

## THE SWISS HAVE BIG FEET.

In writing about the work of Christiaan Huygens, I found inconsistencies in measurements of length. A pied wasn't a foot long, or was it. For the following data I am grateful to "Tubal Cain" who in turn drew on The Engineer & Contractor's Pocket book for 1855-56.

<b>Comparison between the English Imperial foot and measures of length in different countries or places 1855</b>		
<b>Place</b>	<b>Name of unit</b>	<b>English inches</b>
Amsterdam	Foot	11.41
Antwerp	Foot	11.24
Berlin	Foot	12.19
China	Foot	12.58
Cologne	Foot	10.83
Danzig	Foot	11.30
Denmark	Foot	12.35
Dresden	Foot	11.14
Geneva	Foot	19.21
Geneva	Palmo	9.72
Hamburg	Foot	11.28
Hanover	Foot	11.45
Leipzig	Foot	11.11
Lisbon	Foot	12.94
Milan	Foot	15.62
Naples	Palmo	10.38
Prussia	Rhine Foot	12.35
Rome	Foot	11.72
Russia	Foot	13.75
Sardinia	Palmo	9.78
Sicily	Palmo	9.53
Spain	Foot	11.12
Sweden	Foot	11.68
Turin	Foot	12.72
Venice	Foot	13.68
Vienna	Foot	12.45
Winemberg	Foot	11.26
Zurich	Foot	11.81