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Observations

We have just returned from a holiday in Switzerland and would like to pass on the following observations:

Lucerne Stans Engleberg

This line is using a couple of SBB Brunig coaches on regular services from Lucerne but only as far as Wolfenschiessen. On the journey from Lucerne they are attached to the rear of the train. We returned one day on the 15.44 departure from Engelberg and, having stopped at Wolfenschiessen the train pulled forward and then reversed into the siding to pick up the three SBB coaches which presumably had been left there that morning. The coaches were used to strengthen the train back to Lucerne and appear to have been used for the transportation of school parties.

SBB Brunig

The Brunig is using, on a daily basis, a set of four Berner Oberland Bahn (BOB) coaches on schnellzug services between Lucerne and Interlaken Ost. They mainly run on the *Golden Pass* express 09.25 from Lucerne and 14.14 from Interlaken Ost.

Vitznau-Rigi Bahn

As a result of current construction work in progress on a new depot at Vitznau, the two steam locomotives are trapped in their new shed as the rails between there and the turntable have been removed in order to make room for a tower crane. The new depot is a modern concrete design with large windows.

A physical connection with the Arth-Rigi Bahn is being installed at Rigi Staffel and during our visit, it appeared that the final touches have only to be applied.

Members may like to know that in the road down to Vitznau, *Foto Burgli* are selling old black and white photographic prints at SFr5.00 per print. Specimens are on show in the window and purchasers should ask to see the folder kept behind the counter. This is one of the few shops we encountered where the staff do not speak English.

R & A Dawes.
London

QUERY CORNER

Members requests for detailed information not available through normal sources will be published here. Please send replies to the Editor for future publication.

Q1 : SEMAPHORE SIGNAL AT INTERLAKEN OST

There is a preserved semaphore signal at Interlaken Ost which has a third aspect with a blue light, whilst the arm has a diamond-shaped end. I believe this is a Swiss Ruhe-Halt signal. Can any member assist by confirming this and which railway used the signal and the approximate date of use.

J.E.Daboo

SWISS LINES DIAGRAM

Alan Snowden informs us that his *Swiss Lines Diagram* has now been redrawn with additional information and clearer type. He is willing, for the time being, to replace copies of the first edition returned with a suitable sized stamped addressed envelope. The size is A3, not A4 as stated in our last issue.

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