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technical side of a very wide subject. He wrote a large number of books, among which may be mentioned "The Art of the Table," "A Book of Salads," "Meatless Fare," "A Dictionary of Foods and Culinary Encyclopaedia," "Practical Gastronomy," "Manual of Diabetic Diet," "Senn's Book of Sauces," "The Red Cross Society's Cookery Manuals," and "The War-Time Cookery Guide," and he also published "The Cookery Annual and Epicurean Year Book." There were many others.

In 1919 Mr. Senn was made M.B.E., to be advanced 10 years later to O.B.E. He was also F.R.H.S. and M.I.H. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Ida.

THE SCHWABRIG.

A Children's Country Home.

The Scotsman, 13th Oct., 1934.

The Canton of Appenzel in the North-East of Switzerland consists of two half-cantons: Ausser Rhoden and Inner Rhoden. The division was made over three hundred years ago as a means of avoiding religious strife, and was marked by clearings (Rhoden) in the forest. Ausser-Rhoden, which is Protestant, has become industrial and modern. But Inner-Rhoden, which is Catholic, remains pastoral, and retains its primitive character as well as many of its venerable customs.

In each half-canton the Landsgemeinde persists. This is an open-air assembly of the electorate, at which magistrates are chosen new laws confirmed, and the budget approved. Satisfied that four hours is enough for a Parliamentary session, the electors return home to deal with weightier matters: milk and pigs, poultry and embroidery. On the high hills at close of day they practise wrestling and choral singing till an alphorn in the East proclaims the retreat, "Praise ye the Lord," to be answered by "The Lord's name be praised," ere the message speeds on towards the bath of all the Western start.

Sometimes there is an interruption. A Federal referendum has to be voted for. Inner Rhoden exclaims, "Why can't you leave it alone?" and votes consistently "No change." Every year there is a muster of recruits. In autumn the shepherds from the Grisons wander through with their flocks, and herdsmen from the Alps descend at the head of a long procession of cows and goats and gear. Otherwise life runs smoothly; there are no glaciers to tempt the cheap tripper and no facilities for hurried visits.

The Sântis and the Wildkirchli.

The highest peak, the Sântis, is well known internationally as a weather-station. Everyone in Appenzel is supposed to climb it once a year. This summer one man made his 500th ascent. Below the Sântis in the cliffs of the Ebenalp is a cavern, where is the Wildkirchli, described in Scheffel's "Ekkehard." It is the oldest dwelling-place in Switzerland, and serves the hill-folk as a church; but the landlord of the restaurant at the summit uses the inmost recesses as a wine-vault.

Business in the Canton is depressed. There is over-production of milk, and the best customer for condensed milk, the United States, has ceased to import. The making of salt butter is forbidden by law, all Swiss butter must be grass-fed and fresh. So the dairyman buys Danish salt butter to eat and sells his own produce fresh. Embroidery, the goddess of pin-money, pays the skilled worker scarcely 3d. an hour. So the men have looked to pigs for profit, whilst their wives advised by the convents, make a venture with poultry. The cantonal choice is White Leghorn, and each flock is pure-bred to a feather.

Other Cantons pity Appenzel as backward; but, like the tribe of Benjamin, Appenzel can on occasion produce a David. On the morrow of the Armistice the international riff-raff of Zürich thought to organise a *Putsch*. But the officer in command at the barracks came from Appenzel. If he could not reason, at any rate he could act. He ordered out a battery of machine-guns and then, alone and unarmed, rode out to face the mob. He spoke three sentences, and the mob found it was dinner-time. The *Putsch* was over! How Carlyle would have lauded this Swiss Abbot Samson!

Bion and His Work.

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Tuesday, October 23rd — Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd. — Cinderella Dance at the Royal Hotel, Woburn Place, Russell Square, W.C.1. (Details to follow).

Wednesday, October 31st, at 8 p.m. (Reception 7.30 p.m.) — "Jubilee Dinner" — To Monsieur le pasteur R. Hoffmann-de Visme, at the First Avenue Restaurant, High Holborn, London, W.C.1. (Ticket 5/- each) can be obtained by members of the committee, or by application to the Jubilee Committee, 12, Upper Bedford Place, W.C.1, or at the offices of the Swiss Observer, 23, Leonard Street, E.C.2.)

Saturday, November 3rd, at 8 o'clock — Swiss Rifle Team — Supper — at Swiss Hotel, Old Compton Street, W.

Wednesday, November 7th, at 7.30 p.m. — Société de Secours Mutuels — Monthly Meeting, at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Tuesday, November 20th — Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd. — Cinderella Dance at the Royal Hotel, Woburn Place, Russell Square, W.C.1. (Details to follow).

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8 Uhr Chorprobe.

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