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young people working and playing together. The young Experimenters and their Dutch brothers and sisters cooked all the meals, helped sail the boat, and bought provisions when they stopped at small towns along the way. There were long, wonderfully lazy days of baking in the sun on the deck, plunging into the cold water for a short swim, strolling through tiny Dutch villages in quest of food. And there were clear, star-filled nights of singing and discussion as the boat sailed slowly across the IJsselmeer, nights in which the young people talked about their experience together and how it could be improved for other, later Experiment groups.

By this time the Henkets had become Ellie's family, and she found herself comparing Hetteke and Hubert Jan with the Dutch brothers and sisters of the other Americans and always concluding that her family was the best. She felt a pride and identification with her family she would not have believed possible, and later, with the canal boat trip and a stay in Paris behind her, she found herself facing the group's departure for the United States with something approaching dread.

She knew, then, what she had been confident of before: that the difficulties of becoming a member of a foreign family were well worth surmounting, that the rewards of such an experience as hers made all the planning and preparation worthwhile.

This article is drawn from "Passport to Friendship," a book about the Experiment in International Living, by William Peters, to be published early in May by Lippincott.

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Grindelwald—"the snow was good."

ZOOMING in from adjacent lands, where the weather was unseasonably warm for mid-winter, I was altogether pleased to find Switzerland covered precisely, as the posters insist it always is at this time of the year, with a White Blanket of Snow. De-barking from Swissair's tidy aircraft at Zurich's tidy Kloten Airport, the white snow, the white buildings, and the bright sun were blinding to one who had left Oslo at eight-thirty in the morning when that northern city was still pitch-black. Getting up in the darkness and driving through the streets with the headlights gleaming after one has already had breakfast reminds me of nothing so much as the upsidedown days I spent in the employ of Uncle Sugar.

As usual, not a hair was out of place in Switzerland. The chocolate bars were piled high on racks, the clocks ticked away the time behind the airport counter where you can buy a watch or have one repaired between planes, and customs clearance was just as antiseptic and impersonal as ever. I had time for only the shortest walk along the Bahnhofstrasse in downtown Zurich before catching my train, but it was enough to marvel at the magnificent butcher-shops where the chops and the *schinken*, the sausages and the roasts paraded the window in parsley busbys with the precision of grenadiers. the distance

between one cut and another not varying by a caliper's hair. There was time to buy a traveling alarm clock—I had left the last in Mexico two weeks before, a can of Nescafé's Instant Espresso, which cannot be bought at home, and an English printing of Michael Arlen, which on the train proved a disappointment.

As the tidy Swiss train rolled on to Bern I contemplated the compleat tidy Swiss who sat opposite me. He wore a hard wool suit complete with vest. The cables of his watch chain looped through the third buttonhole and came to anchor in the distant ends of his vest. He wore a stiff collar, rimless glasses with gold wire earpieces, and smoked cigars as he leafed through the four-page, pictureless newspapers, one after another. There was a plain gold band on his finger that proclaimed that his home life was tidy, too. The cigars and papers finished, he stretched out his stubby legs and his hiked-up trousers revealed a pair of black high-button shoes which I felt were really a cliché. I wondered if in his neat and disciplined life this Swissiest of Swiss was happy, and then it occurred to me that he was sleeping contentedly as we clackety-clacked through the tidy white countryside while my mind hopped over scattered thoughts like a hypertense frog in a pool of lilypads.

In Bern I heard that the snow was good in Grindelwald in the Bernese

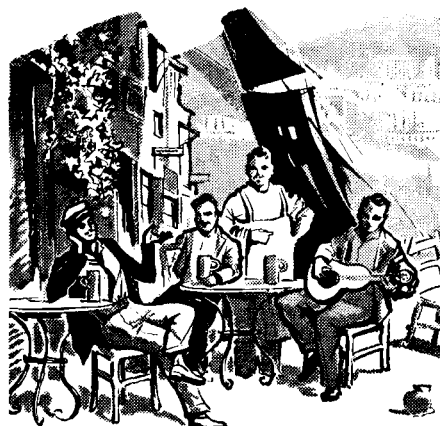
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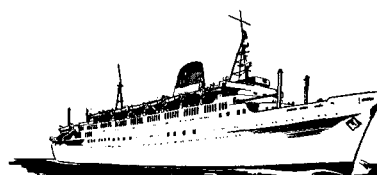


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