edwin Kradofer.

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Would Clubs please take notice that owing to Printer's holidays, we should have the dates of your January and February Forthcoming Events by the 10th December, 1975.

Editing Committee.