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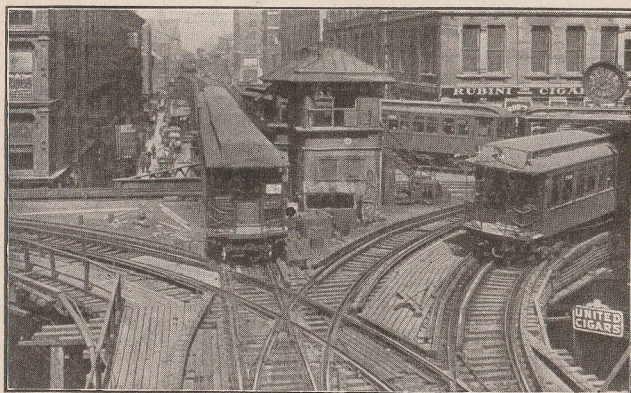
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## MAKE TRAVEL AGREEABLE AND HEALTHFUL

**A**N appreciative patron of the Elevated Railroads concludes an interesting letter to the editor of THE ELEVATED NEWS with the following words: "We should all meet the Company half way in an effort to make travel agreeable and healthful."

The sentence quoted epitomizes what the Elevated Railroads are trying to do and to have their patrons do, that is, "make travel agreeable and healthful" and it might be added safe also. The fact that the Chicago Elevated Railroads have carried approximately 1,500,000,000 passengers in the last nine years, without a single fatal accident to a passenger while on a train, is the best proof that travel on the elevated lines is safe.

That travel might be made more "agreeable" with more co-operation on the part of the public, probably is true. A few passengers frequently make matters disagreeable for a great number, because of their thoughtlessness and utter disregard for the rights of others. The passenger who occupies more seat space than is necessary, while others are standing; the one who sticks his feet out in the aisle; the one who plants himself firmly as soon as he enters a car, blocking the way of others, instead of stepping forward, the one who expectorates on the floor, all tend to make travel the opposite of "agreeable and healthful." No doubt the writer of the letter had all of those nuisances in mind, but after all, they are comparatively rare on the elevated lines.

Following is the letter addressed to the editor of The Elevated News:

"Early in December my husband had an accident which resulted in a serious injury to his hip. Some-



time in January he began making daily trips to the city, traveling on the Northwestern 'L.' About that time I noticed THE ELEVATED NEWS in one of the loop stations, brought home a copy and read every word of it. I now make a point of getting a copy of every issue. I had often remarked the courtesy of the 'L' employes, and was much pleased to learn your method of encouraging the same. In thanking the men for their kindness and courtesy to all, but especially to the afflicted, I cannot mention individuals, because I have found both conductors and platform men uniformly kind. My husband and I both appreciate to the fullest extent the aid they have given us. Since you have accomplished so much with your employes, can you not think of a way to reach the public? It is the travelers who are responsible for unclean cars and stations. We should all meet the Company half way in an effort to make travel agreeable and healthful."

It pleases the management to receive such letters commending the courtesy and efficiency of the employes of the elevated lines. The suggestion contained in the last paragraph might be read with profit by about 499,968 of the half million passengers who daily use the elevated lines.

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### SPITTING ON FLOORS OF CARS

**S**PITTING on the sidewalk, or on the floor of cars used for public conveyances, is prohibited by city ordinance, in order that the public health may be safeguarded. It is a wise measure, more especially in a city like Chicago where thousands of persons daily use the same cars, station platforms, elevators, or other public conveniences.

No other law or city ordinance is daily violated with the same impunity as the anti-spitting ordinance. If persons who are guilty in this respect would only consider the full significance of their acts, they would be more careful. Not only is the habit unlawful, rendering those guilty of the offense liable to fine, but it is an extremely filthy habit which endangers the health of thousands, who are themselves scrupulous in their observance of the ordinance.

The manner in which the ordinance is violated on the smoking cars on the elevated lines has been called to the attention of the management by a man who daily uses the Ravenswood branch of the Northwestern Elevated. In his letter he is careful to state that he does not criticise the management for this condition, but suggests that the distribution in the cars occasionally of one of the bulletins issued by the



National Safety Council might help to educate the public and mitigate the nuisance.

The bulletin to which the writer refers, a copy of which he enclosed in his letter, is in part as follows:

"When you see a man spit on the floor or on the sidewalk remember:

- "1. That he is a filthy fellow, or
- "2. That he is suffering from some disease, and
- "3. That he is doing his best to afflict you with his disease.

"If he is merely unclean he should be classed as such and herded with other filthy people. If he is suffering from disease—if his throat and respiratory tubes are endeavoring to throw off poison that affects them—he should be forced to spit in a container partly filled with a disinfectant which will kill the poison germs. If he spits on the floor or the sidewalk, the spit dries and in the form of dust enters your system and you become diseased. If you have a desire to spit frequently visit the dentist; probably you have decayed teeth. Use a toothbrush and a good tooth paste or powder. Use a simple mouth wash—even a little salt in a glass of water will help. If you would keep your mouth and throat as clean as you keep your face, you would have little desire to spit."

It may be assumed that no person afflicted with disease would willingly impart it to another, so that the spitting habit, like many others, results from the lack of consideration of others. A law is enforceable only to the extent that its strict enforcement is demanded by a majority of the people in a community. Spasmodic attempts to enforce the anti-spitting ordinance, frequently have been made by the city authorities, but its strict enforcement is impossible without the co-operation of the public. The public must be educated to the dangers which attend this filthy habit and when they are, it will be much easier to enforce the law, or to end the nuisance without laws, as a measure of self-protection.

#### HOW TO DO IT.

"Doctor," said he, "I'm a victim of insomnia. I can't sleep if there's the least noise, such as a cat on the back fence, for instance."

"This powder will be effective," replied the physician, after compounding a prescription.

"When do I take it, Doctor?"

"You don't take it. You give it to the cat in a little milk."

#### THE TIME HAS CHANGED.

Visitor — What this country needs is some of the old minute men.

Manager—Yes; now we have too many "I'll-do-it-in-a-minute" men.

Poverty is no disgrace, but that's about all that can be said in its favor.



### THE WATER'S FINE.

The bathing season at last has opened and the water's fine. The weather man did his worst to keep Chicago from getting any summer weather, but it is here in spite of him. If the water still is a little cooler than it was at this time last summer, the bathing costumes are a little warmer, which partly makes amends.

As usual, the bathing beaches on the North Side are the most

reach practically all the public parks and bathing beaches, and the fare is only 5 cents.

To reach Clarendon and the privately-owned beaches on the North Side take a Northwestern Elevated to Wilson avenue and walk a short distance east to the lake. The public beach at Jackson Park can be reached by the South Side Elevated to the end of the line and walking east through the park to the lake.



Entrance to Clarendon Beach

popular. Clarendon beach, which is owned and operated by the city, is the finest public building of the kind in the country. No need to leave the city to take a vacation. Spend your vacation in the public parks and bathing beaches, which are much better than can be found at summer resorts. And one of the most commendable features of spending your vacation in Chicago is that you do not have to put up half the money saved for your vacation in transportation expenses. The Chicago Elevated Railroads

### THERE WAS A REASON.

She boarded a Northwestern "L" car at Thorndale station, near the Chicago Arena ice skating rink. The car was filled and she swung on a strap. A handsome youth in a neat khaki uniform arose and politely offered her his seat. "Please keep your seat," she said. The youthful soldier was plainly embarrassed. "Won't you sit down?" he asked. "No, thank you," she said, "I—I have been skating all afternoon."



# ROLL OF HONOR

Women always have done their share of the world's work. They never have received quite as much credit as is due them, although they are slowly, but surely, coming into their own. However, we are not going to give a lecture on woman suffrage, or anything of that kind. We simply wish to say that the women station agents on the elevated lines, as a rule, do their work efficiently and do not get as much credit from the public as do the conductors and trainmen.

It is true that the women ticket agents have fewer opportunities to show courtesy to patrons than have the men employed in train operation. That is one reason why fewer letters are received commending them. Another reason is that there are few women ticket agents compared with the number of conductors and trainmen. But there is, perhaps, another reason, that is that they are women.

You have noticed that in a restaurant where waitresses are employed, they are not given "tips" as regularly as are waiters. They do their work as well, frequently much better, but when it comes to giving a gratuity, the patron overlooks them. Maybe it is because they are more modest and do not hang around a table, or look you in the eye the way a waiter does, which is one reason why they should receive greater consideration.

All this, however, has little to do with the "roll of honor" except that it happens this month that several women ticket agents are commended, so they get the top of the column. One letter comes from the Daily News and it is worthy of reproduction. It is as follows:

We desire to take this opportunity to express our grateful appreciation to two of your employes, Miss Sabina Loftus and Mrs. Nellie Klee, in con-

nection with their care of Fresh Air Fund globes, located in stations in which they are employed. Mrs. Klee, at the California avenue station, Garfield Park branch of the Metropolitan, prevented the theft of one of our globes, by a young man who was very clever in his attempt to take the box from the railing where it was located. Her action was so quick and thorough that the young man retired in haste, and the money amounting to \$3.79 was turned over to the Fresh Air Fund intact on June 7. A few days later, the same young man, from the description given by the two agents, went into the Western avenue station, where Miss Loftus is in charge. Miss Loftus was alert enough to keep him from getting a chance on three separate visits, which he made to her station, to get away with the globe.

Permit us to compliment you upon the quality of your employes in this capacity. Our collector informs us that he has often tried to see if he could open and take out the money from the globes without being seen by the agent, but has failed in every instance.

It seems to us that efficiency of this kind is worthy of being called to your attention.

Very truly yours,

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS,

By W. A. Strong.

The above letter speaks for itself. It hardly is believable that there are persons so mean as to steal the pennies intended for so worthy an object as the Daily News Fresh Air Fund. That is worse than "taking candy from children," because the fund is maintained to preserve the lives of little children, which is more important than candy.

Another letter commends Northwestern Ticket Agent Mrs. M. Scholar for her courtesy and



honesty in returning to a patron a dollar which he left by mistake at her station. Such letters speak well for the courtesy and honesty of "L" employes, who, from the nature of things must, in large measure, represent the company to its patrons.

Following are the names of other employes who have been commended during the last month:

Metropolitan Trainman H. C. Davis, badge 4324, is commended for ejecting intoxicated passengers who were creating a disturbance.

Northwestern Trainman John Keenan, badge 2746, is commended for finding seats for women passengers.

South Side Trainman George M. Weimer, badge 2364, is twice commended; once for directing a lady passenger bound from Evanston to Lincoln Park, and once for finding seats and for calling stations distinctly.

Northwestern Trainman W. T. Pogue, badge 622, is commended for giving minute directions to a passenger as to the best way to reach a North Side hospital.

South Side Trainman Bert Wilkinson, badge 2102, is commended for making room for passengers who were standing.

South Side Trainman Ruben B. Patten, badge 2626, is commended for exceptional courtesy in directing women passengers to seats in the car ahead.

South Side Trainman Stephen H. Sinon, badge 2508, is commended for finding seats for passengers and taking care of suit cases.

Metropolitan Trainman George B. Oliver, badge 4327, is commended for neat appearance, keeping his car tidy and free from newspapers, for finding seats for passengers and for clear pronunciation of names of stations.

Northwestern Conductor O. E. Brown, badge 1314, is commended for announcing distinctly the names of stations.

Northwestern Trainman William Durbain, badge 2511, is com-

mended for courtesy and for taking care of passenger's grip.

South Side Conductor Thomas J. Cannavan, badge 2229, is commended for finding seats for standing passengers.

Metropolitan Conductor H. Manheim, badge 755, is thanked for promptly turning in a lady's pocketbook found in his car.

Oak Park Conductor E. Ferguson, badge 6094, is commended for unfailing courtesy and politeness to passengers. The same employe is commended by another writer for maintaining order on his car and subduing a number of ruffians.

Oak Park Conductor E. Brautigan, badge 6061, is commended for unfailing courtesy and for finding seats for standing passengers.

Northwestern Trainman Chas. R. Ankele, badge 1228, is commended for making "seat hogs" sit closer and make room for standing passengers.

South Side Conductor Peter Valley, badge 2280, is commended for exceptional courtesy shown a woman passenger.

### HE'S ALL OVER TOWN.

It is not necessary to go to the Art Institute to see "The Man With the Hoe." Just look out of the window of an elevated train in any section of the city.

### —OR WORSE.

Is it fair to call the man a slacker who refuses to go to the front in an elevated coach and persists in blocking the entrance?

### SAFETY FIRST.

In summer when the sun shines bright,

Car windows open bring delight,

Of that there is no doubt;

But unless your head is solid bone,

Which can shatter steel or stone,

Please do not put it out.

Just because a man can't undo his past is no reason why he should hoodoo his future.



## TAKE A TRIP TO MILWAUKEE

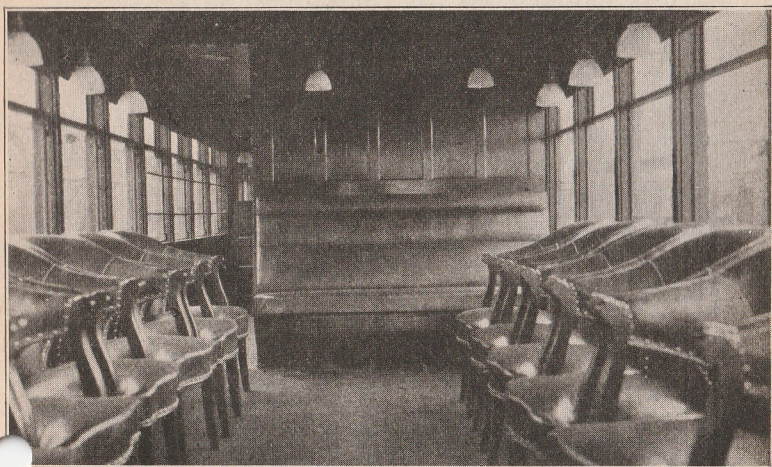
A trip to Milwaukee over the Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee Railroad is as enjoyable a Sunday outing as one possibly can think of. You can ride in one of the new parlor cars for a good deal less than it costs to ride in an ordinary day coach on a steam railroad and the running time is almost the same, for the electric line brings you to the heart of Milwaukee while the steam roads do not.

The new parlor cars are as

leave Evanston every hour during the day. The first parlor car train leaves Evanston at 9:15 in the morning and lands you in the heart of Milwaukee at 11:15. It is a delightful ride.

## RAVINIA PARK

Every lover of music knows that there is no place on the continent that compares with Ravinia Park. Among its performers are some of the world's greatest singers and its natural beauty makes it the most delightful place in which to spend an evening.



Interior View of Parlor Car

comfortable as any Pullman coach and in the summer months you can sit by an open window without being suffocated by smoke or blinded by cinders. There is neither smoke nor cinders on the electric line, which makes travel clean and comfortable.

This is a good season of the year to make the trip. Forget the long cold winter and get out in the fresh air and sunshine, if only for a day.

To go to Milwaukee take an Evanston Express on the Northwestern Elevated. Limited trains

But there are many who may not know the best and cheapest way to get there. It is by the Northwestern Elevated to Evanston and the Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee Railroad from Evanston to the park entrance. The fare from Evanston to Ravinia Park by the North Shore is 25 cents a round trip and cars are run at close intervals. The cars are always waiting when the crowd leaves, so that there are no annoying delays. Try this route next time you visit Ravinia Park.



# THRIFT



WITHOUT me no man has ever achieved success, nor has any nation ever become great. I have been the bedrock of every successful career, and the cornerstone of every fortune. All the world knows me and most of the world heeds my warning.

The poor may have me as well as the rich.

My power is limitless, my application boundless.

He who possesses me has contentment in the present and surety for the future.

I am of greater value than pearls, rubies and diamonds.

Once you have me no man can take me away.

I lift my possessor to higher planes of living, increase his earning power, and bring to realization the hopes of his life.

I make a man well dressed, well housed and well fed.

I insure absolutely against the rainy day.

I drive want and doubt and care away.

I guarantee those who possess me prosperity and success.

I have exalted those of low degree, and those of high degree have found me a helpful friend.

To obtain me you need put out no capital but personal effort, and on all you invest in me I guarantee dividends that last through life and after.

I am free as air.

I am yours if you will take me.

I AM THRIFT.

—American Bankers Association.

*One way to practice Thrift is to  
use the Elevated*





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**SAFETY ALWAYS**

**WHEN YOU USE THE**

**ELEVATED**

The Chicago Elevated Railroads carried  
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**SAFEST, QUICKEST, BEST**

Reaches all parts of the city. One fare  
on all lines. Direct connections with the  
Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee  
Railroad and with the Aurora, Elgin  
and Chicago Railroad.

**USE THE ELEVATED**



## IMPROVEMENTS ON THE METROPOLITAN

Patrons of the Metropolitan Elevated no doubt are aware that certain reconstruction work is being carried out at Canal street station, as the trains have been moving slowly over this part of the structure for several weeks. The work which is being done was made necessary by the construction of the new Union Station. The elevated tracks have been raised at Canal street about four feet and the grade has been tapered off to the river bridge on the east and back to approximately Clinton street on the west. This has meant raising the station platforms at Canal street and also raising the large bridge over the present tracks at the south end of the Union Station. Several of the supporting columns of the elevated structure have been relocated, due to the change. When this work is through, Canal street will be a beautiful thoroughfare, approximately 100 feet in width, and at the point where the elevated structure crosses it the street level will be raised about six feet, providing room for tracks of the Union Station below part of the street. This will mean that a new elevated station will be constructed on the west side of Canal street, with a subway leading direct to the concourse of the Union Station. To keep in harmony with the plans of the construction of the Union Station project all overhead unsightly structures are to be reduced to a minimum, so the large bridge trusses of the elevated structure over the tracks at the south end of the Union Station will be removed and the elevated structure at this point will present practically its usual appearance.

When the changes are completed, the facilities of the Elevated Railroads at this point will be in keeping with the surroundings of the new station and will be ample to take care of the large amount of business which will be handled at this point.

## WHITE CITY

White City, the big South Side Amusement Park, has lost none of its popularity, although weather conditions were unfavorable for the first two or three weeks of the season. The crowds are bigger and the attractions better than ever.

The Garden Follies—the big summer girl show—is daily increasing in popularity. Arrangements have been made so that this show can be staged every evening and Sunday afternoons, no matter what the weather conditions may be, as the Rathskeller has been transformed into a theater for this purpose. The ballroom and casino are open for dancing as usual. Altogether White City is offering its patrons more for their money this season than it ever did before.

The best and quickest way to reach White City is by the South Side Elevated, which carries passengers to the entrance from any part of the city, for a single fare.

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## FOREST PARK.

Forest Park, the family resort of the West Side, is attracting unusually large crowds this season. New "thrillers" in the form of rides attract the young folks, the newest and most popular being the "Whip," which contains thrill every second, yet is perfectly safe. This is an ideal place to take the family for an evening or a Sunday afternoon.

To reach Forest Park take the Metropolitan Elevated (Garfield Park branch) to the gates. One fare on the elevated from any part of the city.

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## CLOSE FRIENDS.

"What's botherin' you, Mike?"

"Why, O'Hoogan refused me the loan of five!"

"And didn't ye always call him your closest friend?"

"Yis, but I didn't expect him to be quite so close as that!"