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THE JODLERS AT MARLOW AND COOKHAM.

The Basle Jodlers, after having entertained the Swiss Colony on Saturday, July 31st, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1, and again on Sunday, August 1st, at the London Coliseum, on the occasion of the Swiss National Day Celebration, were invited to a luncheon, by Mr. Charles Strubin, at the well-known river Hotel, "The Compleat Angler" at Marlow, where our compatriot, Mr. G. Mermod, served them an excellent luncheon.

We understand that the party was in high spirits, and that a joke played by one of the Jodlers caused a mild sensation in this lovely, but quiet and sedate river resort.

Dressed in woman's attire he feigned a quarrel and ultimately a fight with a so-called husband who, after a struggle threw her into the river; a waiter employed at the Hotel, knowing nothing of the little comedy, but thinking that an accident had happened, promptly jumped after "her" in order to affect a gallant rescue, he was followed by another Jodler; both the "wife" and her second rescuer then swam across the river, walked from the bank to the suspension bridge from which they dived into the river, much to the surprise and amazement, not only of the gallant waiter, but also of the large crowd who had assembled to watch a "grim tragedy".

A no less enjoyable party was held at Quarry Court, the residence of Mr. Strubin, and later at the "Hare and Hounds" at Cookham Dean, where the landlord and the entire village welcomed them with delight.

This short trip into Buckinghamshire was apparently greatly enjoyed by our Jodling visitors.

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