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TRAIN DE LUXE - PARIS TO NAPLES.

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Naples,
Feb. 4.

To the Editor of the Times.

Sir: - I would like to protest against the condition of the carriages in this so-called train de luxe. I left Paris at 2 p.m. on the 2nd, in car No. 1,630A of the Compagnie Internationale des Wagons-Lits. The lavatories were in a disgusting state, so pervading was the faecal odour that it could be smelt in my compartment near to the middle of the car. In the two other carriages the lavatories had also the unmistakable odour of old and unclean fittings. On Friday there was no water in the car until 3.30 p.m.! Fortunately it was a cool day. Two years ago I had a similar experience coming from Vienna. The truth is that many of the cars of this Company are old and fit only for the scrap-heap. In the interests of the public the Company should be placed under sanitary control.

Yours, &c.,

William Osler.