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What excitement and delight there was on the children's first all-day mountain excursion! Armed with rucksacks and sticks they set off for Engstligenalp, the great plateau that lies 6,500ft. above sea level. After a walk through Alpine meadows, ablaze with millions of flowers, through fragrant pinewoods and alongside rushing torrents of snow water, they reached the cable railway. How amazingly delighted they were at being slung over precipices and gorges in a ride which frightens many grown-up people! On reaching the top they found they had been transported in six minutes from summer to spring. Snow lay in huge patches on the plateau, and snowballing and sliding were soon in full swing. A pleasant surprise awaited them, for behind a huge boulder their Swiss brothers and sisters had prepared a huge cauldron of soup, and after lunching together they played games, danced, and amused themselves for the rest of the day.