

level, while farther away lies the Alpine range for one hundred and twenty miles.

The contrast is striking between the view northward and that to the south. To the north lie the lakes of Lucerne and Zug, and several smaller sheets of water, fringed with pretty towns and cities; beyond them vast plains and low hills, and bosky wood-



SWISS CHALET.

lands, with here and there a chalet, a village, a spire; and off to the extreme north the hills of the German Black Forest, to the north-west the peaks of the French Vosges and Jura. The great level stretch of country seems to lie at your feet, and you almost fancy a few minutes will take you to Lucerne, and you are practically undeceived only when you find that the descent by railroad and the passage up the lake in a swift steamer occupies