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A fatal accident is reported from the Weisshorn where the 38 years old Robert William Esquillant from London lost his life; elsewhere he is described as a New Zealand Air Force officer.

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Robert Burns' famous dictum in search of self-contemplation seems to be stultified or anyhow simplified by a discovery of "The Scotsman" which on September 5th publishes the following advice. After this, some of our readers will no doubt begin the examination of old and "nearly-new" shoes and boots within their reach (they need not wait for two months) — an instructive pastime or study when the weather forecast lets us down:

"Some years ago a Swiss scientist, Dr. Garre of Basle, declared: 'Show me one of your shoes after two months' wear and I will tell your character.' According to his reading of footwear, the heel of a shoe worn evenly denotes in a man energy and in a woman motherliness. A shoe worn only on the outside of the tread marks a person of initiative, but excessive wear on the outside tread may indicate that the wearer takes life too easily and trusts overmuch to chance.

If the mark of wear is on the inside, it denotes, in a man, weakness and irresolution, but in a woman a sweet and gentle disposition."



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BRITISH BOOKS AND PERIODICALS FOR SWITZERLAND.

An exhibition of over 1,200 modern British books, arranged by the British Council, has opened in Berne on September 3rd and will later be shown in Basle, Zurich, Geneva and Lausanne. The British Council assisted in the arrangements for the exhibition of Swiss books held in London in May and reciprocal aid to the British exhibition is being given by the Society of Swiss Libraries.

The exhibition consists mainly of books published during the war, and the twenty-four sections include books on agriculture, architecture and the arts, economics, education, history, sociology and reconstruction, medical, scientific and technical works, fiction and children's books.

There is also a group of 73 fine and rare books illustrating the development of the craft of printing in Britain. The first exhibit is an original leaf of "The Chronicles of England" printed by Caxton in 1840 and the last a copy of John Piper's "Brighton Acquaintance," published by Duckworth and printed by the Curwen Press in 1939.

A separate section will show copies of about 400 periodicals representative of the whole range of the British periodical press from popular magazines to "newsletters" and the journals of learned societies.

HOME SPUN YARNS.

Gemütsathlet.— Ein junger Mann fällt in den Zürichsee und schreit energisch: "Hülf, hülf, i chaa nüd schwümme!" Ein Passant ruft ihm in aller Seelenruhe zu: "I jo au nüd, aber wegem sebe mach i doch kei so'ne Sauläarme!"

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Sport und Kunst.— "Dies, meine Herrschaften," sagte der Führer zu einer Reisegesellschaft, "ist der grösste Wasserfall der Alpen. Ich bitte die Damen, einen Augenblick ihre Unterhaltung zu unterbrechen, damit man das donnernde Getöse der stürzenden Wasser hören kann!"

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Im Eifer.— Wahlkandidat (in seiner Agitationsrede): "Wollt ihr eine neue Strasse — wählt mich! Wollt ihr eine neue Schule wählt mich! Wollt ihr ein rassenreines Rindvieh — wählt mich!"