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*Ach-damn* (corruption of *Achtung*); the hyphen indicates the moment of collision.

*Ach!* (abbreviation of *Achtung*). You will seldom have time to say more than before (*a*) discovering what happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable barrier, or (*b*) making a *sitzmark*.

*Sitzmark* (indelicate). This is not an ejaculation, though it may be followed by some, but a gesture (ungraceful). In soft snow the *sitz* is silent and the *mark* is stressed. On hard snow the *sitz* is stressed and so is the *mark* (the latter on *you!*).

The rest of the Swiss language is mainly gesture. In fact —

*The Telemark* (an attempt on the part of the left ski to hinder the right's descent and *vice-versa*).

*The Step Turn* (or human T).

*The Stem* (in which you must imagine you are the tide, and try to stem it by v-ing your skis).

*The Christiana* (an involuntary skid, but do pretend you have done it on purpose).

*The Jump* (or leg-breaker).

are all gestures or semi-convulsive efforts to prevent your skis from running away with you.

*Ski*. There is controversy over the pronunciation of this word, some preference is shown by its victims for the harsh *skee*, which is more in keeping with the pain inflicted. But the majority of married Englishmen insist that the instrument is contrary and impetuous, therefore must be feminine and should be pronounced *She*.

*Punch*.

**THE "CHATEAU" AT DAVOS.**

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A castle stands, so stately,  
On top of yonder hill,  
Abode of serene beauty,  
Home of sincere good will.  
A wreath of snow-white mountains  
Surround this charming spot;  
It's built, to last for ever,  
On solid grey-green rock.  
The burgher of this castle,  
Blessed with a heart of gold,  
Vowed, happen whatsoever,  
Old traditions to uphold.

Protect the needy little ones,  
Weak children, sad and ailing;  
Bestow a chance to all and one,  
To overcome their failing,  
And face the dreary everyday,  
Armed with more strength, a part  
To greet, the happy dawn of health  
With sunshine in their heart.  
Ever to love, with thankfulness,  
Their friend, who, kind and wise,  
Ignoring sacrifice and rest,  
Opened this earthly paradise.

H. E.

**FOOTBALL.**

4th February, 1934.

**SWISS CUP, ROUND 4.**

Grasshoppers .....	6	Young Fellows .....	1
Basel .....	3	Locarno .....	4
(after extra time)			
Servette .....	4	Biel .....	0
Montreux .....	4	Brühl .....	2

Montreux is making history. For a mere Second League Club to get into the Semi-Finals is indeed meritorious, the more so as their victories were all due to really good play, showing a class of football too often sadly lacking in the higher circles. Basel have fallen on evil days since they lost their famous trainer. The surprise of the Round undoubtedly is Locarno's win in Basel and the consequent elimination of the Cup-holders. Grasshoppers' advance was only what was expected, but Servette are living up to their title of Champions and took that stiff hurdle, Biel, with something to spare. Here are your two finalists if they steer clear of each other in the next draw. We just learn the pairings for the Semi-Finals: Grasshoppers v. Locarno, Montreux v. Servette. What about Servette for the Cup?

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Young Boys .....

**NATIONAL LEAGUE.**

Lugano .....	1	Concordia .....	0
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which puts Lugano out of the relegation danger zone.

**FIRST LEAGUE CUP.**

Racing .....	1	Friburg .....	0
Bözingen .....	4	Solothurn .....	1
Luzern .....	7	Cantonal .....	5
(after extra time)			

and Aarau v. Grenchen and St. Gallen v. Juventus were postponed; probably they will draw lots again. What a farcical competition!

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Saturday, February 10th, at 7 o'clock — City Swiss Club — Cinderella Dance — at the Mayfair Hotel, Berkeley Square, W.1.

Wednesday, February 14th, at 7.45 p.m. — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Monthly meeting — at "Swiss House," 34, Fitzroy Square, W.1, to be followed by a talk by Dr. H. W. Egli on "Topical Questions."

Wednesday, February 14, at 9 p.m. — Swiss Gymnastic Society — General Meeting at 74, Charlotte Street, W.

Thursday, February 15th, at 8.30 p.m. — London Swiss Rifle Team. — General Meeting at Swiss Hotel, 53, Old Compton Street, W.1.

Monday, February 19th, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. — Société Culinare Suisse, Grand Ball, at Union Helvetia Club, 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

Wednesday, February 21st, at 8 p.m. (Supper at 7 p.m.) Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd. — Annual General Meeting at "Swiss House," 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.

Saturday, February 24th, at 2 and 4 o'clock p.m. — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — "A Travers la Suisse" Film Show, at King George's Hall, Caroline Street, Tottenham Court Road, W.C.1.

Tuesday and Thursday, February 27th and March 1st, at 5.30 p.m. — University of London. — A course of two lectures will be given at University College, London (Gower Street, W.C.1), by Professor Dr. L. Ruzicka, Professor of Organic Chemistry in the Technical High School, Zurich.

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

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7 Uhr abends, Gottesdienst.  
8 Uhr, Chorprobe.

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Am 25. Jänner wure beerdigt Friedrich Ulrich BOHREN, von Grindelwald (Bern); geb. 1895, gestorben am 19. Jänner.

**TAUFE.**

Getauft wurde am 28 Jänner der am 18.11.1933 geborene, ANTON Gregory BRABNER, Sohn des Viktor Harold, von Richmond (Surrey), und der Muriel Alice geb. Greenham, von London.

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