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dangerous northern face of the Eiger by two Italians and two Germans in August 1957. No Alpine drama, the author writes, since Whymper's ascent of the Matterhorn has created greater or more world-wide interest. One Italian and the two Germans lost their lives; the surviving Italian, Claudio Corti, was rescued after spending nine nights on a rock shelf the size of a table. The rescue party was recruited from five nations and it was a German who, swaying at the end of a 320-metre steel cable, succeeded in bringing the exhausted Corti to the top. Corti's first request was for a cigarette; his rescuer's comment was "Let's hope the cable does not break".

Great as is the enjoyment of reading this book while sitting in an armchair, it has a wider purpose. "This book", says the author, "will have achieved the main purpose for which it was written if it persuades some of my readers to visit the loveliest of all conceivable mountain regions. It will have achieved its secondary purpose if it proves to be a helpful travel companion to lovers of the Oberland".

J.J.F.S.

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 Every Sunday, from 7 to 10.30 p.m. — The Alpenrosen Club — Socials — at Westminster Cathedral School, 48, Great Peter Street, S.W.1.
 Every Thursday, from 8-10.30 p.m. — Unione Ticinese — Corale — at the "Schweizerbund" (Swiss Club), 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.
 Sunday, May 4th, 1958, from 5 to 11 p.m. — Unione Ticinese — Tea Dance — at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1. (Tickets 17/6 each from Mr. F. A. De Maria, 4 Luxembourg Gardens, W.6. (Phone RIV 1146.)
 Wednesday, May 7th, 1958, at 7 p.m. Société de Secours Mutuels — Monthly Meeting — at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.
 Sunday, May 11th, 1958 — Swiss Rifle Association — Shooting — at Bisley Camp (Siberia Range), Surrey.
 Wednesday, May 14th, 1958, at 7 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society — Monthly Meeting — at 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1, followed by showing of Consul E. Ribi's colour slides of Mexico with commentary. (See advertisement.)
 Sunday, May 25th, 1958, Swiss Rifle Association — Shooting — at Bisley Camp (Siberia Range) Surrey.
 Friday, May 30th, 1958 at 7 p.m. — London Swiss Philatelic Society — Monthly Meeting — (France Part IV by Mr. G. Berlemont) at 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.
 Wednesday, June 4th, 1958, at 7 p.m. Société de Secours Mutuels — Monthly Meeting — at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. Street, W.1.
 Wednesday, June 11th, 1958, at 7 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society — Monthly Meeting — at 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1, followed by a talk on: — "Free Trade Area and Common Market in Europe" by Dr. R. Faessler, Economic Counsellor, Swiss Embassy.



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