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The London branch of the Union Bank of Switzerland as it is today . . . for story and more pictures see pages 14 and 15.

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The majestic alps of the Bernese Oberland as seen from Berne.

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The Bear Pit which houses the city's "heraldic" animals.

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Farmers' market on the Bärenplatz. It takes place every Tuesday and Saturday morning.

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The Justice Fountain, one of the 13 historic fountains which adorn the streets of Berne. At the foot of the Justice are the four powers of the time: the Emperor, the Pope, the Sultan and the Lord Mayor of Berne.

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A winter afternoon in the old part of Berne. In the foreground is the Nydegg church, constructed in the 13th century on top of the remains of the old fortress.

BACK COVER

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Aerial view of the Swiss capital. Berne was founded in 1191 on a cliff in a loop of the river Aare by Berthold V, Duke of Zähringen, for strategic reasons. It was enlarged in stages in the 12th, 13th and 14th centuries. The city is now expanding rapidly, especially towards the west. Berne's new "skyscraper" settlements are also clearly visible.

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Old inn sign from the Bären in Münsingen near Berne. It dates back to the 15th century.

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The south face of Berne in an autumnal mood. The cathedral presents an impressive backcloth.

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One of Berne's most famous landmarks, the clock tower with its astronomical clock, was installed in 1530. During the summer all Berne's historic buildings and monuments are illuminated every night until midnight.

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