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end of his first season. It is, of course, another matter to become a finished expert, but the great charm of ski-ing is due to the fact that its chief reward is not only for the elect, but for the vast multitude of average runners. For a man need not win the Roberts of Kandahar Race or jump sixty metres to know the joys of wide horizons and the tranquil beauty of winter summits, or the glorious run back to the valley through perfect powder snow.

There is no country in the world which provides better ski-ing than Switzerland. The smooth sloping pasture lands, the grazing grounds of cattle in summer, are ideally adapted to ski-ing. Steep slopes and dense forests are, of course, highly unsuitable, and many a ski-runner who has graduated in America or Canada has hardly been able to contain his astonishment and his envy at his first sight of Alpine ski-ing grounds.

The glaciers provide good ski-ing throughout the summer; Indeed, the best glacier ski-ing is to be obtained in May and June, and an increasing number of ski-runners are making a regular habit of visiting the Alps, both at Christmas, Easter and at Whitsun.

I have said nothing about the hotels, for it is unnecessary to praise Swiss hotels. There is no country in the world in which better provision is made for the comfort of guests than Switzerland.

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#### TO CHILDREN OF SWISS PARENTS:

Pleasure, and probably a great deal of fun, would be assured to children desirous of corresponding with pen-friends in Switzerland. If interested, please write a nice little letter, giving age and address, and send it to: AUSLANDSCHWEIZERWERK der N.H.G., Bundesgasse 36 BERN, Switzerland, or else direct to the Secretary, Mr. W. Ungemuth, Clarence Rd., Northcote, Auckland, N4., who will be pleased to re-direct the mail.

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#### AN APPEAL TO MEMBERS:

The first half of our financial year has already lapsed and we find to our regret, that numerous members have not yet paid their subscription. As stated previously, it is not an easy task to carry on the organisation of the Society successfully, without the necessary co-operation of the members. In fairness to our endeavours we must ask defaulting members to meet the small financial responsibility, and remit as soon as ever possible.

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#### INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES IN SWITZERLAND (contd.)

Mention should be made of all the different sorts of trimmings for blouses, gowns, underwear, etc. (cotton, silk, woollen, tulle) and of embroidered squares for curtains, bedspreads, table-cloths, etc. Embroidery on tulle and lace of all kinds (cotton, silk, wool or metal threads) are specialities of St. Gall and are employed mainly for lingerie. Nor should the hand embroidery from Appenzell be overlooked.

(d) Woollens: The woollen industry has been seated in Switzerland for several centuries and has attained a great development; some 9,300 hands were employed in 1936. In view of the small importance of the home sheep-rearing industry, the woollen industry relies essentially on foreign countries for its supplies of raw material.

Wool spinning (combed and carded) employs a total of about 240,000 spindles. The industry produces woollen threads for weaving, knitting, the hosiery houses and mills producing other kinds of woollen articles.

Weaving of woollen textiles, which also includes manufacture of combed and carded wollens, cloths, coverings, carpets and felt, employs about 3,800 looms. Manufacture also includes fine weaves for ladies' gowns, light woollen and part-woollen stuffs for women's and men's wear, less fine weaves, "loden" (popular in Germany for sports jackets and coats), coverings, carpets and felts. (TO BE CONTINUED).

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