

Zeitschrift: The Swiss observer : the journal of the Federation of Swiss Societies in the UK

Herausgeber: Federation of Swiss Societies in the United Kingdom

Band: - (1928)

Heft: 349

Rubrik: Home news

Nutzungsbedingungen

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften auf E-Periodica. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen sowie auf Social Media-Kanälen oder Webseiten ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. [Mehr erfahren](#)

Conditions d'utilisation

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. La reproduction d'images dans des publications imprimées ou en ligne ainsi que sur des canaux de médias sociaux ou des sites web n'est autorisée qu'avec l'accord préalable des détenteurs des droits. [En savoir plus](#)

Terms of use

The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. Publishing images in print and online publications, as well as on social media channels or websites, is only permitted with the prior consent of the rights holders. [Find out more](#)

Download PDF: 15.01.2026

ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>

Telegrams : FREPRINCO, LONDON.

PRICE 3d.

Switzerland is trying another method. Fourteen of the cantons have now adopted a system of apprenticing girls to the vocation of housewifery. It is required of a candidate that she should pass an elementary examination in domestic tasks. After that she is bound apprentice to a housewife of established competence, who undertakes to train her in the whole art and mystery. Good positions, we are informed—and easily believe it—are assured to the apprentice as she becomes qualified. The results of the system have been so satisfactory that all the other cantons of Switzerland are now contemplating its establishment. There are obvious resemblances to our English system, which recognises the value of training in a house of repute, but not less obvious differences. The Swiss girl is trained not as cook or housemaid or nurse, but as mistress of domestic arts. She is competent not only to do the work of any one department, but to control all the administration of the household. Would not a short course of apprenticeship be a useful preparation for all girls who propose to resign themselves to the humble career of marriage and domestic bliss? We offer the suggestion with the sombre certainty that it will not be heeded. This is a generation which cares little for comfort, and, indeed, has no notion of how to be comfortable."