

Zeitschrift: The Swiss observer : the journal of the Federation of Swiss Societies in the UK
Herausgeber: Federation of Swiss Societies in the United Kingdom
Band: - (1947)
Heft: 1060

Artikel: About Wills
Autor: Isler, F.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5169/seals-686909>

Nutzungsbedingungen

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften auf E-Periodica. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen sowie auf Social Media-Kanälen oder Webseiten ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. [Mehr erfahren](#)

Conditions d'utilisation

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. La reproduction d'images dans des publications imprimées ou en ligne ainsi que sur des canaux de médias sociaux ou des sites web n'est autorisée qu'avec l'accord préalable des détenteurs des droits. [En savoir plus](#)

Terms of use

The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. Publishing images in print and online publications, as well as on social media channels or websites, is only permitted with the prior consent of the rights holders. [Find out more](#)

Download PDF: 13.08.2025

ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>

ABOUT WILLS.

By F. ISLER.

When I was a young boy I had an old Uncle
Whose nose was as red as a flaming carbuncle,
His thirst was terrific, his manners refined —
Supposed to be rich, with his pockets well-lined.

He lived with my parents, his payments were nil,
He borrowed some cash on the strength of his will;
But after his death my parents were worried —
He died without means to be decently buried.

When I was apprenticed, my upright old Chief
Said "Always be honest" and "Don't be a thief."
After long years of service, devoted and willing,
He left me his Bible — and a mouldy old shilling!

Then I posted a letter to a close-fisted Aunt:
"Will you leave me some money? She replied, "No,
I shan't!"
My answer was brief: "Do just as you like —
"I hope you get drowned — or bumped off your old
bike."

Next day came a wire: "Please remove wicked curse
"And I'll make you sole heir of the wealth I disburse."
"Have mercy, dear nephew — I can ride on the path
"When I'm out on my bike — but I MUST have a
bath!"

Once I asked a rich widow to be gen'rous and kind
And leave a donation to the Old and the Blind;
But I read in "The Times" — and it gave me the
rats —
She left All to a Home for Stray Dogs and Old Cats.

There was Darby and Joan, who lived happy for years;
When Darby lay dying, Joan was drowned in her
tears —
But when reading the Will, people said it looked shady
To leave half to one's wife and half to some lady.

I frequently note that substantial bequests
Are going to people with well-feathered nests,
Whilst the Old and the Needy, being timid and tame,
Are ignored or forgotten, which I think is a shame.

Another conundrum which is puzzling my head:—
Why be kept in suspense until people are dead?
Why pray for their peace and eternal salvation
Before being sure of a gift or donation?

I've drawn the conclusion that sometimes a Will
Is a Boom and a Blessing, and sometimes a pill!
When making your Will, spiced with Goodwill and
piety
Remember the SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

* * *

P.S.—Readers who have made their Wills, but
forgotten the S.B.S. should ring up their solicitors
about a Codicil. Alternatively, readers wishing to
assist the Funds of the Swiss Benevolent Society are
invited to send a cheque or Postal Order, crossed and
made payable to the Swiss Benevolent Society, to 31,
Conway Street, London, W.1, mentioning this appeal.



AROSA 5400 feet Hotel Juventas

THE SUNNY SITUATED FAMILY HOUSE
ALL WINTERSPORTS IN SUN AND SNOW
Full Board Fr. 16.— E. Streiff, Propr. Tel. (081) 3 11 17
Favourable Arrangements for January and March



ST. MORITZ-Campfer Hotel Julierhof

Tel. 3 36 96 6000 feet
Nearest Ski-hoist Suvretta. Good food in warm
and comfortable rooms. Garage, Bar, Dancing.
Skating, Curling and all Wintersports.
Pension Fr. 16— to 20.— C. Fasciati, Propr.

PANY Grisons 3750 feet Pension MALUTT

GOOD FOOD — OWN FARM
Full Board from Fr. 9.50 Miss C. Hartmann, Propr.

Children's Home BRAUNWALD 4000 feet

Homelike atmosphere for Children in need of recreation,
age 1-14 years. Sunny, quiet situation, specially for Children
with breathing and gland complaints. No infectious diseases.
Loving care — medical control. Nourishing food, 4 meals,
best alpine milk. Help in study. Easy skiing grounds.
E. Elmer, Trained Nurse. Phone: 78, Braunwald.

EDUCATION IN SWITZERLAND

SWISS ALPINE COLLEGE DAVOS

5250 feet
BOARDING SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
Classics, sciences and commercial, modern languages. Summer
and winter sport, open-air life. Age 12-20. Small classes.
For full particulars apply: Dr. Schaffer.

EDUCATION IN MOUNTAIN CLIMATE
Girls Institution and Klosters
Household School GRISONS 3800 ft.
Girls High School — Household Session Course
Dr. and Mrs. Landolt

