

Werk

Titel: The United States with an excursion into Mexico

Verlag: Baedeker [u.a.]

Ort: Leipzig [u.a.]

Jahr: 1899

Kollektion: Itineraria

Werk Id: PPN242370497

PURL: <http://resolver.sub.uni-goettingen.de/purl?PID=PPN242370497> | LOG_0216

OPAC: <http://opac.sub.uni-goettingen.de/DB=1/PPN?PPN=242370497>

Terms and Conditions

The Goettingen State and University Library provides access to digitized documents strictly for noncommercial educational, research and private purposes and makes no warranty with regard to their use for other purposes. Some of our collections are protected by copyright. Publication and/or broadcast in any form (including electronic) requires prior written permission from the Goettingen State- and University Library.

Each copy of any part of this document must contain these Terms and Conditions. With the usage of the library's online system to access or download a digitized document you accept the Terms and Conditions.

Reproductions of material on the web site may not be made for or donated to other repositories, nor may be further reproduced without written permission from the Goettingen State- and University Library.

For reproduction requests and permissions, please contact us. If citing materials, please give proper attribution of the source.

Contact

Niedersächsische Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek Göttingen
Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
Platz der Göttinger Sieben 1
37073 Göttingen
Germany
Email: gdz@sub.uni-goettingen.de

63. From Cincinnati to New Orleans.

a. Via Chattanooga ('Queen & Crescent Route').

830 M. RAILWAY in 27-36 hrs. (fare \$ 21; sleeper \$ 5). *Cincinnati, New Orleans, & Texas Pacific Railway* to (338 M.) *Chattanooga*; *Alabama Great Southern R. R.* thence to (634 M.) *Meridian*; *New Orleans & North Eastern R. R.* thence to (830 M.) *New Orleans*. This line traverses the famous *Blue Grass Region* of Kentucky.

Cincinnati, see p. 344. The train crosses the *Ohio* to (3 M.) *Ludlow* (to the right, the pleasure-grounds known as the *Ludlow Lagoon*) and runs to the S. through *Kentucky*. The country traversed is pleasant, but few of the stations are important. 21 M. *Walton* (925 ft.); 52 M. *Hinton* (948 ft.); 70 M. *Georgetown* (880 ft.).

82 M. *Lexington* (965 ft.; *Phoenix*, \$ 2¹/₂-4; *Leland*, \$ 2-2¹/₂, R. from \$ 1), a thriving little town with 21,567 inhab., is the metropolis of the famous *Blue Grass Country* (see below) and one of the most important horse and cattle markets in the United States. It received its name from having been founded in the year of the battle of *Lexington* (1775). The city is well built and contains many pleasant residences. It is the site of the *University of Kentucky* (750 students, including the commercial college) and the *State Agricultural & Mechanical College*, and has large distilleries of 'Bourbon' whiskey. *Henry Clay* (1777-1852) is commemorated by a monument. The trotting-races held here are largely frequented; the famous track of the *Kentucky Horse Breeders' Association* is opposite the rail. station.

Lexington may also be reached from *Cincinnati* by the *Louisville & Nashville R. R.* (99 M.), which also passes through part of the *Blue Grass Region* (see below).

The *Blue Grass Region*, which occupies about 10,000 sq. M. in N. *Kentucky*, is an undulating and fertile plateau surrounded by hills. The soil is very rich, and agriculture, especially the raising of tobacco and hemp, is carried on with great success. Its characteristic feature, however, consists of the celebrated pastures of 'Blue Grass' (*Poa pratensis*), which support the horses and other livestock for which *Kentucky* is famous. Stock farms abound throughout the whole district, especially in the neighbourhood of *Lexington*. The American trotting horse was here brought to its present high state of excellence, the blood horses of *Kentucky* exhibiting a remarkable combination of speed and endurance. Among the most famous stock farms near *Lexington* is *Ashland* (1¹/₂ M.), formerly the home of *Henry Clay* and now the property of *Major McDowell*. 'Mambrino Chief', one of the most famous sires of the American stud-book, was an *Ashland* horse, and 'Jay-Eye-See' was sired here. *Woodburn*, 15 M. from *Lexington*, was the home of the famous thorough-bred 'Lexington' and the birthplace of 'Maud S.' who trotted a mile in 2 min. 8³/₄ sec. 'Nancy Hanks', who trotted a mile in 2.4, was bred by Mr. Hart Boswell at *Poplar Hill*, 7 M. to the N. of *Lexington*. *Paris*, on the *Ken. Central R. R.*, 19 M. to the N.E. of *Lexington*, is another centre of racing stock; and there are also important stud-farms near *Cynthiana*, 13 M. farther to the N.

At (103 M.) *High Bridge* (765 ft.) the train crosses the *Kentucky River* by a fine *Cantilever Bridge, 280 ft. high, with three spans of 375-ft. each. At (109 M.) *Burgin* we are joined by the line from *Louisville* (p. 353). 116¹/₂ M. *Danville* (955 ft.), with the *Presbyterian Centre College*; 121 M. *Junction City* (988 ft.). At (139 M.)

King's Mountain (1170 ft.) we pass through a tunnel 1300 yds. long. 161 M. *Somerset* (880 ft.). At (168 M.) *Burnside* we cross the *Cumberland River* (view). The line here runs high up on the cliffs. 181 M. *Beaver Gap* is the station for the (1 M.) *Natural Bridge* of Kentucky, which is 30 ft. high and has a span of 60 ft. From (182 M.) *Cumberland Falls Station* (1250 ft.) coaches run to (12 M.) **Cumberland Falls*, 60 ft. high. Beyond (197 M.) *Pine Knot* (1425 ft.) we enter *Tennessee* (the 'Volunteer State'), where the line traverses the picturesque district of the foot-hills of the *Cumberland Mts.*, among which are numerous pleasant summer-resorts. Beyond (210 M.) *Oneida* we reach the highest point on the line (1520 ft.). 224 M. *Rugby Road* (1390 ft.) is the station for *Rugby* (7 M. to the W.; 1400 ft.), founded in 1880 by Tom Hughes (author of 'Tom Brown's School-Days') and partly colonized by Englishmen. 232 M. *Sunbright* (1350 ft.), on the *Cumberland Plateau*; 254 M. *Oakdale* (*Babahatchie Inn*), on the *Emory River*, along which the train descends. — 258 M. *Harriman*, an iron-making place, is 15 M. from *Alum Springs*, a favourite resort amid the *Cumberland Mts.* It is the junction of the Southern Railway line to Knoxville and Asheville (comp. p. 382). 283 M. *Spring City*; 300 M. *Dayton* (715 ft.). At (334 M.) *Boyce* (695 ft.) we cross the *Tennessee River*. The battlefield of *Missionary Ridge* (p. 383) is seen to the left.

338 M. *Chattanooga* (675 ft.), and thence to —

330 M. *New Orleans*, see R. 69 b.

b. *Viâ Louisville and Nashville.*

922 M. *LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILWAY* in 32 hrs. (fare \$ 21; sleeper \$ 5).

Cincinnati, see p. 344. The train crosses the *Ohio* to (1 M.) *Newport* (p. 347) and runs to the S.W. through *Kentucky*. At (21 M.) *Walton* we cross the route above described. 83 M. *Lagrange* is the junction of lines to *Lexington* (p. 355), etc. 98 M. *Anchorage*.

110 M. *Louisville*, see p. 353. The train now runs towards the S. From (132 M.) *Bardstown Junction* a line runs to (37 M.) *Springfield* (Ky), and from (140 M.) *Lebanon Junction* another runs to *Lebanon* and *Knoxville* (p. 382). — From (201 M.) *Glasgow Junction* a short line diverges to *Mammoth Cave* (see below).

FROM GLASGOW JUNCTION TO MAMMOTH CAVE, 9 M., railway in $\frac{3}{4}$ hr. At present there are three trains daily, at 7.30 a.m., 11.10 a.m., and 6.15 p.m. (returning at 9.35 a.m., 2.20 p.m., and 7.50 p.m.). — At the end of the railway, on the *Green River*, at a height of 900 ft. above the sea, stands the *Mammoth Cave Hotel* (\$ 2-3), 250 yards from the cave. Guides, etc., are procured at the hotel. About 5000 tourists visit the cave yearly.

The *Mammoth Cave of Kentucky*, accidentally discovered by a hunter in 1809, is the largest cave known, extending below the earth for 9-10 M., while the various avenues already explored have a total length of about 175 M. The carboniferous limestone of Kentucky, in which the cave occurs, occupies an area of 8000 sq. M., and Prof. Shaler estimates that there are at least 100,000 miles of open caverns beneath it. The interior contains a vast series of halls, domes, grottoes, caverns,