

FAREWELL TO A VILLAGE:

Under snow lay the Alpine village of Fall, in Bavaria, when these shots were filmed four and a half years ago. For it was then at the march of progress doomed the picturesque little place. Fall was to be sacrificed for the building of a reservoir. The whole area had to be cleared and homes found for the people elsewhere. Pictures of the transfer and the construction-work have been made at intervals in the last four years. The authorities built a new village nearby, on higher ground, and as each new house was ready, an old one was abandoned. If they had to be moved, the people agreed that it was being made as easy for them as possible.

The old village was under sentence of death. It's happened before in many countries, Britain included, but it's always said when people (country folk especially) have to be uprooted.

The remains of Fall were cleared away, the sluices opened. But one house still stood. It's owner had refused to move till the water forced him away. He had shown that independent spirit, which, in the right place, mankind can't do without.