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## COMMODITY MARKETS.

### A valuable publication.

The Swiss Bank Corporation, ably served by an enterprising and competent Statistical Department, are not restricting their activities to the routine functions of a great financial establishment; they also give assistance to the commercial world by issuing periodical publications as guides to foreign exchange, trade regulations and such-like subjects. A year ago they published a most interesting study relating to the history of banking.

The latest of these publications, entitled *Exchanges & Commodity Markets*, deals with the various commodity markets operating in London, Manchester and Hull, including a study of the Stock Exchange and the Insurance markets.

Most of these markets were closed or restricted not only during but for several years subsequent to the war. Today most of them are again functioning normally, and the issues of the present guide is therefore timely and of topical interest.

In the space of 70 pages and set out in alphabetical order, the working of the markets is described and explained in a clear and concise manner. Most of the business negotiated, it is shown, appears to be regulated by precise rules laid down by the Trade Associations under whose control it is transacted. The forms of contract used by members of these associations are most comprehensive and cover every foreseeable contingency. An interesting feature of these contracts is the provision they contain for the settlement of disputes by way of arbitration. Elaborate machinery has been worked out for this purpose and although the number of disputes that arise yearly must run into thousands, almost every case is settled by this method and very few of them find their way into court.

Underlying all these rules and regulations is a high standard of commercial integrity, the proud tradition of the British merchant. This standard is universally recognised and the markets enjoy a world-wide reputation for straight dealing and absolute dependability.

By presenting to the public this well-informed collection of studies, the Swiss Bank Corporation is rendering a valuable service to all those who are connected with or interested in the great commercial markets in this country.

*The Editor.*

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## A RETIREMENT.

Mr. A. C. Juriens, chef de cuisine at the Caledonian Club, London, for the past nine years, has retired. Following his training in Switzerland and Italy, Mr. Juriens came to England in 1912 and took a position at the Hans Crescent Hotel, London. He left the following year to join J. Lyons and Co., Ltd., and was chef de partie and chef at the Trocadero Restaurant and at the Maison Lyons Corner House.

From 1921 until 1924 he made 15 trips as chef on the R.M.S. *Almanzora*, plying between Southampton and Buenos Aires. For the next two years Mr. Juriens was chef at the Gourmets Restaurants, London. In 1926 he was appointed chef at the De Vere Hotel, Kensington. At that time Mr. R. C. Vaughan, managing director of the hotel, was caterer to the House of Lords, and Mr. Juriens was entrusted with the organisation of many notable banquets held there. In 1936 he was chef for one season at the Glyndbourne Festival Opera, Lewes, and during the next year was second chef at the opening of the Earls Court Exhibition.

From 1937 until 1939 he was chef at the Conservative Club, London, and for the next two years he held a similar position at the Lygon Arms, Broadway. In 1942 he was appointed chef at the Travellers Club, Pall Mall, leaving in 1943 to become chef at Kettners' Restaurant, Soho. After two years he became chef at the Caledonian. During his notable career Mr. Juriens has been president of the Swiss Culinary Society in London, president of the International Academy of Chefs (of which he is now an honorary president) and a governor of the Universal Cookery and Food Association. He was made a vice-president of the U.C.F.A. in 1952, when he was chairman of the International Salon Culinaire at Hotelympia. Mr. Juriens is also an honorary member of the Swiss, German and Austrian Catering Association.

Our best wishes accompany him into his retirement.

## 40th SWISS INDUSTRIES FAIR IN BASLE.

April 14th to 24th, 1956.

Switzerland's national industrial fair, the Swiss Industries Fair, will take place in Basle from 14th to 24th April, 1956, for the 40th time. With something like 2,300 exhibitors in 17 professional groups it will offer an excellent display of Swiss Industrial production. The most important export groups are: watchmaking, textiles, textile machinery, general engineering and the electrical industry.

At the 1955 Fair there were 30,000 visitors from foreign countries, some 1,000 of whom came from overseas.

Prospectuses, identity cards and a copy of the catalogue can be obtained from Swiss Legations and Consulates, Swiss Chambers of Commerce in foreign countries, in addition to the representatives of the Swiss National Tourist Office and the Swiss Office for the Development of Trade.

The 26th Swiss Watchmaking Fair will take place at the same time in Basle at which more than 150 watch manufacturers, amongst them the makers of all the world-famous brands, will be present in support of this most important professional show in the watch-making industry.