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This is particularly important in view of the growing scarcity of watch repairers and their rising charges.

Electronic watches must not be confused with electric watches, which employ a conventional hair-spring and a balance wheel as the timing mechanism but are powered by a battery instead of a main spring. Their accuracy is no more than that of a traditional mechanical watch.

Tissot, which is linked with Omega in the same industrial group, offers a wide choice of styles in a somewhat lower price-range starting from £13.75. Right at the opposite end, Audemars Piguet sell their watches from £400 to £30,000 — for the more elaborate diamond set models made to individual requirements. It is interesting to note that these watches sell particularly well in Japan, where their fine craftsmanship is highly prized in a country renowned for its success in mass production. Audemars Piguet limit their production to fewer than 7,000 watches a year. Those that are available to order from the top jewellers in the UK include the thinnest man's wristwatch in the world, selling at £690, and another with minute repeater and a perpetual calendar taking account of leap years, costing £15,000. An 18 ct. white gold diamond-set pocket watch with visible skeleton movement sells for £5,300.

## NEWS FROM THE RIFLEMASTER

Dear Compatriots,

Once again it is time to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Our Swiss Society Competitions for 1975 will be, as usual, getting away to an early start with some of the events taking place at club picnics and the Shooting competition being held during the period 22nd February to 30th March.

The Inter-Club knockout competition will follow, on the same pattern as last year, and all the events should be completed by the end of May.

I am sure you will all be looking forward to this time of good fellowship and friendly competition as much as I am.

With kind regards,

Arthur W. Muller,

Riflemaster,

Swiss Society of New Zealand.

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