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some strange places, but here was something fantastic, incredible. One house contained neither tables nor chairs, and only a very primitive bed, yet it was filled with gleaming brass work — lamps, plates, candlesticks, and so on, which a woman was affectionately polishing. And next door conditions of the utmost poverty apparently prevailed, with the people of the house in rags, and their home itself falling into terrible decay. Yet on a table in the corner stacks and stacks of coins were piled.

By this time the fun was just beginning. All the five hundred inhabitants had heard of my arrival and had turned out in force to pester me. All visitors are molested in this way. Crowds of seemingly impoverished folk follow you along, pleading for alms, although Stein is one of the richest villages, for its size, in all Europe.

Strangely enough, the misers do not quarrel among themselves nor covet each other's possessions. They seem to have strong communal instincts. But at the present day they cannot increase their wealth, try how they will. They possess flocks and herds, and an abundance of timber, but these things are worse than useless. Neighbouring towns will not deal with them nor buy anything of them, for they suffer continually from the depredations of the misers. Ragaz, in particular, suffers much from the pillaging of door-knobs and brasswork and iron railings. There is a story of a motorist who parked his car in an outlying lane, and when he returned found that it had been converted into scrap metal, everything easily portable about it having disappeared. That may seem a tall story, but knowing Stein and the misers I can well imagine it to be true. Even a neighbouring church has to keep its altar ornaments locked up for fear of the pillagers.

And when the local tax collector visits Stein, he is invariably accompanied by ten Swiss soldiers!

Sheffield Weekly Telegraph.

#### Home News—(Continued)

##### NEUCHÂTEL.

At the end of March, there were 4,908 totally unemployed people on the register, and nearly 7,000 partially unemployed.

##### APPENZEL A.R.H.

National Councillor H. Eugster-Züst has resigned from the cantonal government for reasons of health; M. Eugster was a member of the government since 1913.

##### ST. GALLEN.

A heavy gale which visited Rorschach caused considerable damage to the tents of the Circus Knie; one of the main tents was blown down, fortunately nobody was injured, and the animals could be brought to safety, the damage caused is estimated at 40,000f.

##### VAUD.

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Saturday, May 28th, at 2.30 p.m. — Swiss Sports  
— at Herne Hill Athletic Grounds.

Thursday, June 23rd, from 6 to 10.30 p.m. — Fête  
Suisse — at Central Hall, Westminster.



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The hotel, which has been established many years, is owned by the Kengor Syndicate, Ltd., of which Mr. Noel Hammersley is Chairman and Managing Director, and is managed by Mr. Edward Brullhardt, who is assisted by Mrs. Brullhardt as manageress, and by their daughter

as bookkeeper. The hotel is popular and well equipped, and its amenities include, besides the restaurant and lounge, etc., a Masonic room which is the regular meeting place of several lodges, and a billiard room housing two full-sized tables by Thurston.

Mr. Brullhardt was formerly manager of the Albemarle Hotel, Brighton, and his London hotel experience before going to the Gower Hotel included two years at the First Avenue Hotel, and two years at the Piccadilly Hotel. His early training and experience were acquired in hotels in Switzerland and other parts of the Continent. Mrs. Brullhardt is sister of Mr. R. C. Vaughan.

Hotel Review.

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