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Switzerland is a most delightful country to visit in summer time—the valleys are so green, the mountains are so sublime, and the sky, as seen against the snow-crowned peaks, is so intensely blue. Then the sunrise and sunset light on the mountains produces an effect of unearthly

loveliness. But in the winter it must be rather dreary. The snow falls to a great depth, and the paths from village to village are often completely blocked up.

But Swiss boys and girls are, I suppose, like boys and girls the world over, and get great fun out of snowballing and other winter sports. The picture shows us a characteristic Swiss scene. The suspicious

looking boy standing by the steps is trying to hide the snow-balls in his hand till the young "maiden," or school girl, and her brother get past, when he and the urchin behind them intend to give them the benefit of a snow ball salute.

The queer overhanging roofs of the houses will be noticed, and outside stairways and galleries. Sometimes the houses