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THE HEATING AND VENTILATION OF PASSENGER COACHES.*

IN looking over the files of the *Railway Age* for the year just past I have failed to find a single article, either editorial or otherwise, on the subject of Heating and Ventilating Passenger Coaches.

Out of the many valuable "editorials" of that able journal during the past year, only eight are on the general subject of "Heating and Lighting of Passenger Cars," and one on "Heating without Burning," and in neither of these is ventilation taken into consideration.

In the "communications" to that same journal for the same period, I found only one article on "Heating and Lighting Cars by Electricity," while in the "miscellaneous" department I found eighteen different articles, under various titles, on the general subject of heating and lighting passenger cars, but not one article on the ventilation of these nomadic palaces, in which hundreds of thousands of people live daily.

You will observe that during a year in which, from a combination of causes, the subject of heating passenger coaches has been agitated more than ever before by the public, during which time one of the leading national journals devoted to the interest of the railway world has published an average of over an article every fortnight on this important subject; yet, with all this, I have failed to find a single article on the ventilation of passenger

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