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It is to be feared that many English and American travelers in France expect to find the same laws and regulations obtaining on French railways as they are accustomed to at home; and when they find that they are very different they are apt to resent it—an attitude which occasionally results in collision with the officials. The following hints on points of railway customs and etiquette in connection with which trouble often ensues, says London Travel, may not, perhaps, be superfluous.

Claims to a seat: The right to a seat, which has been engaged by placing upon it a coat or some other article, has actually been legalized by a recent test case in the French law courts, while this right in England depends of course solely upon custom, and cannot be enforced. Not only this, but in France each passenger is legally entitled to the use of that portion of the rack and floor immediately above and below his seat.

Control of windows: English travelers often complain of the tendency of French travelers to keep the windows closed unnecessarily. It is the best policy to put up with this annoyance, as an appeal to the guard will not as a rule be successful. His sympathies are likely to be with his compatriots, who regard the love of English people for open windows as a foolish fad, and one, too, which is dangerous to health.

Smoking carriages: The rule for smoking on French railways is the reverse of that which obtains in England. Though carriages for fumours are provided, smoking is permitted in any carriage with the consent of the occupant, and in practice almost every compartment except those labeled *dames seules* is a smoking one.

Tips to porters: English travelers are apt to inveigh against the greed and rapacity of French porters, especially at Paris stations. This is probably due to ignorance of the fact that at Paris terminal the factor who fetches a cab from outside the station—and this is usually necessary—is entitled to a gratuity and in Paris one franc is customary. This being the case, the traveler who presents him with a few coppers (which would be civilly accepted at a London station) must not be surprised if he is confronted with black looks.

Customs examination: At Calais, Boulogne or Dieppe the traveler should be on his guard against accepting the services of a man in semi-uniform (not a porter) who will offer to see the traveler's luggage through the customs. His services will cost you a fee of 2 shillings 6 pence.

CREATION'S ANNIVERSARY.

How the Time Has Been Calculated by Astronomers.

"The anniversary of creation" occurred, we learn, Saturday, Sept. 20. We have this on the authority of the British Chronological Astronomical Association, which ought to know. The association has a grievance against Parliament, which is responsible, it alleges, for the English solar year as usually reckoned. We do not ask the association the old question: "Where wast thou when the foundations of the earth were laid?" But we feel bound to say that we do not guarantee the accuracy of the following tabulated statement:

The new year 5001 a. m. on Sept. 20 is:

5001 since creation.

4245 since the flood in 1656.

3819 since the call of Abraham.

2901 since Solomon's temple in 3000.

1904 1/2 since birth of Jesus Christ.

1871 1/2 since crucifixion in 4029 1/2.

1831 1/2 since destruction of Jerusalem in 4069 1/2.

Eras:

It is now 5663 years since Jewish era began.

It is now 1320 since Mahomedan era began.

It is now 126 since American independence.

"The discoveries of the year just closing relating to the science of time are of a very useful and magnificent character," says the communication just quoted from. We feel it is our duty to present them to our readers. The chief of them are "the finding by calculations of the procession of the equinoxes of the periodical heliacal rising of the star Sirius, known as the Sothic Cycle of the Egyptians, and the discovery of the meaning of the festival of thirty years observed in Egypt, namely: Every thirty years from the prime date of creation indicated by the sun entering each of the twelve signs of the zodiacal cycle of 360 sidereal years." "It may now be affirmed," we are told, "that we know with precision every natural year made by the sun since the beginning."—London Daily News.

Quite with the Times.

The popularity of ping-pong is bringing forward many experts at the game, and in one city in the East there is a child barely two years old that shows a marvelous fondness for it. On being questioned as to the manner in which the child's talents were developed the proud father explained: "Yes, Willie is a good ping-pong player, but he ought to be. Why, he cut his teeth on a ping-pong ball, and we always spanked him with a racquet."—What to Eat.

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