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## **Touring in Europe**

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**A List of 60 Desirable Motor Tours, with  
Table of Distances, Stopping Places,  
Repair Stations, Etc.**

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## THE REASON.



HERE ought to be a word of explanation why this book is published. The story appeared in the columns of the Brooklyn Eagle. It attracted some attention, and the desire was expressed by many that the articles should be republished in book form. That is the reason for it. A great many people are curious to know something about automobiling in Europe. Mr. S. M. Butler, secretary of the Automobile Club of America, wrote to the Eagle: "I certainly think the articles are well worth publishing in book form, and would make most interesting and instructive reading for those contemplating a European trip."

In the summer of 1905 the author, and a companion, both residents of Brooklyn, planned a short trip abroad. Aside from date of departure, a visit to London and Paris and date of sailing for home, little thought was given to the details of the trip. The possibility of taking some rides in automobiles was incidentally considered, and Secretary Butler, of the Automobile Club of America, had given some letters of introduction and an inquiry about a motor car had been sent to a company in Liverpool.

We did not decide to make the trip in England until we arrived in Liverpool. We found by experience that it was an easy matter to obtain good motor cars, excellent chauffeurs, and that prices were reasonable, and that the best way to see the country was by automobile. Our vacation outing was so satisfactory in every particular that on the way home some of the incidents of the trip were written out for newspaper publication. We found that there was great interest on the part of many people to know the cost of motoring, how to secure machines, and a general outline of a trip such as we had taken. Our ride in England consumed four days. It could have been extended for a week and included Southern Wales, and if another week had been added we could have seen the Lake Region and Scotland. In the last chapter a number of itineraries are given which will indicate what the traveler can do within a specified time. We felt that we must run on schedule time. This is a mistake. When it rains, as it did with us on the beginning of our trip, one should be content to remain in his hotel and wait for clear skies.

THE AUTHOR.

## CHAPTER I.

### TOURING IN WALES.

**T**HIS is the story of two Americans in a motor car. The tale is a simple one. There is little of romance, not much of adventure, no exciting incidents, yet I trust it may have some interest because it will describe the modern way of seeing Europe. The stage coach and the four-in-hand are things of the past; bicycling for tourists has about had its day and is now hardly mentioned in the guide books. Of course, railway trains will do for those who wish to see the cities and to follow in the old, beaten tracks of travel, but to see the country and find out how the people live and explore the out-of-way places which even Baedeker has not found, one must go by automobile.

It is said that more Americans went to Europe last summer than in any previous year. A great many took automobiles with them, some purchased them abroad, while others hired machines. We were of the latter class, the Colonel and myself. To take your own automobile across the water means large expense and a great amount of bother and anxiety. Custom duties, taxes, speed