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**THE EDITOR'S POST-BAG.**

The Editor, *Swiss Observer*, E.C.2  
Dear Sir,

Allow me to congratulate you on your retrospect in a previous number of the S.O., which I heartily support. But don't you think that if at these very many functions that are in the Swiss Colony, the speeches were cut down to an absolute minimum or even to less than the 40 minutes which you would allocate for them, the S.O. would have to appear as a single sheet as you would have nothing to print.

I think you ought to be jolly glad that there are so many functions with all these lengthy speeches otherwise there would be nothing left to fill your columns.

I thought that the "bold" one, when he made his first attempt to break a lance for the ladies would go even further as he has done. But apparently his courage failed him or his "boldness" was merely assumed in that particular instance. But in my humble opinion what we suffer from most in the Swiss Colony is not so much an excess of "orators" who like to hear their own voices, immaterial if others do so also, but a surfeit of festivities.

Would it be a matter of impossibility to amalgamate the whole of the festivities into one big affair where everyone would be present and enjoy himself, or would it be asking too much of the "democratic" Swiss to mingle with other countrymen who do not happen to belong to his particular set or club. Just imagine what savings could be made by individuals who happen to be members of 3 or 4 or even more Societies if such a rationalisation in the festivities could be arranged. I feel sure that the treasurers of the various Swiss Societies or Clubs would only be too delighted if such a proposal could be put into operation. No longer would they have to worry where to get the funds from to pay for the entertainment of the many official guests, in the invitation of which, each Society seems to want to go one better than the other and then at the end of a perfect day have to draw heavily upon the "slowly" collected funds to make up for the deficit.

There would also be another great advantage to the Swiss Colony. If instead of the usual very lengthy appeal for Charity from one or the other of the charitable societies everyone present could be handed a printed appeal which he could peruse whilst at peace with the whole world and enjoying a good dinner, I feel sure that the response would be worth the efforts as the attendance no doubt would be a record one and therefore the results equally high.

I make that suggestion for what it is worth, perhaps the staunch appellants for these funds may like to take up where I leave off: I give them this suggestion free of charge.

"By one who had some..."

**"FUNNY CUTS"**

The professor, a noted botanist, gave instructions for a dish of mushrooms, which he had gathered himself, to be cooked for dinner expressly for his wife who was particularly fond of them. She was highly delighted at her husband's thought on her behalf and thanked him very much. At breakfast next morning he greeted her anxiously.

"Sleep all right?" he inquired.

"Splendidly," she answered.

"No bad effects? No pains," he persisted.

"Why, of course not, dear," she responded in surprise.

"Hurrah then," exclaimed the professor. "I have discovered another species of mushroom that isn't poisonous!" *The Tatler.*

"At the end of the service to-night, the choir will sing a special anthem composed by the organist, after which the church will be closed for a month for necessary repairs." *Humorist.*

A small boy was asked by a school inspector what we sometimes call a battleship.

"A cruiser," he replied.

"Good," said the inspector. "Now what do we call the men aboard?"

"A crew, sir."

"Excellent! Now can you tell me what makes the ship go?"

"A screw, sir."

"What a clever boy you are!" the inspector smiled. "Where were you born?"

"Crewe, sir," replied the lad.

The future is what fools call to-morrow; and what wise men call to-day. *Life.*

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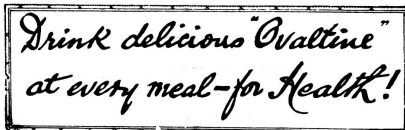
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Sonntag, den 19 April, 1931.

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7 Uhr abends, Gottesdienst.

8 Uhr Chorprobe.

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Saturday, April 18th, at 9 p.m.—Ice Hockey Match between Grosvenor House Canadians and Davos Ice Hockey Club, at Grosvenor House Ice Rink, Park Lane, W.1.

Monday, April 27th, from 9 p.m.—2 a.m.—Swiss Culinary Society Dinner and Dance at 1, Gerrard place, W.

Monday, April 27th, at 8.45 p.m.—Soirée Valaisanne, at Swiss Club, 74, Charlotte Street, W.C. All friends cordially invited.

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Saturday, May 30th, at 2.30 p.m.—Swiss Sports at Herne Hill Athletic Grounds.