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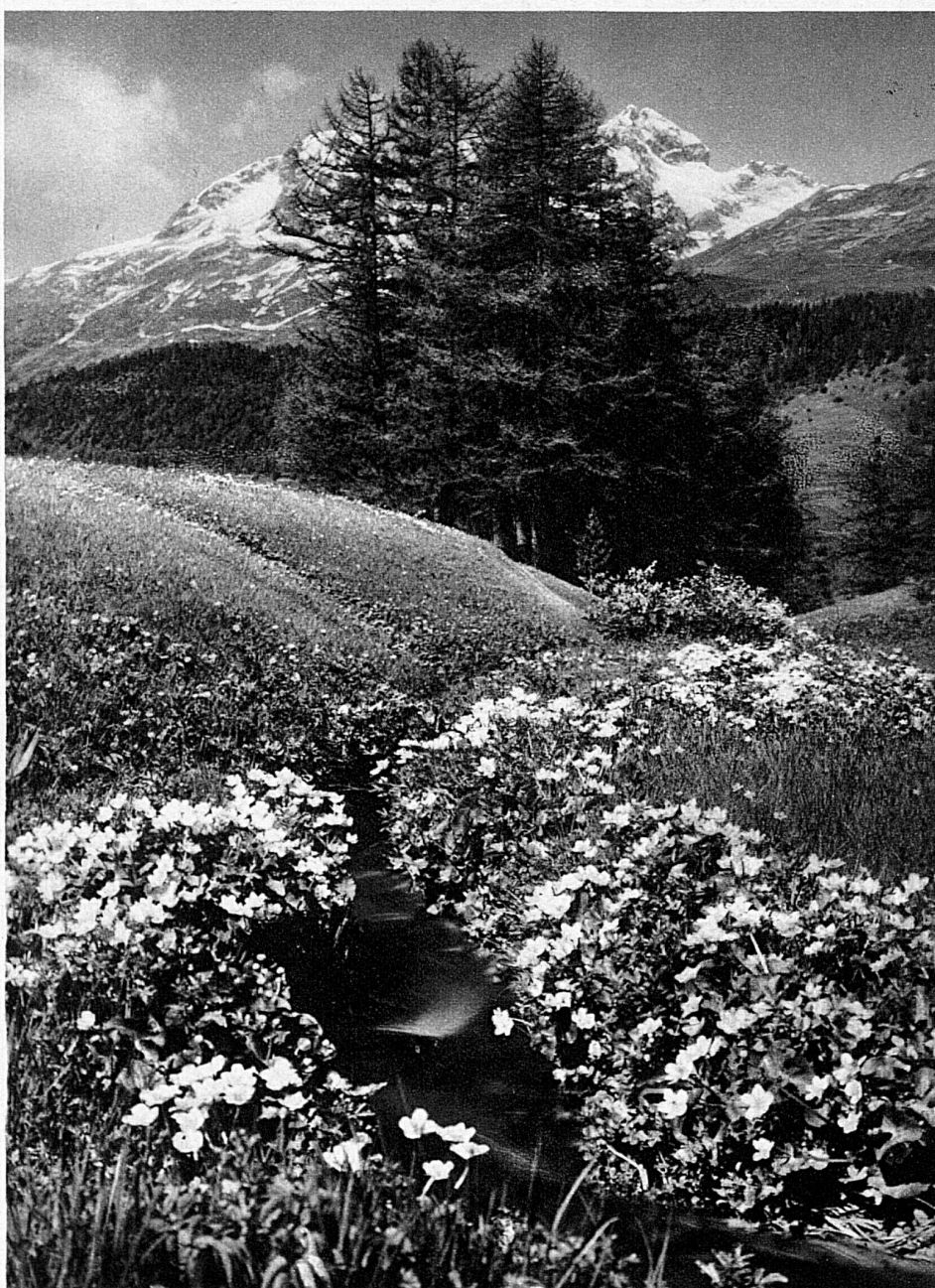
WILD-FLOWER TIME IN SWITZERLAND

Who does not know that sunny Switzerland is famed for its wild flowers, just as Holland is famed for the cultivation of bulbs? So naturally everyone as soon as they enter this welcome, holiday-making country of mountains, lakes, waterfalls and woods, wishes to discover for themselves some of these floral treasures that Mother Earth produces with such generosity and such apparent ease.

May and June are the two finest months of the year to behold the famous wild flowers of Switzerland in all their magnificence. These are the two months when the banks of the cool waterways in the verdant valleys, the meadows, hillsides and right up to the snow line are aglow with a myriad colours, a myriad scents. Only down in southern Switzerland, in the canton of Tessin, is almost every month a flower month.

Many people have heard much of the coveted edelweiss with its velvet-like petals and its habit of growing in dangerous places, and they know of the popular alpenrose and some of the other rarer Alpine specimens. Many of us have seen them as emblems, carved in wood and ivory, when we have never seen the real flower.

But there is a great wealth of "floral finds" among the more common varieties, which



Spring in St. Moritz

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