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weeks — no wonder the people are heading towards the mountain at every given opportunity to catch a little sunshine!

Skiing is very popular, and it is just about a must for every young Swiss to master this sport. Nearly every school, including primary, is organising its own ski camp somewhere on the mountain. The accident toll is, accordingly, high too. The statistics show that about every 70th person comes home in plaster from his skiing holidays. Expensive in the long run?

The other day the Conseil cantonal of the Canton of Zurich had its session and when it came to take a vote the president noticed that he didn't have a majority in the house, so he had to send the clerk to look for the rest of it; finally he found about 25 in the nearby pubs. As punishment they lost their pay for this day.

Everywhere big preparations are being made for the coming Carnival time, which starts on February 5th. I will write about this in the next issue.

Cheerio in the meantime,

E. STUDER.

HEDY'S CORNER . . .

Toward the end of the long summer holidays youngsters tend to get bored and many a Mum heaves a sigh of relief when school starts. But the question, "What can I do?" will soon be heard again from the children as, with imminent autumn blending gradually into winter, sparetime activities will of necessity be confined to indoors.

Here are two successfully tried suggestions. Both have the advantage to be adaptable from the very elementary to the creative and artistic version. Furthermore, the ingredients are readily found in any home: scissors, thin cardboard, crayons and thin paper.

★ CRAYON RUBBING

Look around the house and feel with your finger for raised surfaces and textures with a pattern. Such might be woodgrain, coins, treebark, metal grills, screens, combs, tennis racquet, raised glass surfaces, leaves, etc. To make a crayon rubbing of your chosen texture place a piece of thin paper over it and hold it firmly in place. Holding the crayon sideways in the other hand, rub it across the paper and the pattern will appear. By rubbing it over coins, then cutting out the rubbed coin, you have instant "play money".

Leaves are particularly effective. Turn leaf upside down, so that the veins project. Older children can make a very attractive leaf arrangement by moving the leaf under the paper and using different colours for the rubbings, creating an autumn scene

perhaps. Patterns may be constructed in this manner with any rubbings and with practice will become most attractive.

★ MAKE YOUR OWN JIGSAW PUZZLE

You need easy-to-cut cardboard and crayons or pencils. Draw a bright picture on the cardboard (for small children Mum might draw some simple shapes), turn the cardboard to the reverse side and draw all sorts of shapes: triangles, squares, oblongs, large and small; cut these shapes out carefully, turn the cut out pieces over again to the picture side and try assembling your very own jigsaw puzzle. Keep the best ones for your friends to try. —R.B.

Forthcoming Events

SWISS SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Society of N.Z. is being held this year in Hamilton on Sunday 31st May (Queen's Birthday Weekend).

Any member of the Society is entitled to submit a motion to the A.G.M. and all such motions, either from individual members or from Clubs must be in the hands of the Society President Mr K. E. Bischof, P.O. Box 802, Wellington, before 5th April, 1970 to enable them to be officially printed in the April and May issues of the *Helvetia*.

Auckland Swiss Club

SHOOTING SECTION NOTICE

On 28th February and 1st March the Auckland Shooting Section is holding the

- **10-Year Smallbore Jubilee Shoot**
and
- **Swiss Society Shoot**
on Frank Reichmuth's Farm,
Chamberlain Road, Henderson 8.

—U.H.

Wellington Swiss Club

Camping Weekend at Riversdale, February 28th - March 1st.