

ALPINE MILKLINE

You've heard of "Pluto" - pipe line under the ocean? Well, this is "Pluto" - pipe line over the Alps. Swiss farmers of St. Martin, in the Rhone valley, grew tired of carrying their milk down 2,600 feet of mountainside, from the high meadows where life has not changed for centuries. So although the milking goes on the same as ever, what happens to the milk is quite new.

From a funnel in the mountain cowshed, the precious liquid travels down hundreds of yards of plastic pipeline to the cheese factory in the valley.

When it reaches the vat, you can't tell one cow's milk from another's - so ladies, you might just as well stop arguing about it!