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PREFACE

Most people want to go to Europe, I amongst the number. But almost everybody seems to think that a European tour is necessarily expensive. Of course it may be so; but I have faith that with common sense, some knowledge, and a minimum supply of dollars, a splendid vacation of eight weeks in length, or more, may be enjoyed upon the other side at a very small cost indeed.

I am now going to prove this to unbelieving friends and intend to set out with three hundred dollars in my pocket and a stern resolution not to exceed this amount by one cent. I have talked my scheme over with Comrade, who, dazzled by my mention of continental resorts, Paris, London and a score or more other places has agreed to accompany me. This will lessen the cost, in a way, as we shall share rooms, carriages,

etc., but for the sake of others, who will assuredly follow where I lead, I shall put down the expenses as one person, doing the same things alone, would find them.

In order to refute the insinuations of scoffers I am going to keep strict accounts, entering in this, my diary, every dollar I spend, as well as all my joys, together with such information as will enable other adventurous souls to follow in my footsteps.

My intentions are to travel comfortably, but not luxuriously, to avoid the hostelries and vehicles patronised by millionaires. I cannot compete with them in the tips they shower (if I would have money left for my own enjoyment) and so see instead of liveried servants, the real life of the people and everything of true interest in the countries I visit.

The greater number of the sketches in this little book appeared serially in *Vogue*, and it is with the consent of the Vogue Publishing Company, that these are now reissued in book form.

COINAGE TABLES

English	American
1 halfpenny (or 2 farthings)	= 1 cent (or "penny.")
1 penny	2 cents.
1 shilling (or 12 pence)	= 1 quarter (lit. the shilling is worth 24 cents.)
1 florin	= 50 cents.
Half a crown	60 (and 2) cents.
1 pound (or sovereign)	5 dollars (less 20 cents.)

SCALE:

English:—4 farthings=1 penny. 12 pence=1 shilling.
20 shillings=1 pound.

American:—100 cents=1 dollar.

English	French
1 halfpenny (or 2 farthings)	= 1 sou (or 5 centimes).
1 penny	= 10 centimes.
1 shilling	= 1 franc 20 (or 120 centimes).
1 florin	= 2 francs 40 centimes.
Half a crown	= 3 francs.
1 pound (or 20 shillings)	= 25 francs.

SCALE:

English:—4 farthings=1 penny. 12 pence=1 shilling.
20 shillings=1 pound.

French:—100 centimes (or 20 sous)=1 franc. 100 francs
= 1 louis.

English	Norwegian
1 halfpenny (or 2 farthings)	= $3\frac{3}{4}$ øre.
1 penny	= $7\frac{1}{2}$ øre.
1 shilling (or 12 pence)	=90 øre.
2 shillings (1 florin)	=1 Krone 80 øre.
Half a crown	=2 Krone 25 øre.
1 pound (20 shillings)	=18 Krone.
20 pounds	=360 Krone.

SCALE:

English:—4 farthings=1 penny. 12 pence=1 shilling.
20 shilling=1 pound.

Norwegian:—100 øre=1 Krone.

American.	English.
1 cent.....	1 halfpenny (or 2 farthings).
25 cents.....	1 shilling (and a $\frac{1}{2}$ penny).
50 cents.....	{ A florin (and a penny) 2 shillings (and a penny).
1 dollar.....	4 shillings (and 2 pence).
5 dollars.....	1 pound (and 10 pence).
100 dollars.....	20 pounds (and 16/8).
500 dollars.....	1 hundred pounds (and £.34).

SCALE:

American:—100 cents=1 dollar.

English:—4 farthings=1 penny. 12 pence=1 shilling.
20 shilling=1 pound.

American.	French
1 cent.....	1 sou (or 5 centimes).
25 cents.....	1 franc 25 centimes.
50 cents.....	2 francs 50 centimes.
1 dollar.....	5 francs.
5 dollars.....	25 francs (or 1 louis and 5 francs)

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100 dollars.....	500 (and 4) francs.
500 dollars.....	2500 (and 20 francs) or
500 (and 1) louis.

SCALE:

American:—100 cents=1 dollar.

French:—100 centimes=1 franc 20 francs=1 louis.

American	Norwegian
1 cent.....	3½ øre
25 cents.....	90 øre
50 cents.....	1 krone 80 øres
1 dollar.....	3 krone 60 øre
5 dollars.....	18 krone
100 dollars.....	360 krone.
500 dollars.....	1800 krone.

SCALE:

American:—100 cents to the dollar.

Norwegian:—100 øre to the krone.

ERRATA

- p. vii. 1 pound (or 20 shillings)=24 francs.
 p. viii. 500 dollars.....104 pounds 3s. 4d.

These coinage tables are not worked out to exact decimals, but give approximate values.