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Odds and Ends

Market women in national costumes — lace, billowing petticoats and embroidered aprons — add a genuine 17th-century touch to the Old Town of Lausanne, where they appear twice a week, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, for the colourful open-air market, much to the delight of picture-shooting tourists.

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Two men from Mars, the first to land on Earth, were very excited as they stepped out of their space ship near a large town. Pointing to the TV aerials on almost every house, one happily said to the other: "Look — Girls!"

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In addition to the 500 ski-lifts, chair-lifts and aerial cableways already in permanent use in Switzerland's approximately 125 winter sports resorts last winter, it is estimated that more than twenty new ones will be ready at the start of the new season to carry the ever-increasing numbers of skiers. The new installations so far announced are distributed among Switzerland's most important skiing areas and some of them open up new ski fields. They include the following: — Davos: Parsennhütte-Weissfluhjoch aerial cableway, Kreuzweg-Parsenfurka ski-lift; Grindelwald: First-Oberjoch ski-lift; Andermatt: Andermatt-Gemsstock Gotthard cableway; Charmey (Canton Fribourg): Charmey-Dents-Verts cableway.

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A youngster who had been taking swimming lessons rushed home to announce that he had just gone off the diving board by himself.

"Well, that's fine, Jimmy," said his father, "but didn't you tell us you went off the board last week?"

"I know," was the reply, "but last week I was pushed."

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A total of 3,744 passengers was carried by the Jungfrau Railway up to the 11,340-foot Jungfrauoch, Europe's highest railway station, in a single day (18th August). This was 880 more than the previous highest total, recorded

on 29th July 1960.

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A business firm wrote to another corporation, saying, "Our electronic brain has computed that the cost of the work you want done will be . . ."

The following reply was received a few days later:

"As this is more than we anticipated, we would like to suggest that your electronic brain make an appointment with our electronic brain to discuss ways and means of reducing the cost of work."

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A special exhibition of precious old Japanese brocades and Chinese embroidery is on view in the Industrial Museum of St. Gall, the North-East Swiss textile and cultural centre, until the end of October.

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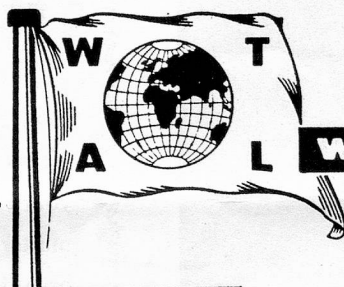
"Où en sommes-nous", colour film in French
"Porcelaine suisse" (Porcelaine de Langenthal),
colour film in French

"Zurich Impressions" (Town of Zurich),
colour film with music

"Down-Town Europe",
Swissair colour film in English

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