

Many will question this statement, but it is absolutely true.

I do not mean to say that on one or two occasions dining cars were not advertised on the lines we travelled over; but either the train was late and had no time to stop and take on the car, or the provisions had been exhausted and the car was left behind in consequence.

Anyway the result was the same.

Travelling over the Northern Pacific Line some months later, we always found a dining car attached and the food very good, and I have no doubt that travellers who have only crossed the continent by the direct line from New York to San Francisco will have had a similar experience.

Referring to my list of American lines travelled over during the first six months of our stay, I find the following mentioned.

“Canadian Pacific,” “New York Central,” “Pennsylvania,” “Baltimore and Ohio,” “Ohio and Missouri,” “Chicago and Alton,” “Aitchison Topeka and Santa Fé,” “Atlantic Pacific” and “Southern Pacific.”

These are pretty well-known American lines, and in spite of the incredulity of my Transatlantic friends, I am obliged to keep to my statement.

On the long journeys, tea and coffee were sometimes