

OVERHEARD IN THE ALPS.

Under the title "Sottisier Alpestre," M. R. D. Jeandré gave, in the number of *Die Alpen* for February, 1934, a list of quaint and ingenuous remarks overheard in Swiss resorts. A free translation of a few of these remarks is given below:—

Frozen fingers through losing his gloves? How silly! He had only to put his hands in his pockets.

It is astonishing that the police are so active here. Some tourists have, it appears, encountered several gendarmes on an arête.

When one has done the Jungfrau, Bernina, Monte Rosa and Mont Blanc one has exhausted the Alps. There remain only the Andes or the Himalayas.

One must never start for an excursion in the Alps without some dozens of sandwiches and a folding stool.

Mountain sickness? Pure suggestion. On the Rigi, I have felt nothing of it at all.

Why don't people use skates on the glaciers? They would save a lot of time. But they only laugh at me when I suggest it.

We must get all these stones taken off the path.

A lightning conductor on the highest summit would protect the whole valley from thunderbolts.

That one should risk one's life to pick a flower is understandable. But to do it for nothing is beyond me.

I, too, have been on Mont Blanc—even as far as the Montenvert.

They say that the glaciers are advancing. That is not true. I have spent three days at Saas Fee and I did not see anything budge.

The Jungfrau is very beautiful. Can one get up it with a motor car?

It is no doubt because mountaineers never have an umbrella that they are so afraid of bad weather.

These nailed boots are only for the sake of appearance. They are heavy and useless. I have crossed the Furka in ordinary shoes.

I have a sense of direction like a carrier pigeon. Yet I have lost myself in the mist. I cannot understand it.

On these well-made roads, with a six-cylinder, one is able to do one's mountaineering without having to get out of the car.