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THE SEWERS OF PARIS

WHAT THE VISITOR MAY SEE ON A TRIP THROUGH THEM.

Great Tunnels, With Waterways and Boats, Railways and Cars—A Perfect Subway System—Thrilling Blasts on Signal Horns and What They Mean.

One of the most unique bits of sight being anywhere in the world may be enjoyed in Paris during the spring and summer months. It consists of nothing less than a trip by rail and boat across the city, not even by the streets and along the Seine, but through the air or flying machine overhead, but underground, through the great sewers.

In order to visit these subterranean wonders, you must write a note to the prefect de la ville, asking for passes. The sewers are open for inspection twice a week from May 1 until Sept. 30, always providing that the days fixed are perfectly clear. If the permits sent you say "good for next Friday," and on that day there should be clouds, no amount of American money could bribe a way down.

The parties descend at the same hour, one entering by means of a stone flight of steep stairs, at the Place de la Madeleine and the other at the Place du Chatelet. The steps run down between gray stone walls and are just wide enough to admit of one person's descending at a time.

If you make your descent at the Place de la Madeleine, on reaching the bottom of the steps you find yourself standing on a long platform, with a wide canal in which water is running slowly past you to the right, down into darkness and distance. Looking to the left, you see a brilliantly lighted, arched stone tunnel, through which the canal runs, with a narrow stone "row path" on each side.

Overhead you see a huge pipe, held to the center and top of the arched roof by iron hoops. It is through this pipe that Paris is supplied with all her "common" water, for in this city they have two grades of water. That in this large pipe is taken from the Seine and is used for flushing the streets, to water the gardens, to extinguish fires—in fact, for everything except cooking and drinking.

Next to the big pipe is another of about one-half its capacity, and through this is carried the pure spring water which the people drink.

Next you will see a heavy cable made of many ropes, all covered, so as not to come in contact with each other or be damaged by dampness. By these cables are transmitted all the different forces used in the city. There are the pneumatic tubes, through which you may send a letter across the city, as "change" is sent in our retail shops. Then there are the electric wires, for messages or light, and the pipes transmitting condensed air, which the city sells to those wishing to use it.

Glancing along the walls of the arch, you see numbers at regular intervals which correspond with those of the houses in the street above and make it easy to locate any trouble and rectify it. You can, if you happen to live in any of the streets under which you pass, see your own address at a little underground opening that corresponds to the big doorway above, where you run in and out every day.

Having gazed around and seen these main features of the sewer, you will be asked to take a seat in a wide, flat-bottomed boat, large enough to hold 20 persons, and with your "captain" aboard, dressed in white duck, you begin your trip, drawn by four men, two on each side of the canal, who, like the captain, are dressed in white and are so clean that the nickel buttons on their clothing twinkle in the bright electric light.

At each street crossing you can look to right and left down unending vistas of arched sewers, lighted always by huge electric reflectors.

Sometimes there are seven or eight of these boats in line going down the Rue Royal, which is the widest sewer in Paris, and when you get out to "change cars" at the Rue de Rivoli there are sometimes as many as 200 persons on the platform.

Here you leave the boat and take your seat on a sort of hand car, which runs on rails and spans a narrow canal, as an engine does its roadbed. The cars are clean and bright, and are fitted up with nickel. They are pushed by a crew of four men, always in spotless white, by means of a long handle bar, which projects over the footpath of stone on each side of the canal.

At intervals along the route you pass openings in the wall, through which comes roaring and dashing the waste water from some huge fountain in the street above, and at regular intervals, also, there are rays of daylight to be seen through the manholes that lead up from the sewers to the streets by means of iron bars driven into the stone walls.

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Money to Loan.

A River on Fire.

The newspapers tell of a remarkable display at a town on the Caspian sea during a visit of the Russian grand dukes. The governor of the town had conceived the idea of greeting his guests with a "sea of flame." Accordingly he poured a quantity of naphtha on the water, where it spread out over an area of several miles. After dark the inflammatory substance was ignited, and the bluish flames swept away in all directions over the dark waters of the sea. It was a striking and impressive sight, and yet it was by no means new.

Nearly every week our own despised Chicago river becomes a "sea of flames," but few people take the trouble of being on hand to see the display. On the upper stretches of the river, near Bridgeport, where the water grows foul from the accumulation of masses of sewage, a certain highly inflammable gas is generated, and it rises in great quantities from the water in the form of bubbles. It is a favorite sport of the tugmen and of others who visit that stretch of the river to touch a match to the gas and watch the flames shoot away in every direction over the water. The fire lasts only a few seconds, but the display is brilliant while it continues, and, strange as it may seem, the fire department has been called out more than once to extinguish the blazing river.—Chicago Record.

Her Hand Was Saved.

William Lorts, who was conductor on a Union Pacific passenger train which ran off a bridge near Byers, Colo., relates an incident of the wreck that closely trends upon the horrible. "The chair car," says Mr. Lorts, "was on end in the water. After we had carried the injured passengers out and were about to abandon the car, I heard faint groans. I took my lantern and climbed down into the car. I found a woman with her head just above the water. I got assistance and tried to lift her out, but she was fast, and we could not move her. I discovered that she was held fast by her hand between two seats. I called for an ax and told her I would have to cut her hand off to save her life, as the car was sinking fast. She looked at me pitifully, but said nothing. I took off my coat and put it over her head so she could not see the cruel blows with the ax. Then she commenced to beg me not to chop off her arm. By pure accident I found a piece of iron down in the water, and with this I managed to pry the seats far enough apart to release her. It was the heaviest lifting of my life. We carried her off the car and as we reached safety the car sank from sight. Two seconds later and we would all have been drowned.—Kansas City Journal.

He Couldn't Pay the Fine.

Charles K. Darling, editor of the "Early Laws of Massachusetts," furnishes the following copy of a petition preferred to the general court in 1656: To the Honored General Court of Magistrates and Deputies Assembled at Boston, These Humbly Presented:
Honoured in the Lord Whereas your pore Petitioner John Smith inhabitant in Charlestowne Having ignorantly through mistake Transgressed against an order of Court, And being sentenced by the Court at Charlestowne to pay a fine of five pounds, I humbly Request of this Honoured Court Remission of the same, having unwittingly offended, for I having by hard Labour earned a littell money of one of my neighbours Hee would pay mee nothing but strong-waters, whereoff I had no need, But desired fuller pay for my families occasions, But not obtaining other, I must take it, And A stranger coming to mee bought ten shillings worth of it off mee, and hee had it off mee as it cost mee, Now I humbly entreat this Honoured Court to be pleased to pass by my Transgression, and to forgive mee my fault, my purpose and promise being to be more watchfull in tyme to come; see trusting in your gentleness I cease to be troublesome unto you, humbly praying the Lord to prosper you all in your soules and Bodies Heer, And to Bless you with all happiness in the world to come. See desires your Pore Petitioner,
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The Rothschild Business.

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The banking business of the family is conducted in the same old fashioned building it has occupied ever since the firm was established in the early part of this century. It is situated where once stood the gate of the Judengasse, on the boundary line between the Jewish and the Christian cities. Everything about it is strikingly plain and old fashioned. There are no carpets on the floor, and the desks and furnishings are of pine instead of the mahogany that you find in the newer banking houses of the city. There is an air of severity and frugality about the place. The calculations of the clerks are made on the backs of old envelopes, and they still use lamps and candles instead of gas and electric light. Most of the employees are members of the family. The boys of the Paris and London branches come to Frankfort to begin their business career and learn lessons in industry, accuracy and fidelity, and they generally serve a term in each branch of the firm in order that they may know the peculiar conditions and surroundings.

The business is conducted with great secrecy. Nobody knows anything about it, and therefore there is a great deal of conjecture and gossip. Some years ago one of the employees of the house who was not related to the family was a defaulter for a large sum of money. He was not punished and not even prosecuted because it was said the members of the firm feared they would be called upon to give evidence concerning their business relations if they took him into court, and it would cost them a great deal more money to have their transactions exposed than the defalcation amounted to.—Chicago Record.



The best thing with which a mother can crown her daughter is a common sense knowledge of the distinctively feminine physiology. Every woman should thoroughly understand her own nature. Every woman should understand the supreme importance of keeping herself well and strong in a womanly way. Nearly all of the pains and aches, nearly all the weakness and sickness and suffering of women is due to disorders or disease of the organs distinctly feminine. A woman who suffers in this way is unfitted for wifehood and motherhood. Maternity is a menace of death. Thousands of women suffer in this way because their innate modesty will not permit them to submit to the disgusting examinations and local treatment insisted upon by the average physician. These ordeals are unnecessary. Dr. R. V. Pierce, an eminent and skillful specialist, for thirty years chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., has discovered a wonderful remedy with which women may treat and speedily cure themselves in the privacy of their own homes. This medicine is known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It acts directly on the delicate and important organs concerned. It makes them well and strong. It allays inflammation, heals ulceration, soothes pain and rests the tortured nerves. Taken during the critical period, it banishes the usual discomforts and makes baby's advent easy and almost painless. Thousands of women who were once weak, sickly, nervous fretful invalids, are now happy, healthy wives, because of this medicine. It is sold by all good medicine dealers and no honest dealer will advise a substitute.
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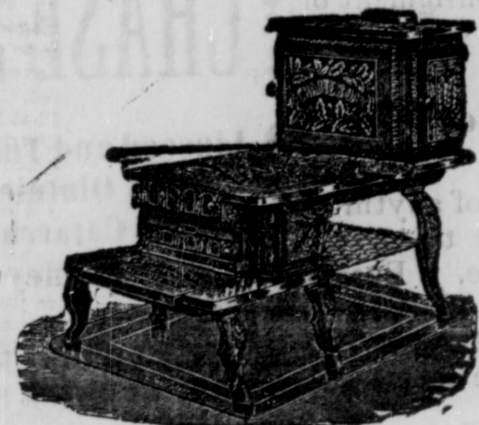
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