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PREFACE.

The HANDBOOK FOR AUSTRIA, which is now issued for the ninth time, and corresponds with the twenty-sixth German edition, is designed to assist the traveller in planning his tour and disposing of his time to the best advantage, to render him as far as possible independent of the services of hotel-keepers, commissionnaires, and guides, and thus to enable him the more thoroughly to enjoy and appreciate the objects of interest he meets with on his tour.

The Handbook has been compiled almost entirely from the personal observation of the Editor, and most of the country described has been repeatedly explored by him with a view to procure the latest possible information; but, as many of the data in the Handbook relate to matters which are constantly undergoing alteration, he will highly appreciate any corrections or suggestions with which travellers may favour him. Those already received, which in many instances have proved most useful, he gratefully acknowledges.

The districts described in this Handbook were formerly embraced in the Handbook for Southern Germany and Austria, which is now published in two separate volumes. The information in the present volume is, however, much fuller than that contained in the corresponding part of the older Handbook, and has been augmented by a short description of the Austrian Alps. Its contents are divided into TEN SECTIONS (I. Vienna and its Environs; II. Upper and Lower Austria, Salzburg, and Tyrol; III. Styria, Carinthia, Carniola, and Istria; IV. Bohemia and Moravia; V. Galicia and the Bukowina; VI. Dalmatia; VII. Hungary, Croatia, and Slavonia; VIII. Transylvania; IX. Bosnia, each of which may be separately removed from the book by the traveller who wishes to minimise the bulk of his luggage. A fuller description of the mountainous districts of S. Germany and Austria (Tyrol, Salzburg, etc.) has been published in a separate volume entitled 'The Eastern Alps' (10th Ed., 1903).

The MAPS and PLANS, on which special care has been bestowed, will, it is hoped, render material service to the traveller in planning his tour. Five new maps and seven new plans have been added in the present edition.

TIME TABLES. Information as to the departure of trains, steamboats, and diligences is seldom to be relied upon unless obtained from local sources. The best Austrian time-tables are contained in the *Oesterreichisches Kursbuch*, which appears at Vienna ten times annually (1 K. 40 h.).

DISTANCES by road are given approximately in English miles; but in the case of mountain-excursions they are expressed by the time in which they can be accomplished by average walkers. **HEIGHTS** are given in English feet (1 Eng. ft. = 0,3048 mètre), and the **POPULATIONS** from data furnished by the most recent census.

HOTELS. The Editor has endeavoured to enumerate, not only the first-class hotels, but also others of a less pretentious kind, which may be safely selected by the 'voyageur en garnison', with little sacrifice of comfort and great saving of expenditure. The asterisks indicate those hotels which the Editor has reason to believe to be provided with the comforts and conveniences expected in an up-to-date establishment, and also to be well-managed and with a reasonable scale of charges. Houses of a more modest character, when good of their class, are described as 'fair' or 'very fair'. At the same time the Editor does not doubt that comfortable accommodation may often be obtained at hotels which he has not starred or even mentioned. Hotel-charges, as well as carriage-fares and fees to guides, are liable to frequent variation, and generally have a strong upward tendency; but these items, as stated in the Handbook either from the personal experience of the Editor or from data furnished by numerous correspondents will at least afford the traveller an approximate idea of his expenditure.

To hotel-keepers, tradesmen, and others the Editor begs to intimate that a character for fair dealing towards travellers is the sole passport to his commendation, and that advertisements of every kind are strictly excluded from his Handbooks. Hotel-keepers are also warned against persons representing themselves as agents for Baedeker's Handbooks.

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