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PRENEZ GARDE A LA PEINTURE.

This film, which is now being shown at the Cinema Theatre, Oxford Circus, is worth a visit.

It is the film version of the comedy by René Fauchois, of which an English version has been produced on both stage and screen under the name "The late Christopher Bean."

Last week I went specially to see the English or rather American film in order to be able to compare the two. I think both are worth seeing, for in each you get a distinct typical and national point of view. The American version is an adaptation and not a translation. This is important. In the French film, there is a perfect picture of life in a provincial doctor's family. The story is supposed to take place in a village called Listerac in Provence, complete with accent. As a matter of fact, many of the scenes were filmed in the neighbourhood of Avignon and I recognised several shots of Villeneuve-lès-Avignon, that delightful and romantic spot on the opposite bank of the Rhône.

The role of the old servant does not fill the picture so completely in the French version as it does in the American one, but this is inevitable as the part was played by Marie Dreisler and it has been obviously written up for her benefit.

In the American film, the story is placed in New England and the charm and local colour of the South of France are missing.

Both versions are good, but the treatment is different and the end slightly changed to suit the difference between Latin and Anglo-Saxon points of view. On the whole, I think I give my vote in favour of the French version as shown at the Cinema Theatre, for if you leave out of account Marie Dreisler, the acting of the French film is more coherent and the several characters better balanced.

Another French film called "Ombres sur l'Europe," dealing with the problem of the Polish Corridor is on the programme of the Cinema Theatre, but I was disappointed with this film. It is frankly propaganda and instead of giving an idea of the scenery, characteristc and manners of Poland and its inhabitants, introduces a lot of extraneous matter which is of no importance and can only be of slight interest even to those who are directly concerned with the problem.

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EDITOR'S POST BAG.

The Editor, Swiss Observer.
Schr Geehrter Herr!

Der Artikel "Jahreswechsel und Radio" im gestrigen "Swiss Observer" muss wohl jedem Auslandschweizer der am Sylvester Abend das Programm von Beromünster gehört hat, zu Herzen gegangen sein.

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Mit den besten Wünschen für den "Swiss Observer," zeichne ich mit vaterländischem Gruss.

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