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An excellent and enthusiastic skater of the English school, he had artificial rinks made, and in every way worked towards the advancement of this beautiful art, himself often acting as one of the judges in the various "tests," which were approached with such awe and trepidation by candidates of all sorts and all ages. He started the St. Moritz Skating Association, reserved a special rink for its members, and as an ardent admirer of the old English formal style of skating, as compared and contrasted with the new Continental free style, he has left his mark by his presentation of the "Holland Bowl," which is competed for by representatives from all Swiss resorts.

Not content with out-of-door activities, he and his wife were the life and soul of the Indoor Committee of the Kulm Hotel, providing and organizing entertainments and dances every week in the winter season, while during the summer months the doctor was responsible for a lawn tennis tournament, this game being another in which he was most proficient. His tact and sound common sense made him a welcome member for years of the committees of the tobogganing and bobsleigh clubs, as he combined the two methods of *suaviter in modo* and *fortiter in re* in no common degree, and his valuable advice smoothed away many a difficulty. In the medical sphere he had a large and valuable practice, and there are many still living who can bear testimony to his skill by the soundness of their arms or legs or lungs. In addition, he bought a plot of ground and built a villa as a sanatorium, and founded the St. Moritz Aid Fund, which did a great deal of good work, especially during and after the Great War, until it became merged a few years ago in the Queen Alexandra Sanatorium at Davos. In later years the doctor ceased to "practice" and was widely welcomed as guide, philosopher, and friend to all and sundry visitors. He has died at a ripe old age, greatly mourned, and will ever be remembered as a wise, sympathetic, and understanding friend by a very large circle of St. Moritzers.

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