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Foundation of the Museum at Rapperswyll, Switzerland.

EDITORS ALTA : In 1866, Count Ladislaus Plater, an eminent Polish patriot, desiring to establish a National Polish Museum at a point where its rich contents might be secure from the despoiling hands of the enemies of Poland, selected the free soil of Switzerland as the proper and safest location for the institution, and purchased, at a very large expense, the ancient Castle of Rapperswyll, which he caused to be fitted up especially for the purpose, etc. The Museum, under the protection of the Swiss Government, has assumed great importance, and already contains one of the finest collections of ancient and modern relics, in the world.

The Polish Society of California, established a few years ago, in this city, moved by a patriotic spirit and by a voluntary and spontaneous impulse, have just presented the Museum with a gift of 253 francs in gold, and, besides, a tolerable collection of about 180 rare specimens of metallurgical and mineralogical ore and other curiosities of California.

The Directors of the Museum, in recognition of the patriotic exertions of the Polish Society of California, on behalf of that institution, write :

" We cannot but express our many hearty thanks of gratitude, not only toward the aforesaid Society, but the more so toward all those citizens of San Francisco and vicinity who have contributed generously to that donation, which, once deposited in the Museum, will certainly add to the interest of this great collection. At the same time the Direction of the Museum feels happy to make known here, to all whom it may concern, that it proposes, itself, to celebrate the Anniversary of the American Independence on the next 4th of July, at Rapperswyll, and to which all Americans now residing in Switzerland are invited.

(Signed :) **COUNT LADISLAUS DE PLATER.**
Founder of the Museum.

Chateau de Rapperswyll, lans St. Gallen, April 19th, 1876.