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## COMMENTARY ON THE PICTORIAL FEATURES

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Model Grieder, Zurich.

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Although manufacturers were at first disappointed with some of the purely artistic drafts laid before them, after having studied them carefully, they found in most cases that these designs provided absolutely original and most interesting ideas, which could easily be adapted by a specialized draftsman. It cannot be said therefore, that the method fomented any spirit of rivalry between artists and designers, for they both deserve equal recognition, the former for the wealth of their inspiration, the latter for their practical sense.

Another and no less bold experiment was that of imposing a set theme on all manufacturers concerned. This innovation has been crowned with success, thanks to the goodwill of all those involved in the experiment ; the theme proposed by the Swiss Office for the Development of Trade was spontaneously accepted by all, testifying to their broad-mindedness and to their abstraction of all considerations of prestige. Even the artists themselves, although they usually fight shy of constraint of any kind, understood the necessity of submitting their talents to fair competition. Thanks to their intuitiveness, to their power of adaptation and to the information previously given them as regards the different values of the fabrics, it can be said that, on the whole, no draft was entirely unpracticable. Stimulated by the joy of extending the sphere of their activity, the textile specialists also produced fabrics of which they may well be proud. The success with which the promoters of the movement have met at fashion and trade fair displays abroad, have fully repaid them for their untiring work and trouble.

This experiment has made it quite clear that a collection of fashion textiles which combines artistic as well as purely commercial values, does possess a far greater drawing power and enhances the prestige of the manufacturers. It is a more effective weapon against that mortal enemy of fashion — standardization.

Artistic exclusivities are not created expressly for immediate commercial exploitation but with a far sighted eye to success in the long run ; behind their creation lies a sense of duty — the satisfaction of enhancing the good reputation of Swiss products and demonstrating by example how a concerted effort provides employment for 300,000 Swiss, thus promoting the common weal. It is to be hoped that these fine results alone will keep alive the zeal and painstaking endeavour of all those associated with the common cause of Fashion.

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