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PIPELINE FOR TRANSPORT OF MILK.

When on the heights of the Alps workmen laid down the first meters of a plastic hose, there remained some doubt as to the issue of this new experiment : the first milk pipeline.

There where the woods are dense, the canalisation is aerial, but in the open air the pipeline is buried in a trench of 30 cms deep. The end of this original pipeline is situated in St. Martin, at the foot of the Rhone Valley. The works came to an end at the foot of the alps. Our camera has followed the shepherds during their Summer emigration. However tempting the grass may be, the cows do not lose their fighting spirit. They will only be satisfied when the strongest of the lot will have been selected. Once the fight over, no cow would dare to challenge the Queen.

The life on the heights has not changed since centuries.

But in the shelters of the cowmen, something has changed. It is the funnel which receives the precious liquid which is to be carried to the new cheese manufactory of St. Martin, 800 m. below.

Tests have been made during several weeks, and the verdict is favorable. Never before has the milk been brought to the cheese manufactory in such a state of freshness. The highest milk pipeline of the world is a success indeed.