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- Life/histories: Emil Tellenbach
- History of the Famous St. Bernard Dog
- Säntis

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Appenzell lies in the northeast of Switzerland, surrounded entirely by the canton of St. Gallen. Appenzell is divided into two separate cantons Appenzell Ausserrhoden and Appenzell Innerrhoden. The canton split in the late 1500s due to Protestant/ Catholic tensions. The region is mountainous and a good proportion of it is covered in forest. It is home to some of the best-kept hiking and skiing secrets in Switzerland. Stories, rumour, prejudices and folklore are often heard in reference to

Appenzell, largely because it is a region rich in history and cultural tradition. It is said that in Appenzell, tradition and customs are not occasionally celebrated but woven into every part of daily life. Many rural customs, such as the ceremonial descent of the cattle in autumn and cultural events such as folk music and lively dances are unique to the region and are fiercely treasured by both young and old, as a part of the Appenzeller identity.

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