

Sullivan Run May 15 33

May 15. I walked up to the castle of which practically nothing remains this I think has been almost completely destroyed. Then went to the tower, the tower of the strategic value was piece of the old wall left. I set off at 8-10 & walked down. It was a fine walk at first cloudy & misty then the sun came out. I had some biscuits & a packet of jam & an biscuit & then went to sleep & got some ^{beer} at the end. I got down to La Roche 3-25. In the way down I saw a very fine green lizard quite 15 inches long crossing the road & a curious plant which has been like a small pump & stands up & which from about 5 am 2 ft high. I went up to Poyreleau on the left bank of the Joubé & took some photos, then down to La Roche & had a tea complete at hotel de voyageurs. I got the bus down at 6. I got off at Aguerre & captured two. So near for the bus a matter of feet I walked 1 hr 10 min before it arrived. Then ~~was~~ is a big rise to the Chateau then the descent to Sévère le Chateau & down to Sévère Gare. I had dinner - it was 8 when I got in & "sat bed"

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Sévère

May 16. Did not get down for breakfast till 9-15. Walked up to S. le Chateau. Return fine but better from distance, back for lunch & sleep with diary & went out to take a photo of the Chateau via stream & then dinner bed

May 17 Caught the 6-40 to Bertholles when I had to wait an hour for a train to Bayonne. All along the line the fields were almost all wild Narcissus. I got to Bayonne station at 10-6 & walked to Bayonne. It is quite unusual with the old village on a high rocky peninsula fringed by the Dordogne. I walked back to the main road & had lunch at the Café de la Gare at Rochelle - quite a good lunch - & then I set off at 1-30. It was very hot but fortunately there was a breeze when the new road made a big sweep to the left. I followed the telephone poles & the old road straight on. When it became very tight on the top of the hill cut down as soon as possible bearing to the left as there are cliffs to the right. As a matter of fact I wanted some time there. The new road makes a sweep to the left & at a little cafe

Bayonne

take the old road (on the right) where below the Chateau the road is a road of 20' angle - which makes a sweep to the left below. I was left for 50 yards & down a cart-track to the main road. I got to Espalain at 4. The old bridge XIII cent of red sandstone is one of the most beautiful I have seen, especially with the reflection in the water. I stayed at the hotel Indesme complete. I walked up to S. Malain a village de Pesse about 1/2 km away. It is XIIth cent. very simple & a very good example of the last period. When I got back into Espalain, I was very thirsty & asked for tea at a cafe. I was given the head of garden news.

Espalain

May 18 I got up at 8 & took an auto photo & had lunch at 11 & caught the 12 o'clock bus to Estamp. There is a fine Chateau of the XV & XVI century now used for school. I got some photos with the train & left at 1-25 & walked down to Estamp. A fine good walk with bread & beer in it. I had a cup of coffee & had a change of get to Estamp at 4-40 17 km. I stopped at the Hotel d'Or - & had good & reasonable.

Estamp

May 19. I got off at 7-35 - after weighing 86 Kgs. I had a walk up the Joubé for 1/2 mile to the bridge. Just before S. le Chateau on the other side of the river is a good view of the river & a few trees the wood fine picture. I stopped at Veilleux at 11 for some coffee. A well preserved Chateau which it was impossible to photograph for trees. I had expected to find an inn at Paul de Cussary from the guidebook - there was none cooking as it is a Pigeon - 2 km. back. - So I crossed the bridge & walked on to Grand Valre where I had lunch at 1. 21 km. I had lunch & at 3-30 I got to Cussary at 4-45.

Cussary

It was a very hot day tho' at times a little breeze. I went to the Hotel S. Joly. I was out & took some photos of the landscape & some of the interior. As I was finishing dinner there my bicycle arrived who had bicycled 50 miles on the road.

May 20. After breakfast I went with them to the Grosor. Walked round the village - ground but impossible to photograph, had lunch at the hotel & caught the 3 o'clock bus to Decazeville - very rattly on a very bad road till we got to the train. At Decazeville train to St. Vierge (Chagny) & Capdenne. The guide book says / buffet: list: de voyageurs 42 chaux. Train 20) but it turned out that there is 167052

figures rather hard to get of a day but in current in water