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EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

Finger's Employment Bureau,
62, Frith Street, W.1.
6 July, 1950.

The Editor,
The Swiss Observer,
23, Leonard Street,
London, E.C.2.

Dear Mr. Editor,

So much has been written about our Swiss Girls in the S.O. that I feel, I have to answer some of the complaints, and I should be very glad, if you will find room to publish this letter.

We are well aware, that the Swiss Girls are not Domestic Servants in the accepted terms, but if duties are explained to them, most of them are quite willing and eager to do the work. It must be understood, however, that the main purpose for the Girls who come to this Country is to learn the Language and English Custom. Most of them have very good positions in Switzerland and wish to come over here to improve their knowledge, which will help them on their return to Switzerland to get a better position. We think Swiss Girls are very plucky and deserve credit for having the courage to accept a position as Domestic Servant, as most of them come from very good Families in Switzerland. If only the Employers would be more reasonable and show them the work, they are expected to do, most of the trouble could be evaded.

Homes and cooking are run quite different here than in Switzerland and although you engage a Cook-General, one can hardly expect, that the Girls can run a Kitchen here without a knowledge of English cooking.

Our Agency takes particular care to find out from the Employers, the exact nature of work required of the Girls, not forgetting the off duties, which are translated by us and sent to the Girls in Switzerland and only after the acceptance of these conditions by the Applicant, do we apply for a Permit.

We have been instrumental to obtain over 200 Permits, out of which number only about 2% proved not suitable. So give a pat on the back to our Swiss Girls, they are doing a grand job and deserve our appreciation. We have numerous satisfied Clients, who ask for nothing else, but Swiss Girls.

As an Agency, we take great care in our work and we run it on a very serious basis, all our Girls are met

at Victoria Station by us and introduced to their Employers.

Our Miss Keller is always ready to help and give them advice while in this Country.

I hope our Compatriots will be very pleased to read this statement, as we think our Office is highly qualified and knows this subject thoroughly.

Yours faithfully,

Finger's Employment Bureau,
A. FINGER.

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The correspondence on this subject is now closed.
(Ed.)

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