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Starting with this issue Geoff will be showing examples of the enormous variety of freight wagons seen in Switzerland and which originate from his vast collection of photographs covering the last thirty years.

**Railway:** SBB**Code:** Shimmns**No.** 477 7 122-6**Type:** 4 axle steel telescopic cowl wagon**Load:** To carry steel coils under cover**Colour:** Turquoise**Weight:** 59 t**Tare:** 23 t**Dimensions:** Length-12040mm.

Width-2990mm.

Height-4110mm

Taken at: Thun Station on the 11th November 1988.

The steepest mountain railway in Europe has opened in the Bernese Oberland. It is not, however, for the faint hearted as the pictures show. The Gelmerbahn takes up to 180 people a day to the Gelmer Lake rising 450 meters almost vertically in an open car. It was originally constructed in 1926 to help build the Gelmer dam and the associated hydroelectric power station and is located a few kilometres from Innertkirchen. The near vertical ride has proved too much for some and return journeys have occasionally been refused, fortunately there is a path down!

It costs SFr 25 return - better value than Alton Towers.

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