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he rightly deserves this honour. Now, if Switzerland would give such an honour to its citizens abroad for the same reason and I could do the giving for them, I would give it to a number of friends, Swiss and others, who helped me over the first difficulties when I first landed in New Zealand over 20 years ago.

## ★ HEDY'S CORNER

**How expensive is life in Switzerland?** I jotted down prices at Home and here are the results.—

**Miscellaneous:** Shower at Zurich railway station, 40c (plus 15% service charge); 3½ ozs fancy chocolates filled with cognac, 28c; hairdresser (shampoo, conditioner, set, plus 15% tip), \$4; men's barber (haircut and scalp massage, etc., with 15% tip), \$4; 1 litre thermos flask (high quality plastic, chrome), \$1.20.

**Clothing at sale prices:** Plain cotton dress, \$2.20; ladies wool-nylon white pants suit, \$20; smart nylon dress, fully lined, \$2.50; men's terrylin sports jacket and pants, \$23.50; 2 pairs panty hose, excellent cut, 90c; elegant ladies summer coat, fully lined, \$10.75; unusual ladies belt, \$1.

### **Victuals:**

Lake Zurich restaurant boat: Pair frankfurters and bread 50c, omelette filled with ham \$1, large hot sandwich with asparagus 50c ½ litre bottled beer 30c.

Dinner plate portion of spaghetti and sausage, dinner plate of pizza pie, 4 dzl. wine, total \$3.10.

½ doz. eating eggs 30c, 1 litre top grade milk 25c, 100 gr. table butter 28c, 1 lb bread (mixed meal), subsidised, 13c, 2 lbs peaches (in season) 27c, 20 cigarettes 28c.

**House Rents:** Only rough idea can be given. Per room, per month, accommodation with bare necessities \$110, with every luxury \$440.

**Wages:** Unskilled labour per month (approx.), \$350; skilled labour per month (approx.), \$440; gardener, per hour (upkeep of grounds only and does not include meals), \$2.60.

**Best Bargain:** S.B.B. general season ticket, 2nd class carriage; first month \$67, succeeding months \$23.60.

With such a non-transferable ticket you eventually end up by travelling completely free, provided you buy the ticket immediately upon arrival and secondly that you use the S.B.B. extensively. Some of the most expensive mountain railways are half price (Jungfrauoch); some of the lakes shipping enterprises are completely free; and train connections all over Switzerland are so frequent that you will never be stuck for transport to your destination.

—H.B.