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ANTIQUÉ DEALERS' FAIR AND EXHIBITION

We wish to direct the attention of our readers to the above-mentioned exhibition — which opens on 13th June at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W.1, and closes on 28th June 1962 — because there are interesting antique Swiss exhibits among the ten thousand treasures which will be seen at the Fair, such as a magnificent gold Swiss telescope. There is a watch at one end, the bezel of which is enriched with pearls. When extended, the telescope is 20 inches long, and is about 8 inches when closed. The watch unscrews from the telescope, and when the latter is extended for viewing, the whole tapering length has a series of sporting pictures, such as shooting, netting, boar-, stag- and fox-hunting, within spiral bands. The viewing end of the telescope also has pearls encircling the edge or bezel. Its price is £3,000. Also a late 18th century Swiss automata quarter-repeating watch with musical cylinder movement; the sides are of decagonal form with pearl-set bezels, the automata set below. The small white dial depicts a village riverside scene with peasants crossing a bridge. On the left a lady on a balcony plays a guitar. She is watched in a pasture below by a goat and a cow whose heads move. The back is enamelled in polychrome with a bunch of flowers against a strawberry red ground, and the sides have vignettes of musical instruments and sprays of flowers on blue ground within carmine borders. And a large Swiss automatic watch with centre seconds musical cylinder movement by Piquet et Meylan. The bezels are set with pearls, the pierced hands engraved and decorated with blue and white enamel. The carillon also operates the automatum set on the back of the watch. This consists of an elaborate fountain with five jets of water which is simulated by rotating rods of spirally twisted glass. This apparently issues from the beaks of two swans and the mouths of two sitting lions made of coloured gold. Above are two children catching the fifth jet in the open mouth of a dolphin. This is set against an enamelled landscape background surmounted by a coloured gold swag.

SULZER NEWS**A Diesel Traction Jubilee**

Sulzer Brothers Ltd., Winterthur, are now celebrating their 50th year of diesel locomotive experience, having built the world's first diesel locomotive for the Prussian State Railways in 1912.

Since then, the firm has kept steadily abreast of the latest developments in compression-ignition engine design and has stringently maintained the service reliability for which Sulzer engines are renowned the world over. This reliability is one of the reasons why British Railways have lately placed large orders with Sulzer Bros. (London) Ltd. for main-line diesel locomotive engines. These Sulzer engines, which are of the in-line type with six, eight or twelve cylinders, and which cover a range extending from 1,160 h.p. to 2,750 h.p., are made at the Vickers Armstrongs works in Barrow and have already contributed about 1,300,000 h.p. to the total tractive power potential of British Railways. The most recent order has been for 83 12LDA28-C engines of 2,750 h.p. for Type 4 locomotives.

The Sulzer company has recently introduced a new series of V-type engines which, in eight, twelve and sixteen cylinder versions have outputs of 1,750, 2,650 and 3,500 h.p. respectively.

To commemorate the important milestone in locomotive progress set up by the firm fifty years ago, an exhibition was recently held in the Sulzer works at Winterthur and Oberwinterthur, which was attended by the British Institution of Locomotive Engineers on 9th May.

PERSONAL

We deeply regret to announce the death, after a very short illness, of Mrs. Yvonne Savoie, aged 62, the beloved wife of Mr. Pierre Savoie, of 33 Leithcote Gardens, Streatham, S.W.16.

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