

those near the two last-named villages, but the snow on the mountains contrasting with the deep purple ravines, makes them far more striking in spring than summer. Taking another direction from Vence, we may visit (5 k.) *S. Pol*, an old fortified village, containing many ancient houses of architectural interest, and possessing a glorious view over mountains and sea. In the *Maison Suraire* are a splendid chimney-piece and curious staircase. This excursion, also, is well worth while to an artist.

A very interesting mountain road leads from Vence to (23 k.) Grasse, by (6 k.) *Tourette*, which retains its old walls and the



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three towers whence it derived its name, and (13 k.) *Le Bar* (near the Gorge de S. Amoux), with an old castle, and a church with a Roman inscription built into its tower and, in its sacristy, a x. c. tabernacle with a representation of the Dance of Death. At 12 k. from Vence pedestrians may turn aside l. by the hamlet of *Courmette-Vieille*, and (leaving on l. the village of *Courmes*, which has a tomb of one of the famous Cormis family in its church) ascend to (14 k. from the main road) the singular mountain town of *Coursegoules*, which has its little square and hôtel de ville. Hence the *Cheiron* (1,778 mètr.) may be ascended in 3 hrs. There is a magnificent view from the summit.]

219 k. *Le Var*, a station near the long bridge over the wide, usually dry bed of the Var, which formerly was the boundary between France and Italy. The river, which gives its name to a Department, rushing and rapid in its upper course, becomes, as it nears the sea, either an impetuous flood, which numerous dykes can scarcely keep in check, or a mere thread of water winding through an immense bed of stones. Hence, passing the fishing suburbs of *S. Hélène*, *Magnan*, and *S. Philippe*, we soon reach—

225 k. *Nice* (Nizza).

Hotels: *des Anglais*—at the corner of the Jardin Public; *du Luxembourg*; *de la Méditerranée*; *Westminster*; *Continental*—on the Promenade des Anglais; *d'Élysée*; *des Palmiers*; *du Louvre*; *Paradis*; *des Îles Britanniques*—on the West; *des Empereurs*; *Millet*; *de Nice*—on the East; *Grand*; *de Cimies*.

Pensions: *Royale*, 4 Avenue Delphine; *Internationale*, 2 Petite Rue S. Étienne; *des Palmiers*, 30 Boulevard Longchamp; *Millet*, 2 Rue S. Étienne.

' Dans les hôtels, on distingue deux catégories: le *client* et le *passant*. Pour le premier, on a tous les égards possibles, mais il s'en faut de tout que le second jouisse de la même considération. On regarde les voyageurs qui ne séjournent pas, comme un passage de caillies qu'il s'agit de plumer, et les hôteliers ne s'en font pas faute.'—*C. Brainne*.

Carriages: with one horse and two places, the course, 75 c. by day, 1 fr. 25 c. by night; the hour, 2 fr. and 2 fr. 50 c. With one horse and four places, the course, 1 fr. by day, 1 fr. 80 c. by night; the hour, 2 fr. 50 c. and 3 fr. With two horses and four places, the course, 1 fr. 50 c. by day, 2 fr. by night; the hour, 3 fr. and 3 fr. 50 c. The limits of a course are those of the town itself.

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