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days this formality may be dispensed with, and the permit will be stated upon the passport by the police officials at the frontier.

RUSSIA.—Visitors to Russia must be provided with passports bearing the *visa* of a Russian Diplomatic or Consular officer. Without such *visa* they will not be allowed to enter the country. To persons of the Jewish faith the *visa* is only granted in special circumstances, as to which the Russian Consular Officer should be consulted, and in any case such persons are subject to special regulations in Russia.

The passport will enable the holder to reside in Russia for six months, when it must be exchanged at the prefecture of St. Petersburg, or at the Chancery of a Provincial Governor, for a Russian "Billet de Séjour," to be renewed annually.

The cost of such a "Billet de Séjour" varies from 7 r. 15 c. to 1 r. 29 c. Each "Billet de Séjour," on first issue or renewal, must be delivered to the local police officer for inscription or *visa*. For non-renewal of a "Billet de Séjour" at the time of its expiration a fine is exacted.

On leaving Russia a police certificate must be obtained, which is granted on the first visit of the traveller to Russia at a cost of 75c. On subsequent visits 6 r. 50 c. is charged. If a "Billet de Séjour" has been obtained it must be returned, when the passport will be handed back to the owner with the necessary authorization to leave.

In the case of persons travelling through Russia, without stopping at any point within the Empire, the *visa* of a Russian Consular officer "to travel through Russia" will be accepted as sufficient, both for the purpose of entering and leaving the country, without obligation to obtain the police authorization to leave necessary in case of a stay in Russia.

Travellers to Russia should on each journey obtain a new passport to avoid the necessity of obtaining a "Billet de Séjour" on arrival, which they will be required to do when a passport is used six months after the date of the Russian *visa* attached to it.

SERVIA.—Travellers must be provided with passports.

SIAM.—No special regulations in force, but British subjects are required to register themselves at the British Consulate-General within one month of arrival. For travelling in the interior a passport must be obtained from the Siamese Government. Fee for registration, sixty cents, and for passport fifty cents.

SPAIN.—It is most advisable for travellers to be provided with passports. The *visa* of a Spanish Consul is not necessary, but it will be found useful in travelling in provincial towns and country districts.

In the Province of Barcelona, British subjects should, upon arrival, personally show their passports to His Majesty's Consul, who will thereupon furnish them with a certificate, which they are required to present, within twenty-four hours after their arrival in Barcelona, at the Office of the Civil Governor (in country towns and villages at the Office of the Mayor) in order that their names, descriptions, &c., may be registered. A fine, and possibly expulsion, may result from non-compliance with this regulation.

Canary Islands.—No regulations in force.

Ceuta.—British subjects desiring to visit Ceuta should apply through the British Vice-Consul at Algeciras for an order from the Commandante-General.

SWEDEN.—No regulations in force.