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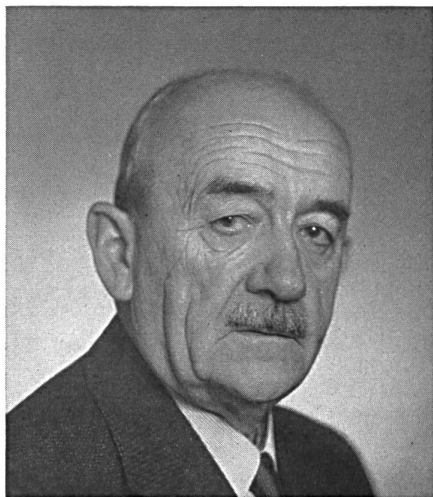


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We regret to have to announce the death at St. Gall at the beginning of this year of Mr. Friedrich Hug, in his 76th year, after a long illness. Mr. Hug was head of Union Co. Ltd., Embroidery Manufacturers, a firm which he had entered as an apprentice. Having spent the whole of his career in this firm, the deceased was a great expert on all questions concerning not only embroidery but also fashion, with which he had had the opportunity of making himself thoroughly acquainted during the long periods he spent abroad, in particular in Paris during his youth. For 17 years he had been President of the Commercial Directorate (Chamber of Commerce) of St. Gall, of which he had been nominated Honorary President, and he was a member of the boards of a large number of institutions and associations including the Swiss Union of Trade and Industry, the Swiss National Bank, the Swiss Office for the Development of Trade, etc. The University of Commerce of St. Gall had conferred on him an honorary doctor's degree in recognition of his work on behalf of the industry and economy of his district. He was a valued adviser, a man of great frankness though not without a sense of humour, of great commonsense and

unwavering loyalty. He had taken an active part in arranging and organising textile displays at fairs and exhibitions and was of considerable assistance to the editors of our periodical on all matters concerning the embroidery industry. The vivid memory of this powerful personality will long remain with us.

T. S.

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In spite of the limited space at our disposal, we should like to call our readers' attention to various publications, in particular the annual almanach *Gallus Stadt 1956* published by *Zollikofer & Co. Ltd.*, St. Gall. This is a composite work which, in addition to the calendar, contains a number of interesting articles on various aspects of the economic and cultural life of St. Gall, in particular a report on last year's activities, a study of a thousand years' of music, and an article on «St. Gall and Fashions» by the St. Gall designer René Hubert who has made a name for himself in Hollywood.

Excellent illustrations in black and white as well as colour complete this interesting work which is very well printed and presented, and constitutes a vital contribution to the history of this town of embroidery.

Continuing the publication of its numbers devoted to one main theme, the *Ciba Review*, published by *Ciba Co. Ltd.*, Basle, offers us in its No. 124 of January 1956, a series of articles on Zurich silks. The general introduction by Mr. F. Honegger, Secretary of the Zurich Association of the Silk Industry, is followed by several contributions devoted to various aspects of this industry, its history,

the part it plays in fashion, etc. These articles, accompanied by a useful and complete bibliography, are richly illustrated with industrial photographs, reproductions of old fabrics and documents relating to the history of this interesting branch of the Zurich textile industry. Let us add that the *Ciba Review*, which always contains interesting notes on dyeing, has modernised its presentation and enlarged its size, thus enabling it to devote more space to illustrations.

Let us also draw attention to an interesting article on the *Swiss Footwear Industry* by Mr. G.A. Frey, Aarau, published recently in German in the collection of *Political Economy News* put out by the Society for the Development of the Swiss Economy in Zurich (Stand u. Probleme der schweiz. Wirtschaft. — II. Die Schweiz. Schuhindustrie. Gesellschaft zur Förderung der schweiz. Wirtschaft, Zürich). It would be impossible to sum up in a few words an article of this kind, which deals with the industry as a whole (development, structure, production and markets), but we wish to call attention to this detailed and interesting work for the benefit of all those interested in economic history.

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