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It is the world's best but most barbaric way of eating cheese. The dish, however, must be served and consumed as aforementioned. If not, it is like stick-jaw.

Under such communistic table conditions, one naturally has to have select fellow feeders. I suppose that is why the prettiest girls are to be found at Lausanne fondue orgies.

An odd mediæval custom still survives in this venerable town, and that is the hourly announcing of the time from the Cathedral tower. Traffic noises swamp the cryer's voice during the day, but at night it carries far and wide. I was at a friend's place when I heard it first.

After all the local clocks had finished chiming and cuckoo-ing the witching hour of 8 p.m. in varying notes and keys, I was rushed to a window to listen.

Musical and clear, strangely reminiscent of a muezzin at an Eastern mosque, the chant "Il huit heures" echoed forth, being repeated from all four corners of the tower in turn. Then silence reigned again. And it was a.d. 1929.

Night and day, every hour out of the twenty-four, this human clock business has gone on for six or seven centuries. My thoughts were beginning to grope back along the shadowy corridors of time when my friend laid his hand on my shoulder and said unless we made a start we'd be late for the first act of "Journey's End."

Two minutes later we were descending in an automatic lift en route for a waiting high-powered sports model. One touch on the starter, and then my brief breath of Yesterday took wings on the petrol-laden breeze. Tempus fugit!

Having spent one of my happiest years in the "Canton de Vaud si beau" and having the proud privilege of being called friend by not a few Vandois and at least two Vaudoises, I am sure my judgment is right when I think that our compatriots of la-bas will see the humour in the above article.

We will now proceed further westward still and record a very interesting matter, namely—

**Geneva's Beau Geste:**  
*Daily Chronicle*, 30th. Oct.

Geneva, with a strong sense of loyalty, is restoring to the Mikado a magnificent bell which belonged originally to a Nippon temple, and was acquired by a Mr. Revilliod, who gave it, with many other valuable relics, to the Ariana Park Museum, at Geneva. It is an historic treasure and greatly valued by the Japanese. It was the finest "piece" in the collection of the late Mr. Revilliod.

**Where Women don't Vote:**  
*Daily News*, 6th. Nov.

The drive which was started for "Votes for Women" in Switzerland a year ago has resulted in the collection of a quarter of a million signatures to the petition, which will, as a consequence, be submitted to the Federal Council.

This is as far as the matter will go, but it is all that the promoters of the effort anticipated, and shows an advance on the results of previous efforts.

Switzerland, in fact, is far from being ripe for woman suffrage. A report just issued on the work accomplished by some two thousand eager women shows that they needed considerable courage to carry through what they accomplished. All through last winter, which was particularly cold, they persevered, climbing innumerable staircases, receiving many rebuffs, and only retiring in face of actual hostility.

Individual experiences are not given in the report, but the attitude of the different regions of the country is summed up as follows: In Eastern Switzerland the population was openly hostile and even aggressive, the worst district being the canton of Thurgau, where personal visits became impossible. In the Bernese Oberland the canvassers were ill-received, and some had to abandon the work owing to insults. Italian Switzerland was completely indifferent. Only in the cantons of Basle, Geneva and Neuchâtel was any real support shown, and even here much work remains to be done.

The results show that only 8 per cent. of the male electorate and 12 per cent. of the female population of the country are favourable to woman suffrage.

The result of the campaign, coming so soon after the wonderful *Saffa*, is disappointing and shows up the "hausfrau" spirit of the average Swiss woman, notably in the German speaking parts of our beloved and, otherwise, so well-ordered country. I think one reason for this spirit lies in the fact that, in the towns, at least, the men go out to their favourite Restaurants far too much in the evenings, or have to attend far too many meetings or Rifle-Clubs, Skittle-Clubs, Choirs, etc., etc., while their wives sit at home, darning or needle-working. Home Life, as it is understood in England, among the middle-class, is only beginning to be appreciated in the corresponding class in Switzerland. Hence, over there, the increasing

number of easy chairs, which, in my youth, were considered effeminate! Home-Life, as understood in England, however, inevitably means a closer friendship between husband and wife and a larger share for the latter, of the political education, which, formerly, went to the husband alone. Hence, there is hope for the Swiss Women's political emancipation later on, when their domestic emancipation has made further progress, in respect, principally, of making more of a pal, than a breadwinner, of her husband.

**Swiss Air Force Plans:**  
*Daily Express*, 11th. Nov.

The Swiss Military Department will shortly submit to the Government plans for the complete reorganisation of the military air service.

The scheme includes the purchase of 105 airplanes of the latest types—sixty bombing and forty-five observation machines. Some of these will be bought abroad, and others constructed in Swiss factories with the aid of foreign experts.

**Armistice:**

The above notes are written on Armistice day. Most of us will have read one or more articles these last few days, bringing back to us vivid memories of those terrible days of the Great War. I should like to select a few sentences which ought to make us work hard for Peace and which ought, at least, to make us think:

*Daily Mirror*, 11. 11. 29.

To the generation grown up since the war, it (Armistice Day) brings, we suppose, a vague impression that a piece of history is being re-staged.

**Erich Maria Remarque:**

*Daily Express*, 11. 11. 29.

We (young people who were in the war) have been unable to make our way back from the four years of death, struggle and terror, to the peaceful fields of work and progress, because we did not know that our lethargy, our cynicism, our unrest, our hopelessness, our silence, our feeling of secession and exclusion arose from the fact that the regenerative power of our youth had been dissipated in the war.

General Sir Ian Hamilton in the *Daily Express*, 11. 11. 29.

For great and terrible is the counter-power (—to Peace—) of the romance and beauty of war.

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