Colorado has produced a unique and ploturesque genius in the way of a cowbey artist who is known as "Timberline." He recently appeared in Denver with some remarkably good water colors, and was at once made the lion of the stu.

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Timberline's real name is G. G. Keplinger. He was born in Sidney, Ia., where his parents still live. But 15 years ago, at the age of 12, he left home and has since lived among the peaks of the Colorado mountains, haunting the altitudes where the timber leaves off and the snow and rocks begin; hence his nickname. He has become an expert with horses, and for years has made a business of training and breaking them. He is a handy man with his gun, has exhibited his bravery on more than one occasion, and at present is marshal of a camp called Dillon, not far from Breckenridge.

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In appearance he is decidedly picturesque, for he stands 6 feet 4½ inches in his stocking feet and wears the dress of the typical mountain cowboy. Timberline must have inherited the soul of an artist, for, with no better materials than a shingle and a sharpened piece of lead ore, he tried to depict some of the rugged beauties of the canyons, and mountain peaks and with such success that his rough companions looked upon him as a genius, although they chaffed him about his "picture making." as much as was safe.

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TIMBERLINE, THE COWBOY ARTIST. mountains and made the acquaintance of Timberline. She as an art student, and when he found that she, too, drew pictures his confidence was won. He showed her some of his drawings. She praised them and gave him some water colors, with a few instructions as to their use. Then she went back to Denver and heard nothing more from the mountaineer until Timberline recently stalked into that city with some of his work. He was made much of by the Colorado Art club members and was induced to stay a few days and received some instruction. His drawing is good, his perspective accurate, and his coloring true to nature, which is remarkable considering his limited experience.

THE SWISS FIGUREHEAD.

President Ruffy Has but Small Power In the Little Republic.

Eugene Ruffy, the new president of Switzerland, is a native of the French canon of Lausanne. He is a lawyer by profession, and for many years has been con-sidered the head of the Left or Radical party. Last year he was elected vice chairman of the federal council, the second highest office in the little mountain republie, and this year, in accordance with the usual custom, he becomes chairman of that body, a post which comes as near to that filled by our chief executive as any in the Swiss government.

It should be understood, however, that the president of Switzerland is really a very unimportant official. The functions of the office are few and the honor conected with it small. Practically he is only the chairman of the bundesrath, a federal council corresponding in a measure to our cabinet. By courtesy he is called president of the republic. He has no rank, either civil or military, has no power of veto and cannot even so much as pardon a criminal. He is not bothered by office seekers, because he has no offices to distribute Although merely a figurehead he is a hard worked official, for besides acting as chairman of the federal council he is ex officio the minister of state and the minister of foreign affairs.

The members of the federal council are chosen by the national council and are always members of the upper branch of that body. This branch is known as the tainderath, and is something similar to our senate, while the lower branch is called



EUGENE RUFFY.

the national rath. These bodies are elected every three years by direct vote of the people. The members of the two chambers are simply good business men who have won a commercial standing in their cuntons and are thus thought worthy to be intrusted with the business of the nation. A mere posing orator would stand no chance at all of election in Switzerland, and most of our political methods would fail there.

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Washington's Diary Fixes Its Location at

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Several different towns in the United States claim the unique distinction of having erected the first American cotton mill, but from the best information that can be obtained it seems that the credit properly belongs to the town of Beverly, Mass.

The circumstances leading up to this discovery may be of interest to our readers. Some years ago Mayor Rantoul of Salem, Mass., was invited to Pawtucket, R. I., to attend the centennial exercises held at that place in commemoration of the opening of the famous Slater mill. In sending out invitations to this centennial event the owners of the mill claimed it to be the first establishment of its kind ever erected in the United States. For some erected in the United States. For some reason Mayor Rantoul was unable to be present at the exercises, but being deeply interested in historical researches he decided at his leisure to investigate the claims of the Pawtucket mill owners.
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that the old cotten mill at Beverly, Mass., which was "reced down in 1828, had been in operation for several years prior to the establishment of the mill at Pawtucket, and that no less a witness than General Washington himself could be cited in confirmation of the fact. It seems that General Washington, while on a tour of the New England states in 1780, made a visit to the old Beverly cotton mill and was so impressed with the novelty of the spectacle that he devoted several pages of his diary that he devoted several pages of his diary to its description. This old diary is still to be found among General Washington'

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