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Château-d'Œx	de Fr. 22.—
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On peut retirer ces cartes auprès des Ecoles suisses de ski; sur demande, ces dernières donnent aussi des leçons privées dont le prix varie de fr. 5 à 7 l'heure pour un élève.

ZERMATT PREPARES

Zermatt, which for so long has been, and still remains, the Mecca of the mountaineer, is fast becoming the focal point for all types of Winter Sport enthusiast.

Every branch of the sport is catered for and each year produces some new and interesting feature. The coming season is no exception; indeed, the programme for 1950 to 1951 bids fair to outrival all previous occasions. Skiers, skaters, curlers, tobogganers—not to mention the ice-hockey experts—will find arrangements for races and competitions of every variety.

All the Hotels are opening as usual and Zermatt has just that Christmasy appearance which English people, in particular, associate with snow and so rarely find. The narrow streets flanked by the warm brown chalets with cushions of snow on the roofs; the cosy inns, the merry cafés, the attractive smell of the bakers' shops, and the quaint Walliserhof Hotel that might have stepped straight out of Hans Andersen—Zermatt in winter is an attractive place indeed!

The season opens in mid-December with a display of ice hockey, artistic skating and curling and the first big ski race takes place on the last day of the year. New Year's Day is to be celebrated by a Night Ski Jumping Competition on the slopes around Winkelmaten. This is a most spectacular event which was staged for the first time last year,

when Zermatt was the first resort in the whole of Switzerland to introduce Night Ski Jumping. Powerful searchlights are played on the jumping slope and as the competitors swoop down in a blaze of silver light, framed in the snow-covered fir trees, the scene resembles the fairy-tale pictures beloved by children.

The Regional Curling Championship will be held early in January and a "Zermatt Curling Week" is planned for January 27 to February 4. A new ski race, open to all visitors to Zermatt, will be a very popular event in the middle of the month. This is for the "Seiler Hotels Shield" and includes both downhill and slalom races. Lady ski-runners will come into their own at the end of the month when the Ladies Ski Club Championship takes place, and lady skiers from Great Britain have two events of their own in the "Lady Mabel Lunn Challenge Cup" and the "Alpine Ski" slalom.

February is the great month for skating and curling. On the 17th there is to be the tournament for "The Swiss Silver Curling Stone Trophy" and a great Skating Festival is fixed for the 24th.

There is no dismal tail-end of the season at Zermatt. In March, when many other centres have closed down, Zermatt is winding up its programme in a blaze of glory—no less than five big races take place, in-

cluding the Ski Championship of the Zermatt School Children and the famous International Gornergrat Derby. Competitors in this latter race will be pleased to learn that new projections have been erected above the railway line between Riffelberg and Roten Boden, making this section of the course much safer than in previous years.

For those who have a preference for tobogganing the runs from Riffelalp - Zermatt and Sunegga - Findelen - Zermatt are expected to be in excellent condition. Even indoor sport has not been neglected and in March a big International Bridge Tournament has been organised for the "Seiler Hotels Challenge Cup". There will be dancing in all the main Hotels and in the cosy Walliserkanne, and on moonlight nights dancers will leave the ballroom to take their places in tailing-parties to Taesch.

It is true to say that there is no end to the season at Zermatt. No sooner have the ski-racers departed at the end of March than the ski-tourers arrive for the magnificent glacier excursions of April and May; and the train that carries these visitors homeward down the valley to Brigue returns bringing the summer mountaineers laden with ice-axe, crampons and rope. With truth the Zermatters can cry "Berg- und Ski-Heil"!

Cicely Williams.

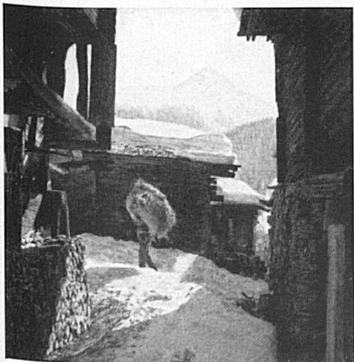


Top: To the rear of Zermatt's mountain setting, Monte Rosa and the Lyskamm raise their proud summits. In foreground of picture, the Gornergrat.
 Oben: Königlich erheben sich im Hintergrund der Zermatter Gebirgsumrahmung Monte Rosa und Lyskamm. Im Bild-Vordergrund der Gornergrat.
 Ci-dessus: Derrière l'amphithéâtre des montagnes de Zermatt se dressent majestueusement le Monte-Rosa et le Lyskamm. Au premier plan le Gornergrat.

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Right: Zermatt's winter costume.
 Rechts: Winterliches Zermatt.
 A droite: Zermatt sous la neige.



Top: Typical raised barns of the Valais.
 Oben: Zwischen den Walliser Speichern.
 Ci-dessus: «Raccards» valaisans.