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shaken the "Kongresshalle" with roars of approval.

Some time ago I had the privilege of attending a complimentary dinner given to a very near relation of mine in Switzerland. There was a great array of "Herr Doktors", "Herr Direktors", and even "Herr Professors", present; it was a most impressive affair, let me tell you, and as it happened I was almost the only one present who did not have a handle to his name. Each one of the various speakers referred to my relation as "Herr Direktor" in a most solemn manner, and all addressed each other as "Herr Doktor" or "Herr Direktor" as the case may be. I had the honour to be seated between two "Herr Doktors", and, after innumerable toasts had been proposed and drunk, I felt a wee bit shaky, due to great emotions, I naturally enough looked instinctively to my two neighbours for help and assistance, but, lo and behold, my appeal met with no success; I was politely informed that one was a Doctor of Laws, and the other a Doctor of Philosophy! Two other doctors of one kind or another gave me the sound advice to retire and put my head "under the pump", which I did, and, returning to the banqueting table, all the better for the "spray", I philosophically reflected on the high intellectual attainments of my country which can produce at a comparatively small gathering such an array of "Herr Doktors" and "Her Direktors", but when later in the evening one of the guests addressed me as "Herr Redaktor" I nearly fainted again, and it took me some time to recover from the shock. Now if only he had addressed me as "Dear old bean" or even as "hundred per cent Horace", I should have shed tears of joy!

No, really and truly, we are not democratic enough, Uncle Sam is beating us hollow, and I have a good mind to start a big campaign for the restoration of a really simple and homely democracy, similar to the one initiated by our American friends.

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### GRABSCHRIFTEN

Hier liegt Martin Krug,  
Der Kinder, Weib und Orgel schlug.  
(Auf dem Grabe eines Schullehrers  
und Organisten).

O hl. Wendelin, du grosser  
Viehpatron, bitte bei Gott für uns.

Hier liegt begraben die ehrsame Jungfrau N.N.  
Gestorben ist sie im siebzehnten Jahr  
Just als sie zu brauchen war.

(Oberinntal)

Hier ruht der ehrsame Johann Missegger auf der  
Hirschjagd durch einen unvorsichtigen Schuss  
erschossen aus Aufrichtiger Freundschaft  
von seinem Schwager Anton Steger.  
(Auf einem Grabkreuz im Lavanttal.  
Jede Interpunktion fehlt).

Aufi gstiegen,  
Kerschen brockt (Kirschen geffückt)  
Abi gefallen  
Hin gwesen.

(Vor Amras)

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