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THE POWER OF THE LIVING-ROOM.

(Translation by J. J. S.)

Homeland! You are that which you are not by the grace of your Kings, not through the power of your mighty men, nor through the wisdom of your sages; you are what you are through the living-room* which by the noble power of a home-life in which your people in its wisdom dwell and by which you have elevated yourself by your freedom, which in the fundamental spirit of your constitution and the silent enjoyment of its blessings are in agreement with the necessities of a psychologically well founded and by the state encouraged home-life.

*Living-room = Wohnstube not Lebensraum (Ed.)
Heinrich Pestalozzi 1746-1827.

THE PROTECTION BY THE CYCLOP.

(Translation by J. J. S.)

At the time of the Cyclop a weakling thought "I will place myself under his protection, he will then not do me any harm" "That is well done" said the Cyclop. "Take this thread in your hand and I will lead you where you have to go either to the left or to the right." This following the big One-eyed one frightened the weakling; he shook in every limb, however, he took up the thread, but already in the morning the Cyclop said "This thread might be breaking" and offered him string instead.

A few days later the giant said "The thread and the string were only for the trial period, for the future you have to grasp this rope for your protection and you will have to take a solemn oath never to let it drop neither by day nor by night."

Deadly white the man swore to what was never possible to keep. The rope soon dropped from his hands and he was in no hurry to pick it up from the floor upon which it fell.

Over that the barbarian flew into a rage and said "That is faithlessness and perjury, this must be prevented" and with this he tied the protecting rope round both his hands. Thus trussed up the man groaned "blessed are those whom he devours without protection" and gnawed for a whole night with his teeth at this rope and wanted to bite it through, but the beast woke up, before he had freed himself and tied the dreaded rope round the itching neck with a serious threat of a horrible tying up at the first error against the holy protection.

Heinrich Pestalozzi 1746-1827.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

Members will be delighted to hear that Tuesday is expected to be another red-letter day for the Club. Our very good friend, M. Maurice Thiéry, has agreed to come and speak to us on a subject of topical interest, and the Committee earnestly hope that all members will make a point of attending this meeting — the last of the year. Other distinguished guests have promised to be present.

Pagani's, I am informed, are going out of their way to give us a real treat at the reduced war price. Please telephone Mr. Boehringer at Clerkenwell 2321 without fail on Monday so as to simplify the arrangements for the seating, and may I suggest that you cannot expect Pagani's to give you a real good treat if you do not give them a chance to prepare for an adequate number, especially in these days when provisions have to be handled with more care than usual.

We look forward to seeing a really good muster, and you may be sure that when you come there you will not be disappointed.

Bee.

SWISS MINISTER'S RETIREMENT.

Applications for tickets are still coming in regularly, and the Committee expresses the hope that all our compatriots will make up their minds very rapidly now to attend the Farewell Dinner which, as you know, is taking place on Friday, December 15th, at the Monico Restaurant, at 6 o'clock.

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and New Year's
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