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Not even my passenger had realized the danger. However, my colleagues were fully aware of the fact that I would never deliberately carry out so perilous a feat as to touch the ground with my wing tip, at a speed of 220 m.p.h. They were still pale to the lips and trembling with excitement, as they congratulated me on the safe termination of my flight."

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ST.

FOOTBALL.

What is wrong with Swiss Football? The results of the International games played in the season 1934-35 were decidedly encouraging, 2 wins, 2 draws and 4 defeats, goals for 14, against 18; after three successive defeats the famous W formation or third back game was adopted. Whether that be the reason or not, Switzerland triumphed over Hungary by 6 goals to 2 and finished the season by beating Ireland 1:0 and drawing with Belgium away 2:2.

Season 1935-36 started in promising fashion; France bit the dust in Geneva 2:1 and Norway in Zurich 2:0. Anyhow, these were victories, though the opposition was perhaps not exactly top class. Then followed Hungary's revenge in Budapest by 6:1, and that proved the turning point. Ireland wins in Dublin 1:0; Italy wins in Zurich 2:1; Spain, after having suffered three successive defeats against Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia, wins in Zurich 2:0. And in these three games our forwards did not find the net once! The solitary point (against Italy) was the result of a penalty kick, taken by the centre-half. A defence that loses but two goals against the elite of Italy and Spain is entitled to put the blame on the forwards. There lies the weakness. Yet, in club games we have plenty of marksmen. As soon as they play in the national eleven you cannot recognise them any more. Is it the W formation? I am sure of it. All very well to try and imitate the Arsenal. If you have not got the clever, scheming inside forwards, two speedy, full-blooded wings who can and are not afraid to shoot, and a centre forward with brains and pertinacity, all blended together into a well balanced, homogeneous whole, you had better leave it alone and play internationally as you are wont to play in your league games. Such are the ideas which have gradually come to the fore again. With what result we shall soon see. Switzerland is to play Belgium, flushed with their success over the night of England, next Sunday in Basel. The whole of the forward line has been scrapped; whether the system has also gone by the board I do not know. However this may be, it does not require any confidential inside information to know, what risk you have to insure against. By the way, the sports results are broadcast from Beromünster at 7 o'clock and from Sottens at 7.15 p.m. British Summertime. Tune-in on Sunday if you have a set that will get you these stations in daylight.

M.G.

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Grün igrahrt si alli Wäge,
D'Matte bunti Blüemebett
Jede Blick g'seht Gottes Säge
Gottes Kraft die alles weckt.

D'Sunne strahlet tief i d'Wälder
Lachet z'einsamst Pflänzli a-
Schynt id's Härz üs u wie, vo sälber
Steit im Nu "Fründ Frohsinn" da.

Und ganz hübscheli, Schritt und Tritt
Wandere i aller Ruch,
No zwo neu Begleiter mit-
Glück und Dankbarkeit derzue.

Freudig möchte me juble, singe
Dass i alli Egge tönt —
Ewig Lob dem Schöpfer bringe
Der die Welt het gmacht so schön.

H.E.

THE ONLOOKER'S WINDOW.

I had twelve bottles of Kirsch in my cellar and my wife made me empty the contents down the sink. I withdrew the cork from the first bottle, poured the contents down the sink with the exception of one glassful which I drank.

I then withdrew the cork from the second bottle and did likewise, with the exception of one glassful which I drank. I extracted the cork from the third bottle, emptied the good old "stuff" down the bottle except a glass which I sank. Pulling the cork from the fourth sink I poured the bottle down the glass when I drank some. After pulling the sink out of the next cork I poured the bottle down my neck. I drew the next bottle out of my throat and poured the cork down the sink. Pulled the next cork from my throat, pouring the sink down the bottle.

When I had them all emptied, I steadied the house with one hand and counted the bottles which were 24. I counted them again when they came round and this time I made 74. As the houses came round I counted them and finally had all the houses and bottles counted. I then proceeded to wash the bottles, but I could not get the brush in the bottles, so I turned them all inside out and washed and wiped them and went up stairs and told my other half all about it and — Oh Boy — have I got the wifest little nice in the whole world!

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