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Come si usa da quelle parti, salutai un vecchio contadino che era affaccendato a far fieno. Gli dissi "Bun Di."

Mi trovai immediatamente travolto sotto un torrente di parole ladine e costernato. Quando si accorse che non gli sapevo rispondere nella sua lingua, il contadino disse, tra il serio e il faceto, nel suo migliore Bündnerdütsch:

Aha, so hani scho mänge verwütscht.

Accettate, dunque, queste poche parole nella vostra bella lingua come pegno di buona volontà, dedicato a coloro in onore dei quali alzo il mio bicchiere:

I Ticinesi."

To the approval of all present, the bout of speech-making was concluded by the youthful Vice-secretary of the Unione Ticinese (a most eligible bachelor and champion athlete!) who paid a gallant compliment to "The Ladies."

The official proceedings were closed with the presentation by Fed. Councillor Celio of an illuminated address to Mr. Peter De Maria, the genial Vice-President and conductor of the Corale, recording his nomination to "Socio Benemerito" of the Unione Ticinese, of which he was Secretary for eighteen consecutive years.

And so to dancing — to the toe-teasing tunes of Harry Vardon and his band.

J.E.

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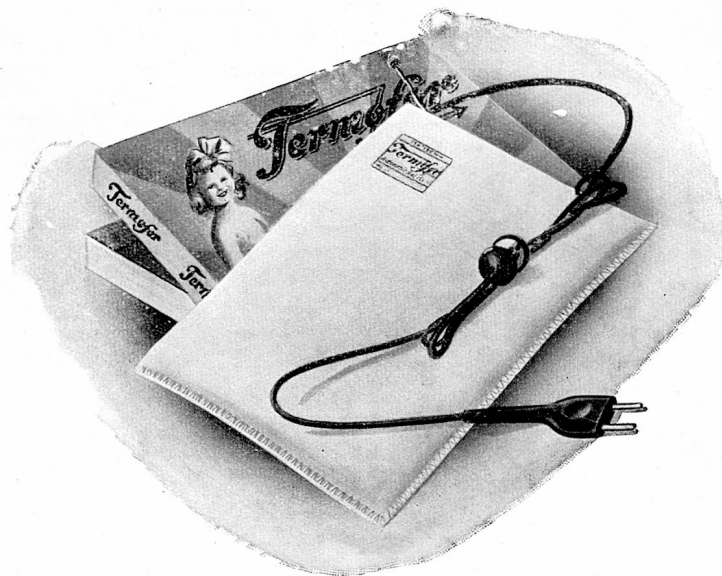
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Mr. Hamilton Fyfe, is a distinguished author of a number of books, including the recently published "The Most Civilised People in Europe." This booklet conveys a very lively, and on the whole, flattering picture of Switzerland, though it does not by any means pass over the weak sides in our character and mode of life. Mr. Fyfe's forthcoming address on Switzerland should therefore be most interesting, and provoke a lively debate.



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