

by an experience gained during a trip to Europe, and Mr. L. Seeley has supplemented it with the following, connected with his visit of two months to Germany during his vacation : Many teachers, he says, are looking longingly across the Atlantic as a place to spend their summer vacation in. The time has come when it is almost as cheap to cross the Atlantic and visit the Old Country as to stay at home ; fully as cheap if one goes to any kind of fashionable summer resort. Very cheap rates can be had by several lines of ocean steamers if one is content to take two or three days longer on the passage. The complete rest which one is compelled to take on ship-board is the very best thing for a professional man, and it fits admirably for the hard work of travel and sight-seeing on the other side. Experience has taught me to avoid round-trip tickets unless you can decide before starting by what steamer you will return, and have the whole matter definitely settled. If the companies find that you have a return ticket, and have not your room located, they will be sure to locate you in an inferior room, if not refuse you a room altogether at the time you wish to sail. This is one of their most frequent, and at the same time aggravating dodges.

But about Germany. We will suppose that one lands at Antwerp, Rotterdam, Bremen, or Hamburg. If at either of the first two places, Brussels should be seen, requiring a couple of days. From there or from Hamburg or Bremen I would go to Cologne, preparatory to seeing the best part of the Rhine. It is not worth while to touch the Rhine at a point lower than Cologne as the most interesting scenery is above that city.

Every one should be provided with a Baedeker's Guide, which is the most satisfactory guide-book published. These can be purchased in New York before starting, at least one covering the first country to be visited, so that one can make a study of it while crossing the ocean. They can be bought in every European city in English, French, or German and are most valuable books, not unworthy of a place in your library after your return. They discuss the language, history, money, public conveyances, routes, hotels, etc., in short everything that a traveler wants to know. I have always found Baedeker thoroughly reliable.

There are two ways of managing with reference to tickets ; one is to go to some agent like Thomas Cook & Sons and buy a round trip ticket covering the points desired. This saves some trouble and a little expense. I prefer to buy from station to station, as it allows of change of plan and is more independent.