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Che Home Reading Circle

American and Foreign Travel Compared.

The Observations of Chauncey M. Depew on This Interesting Subject.

From the Magazine of Travel.

The prophet is never truly appre- partment already overcrowded, or left clated in his own country, we are told, and verily it seemeth true. The prophet may be a very proper and capable person, and yet his fellow-countrymen will turn from him and his achieve-ments to some fakir from foreign lands, at whose shrine of mediocrity they will gladly how. One is constantly hearing persons comparing the travelling acpaid by American railways, commodations of this country with those of England and the Continent, to the advantage of the latter; exactly why, it is difficult for one who is familliar with both to understand. I have made the tour of the United Kingdom and the Continent half a dozen or more times, and I always return to my own country with the comforting convic-tion that our railroads are about a cycle ahead of the foreign in construction, rolling-stock, equipment, service, and, most of all, in management. The difference is tremendous, and the advantages are all with this side the Atlantie.

The English is perhaps better than the Continental railway, the reason probably being that the English road is not hampered by state ownership; it is therefore possible for it to adopt a progressive measure without convening a house of lords, a congress, or any other body than its own directors. The more closely you are allied to governmental management in the lines, the more uncomfortable, old fogy, and nonprogressive do you become. On a French or German road, running at any fair rate of speed, the discomfort is great. The roadbeds are bad, being Free, nowhere on the Continent as good as on our best lines. Again, the cars of the Continental roads are much less heavily built than ours; they have only four wheels, and they are joined together by the primitive arrangement of lever and screw. The result of this is that they are immediately and violently influenced by the slightest ir-regularity in roadbed or track, and when the train is really going fast the passengers are shaken and thrown about in a way which is most tiresome and irritating to a strong and healthy person, and really dangerous to an invalid.

THE COMPARTMENT EVIL.

Of the compartment system which obtains abroad, enough cannot be said In denunciation; it is the most unpleasant, inconvenient, and dangerous feature of foreign management. The arrangement of seats in these compartments makes it necessary for one-half the occupants to ride backward. Nothing can be more disagreeable than to be shut up in one of these places in company and close contact with a lot of strangers. You are helplessly locked in a small room, crowded so close to your vis-a-vis that your feet touch. Your neighbors may be impudent, presumptuous, or generally offensive in speech, manners, or odor; there you tention at the hands of the baggage- total of \$,309,000, are, and there you have got to remain. | master and his assistants; while he or

in hopeless submission to these unshe who either cannot afford, or fo

better.

pervading, intelligent, and ever-presnt force from one end of the country the other, controlling the machiner of the party in power, using their of-fices to perpetuate such power, levying seessments for campaign purposes and in many other ways creating and fostering a corrupt condition beyond the wildest dreams of the political manager, manipulator, and striker.

BREAKFAST INJURES HEALTH. Dr. Dewey Tells of the Benefits to Be

Derived from Abstention. From the Washington Post.

ast evening to listen to a talk by Dr. E. H. Dewey, of Meadville, Pa., who has been her guest and the guest of he is sure to be jammed into a com-Mrs. Alice Birney during the past week, behind. While this may not happen His subject was the no-breakfast plan, often at a junction point, where anwhich is now attracting much attenother car can be attached to the train, tion. The closest attention was shown I have seen it happen frequently at by those present, and a number went way stations. Possibly one cause of the existence of this system of fees is home with the laughing remark that tomorrow they would go to their work to be found in the fact that the rate without breakfast. The experience is, of wages paid to employes of the conthe doctor asserted, that when this inental railways averages half that practice is begun there is such a gain in

the general health and intellectual power, and in the enjoyment of life generally, that people could not be An incident connected with the fee system, at once amusing and annoying, had a friend of mine as its hero. The hired to return to the early meal. cone was the depot at Frankfort; my Dr. Dowey is a quiet, ruddy-checked friend was about to enter a compari-ment where there were several vacant man, rather slender, with a bright, cheerful disposition-a man old enough places, when he maw one of the occuto have been a surgeon in Sherman's pants hand a gold piece to the guard. army shortly after he had received his The guard thereon immediately dediploma from the University of Michiclared that the compartment was regan. He is a "regular," and has been served, and that no one clse could enter it. My friend was naturally in general practice in Meadville, his home, for thirty-one years. He made angry, and accused the follow of being the astoniching statement, however, pribed; the accusation being denied, he that he had not administered a doze of intimated with American conciseness medicine for curative purposes for the and comprehensiveness that the guard-was a "liar and a thief." The train moved off, my friend being compelled past twenty years, but gives nature the very hest conditions possible to do her own work. This he does through not

to find another sent. At the first sta- dosing the patient with remedies that tion he was arrested for having in-sulted a government official, and, after are constantly changing in fashion. even as do the styles of a woman's a great deal of trouble, he, under the bonnet, and by never feeding the sick advice of a lawyer, taid all the costs, in addition to a heavy fine, This is one of the pleasant little happenings afraid of starvation, because the napossible in a country where the rall-ways are run by the government, and the skeleton stage is reached, which is where the government officials are the only point where death can occur amenable to bribes. I doubt we should from survation. He says also that when the natural appetite comes in

take kindly to it in this Land of the cases of sickness-which may be days, UNDER ARREST.

and is in some cases weeks-the disease is spent, and the food is digested Another instance of collision with by a thoroughly rested and healthy the powers occurred also in Germany. A party of American students, travelstomach, and that the person is fairly ing through the country, reached the been signin, with new blood, new tissue new man or woman or child. station just as their train was starting. He claims that where the early Being Americans, theiß usual custom at breakfast is dropped by those in com-parative health, new benefits are conhome had been to catch trains by the rear platform as the last car was leaving the station, and they saw no reastantly gained; and that it induces son to change their custom to oblige such a condition as to enable the man woman to go about his or her daily any "effete monarchy," The official work or business, the daily pleasures called to them not to jump on, but again, being Americans and students, life, without thought of physical they disregarded him and boarded the train. At the next station they were ulture or of health; that the health will become automatic, as it were, and met by a guard of soldlers and marched that the mind can be given up to the pursuits of the hour, off under arrest. They discovered that they had violated an ordinance of the

IS A MUCH TRAVELLED MAN. German Empire. They were speedily sentenced to thirty days' imprison-ment, and before they knew it they One Railroad Officer Who Has Journeved 3,300,000 Miles. were behind the bars, from which is

William Wilhelm, of Philadelphia, a baggage agent on the Pennsylvania nominy it required the influence of ou legation at Berlin, added to their most railroad, now seventy years old, has abject apologies, to procure their recuse. After all, our soulless railway been in continuous service on the road since 1850. Five years ago he summed corporations manages things rather up his travels, and was much sur-

This practice not only producer the prised results mentioned, but applies with miles. prised to find the total to be 3,124,532 equal rigor to the baggage question. He has losi about three months since The liberal fee-giver, who is almost al- then, but has probably traveled 175,ways an American, secures prompt at- 000 miles additional, making a grand

HAS SHE FORGOTTEN?

WERE X-RAY GHOSTS.

A Wonderful and Startling Display Which Becomes Simple Enough When You Understood How It Was Achieved.

In the Journal des Debats M. Henri de Farville gives an account of a recent spirit manifestation in Paris cleverly uroduced by X rays. "The spectators, and M, de Parville, "were ushered into a parlor in which there was an abundance of vases and artistic glassware. In

About thirty friends were gathered a corner there was an apparatus about in the cozy parlors of Dr. S. A. Edson as big as an ordinary imagle lanter as big as an ordinary magic lanters enveloped in black stuff. The guests umbered about twenty.

"The lights were extinguished just as in the case of a regular spirit seance A sort of rattling was heard, and im-mediately afterward a gigantic and laninous hand passed over the heads of the assistants. Evidently it almost touched some of them, for we heard a little ery of terror that was quickly suppressed. 'Don't be afraid,' said the host, 'It is not the hand of a ghost; I will show it to you in the light by and by.' At the same moment a flock of luminous violins appeared and flew about in all directions. An old habitue of the boulevard remarked that w

were with the Davenports. 'Not at all,' said the host, 'facre never was a ghost in this house,' And the violin lisappeared as silently as they had come. Then an immense globe de-scended from the ceiling like a ball of hosphorus, oscillating like the pendulum of a clock. A luminous bell ap-peared in front of this globe and made egular bows to It. We could see its flery tongue moving while the globe waltzed around.

"Suddenly at the four corners of the room the glasses appeared to become ignited; the vases were illumined and the lustres sparkled, A table loaded with cuns and glasses was lighted up. Everything seemed on fire, The whole room, that was so dark an instant before, was affame on all sides with phos phorescent light of a soft and bluish color.

DARKNESS, THEN LIGHT. "Then again all was darkness, Gradually a little light streamed in, and in a corner in front of a velvet porticre a human form appeared at first vague and vaporous, hardly distinguishable But soon its outlines became clear and it advanced. A lady beside me stepped back. Evidently she was not the only one, for we could hear the noise of moving chairs. The phantom advanced a few steps and then stopped. It was a tall woman. Her face had a greenish pallor; and what an extraordinary ince it was. There were no eyes. We ould only see two black holes under the crelids. The mouth was closed; the hair was phosphorescent. A long, uminous yell enveloped this enimated statue, and in the folds of the yell little sparks shone like diamonds. She raisd her right arm slowly and tossed flames from her hand. There was no applause; all was hushed. The silent

Sale price, severe apparition was watched with intense interest. A gong sounded The apparition receded gently, and gradually faded out of sight.

"Once more there was a noise of moving chairs, and we distinctly heard a sigh of relief. In the center of the room an immense and luminous bou quet next appeared with a blue band upon which was written 'X-rays.' "Then the lights were turned on, and the parlor appeared in all its spiendor The host arose, 'The scance is over, he said. "There was no spiritism abou

it, no occultism, nothing supernatural; it showed what X rays can do, and that is all." EXPLAINED.



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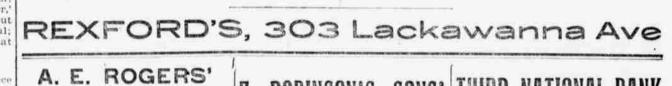
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pleasant conditions. The compartment other reason refuses, to fee this despisystem offers most inviting opportuni-ty for robbery, outrage and murder, being jostled and elbowed by the surgand you can scarcely look through any Continental or English newspaper fee-giving customers have all had atwithout seeing accounts of robberies or tention. Although it is in the power of other crimes, the scene of which has been the train compartment. I know relation of individual employment beof an instance where an old gentleman. an extreme invalid, was travelling with his wife and daughter. The only other occupant of the compartment was a big brute in the clothes of a gentleman had to sit helplessly by.

Americans have become so accustomed to toilet luxuries on the cars, that they now regard them as necessities, and the absolute lack of such conveniences in foreign trains is diffitraveler. cult to appreciate. If the railroads of our Empire state should, in any condition of aberration, adopt Continental trains, with their almost criminal lack of necessary accommodations, I am sure the legislature would convene within the month, and pass laws compelling the management to return 'to its right mind, and to have some regard for the well-being of the traveling pub-The French roads have one car on each express train which has a compartment with a toilet room. For this remarkable luxury the charge is eling public suffer from the practice nearly double fare. On the English, mentioned, but the train conductor h lines there is a saloon carriage not unlike one of our private cars, but it can board on the outside of the train, in only be obtained by application con- collecting tickets, and hang on as best siderably in advance, and then only for he can when receiving, punching, and a party of a certain number. It is re-delivering them through the open sometimes offered as an act of courtesy to officials.

In the matter of speed the English railways are equal to ours, and on some trains the rate is considerably thrown from his uncertain footing to higher. On the continent, however, the | the earth, and perhaps to his death. average speed of all passenger trains is not equal to the average freight trains been asked, what are the objections to over the New York Central road. From my experience in Germany, I should say the way-trains make about | employes with power only possessed fifteen miles an hour, and that thirty miles would be considered a fine rate for an express.

TIPPING.

Another striking poculiarity of the continental rallway system of fees by which station and train officials vary largely augment their regular salaries, by the liberality of travelers, who, build branches, run switches into ware through a system of tips even more exacting and thorough than is the system which prevails in this country in connection with hotel employes, find it necessary to part with considerable sums in the course of their travels on the continent. All these railway employes are, on the continent, government officials, possessing authority quite unknown to the conductor, brakeman, or baggageman on American rallways. These expect fees for about every service they render, and their methods of reciprocating or resenting have, through long indulgence and practice, become so thorough and effective as to not only discourage any attempt on the part of the traveler to tion, are absolutely neglected. disregard it, but to successfully base a complaint to their superior officers. Three or four persons may occupy an | tute the strongest bulwark of the goventire compartment by paying a satisfactory fee, to the exclusion of all others, notwithstanding that the train the seven hundred thousand or more may be so closely packed as to make employes of our railways to be sudit necessary for passengers to wait for | denly, or in ever so deliberate a way, one that is to follow. If the traveler | transformed into government officials omits to fee the conductor or guard, They would become at once an all-

Has she forgotten? On this very May We were to meet her with the birds and ing crowds on the platform, until the the traveler who has established this tween the railway official and himself to claim any plece of baggage he may And yet, indeed, not grim enough were select from the mass of trunks and bags and boxes which may have cot-To stay our kisses, smiler, and costactes, lected either on the platform or in the Itas she forgotten me-forgotten me? man, who was most offensive and ab-solutely insulting to the ladies during checking baggage, it is marvelous that Its promise ?-that the bird-rongs from the entire journey, while the poor old so little is stolen. In this country, such the tree Are sprayed above the grasses, as the sun a system would lead to endless loss and hopeless confusion, as the nimble

Might jar the dazzling dew down showwit of our criminal classes would be Has she forgotten life-love-every onesure to discover and successfully util-Hasshe forgotten me-forgotten me? ize no end of methods for robbing the OPERATIVES UNPROTECTED.

Low, low down in the violets I press My lips and whisper to her. Does she No American rallway man who visit: hear, And yet hold silence, though I call her Europe can help feeling great sympathy for the engineers and firemen over dear. Just as of old, save for the tearfulness there, as he sees them stand on the Of the elluched eyes, and the soul's great distress? foot-boards of their locomotives, with only a screen in front to protect them Has she forgotton thus the old caress from rain, snow, and the cold wind,

That made our breath a quickened at-European railways do not provide pro tection to their engineers and firemer That failed night unto swooning with in the form of the cab, so common (

the sheer Delight! My arms clutch now this the American locomotive; and not only earthen heap do these faithful servants of the travon with tears that flow on coase-Teasty.

in rains the long, long, long compelled to walk along a narrow nights weep In memory of days that used to becollecting tickets, and hang on as hest Has she forgotten these? And, in her Has she forgotten me-forgotten me?

window, the train in the meantime rushing along at full speed, exposing Tonight, against my pillow, with shut him not only to all sorts of weather.

I mean to weld our faces-through the but to the constant danger of being denzé

Incalculable darkness make pretense That she has risen from her revertes When on the continent, I have often To mate her dreams with mine in marringes Of mellow palms, smooth faces, and government ownership of railways and

to their management and operation by tonse once tense case of every longing nerve of Indolence-Lift from the grave her quiet lips, and

by government officers? To this inquiry I have answered that my objec-tion is largely to its non-progressive character, and to the unnvaldable in-Of her glad mouth, fall blythe and ten-

derly. Across mine own, forgetful it is don? fluence it exerts against the adoption

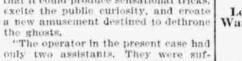
of every improvement which can pos-The old-time intmicay when said we, "Today is curs!" * * * Ah, heaven! can it be sibly mean greater comfort and safety to the traveler. The cabinet minister

build branches, run switches into ware-



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that mysterious seance. It is well known that the Roentgen rays, invisible to our eyes, render fluorescent sub-As on that Sabhath, underneath the screens covered with cyanide of platistances phosphorescent, especially num, Recently a well known maker We strayed among the tombs, and of physical apparatus, M. Radiguet, surpord away found that under the action of X rave The vines from these old granites, cold all objects in glass and crystal shine with neculiar brilliancy, while everything else remains in complete obscurity. The machine that produces the rays is concealed behind several black cloths. Nobody can have any suspicion of its existence; but, nevertheless, the rays pass through all the cloths and light up all the glass objects, and nothing else, so that a glass held in the hand and moved up at will can be distinctly seen, while the hand is abso lutely invisible. But glass is not the only thing that becomes phosphores cent at a distance behind the X ray apparatus. The same effect is produced upon enamels, diamonds, porce hain, etc. "When M. Radiguet made this discovery he, of course, immediately said that it could produce sensational tricks,



ficient to handle the objects and display all the marvels. Their task was simple; they had only to move them carefully. The operators could not be seen, but the glass violins, vases, and the glass model of the hand were visi-

of the South.

Compensation.

"You are getting round-shouldered since on have been engaged to her." "Very likely; but you ought to see the

uscles of my arms."-Life.

face of the phantom."

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