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Bernina Sewing Machines Are Reminders of Home

Letter No. 6 from Mrs. Joha Cordaro comes from Switzerland, where a store full of Bernina sewing machines reminds her of a local store which handles these. Next week, Nuremberg, Germany.

Switzerland. On our way again for two glorious days. The sun rose today over the Alps as our train carried us into Switzerland and never have I seen anything so utterly fascinating as the Alps, some of them high above the clouds, some snow-covered, deep crevices in places with waterfalls here and there. We took pictures all along the way of houses perched high up on the mountains, churches and castles here and there and at the bottom whole towns and villages that looked like tiny toy match boxes against the huge background of trees and rock.

We watched a train high up the mountain as it rounded a curve just like a little garter snake. Some of the houses had gardens all in terraces. It must have taken an awful lot of work to plant such beautiful vineyards but the wonder of it is — how did they get up and down there? We had our answer a little later for we saw long ladders against the rock, and in one place an arm chair that was raised up and down by means of a hoist.

It was quite irritating for just as we got ready to take a good picture we would duck into a long tunnel. We would wait patiently till it seemed the tunnel would never end and just when we sat down again we would emerge. Some of these tunnels through the Alps take half an hour to negotiate at high speed.

At last we reached our destination, Lausanne, and after brushing up at our hotel, Hotel Bultex, 26 Rue de Bourg, we went down to see the town. As we came into view of the main shopping section we stopped and gazed in wonder at the scene before us. Blue, blue water against the huge skyline of mountains. Clouds just hanging in the air, like wisps of floating chiffon. We strolled along and picked up some postcards of these very views, but believe me, one has to actually see them to realize how wonderful is the creation of God.

We came upon a terraced-outside restaurant and stopped for coffee and a sandwich. While we were waiting John took a picture of it. We sure hope they will come out good. I wish that everyone could share my happiness with me on this rich and blessed trip, but the best we can do is try to bring back with us some of the things we have seen so that you may enjoy them even as we shall, many, many times.

I forgot to tell you that when we were in Paris we visited the museum there and saw what must be the most priceless paintings. But man, while he does create beautiful things, can only create in a very minute way the beauty that he sees. It is nought against the wonders of nature that God has wrought for us to enjoy. As I sat on that balcony and drank in the beauty of it all the tears just rolled down my cheeks and I said "beautiful, beautiful Switzerland, it surely is the garden of God." Sentimentalist? Perhaps, but I thought of a bible quotation, "eye hath not seen and ear hath not heard of the wonders of that glorious New World that God has promised to those who love him." And I pray that I may be found worthy in his sight to life everlasting in a place even more lovely than lovely Switzerland.

We went shopping today and got lost several times. Lausanne is built on a hillside, one street is very steep — the next down a steep slope. The streets here seem to run in all directions, meeting together like a spider's web. I wondered if my legs would hold out for the climb.

Like France and Italy, the price of most things is about the same. I wanted to pick up some souvenir dolls and they were priced at 9.50. — Nine francs and fifty centimes, making them \$2.25. It was too much for such small souvenirs. In England and France we noticed there were no flies — nor here in Switzerland. But there are plenty of bees here. We went into a bake shop and I think there must have been fifty flying around the sweet cakes. We took another look at Lausanne after supper last night. It's very pretty all lit up with neon signs. There was an arcade and we strolled around window shopping and there we saw all kinds of Bernina sewing machines like Mr. Smith has at the Neighbourhood Sewing in Georgetown. We must be on our way to catch the 7.29 train for Nuremberg.

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Taj Mahal Partner was Armenian School Youth

An advertiser in this issue of the Herald will be remembered by older local people who were here when the Armenian boys' school was in operation.

Mr. Onnis Varteressian, a partner in the Taj Mahal Rug Co., Oakville, was one of the Armenian orphans brought to Canada after the first world war, who found a happy home in Georgetown for a few years, giving him a start which has led to a successful business career.

Mr. Varteressian says he often drives by the old location on Main St. S., remembering happy days when Georgetown people took these war orphans to their hearts. Over one hundred youngsters were given a start in life through the school, and he says he often bumps into graduates, many of them in business for themselves.

The Taj Mahal company, formed in partnership with Edward Maxfield, is the culmination of many years of hard work learning the oriental rug business from the ground up.

After his initial education at the school here, Mr. Varteressian was a "working boarder" on a Rockwood farm for a couple of years, then went to Bradford where he learned the trade of machinist and later toolmaker at the Massey-Harris plant.

In 1930 he moved to Toronto and started to work with the famous Babayan rug firm as a washer, reverting to a skilled trade which his Armenian ancestors have followed for centuries. The art of repairing oriental rugs is jealously guarded by craftsmen and he was fortunate enough to be given lessons after hours, and became skilled enough to get a top job as a repairer with Babayans. He later worked for another city firm and a couple of months ago decided to branch out for himself.

Taj Mahal has a new building in Oakville and so far the partners are well satisfied with the amount of business which has come their way.

Mr. Varteressian has a family of five children, and his eldest son, 16, is working with him learning the trade.

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