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THE "FERRY" OF AVENHORN IN WEST-FRIESLAND.

Length: 29 M.

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Everybody who is walking through the little village of Avenhorn may experience that he has to stop at a narrow gauge, which lies across the road.....to let a boat pass which is on its way to the auction building.

It is a crossing of a water- and a carriage way.

On both sides the narrow gauge goes under the water and the boats can lift themselves on a lorry one by one.

Thus the punts, which come out of the polder, can be ^{brought} ~~sent~~ to the circular canal of the polder "The Beemster", where the water-level is much higher.

The difference of the water-line between the inner water and the circular canal, brought the Avenhorn population to this simple solution of their transport problem.

By that the construction of a lock has become superfluous.

On the circular canal the vegetables are transhipped into larger boats, by which they are brought to the town.

This means of transport which is of such a great importance for the continuance of the vegetable auction of this west-Frisian village, is one of the curiosities of the Dutch road-system.