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maison Sulzer Frères et qui donne au combustible la fluidité nécessaire. En service ininterrompu depuis quelques mois déjà, il assume la charge de base de la centrale.

La maison Courvoisier S.A., à la Chauv-de-Fonds (Suisse) vient d'éditer deux nouvelles séries de timbres pour l'administration des postes de Turquie. Ces deux émissions — il s'agit de douze timbres de grand format — sont destinées à commémorer le quinzième anniversaire de la proclamation de la République turque et le dixième anniversaire de l'adoption des caractères latins en Turquie.

Le *Rotterdamsche Lloyd* a commandé un paquebot rapide à deux hélices aménagé pour le transport de 723 passagers. Huit moteurs Diesel-Sulzer développant ensemble une puissance de 27,000 ch. eff. donneront à ce paquebot une vitesse de 21 noeuds et lui permettront ainsi d'effectuer en 16 jours la traversée de Marseille à Batavia, alors qu'actuellement elle exige encore 20 jours.

Dernièrement a été inaugurée à Martignyville (Valais, Suisse) une nouvelle usine d'aluminium construite par l'Aluminium SA de Martigny-Bourg.

Plus de 800 machines à écrire *Hermès Standard* de la maison E. Paillard & Cie., SA., à Yverdon (Suisse) sont en service au siège principal et dans les succursales de la Banque nationale du commerce et de l'industrie à Paris.

A SPRING SONG.

Hurrah for the English husband
As pictured by a Swiss
What an "erste Klasse" fellow
What a prize for any Miss!
But Aepli sets me wondering
About the "lads" I know,
Whose homes are off the Golf Club
When the barometer is not low.
What about the football fans
Are these all "ledig" too
And at the dartsclub and billiards
Are married men taboo?
But there must be homes in England
Where the "slavey" is not Dad
For the pubs and clubs would fade away
Were it just for the single lad.
And many wives in England
Would go but poorly fed,
Should they wait for their dear hubbies
To breakfast them in bed.
But there's many an English "Fraueli"
Would think her life O.K.
If "Samstig" meant her "s'Vieri"
In a "Peitz" or Restaurant gay.
Here joys of life in winter
Are not so hard to beat
And the toil of the weekly washday
Deserves the silver sheet.
"Unter em Pantoffel," to Aepli
Must be a thing unknown
Are the only wives who wear the pants
Within an English home?
But comparisons are odious
As youth must yet discover
And I end my song on the note of hope
To "Miss" and her Swiss lover.
For Englishman and "Schwiezerma"
However far they roam
Are glad to leave "Verein" and Club
For the wife and kids at home!
(*Bärner-Aengländer.*)

WO?

Wo tuet ächt der Hergott z'Wätter versorge
Die sunnige Tag, voll Freud und voll Schärz?
Im stille Chämmerli si, si verborge
Im an Eggeli, tief i Dim Härz.

Und wo versteckt är die düstere Tag
Voll Wulche, voll Weh und U'rueh?
"Sie schlafte im Chämmerli näbe dra
Und Du hesch der Schlüssel derzue."

Warum so oft git's Tage voll Sorge
So finster, so trurig? Ach lue,
Will Du hesch vergässe am früehle Morge
Die sunnige Chammer ufz'tue.

H.E.

TO OUR READERS.

The Editor of the Swiss Observer would be greatly obliged if readers would supply him with addresses of likely subscribers, so that specimen copies could be posted to them.

If such addresses supplied should be already included on our mailing list, no extra copies would be sent.

EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

(While at all times we appreciate letters from subscribers on any matter of interest to the Colony, it must be clearly understood that any such correspondence does not necessarily represent the opinion of the Editor.)

14th February, 1939.

The Editor,
The Swiss Observer,
E.C.2.

Sir,

As an ardent supporter of the Swiss Observer and a member of several Swiss societies, I should like to make the following observation on a report that appeared in the last edition of this paper.

I am completely overwhelmed that a secretary of a well-known Swiss Club in London, who is a popular and much respected member of our colony, should allow an official report of his club to be turned into a medium of cheap advertisement of his wares.

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I enclose my card and remain,
Yours sincerely,
A Square Deal.

PERSONAL.

We regret to state that Madame Veuve J. Haussauer died last Saturday the 11th inst., at Geneva, at the age of 77. The deceased was the mother of Mr. L. P. Haussauer of 26, Corringway, Ealing, W.5, to whom we wish to extend our sincere sympathy.

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Thursday, February 16th — Symphonic Social Choir — Annual Fancy Dress Ball — at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. (Admission 2/-)

Friday, February 17th, at 7.45 p.m. — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Monthly Meeting — at Swiss House, 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Wednesday, February 22nd — Unione Ticinese — Annual Banquet and Ball, at Pagani's Restaurant, Great Portland Street, W.

Saturday, February 25th, at 3 o'clock — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Film Show, at Kingsway Hall, Kingsway, W.C.2, one performance only.

Saturday, March 4th at 3 o'clock — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Film Show "Fusilier Wipf" at the Gaumont Theatre, Film House, Wardour Street, W.1.

Thursday, March 9th — Symphonic Social Choir — Annual Dinner and Ball — at the First Avenue Restaurant, High Holborn, W.C.1. (Tickets 6/-)

Saturday, March 11th, at 7 o'clock — City Swiss Club — Cinderella Dance — at the Mayfair Hotel, Berkeley Square, W.1.

Wednesday, March 29th, at 8.15 p.m. *Concert* given by Swiss Orchestra and Swiss Accordion Club, Jodels by Frau Aus-der-Au, specially engaged from Switzerland, at Queen Mary Hall, Great Russell Street, W.C.1 (one minute Tottenham Court Road Tube Station)

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11 Uhr morgens, Gottesdienst, Pfr. E. Bommeli

7 Uhr abends, Gottesdienst, Pfr. E. Bommeli

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Sprechstunden des Gemeindepfarrers :

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Jeden Mittwoch von 5-6 Uhr im Foyer Suisse,
15, Bedford Way, W.C.1.

Jeden Donnerstag abend 7 Uhr Versammlung Christlicher Verein junger Männer, 28-29, Bedford Place, W. Jedermann ist freundlich eingeladen.

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