

GIANT VACUUM CLEANER - Great Western
Railway installs big device for cleaning
carriages and preventing disease.
- Swindon -

Picture:- This tunnel-like oven is large enough --
-- to hold a railway carriage. It gets its heat --
-- through hundreds of steam-heated pipes and --
-- in fact, the oven is built for valeting railway carriages.
Dust --
-- dirt and damp are bound to permeate used --
-- compartments and to have each one vacuum cleaned by hand
takes too much --
-- time. This oven operates on the whole carriage at once,
just like a huge vacuum cleaner. The heavy steel door is
moved into position, sealed --
-- and made air tight by clamps. The temperature is then --
-- raised to 120 degrees Fahrenheit --
-- by the steam-heating pipes. After a few minutes baking,
the --
-- stale air is withdrawn until --
-- the vacuum is reached. The carriage is then left six
hours for complete purification. All germs are likewise
destroyed. The --
-- process guarantees hygienic travelling conditions. So --
-- you cannot blame the Railway Company for that sneeze and
cough you found !