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NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND



LIFE IN THE BERNESO OBERLAND

An attractive study of life in the Bernese Oberland during the first half of the 19th century is contained in a little book entitled "Elisabetha, the beautiful 'Bateliere' from the Lake of Brienz" (Gute Schriften Edition, Berne). This biography, written by F. A. Volmar, describes a Swiss woman (1793-1858) who was praised and portrayed in her youth by international poets and painters during the romantic period.

104-YEAR-OLD HIKER

Aeschi: This year Mr H. O. Hazewinkel, who was born on June 23, 1860, in Borger, Holland, celebrated his 104th birthday at home. Then, as he has done each year for many decades, he set out for his hiking vacation in Switzerland. Mr Hazewinkel, who served as a notary in the Dutch city of Zevenaar until his 86th year, is by far the oldest resident of the Netherlands. Not deterred by his advanced age, he insisted upon taking his short daily hike accompanied by relatives, during this year's vacation at his usual spot, Aeschi near Spiez on the Thuner See. In earlier times, he declared during a television broadcast which the Swiss Television Service devoted to him, he and his family used to spend days at a time wandering in the Swiss mountains, their knapsacks on their backs. "Hiking keeps a man young," he declared.

ONE OF EUROPE'S LOVELIEST GOLF COURSES IN THE MAKING

Zurich.—Golf is gaining more and more enthusiasts in Switzerland, among people who find it the most effective antidote to so-called "managerdisease." As a city with more than its share of managers, Zurich is developing into something of a golfing centre.

The creation of a third golf course has been announced there—one that, now in the construction stage, bids fair to be one of Europe's most beautiful as well as largest courses.

It will have a full 18 holes, and is built around a wooded mountain near the farm communities of Hittnau and Durstelen, half an hour's drive from Zurich proper in the Zurich Oberland, an area still barely touched by tourism.

Nearby, at an altitude of about 2600 feet above sea level, there is a private airfield which will be at the disposal of airborne golfers.

Laugh a little . . .

"Mother," asks the little child, "do all fairy tales start with 'Once upon a time'?"

"No, my child, they sometimes start with 'I had to stay longer at the office today!'"