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SWISS COMPANY FOR LASER APPLICATIONS

A Swiss interindustrial group for the application of lasers, known as Lasag Ltd., was recently formed in Neuchâtel; the new limited company comprises seventeen shareholders, nine of them from the watchmaking industry, six from the precision engineering branch and two applied research institutes. Lasag's aim is to encourage the industrial application of lasers and to carry out the related research and production work. It will also carry out tests in pre-industrial series for its clients. The work will be done using the very latest equipment. The setting up of Lasag is in line with the present trend to rationalise and concentrate; it answers the wishes of all those who feel that Swiss industry cannot afford to ignore the development of a technique so full of promise for many of its sectors. [O.S.E.C.]

A SWISS "FLY-CATCHER"

The press recently reported that electric fly-catchers were being tried out in a country on the American continent. It is perhaps the moment to point out here that Swiss industry produced a similar apparatus some time ago. This apparatus resembles a hanging lamp, or ceiling light, in which bait is placed (that is to say, a lamp at night and an aromatic sweet liquid by day) to attract insects. On approaching the bait, the insects come into contact with electrically charged conductors, which give them a mortal shock, and they fall into a special container forming part of the apparatus. The "Insektor" apparatus, which has met with scientific approval and comes in several sizes, depending on needs, is therefore very practical for use not only in the home but also in bakeries and butcher's shops, hospitals, stores, stables, cowsheds and all places where insects are a pest. [O.S.E.C.]


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