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#### THE EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

The Editor, Swiss Observer, E.C.2 Dear Sir,

Dear Sir, Allow me to congratulate you on your restrospect in a previous number of the S.O., which I heartily support. But don't you think that if at these very many functions that are in the Swiss Colony, the speeches were cut down to an absolute minimum or even to less than the 40 minutes which you would allocate for them, the So would have to appear as a single sheet the S.O. would have to appear as a single sheet as you would have nothing to print.

I think you ought to be jolly glad that there are so many functions with all these lengthy speeches otherwise there would be nothing left to fill your columns.

to fill your columns. I thought that the "bold" ck, when he made his first attempt to break a lance for the ladies would go even further as he has done. But apparently his courage failed him or his "bold-ness" was merely assumed in that particular in-stance. But in my humble opinion what we suffer from most in the Swiss Colony is not so much an excess of "orators" who like to hear their own extension to the the set of white or whet a sum voices, immaterial if others do so also, but a surfeat of festivities.

feat of festivities. Would it be a matter of impossibility to amalgamate the whole of the festivities into one big affair where everyone would be present and enjoy himself, or would it be asking too much of the "democratic" Swiss to mingle with other countrymen who do not happen to belong to his particular set or club. Just imagine what sav-ings could be made by individuals who happen to be members of 3 or 4 or even more Societies if such a rationalisation in the festivities could be arranged. I feel sure that the treasurers of the various Swiss Societies or Clubs would only be too delighted if such a proposal could be put into various Swiss Societies or Clubs would only be too delighted if such a proposal could be put into operation. No longer would they have to worry where to get the funds from to pay for the enter-tainment of the many official guests, in the invita-tion of which, each Society seems to want to go one better than the other and then at the end of a perfect day have to draw heavily upon the "slowly" collected funds to make up for the deficit. deficit.

denert. There would also be another great advantage to the Swiss Colony. If instead of the usual very lengthy appeal for Charity from one or the other of the charitable societies everyone present could be handed a printed appeal which he could peruse whilst at peace with the whole world and enjoying a good dinner. I feel sure that the re-sponse would be worth the efforts as the attendance no doubt would be a record one and there-fore the results equally high.

I make that suggestion for what it is worth, perhaps the staunch appellants for these funds may like to take up where I leave off; I give them this suggestion free of charge. "By one who had some."...

### "FUNNY CUTS"

The professor, a noted botanist, gave in-structions for a dish of mushrooms, which he had gathered himself, to be cooked for dinner ex-pressly for his wife who was particularly fond of them. She was highly delighted at her hus-band's thought on her behalf and thanked him very much. At breakfast next morning he greeted her anyonsly her anxiously

"Sleep all right?" he inquired.

"Splendidly," she answerd. "No bad effects? No pains," he persisted. "Why, of course not, dear," she responded in surprise.

"Hurrah then," exclaimed the professor. "I have discovered another species of mush-room that isn't poisonous!" The Tatler.

"At the end of the service to-night, the choir will sing a special anthem composed by the organ-ist, after which the church will be closed for a month for necessary repairs."

A small boy was asked by a school inspector what we sometimes call a battleship.

"A cruiser," he replied. "Good," said the inspector. "Now what do we call the men aboard?"

"A crew, sir."

"Excellent! Now can you tell me what makes the ship go?"

"A screw, sir."

"What a clever boy you are !" the inspector smiled. "Where were you born?" "Crewe, sir," replied the lad.

The future is what fools call to-morrow ; and what wise men call to-day. Life.

Novelist proudly : "' My hero has a strong

face. Candid Friend: "He needs it. I have read two or three chapters, and I notice that his face falls in each of them." Judge.



