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**SWISS LADIES' SOCIAL CLUB
MANCHESTER.**

After nearly 3 years of unobtrusive but useful activity, the Swiss Ladies' Social Club, Manchester, came into the open for the first time by giving their February meeting the shape of a social evening to which members could invite friends of both sexes.

It should first of all be explained that the Club was formed in 1947 in order to give the increasing number of young Swiss girls in the Manchester district a chance to meet regularly once a month in congenial surroundings.

Some 65 members and guests were welcomed by the President, Mrs. J. J. Huber, wife of our Vice-Consul, who then proceeded to announce the evening's programme which revealed quite an amount of talent amongst our young compatriots.

A series of lovely songs by our German-Swiss girls was matched by equally pleasant "chansons" from our "compatriotes romandes"; Mlle Simon and Mr. Müller sang well applauded solos. The evening was interspersed with party games, accordion and piano playing, and Mr. Habersaat jr. surprised us with a short but amusing film of last year's joint rally of the Manchester, Leeds and Bradford Swiss Clubs. Our young people then had the opportunity of enjoying some dancing to music played by one of the guests.

The Management of the Midland Hotel deserves our special thanks for providing an excellent supper at a very moderate charge and a room specially decorated for the occasion.

Altogether it was a very successful evening on which the Manchester Swiss Ladies are to be heartily congratulated.

RAJ.

EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

Tadworth, 12th February, 1950.

The Editor,
Swiss Observer,
London, E.C.2.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your article "Puss in the Pot" which appeared in the issue of January 27th, 1950, you mentioned that a certain canton of Switzerland has the reputation of "Stretching cats" and you did not know why this is so. I have asked our "Briefkasten Onkel" in Basle about it, and he was kind enough to give me the following explanation, which might interest you:

"Wenn die Luzerner nach Einsiedeln wallfahren gingen, so legten sie das letzte Stück der Fuhreise über den sog. "Katzenstrick" zurück, einen Hügelzug vor Einsiedeln. Deshalb wurden die Luzerner in Einsiedeln auch die "Katzenstricker" genannt, worunter man diejenigen verstand, die über den Katzenstrick gekommen waren. Aus dem Wort "Katzenstricker" bildete dann der Volksmund das Wort "Katzenstrecker" das mit dem strecken von Katzen nicht das geringste zu tun hat."

Some of our compatriots from the canton of Lucerne may find this information of interest. As I am a "Luzernerin" myself I was anxious to find out how this name came into existence.

Yours sincerely,

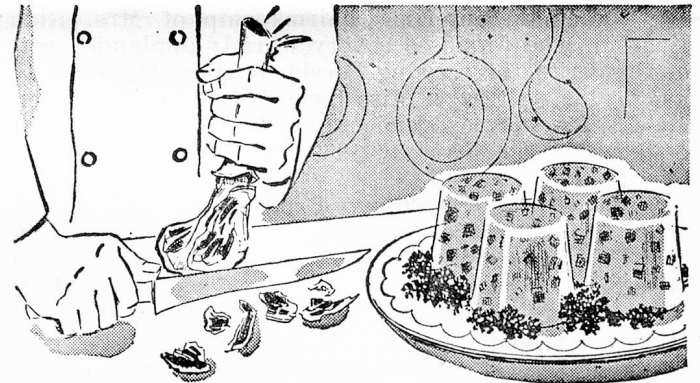
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