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Sylvenstein

Snow in the Alps? Please don't get excited, winter has not returned. These pictures are 4-1/* years old. They were made when the construction of the Sylvenstein reservoir in Upper Bavaria began. In the following years we have visited the sight from time to time and covered the various phases. In order to build the biggest reservoir for melting snow in Europe the village Fall had to disappear. This village became famous by Ganghofer's novel "The Hunter of Fall". It was reconstructed on a plateau situated 40 metres higher.

The entire village was demolished with the exception of a single house. The inhabitants of this house refused to leave their home. It was evacuated in the very last minute and disappeared in the rising waters of the new artificial lake.