

and American women seem to consider it a point of honour to uphold this opinion, and so far as *men* are concerned, the accommodation for them is more ample and their style of dress makes comfort more attainable; but I should lay my view of the case before any twelve unprejudiced English women who have even the most primitive notions of comfort, with absolute confidence. Truly it is more easy to criticize than to suggest possible improvements, and Americans triumphantly point to our own small carriages where space is limited and movement impossible, and ask how we should like to spend night after night in one of them. The answer of course is that we don't *need* to spend night after night in such carriages. If we did, we should have to confront the problem and settle it in our own fashion; and I am far from saying that our solution would be the better of the two. I only protest against the tyranny of being forced to say that I was never so comfortable in my life, when almost every condition of feminine comfort, at any rate, is conspicuous by its absence.

The gentlemen's lavatory in these cars is sufficiently large to accommodate four or five men at once; whereas that set apart for the ladies is so small that you can barely turn round in it and perform your