

goods, and then cheese and butter and Swiss watches.

Traveling in Switzerland is very attractive not only because of the scenery, but because of the cheapness with which you can get around. For instance, you can buy what is known as an unlimited railway ticket for \$15. This is good for fifteen days, and during that time you may travel as much as you please on any of the State railroads (the Government owns all but the cog roads). Steamship lines sell similar tickets—an eight-day ticket that costs \$2.00, and a thirty-day ticket that costs \$4.50. They tell the story of a man who ran out of funds, and, while waiting for relief from home, spent his entire time, day and night, traveling on the Swiss railroads and steamships, only getting off now and then to buy a sandwich with the few francs which he had remaining. In this way he saved hotel bills for three or four days, and was able to enjoy Swiss scenery at a minimum expense.

In many of the Swiss towns they have what they call a Kursaal. In a way a Kursaal is similar to Ingersoll Park in Des Moines, the White City of Chicago, and Coney Island of New York. But they seem to be arranged more beautifully than our pleasure parks. For instance, in the Kursaal at Interlaken, which several of us visited, there were some of the most beautifully kept flower beds and neatly trimmed walks which I have seen anywhere. It was interesting at night, when walking around the grounds of this Kursaal, to look at a big light a half mile almost directly above you. This is the hotel on the mountain which rises straight up from Interlaken. In connection with the Kursaal they have vaudeville, which in every way is much the same as American vaudeville. Of course we didn't appreciate the German jokes, but the acrobatic "stunts" were mostly done in good American. The greatest difference we could see between the vaudeville audience at the Kursaal of Interlaken and say, for instance, the Orpheum of Des Moines, was that at the Kursaal nearly every one sat around tables while watching the performance. Being seated at tables, they were supposed to order coffee or tea or a drink of some stronger description. This Kursaal was one of the very few places in Europe where we saw young women smoking cigarettes. Tiring of the vaudeville, we went into the gaming tables, where 100 or 200 people of all nationalities were gathered around a long, green table. One man had charge of a ball which, when it stopped moving, would be on one color or another. Some of the people at the green table on either side of this man were betting on which colors the ball would stop. The tables were marked in squares representing the different colors, and all any one had to do who wished to make a bet was to drop a piece of money on the square representing the color on which he wished to bet. The next time, if the ball stopped on that color, the man in charge of the money would toss him the equivalent of what he had bet. But I noticed that, as a general rule, the croupier (that is the name of the man who pays out the money or takes it in) would reach out a sort of a small wooden rake he had at his side, and pull in the money of those who had been betting. You see in every gambling house the chances are always slightly greater in favor of the croupier than those who play. As I remember it, the Kursaal at Interlaken is run by the city, and the gambling is "on the square," although, of course, the odds are slightly in favor of the house, or otherwise it would have to go out of business. It was interesting to watch the people at the tables. Most of them were pleasure-seekers, like ourselves, who

were not risking their money. All nationalities of Europe were represented. Then suddenly we ran across several of the people who had come across on the good ship Devonian with us a month before. One of these persons, who evidently was looking for the lively side of European life, was disappointed in the gambling and claimed that it reminded him of a Sunday-school picnic. Every once in a while, as an encouragement to those at the tables, a man would come along with a sort of a spray pump filled with perfume, and squirt it over the players, but even this did not seem to arouse any particular enthusiasm, so about eleven o'clock we went home to our hotel.

STOKESDALE, No. 1081.

Carolina Union Farmer:—As I have not written anything from our Local, No. 1081, Stokesdale, I concluded to tell you and the brethren that we are very much alive and doing something all the time. Whenever a brother is absent from one of our meetings he is always sorry when he learns what was done and the good talks he missed hearing. We hold our meeting regularly every Tuesday night. At our last meeting we passed on a movement to see if it would be right to ask our State Officers to take some step towards the sale of leaf tobacco and try and have the same changed from the present law that makes us growers carry our tobacco to warehouses and pay a floor charge and an auctioneers' fee and the 2 1-2 per cent commission on them to pay us. We believe something ought to be done, so I am writing to ask you to get our State Meeting to see into it, and I hope you will urge them to do something.

Yours fraternally,
SECRETARY.

Stokesdale, N. C.

MUFFINS.

A Reader sent me this recipe for our page and said: "Just try it." Three cups flour sifted with three teaspoonfuls baking powder, one scant teaspoonful salt, one egg, one tablespoonful sugar, one and one-half tablespoonful cottolene (or lard) melted, one and one-half cupful milk. Bake in muffin rings.

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