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Odds and Ends

The Gemsstock aerial cableway (9,728 feet) and the ski-lift to the Gurschenalp have been warmly welcomed by skiers at this well-known winter resort. The cableway has not only opened up an ideal ski terrain hitherto accessible only to cross-country enthusiasts, but has also eased passenger-pressure on the special trains to the Naetschen and the Oberalp and on the ski-lifts from these stations to the Guetsch and to Calmot. For those who prefer ski-touring there are still great open expanses off the beaten track. Visitors can choose between eleven hotels and five pensions. Skating, curling and tobogganing are among other sports practised at Andermatt.

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The little girl in Sunday school was paying close attention to the teacher's lecture on the power of prayer. "And what must we do before God forgives us?" asked the teacher.

"Sin", said the little girl brightly.

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Lungern, hitherto known as a climatic health resort, has now come into its own as a winter sports centre thanks to the completion of an overhead cableway leading in two sections from Lungern to the Breitenfeld. Schoenbühl-Breitenfeld (6,560 feet) — a sunny plateau with reliable snow conditions — is a starting point for downhill runs of all classes and affords wonderful views of the peaks of Central Switzerland and the Bernese Oberland. Five hotels at Lungern can take up to 200 guests.

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"Dear," said the wife looking up from her magazine, "it says here that the average woman has a vocabulary of five hundred words. Don't you think that I have more than that?"

"Not really," replied her husband, "it just seems that way. You have a large turnover."

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Yodellers from all over Switzerland will rally in Lucerne from 29th June to 1st July, when their national festival is being held. Friends of Swiss folk music will be coming in their thousands to this event, which will reach its climax with a procession in national costumes — a fascinating picture of Swiss folk-lore.

Quotation — from a wise man: "If you find a mistake in this paper please consider it was put there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone and some people are always looking for mistakes."

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Simplon — Orient Express: The train which has had this name since 1919 will soon cease to exist. The new train will be called "Simplon Express" and will terminate at Trieste, except during the period 27th May to 31st October 1962, when it will be run through to Zagreb. New is a tourist class sleeping car Paris—Rome.

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As a result of the London—Dover electrification, the daily connection by trains CB/BC via Calais will be speeded up.

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The Leysin American School, a co-educational boarding school preparing young American students for university and college entrance in their own country, was opened this autumn at Leysin, a well-known Swiss Alpine resort. This school, admirably situated on the outskirts of a big resort, in the vicinity of forests and — in winter — ski slopes, facing a magnificent panorama of breathtaking mountain scenery, admits up to 150 boys and girls in grades 7 through 12 and a limited number of high-school postgraduates. This new boarding school, which offers a comprehensive education with particular emphasis on foreign languages, and which has American and Swiss administrative and teaching staff, will render invaluable service to the many citizens of the United States domiciled in Europe, and more particularly in Switzerland, by providing them with the solution to the problem of their children's education.

NEW JETS FOR SWISSAIR

Swissair is to introduce the new Convair 990 Coronado jet aircraft to its South America, Far East and Middle East routes in the early Spring.

Following the issuing by the United States Federal Aviation Administration, of the Air-Worthiness Certificate on 16th December, Swissair will receive four Coronados in January and one in July 1962. Of the seven Coronados ordered by Swissair in September 1959, two will be operated by the Scandinavian Airlines System for a period of four years.

The Coronado carries seventy-four Economy Class passengers and twenty-four First Class passengers. The latter have a small lounge at their disposal aboard the aircraft.

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