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SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER.

A second talk in a series bearing the title "My job" was given on Thursday, 10th September, 1953, to Members and Friends of the Swiss Club Manchester by Mr. Ermanno Berner, the Club's actual Vice-President.

Mr. Monney, who acted as Chairman of the evening, introduced the lecturer as a very successful velvet manufacturer, having gained a vast experience in various places in Switzerland, Germany and Italy, before settling in England.

Mr. Berner approached his subject from the historical side, starting with the sartorial use of this regal fabric in ancient Greece and Persia, its appreciation by royalty and nobility of the Middle Ages and the development to "boulevard" velvet in our modern fashion world. The second part was dedicated to the various methods of manufacturing and in a third section Mr. Berner gave his listeners a very interesting insight into the economic and organizational background of his factory.

Mr. Berner had prepared his talk thoroughly and had gone into a great deal of trouble drawing up charts and diagrams, as well as assembling samples, thus giving a lively picture of the process of manufacturing.

In a few appropriated words M. Senn and M. Kuebler (the latter having returned to Manchester after several years of activity in the West Indies) thanked the lecturer for his enlightening talk and the assembly joined in with a frenetic applause: Very well done, Mr. Berner.

B.J.

OBITUARY.

On Friday, 11th September last, Mr. Leo Bordigoni passed away at the Temperance Hospital, N.W.1 after a short illness, aged 64 years. The funeral took place on Friday, 18th September, with interment at St. Pancras Cemetery, Finchley. The Deceased, who hailed from Grono (Mesolcina), came to London in 1912 and worked as waiter and head waiter at Pagani's for over 25 years. Since the destruction of this renowned establishment by enemy action, he was on the staff of the Piccadilly Hotel, W.1. To his widow and two daughters, we extend our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences in their bereavement.



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