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BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

The following list is a reminder that a number of books written by Swiss or on Switzerland would make welcome Christmas presents. Most of them have been reviewed in the "Swiss Observer". Reviewing dates are shown in brackets.

"**Swiss Panorama**", Artemis Company, with beautiful photographs, text in English or French or German or Italian. Telephone Dr. E. Wiget, PUTney 3338 (8th January 1965). Special price only £6.0.0.

"**Zermatt Saga**" by Cicely Williams, the story of Zermatt from ancient to modern times, published by Messrs. Allen & Unwin. (13th November 1964 and 26th February 1965.)

"**Switzerland's Amazing Railways**" by Cecil J. Allen, published by Thomas Nelson & Son Ltd., a railway classic with interesting tables and excellent photographs (23rd April 1965).

"**Who's Who in Switzerland**", the fifth edition of a biographic dictionary, published by Nagel in Geneva and distributed by Frederick Muller Ltd., London. Excellent reference book (14th May 1965).

"**The Perpetual Hills**" by Hugh Merrick, a personal story of life-long enthusiasm for the Swiss mountains, published by Newnes (14th May 1965).

"**Die Schweiz — Heute**", a first class account of Swiss history, present problems and future outlook with contributions by prominent Swiss, Edited by Leonhard Rösli and published by the Secretariat of the Swiss Abroad, Alpenstrasse 26, 3000 Berne. Price Fr.10.— (11th June 1965).

"**Tante Heidi's Swiss Kitchen**" by Eva Maria Borer, published by Nicholas Kaye Ltd., London. A well-written book on Swiss cooking, specialities in the gastronomic field and recipes. (25th June 1965).

"**The First Book on Switzerland**" by Sam and Beryl Epstein, an illustrated book on Swiss life and folklore, published by Edmund Ward, Ltd. (27th August 1965).

"**Berne — Portrait of a Town**", text compiled by Dr. W. Juker, published by Paul Haupt. A beautifully illustrated volume doing full justice to the Swiss capital (24th September 1965).

"**Schweizer, das musst du wissen**" published by Gebr. Wagner, Basle. A book with a wealth of information about Switzerland, which is not usually found in such compact form. It contains articles and contributions by experts like the first practising Swiss woman lawyer Dr. iur. et rer. pol. Edith Ringwald, with whom orders may be placed (Fr.13.50). Schuetzenmattstrasse 53, 3000 Basle, Switzerland. (22nd October 1965).

"**Die Schweizerkolonie in England nach Berufsgruppen**" by Dr. Ernst Boos, published by Francke, Berne, at Fr.23.—. This is the work of a young Swiss priest. The book is a geographical study of the development of the Swiss Community in England and contains fascinating information, tables and maps. (10th June 1966).

"**Swiss Mountain Magic**" by Desmond and Marjorie Parish (50/-) Bamerlea Books Ltd. This is a collection of 123 photographs and 53 colour-plates of

Alpine flowers, attractively presented. English or German text. (8th July and 11th October 1966, under Nouvelle Société Helvétique)

"**Dem Gewissen verpflichtet**" by the former Federal Councillor F. T. Wahlen, published by Fretz and Wasmuth, Zurich. The book which contains speeches by the great Swiss statesman, has been a best-seller. It is more than a collection of speeches — it shows up problems in Switzerland and points to the solution with wisdom and perspicacity (23rd September 1966).

"**Die Fünfte Schweiz**", "**La Cinquième Suisse**", "**La Quinta Svizzera**", a publication by the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad, 26 Alpenstrasse, 3000 Berne, in the year of "Fifth Switzerland". In any language, the cost is Fr.3.—, and the book contains valuable information on the Swiss living abroad (23rd September 1966).

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To this list we should like to add a book which is still available and which was advertised and reviewed in the "Swiss Observer" in April and May 1964: August Kern's "**50 Jahre Weltenbummler**", reminiscences of a much-travelled compatriot of ours, for many years resident in the U.K. The book is available at 25/- (cheques made out to A. Kern) from "Swiss Observer", 23 Leonard Street, E.C.2.

Paul Haupt, Berne, published Dr. Arnold Saxer's "**Die Soziale Sicherheit in der Schweiz**", a comprehensive survey of Swiss social insurance.

The Benteli-Verlag in Berne is responsible for three charming little books "**Rytervärsl**", "**Schlaffiedli**" and "**Festvärsl**", collections of children's verses and nursery rhymes attractively illustrated by Ted Scapa.

Schwabe & Co., Basle, published a book called "**Siebzehn Basler Autoren**", *Gespräche — Proben aus ihrem Werk*, an illustrated volume of interesting contents compiled by Louis Wiesmann at the request of the *Staatliche Literaturkredit-Kommission Basel-Stadt*.

Finally, we should like to mention two books written as their thesis by two young men, one, Dr. Alex Wiederkehr, "**Der Staat und seine Bürger im Ausland**", of special interest to Swiss abroad (Polygraphischer Verlag A.G. Zurich), the other, Dr. Edouard Mahler, "**L'industrie automobile et ses perspectives d'avenir dans le nouvel équilibre européen et mondial**", a specialised account with a vast amount of carefully compiled data of interest to anyone concerned with cars and the automobile industry. (L'Imprimerie de l'Ere Nouvelle S.A. Lausanne).

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