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Rhymes of the Times.

ORDERS OF MERIT.

[Switzerland is to take a plebiscite on the question of whether Swiss subjects shall be permitted to accept foreign orders and decorations.]

In Switzerland, the land of honey,
Milk, mountains, chocolate and hotels,
Of days incomparably sunny,
And yellow cows festooned with bells,
You'd say that life was passing pleasant,
That Fortune smiles upon the Swiss,
But there's one thing eludes the merry peasant,
One thing the Swiss still miss.

Toil as they may amid their valleys
To make a fortune out of goats,
Or, where the artless tourist dallies,
Selling cheap tours and table-d'hôtes,
With skis and cheese how'er they labour
To gather grist from you and me,
They cannot spring a knighthood on a neighbour,
Or sport an O.B.E.

The wealth that opes all other portals,
The power that politics bestow,
Leave them the same as other mortals:
No K.C.B., no M.V.O.,
No titles, orders, decorations,
Are by them won or on them thrust;
Helvetia, alone among the nations,
Has got no Upper Crust.

Such gauds repel the humble Schweizer;
He takes no interest in Fame,
Provided that, when he invites her,
Fortune is pleased to play the game;
Honours and rank within his borders
Still count as things that can't be got,
But when it comes to taking foreign orders
The Swiss don't miss a lot.

ALGOL.
in *Evening News*.

CONCERT NEWS.

Miss Nelly Meyrat, who is well known to many readers for her B.B.C. recitals and also for her co-operation at the Schweizer Kirche concerts, will sing at the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W.1., on Thursday, 26th February, on the occasion of the Grand Bohemian Concert given in aid of the General Porters' Association.

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BAPTEME.

Maureen Hedwige Chaubert, née le 8 Janvier
1931, fille de Emile et de May née Stockhorn—
de Corsier sur Vevey (Vaud)—le 1 Février 1931.

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8 Uhr abends: Chorprobe.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Wednesday, February 18th at 8 p.m.—NOUVELLE
SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE: Annual General Meeting
of the London Group at Swiss House, 34/35,
Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Thursday, February 19th.—SWISS INSTITUTE OR-
CHESTRAL SOCIETY: Concert at Conway Hall,
Red Lion Square, W.6.

Saturday, February 21st.—CITY SWISS CLUB:
Last Cinderella Dance of the season at the
May Fair Hotel, Berkeley Square, W.1.
(From 6.45 p.m. to midnight.)

Wednesday, February 25th, at 8 p.m.—SWISS
MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Annual General Meet-
ing at "Swiss House," 34/35, Fitzroy Square,
W.1.

Wednesday, March 4th, at 7.30 p.m.—SOCIÉTÉ DE
SECOURS MUTUELS: Monthly Meeting, at 74,
Charlotte Street, W.1.

Saturday, March 7th—From 7 to 12 p.m.—SWISS
MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Cinderella Dance, at
the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, Lon-
don, N.W.1.

Saturday, March 7th at 2.30 and 4.30 p.m.
"A Travers la Suisse." Swiss film show at
St. George's Hall, Caroline Street, Totten-
ham Court Road, W.1. Admission free.

Tuesday, March 10th.—UNIONE TICINESE: Annual
Banquet, Ball and Cabaret, at the Monaco
Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.

Wednesday, March 11th, at 7 p.m.—SOCIÉTÉ DE
SECOURS MUTUELS: Committee Meeting, at
74, Charlotte Street, W.1.