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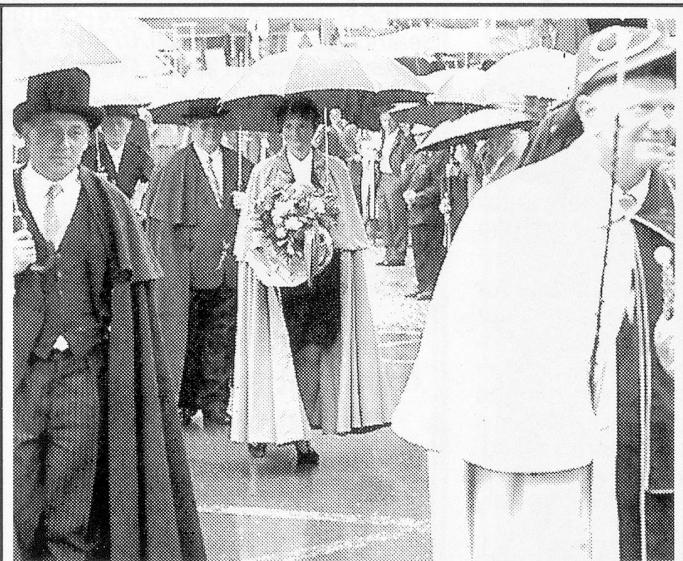
An exciting piece of equipment that will allow anaesthetists to know the true anaesthetic state of their patients has been developed by a young graduate biologist from the University of Geneva. Baptized "Anemon-1", this patented invention will make it easier from now on to check the functioning of the heart. Indeed it is essentially a cardiovascular monitoring system. Thanks to Anemon-1, information can now be obtained on the patient's anaesthetic state without interfering in the anaesthetic process itself.

The equipment connects to the electrocardiogram output and gives the anaesthetist an indicative value for the patient's condition. Thanks to its extremely sophisticated processor, Anemon-1 is able to provide information at each heartbeat. It is thus able to anticipate any sign of suffering and alert the anaesthetist in time for corrective action to be taken, avoiding any discomfort for the unconscious patient. Anemon-1 thus ensures a smooth flowing operation. It brings extra safety to surgery and provides greater comfort and peace of mind to the patient. It is promised a brilliant medical career.

LAST MALE BASTION HAS FALLEN

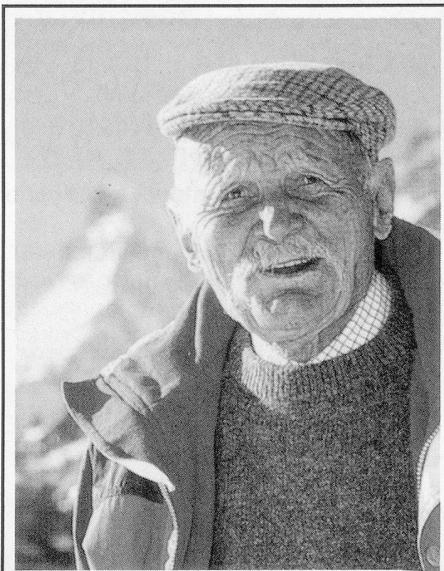
The men of Appenzell Innerrhoden recently witnessed an event they would never have thought possible a few years ago. For the first time in its long history which goes back hundreds of years, Appenzell Innerrhoden welcomed the first woman to become a member of its government.

According to unofficial reports, the event created some sort of a local earthquake as all the dead and buried Appenzeller men turned over in their graves.



Ruth Metzler at her inauguration as a member of the local government walking through the streets of Appenzell.

OLDEST GUIDE IN THE WORLD



Ueli Inderbinnen, the world's oldest mountain guide.

At 95 years of age, Ueli Inderbinnen is by far the oldest mountain guide in the world still holding a licence to work. A native of Zermatt, he has climbed the Matterhorn more than 300 times. He needs no reading glasses and has only been once to see a doctor during the past 73 years.

In winter he disappears from Zermatt because he finds it too crowded but in summer you can often find him by the village church looking at his beloved Matterhorn and recounting his past experiences as a mountain climber and guide.

LECLANCHÉ'S BOOMERANG

Leclanché of Yverdon has launched an ecological "boomerang" on the market: a new rechargeable battery, named after the Australian aborigine hunting weapon. The new 1.5 volt alkaline battery contains neither mercury nor cadmium, making it exceptionally environment-friendly. It can be recharged at



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least 25 times with the help of a special recharger, developed by Professor Rolf Zinniker of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology of Zurich, which draws power from the mains. The battery is as powerful after recharging several times as at the beginning. Nor does it, according to Leclanché, suffer from leakage. The company from the canton of Vaud has thus answered the environmentalists' prayers for truly efficient rechargeable batteries and accumulators. And the batteries can be recycled in the same installations as conventional ones.

Each year in Switzerland, some 80 million batteries are sold. Batteries offer consumers the advantage of portability, but the cost is relatively high. With the boomerang, Leclanché signals its firm intention of concentrating on high value-added products.



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