

STREET-CAR OBSERVATIONS

"Insolence of Electric-Car Conductors" as Viewed from Two Stand-Points.

They Have Plenty to Drive Them Wild—A Young Man's Unfortunate Remark—Notes and Incidents on the Lines.

There are, of course, two sides to every story, and here is "the other side," as written by the wife of a motorman.

"Will you please tell me which side of the street I shall take to board a college-avenue car?" asked a lady unused to the new electric state of affairs and a stranger in the city.

"It's just no difference. The conductors are so hateful. They won't take you at all if they can help it," was the snappy answer.

It was the old story. Public feeling is against the poor street-car men. "Hateful!" "Insolent!" "No wonder they're hateful, and insolent, and crabbed. If you don't think there are two sides to the question, keep your eyes open and your mouth shut, and watch without prejudice. Look at the tantalizing boys on the track ahead, standing until the car must slack to give them time to get off safely. Hear them laugh as they put their thumbs to their noses. Then comes a woman running and waving her hand frantically. The car stops.

"You'll play h—l making that train," growls a snook with a sea-kill cap and a very much claimed watch in his hand. The woman pants, "Is this car go to B street?"

"No, m."

"Well, why didn't you say so?"

"Scott! We go again. Rounding a corner, a frightened horse plunges and rears, with a buggy-load of women and children. With one accord, darky driver included, they look at the street-car man with withering scorn. Ahead a lumbering wagon crawls along, keeping us back, and, when finally off, a great drove of people must cross under the very wheels, and the "black-bird" blanks from a passenger as ill-bred as he is impatient, starts your hair on end until there is fear of losing the "black-bird."

"I just hate street-cars," says a miss with a cheap, three-story, fur collar, who evidently had never seen a street-car, as she slammed her nickel in the out-stretched palm.

"Dr. Passenger, 'hain't a cent about him," another "couldn't find her pocket," another declared he had paid, and all taking unnecessary time that left dozens waiting and "concur" on the sidewalk because "the conductor wasn't minding his business."

Are street-car men expected to be angels? Are they to be treated as if they were? Do they bear the blame for all accidents, insolence, ignorance, and still smile out "Give the devil his due?"

George Buskirk, deputy in the county clerk's office, figured as the object of women's scorn a few days since on the Illinois car line. He entered the car toward at Tenth street and found five women occupying all one side, with baskets and other traps. The other side was crowded too, and so Mr. Buskirk grabbed a strap, in order to think steadily on his feet about the duties of civility.

Finally, the "black-bird" conductor, grasped the situation, and had the women remove their baskets and crowd together. There was one who did not like to move, but did so finally under a voiceless protest depicted in her face. There was then room for three or four of those standing to be seated.

"Thank you, Eli," spoke up Mr. Buskirk to the conductor, "you are the first man I ever saw that could make a woman sit over."

The words were spoken in a ringing tone that was intended to be heard all over the car. The effect was to make the women flush with anger, and anger cannot always be squelched. It would have been pleasant for Mr. Buskirk if it could be, or, better yet, if he had not spoken. The ladies formed an instant dislike to him, and showed it by glances. Indeed, they showed it by words that made the offender's ears tingle.

"Thanks he's smart, don't he?" said one to another in a stage whisper.

"I think he is very impudent," was the reply.

One perceptibly wilted him with a flash of scorn poured out of flaming eyes over a curling lip. Another turned her back on him and began a conversation of which he was conscious of being the subject. The fifth said something that he was glad he didn't hear.

He could have stood the attacks of the women, but every other man in the car saw the point, and enjoyed it more than he all the way down town.

An incident occurred on a North Illinois street car some time ago that made two or three passengers mad and caused considerable amusement for the other passengers, who were only interested as on-lookers.

When the conductor came through to collect the fares the fare opened up. He had not collected quite all the fares when a big, robust man pulled his coat and said: "Why don't you give me my change. I gave you a five-dollar gold-piece."

"You must be mistaken," said the conductor. "I have no five-dollar gold-piece. The conductor seemed to be in earnest.

"But I tell you I gave you \$5 because that was all the money I had. I want my change."

"Excuse me," said a lady passenger addressing the now angry conductor. "The conductor seems to be in earnest. I think there must be some mistake."

"Madam, it is not your put in," said the now thoroughly aroused passenger. "Conductor, I want my change."

At this the conductor produced all the money he had and showed that he didn't have a five-dollar gold-piece.

"Don't you see," again said the same lady who had spoken before, "the conductor is honest."

"Madam, I told you once before it was not your put in." By this time he was red hot.

The passengers were all deeply interested. All at once a gentleman who sat next to the one who was claiming change, reached in his pocket and pulled out a handful of change. Among the pieces was a five-dollar gold piece. The man's passenger had given the conductor the gold piece, and the latter, supposing it was a nickel, gave it to the other passenger in change for a dime. He also produced the change of the 5-cent denomination and put it in his pocket without looking at it. After the denunciation of the "black-bird" conductor, the lady who had interjected looked sheepish, the conductor looked relieved and an angry man left the car.

One thing additional to add to the discomfort and annoyance of street-car travel is that no trailers are run up College avenue.

The consequence is that down in the city everybody going out College avenue is crowded into the motor car, those who come first being packed in the front and the later comers, like sardines in a box, being jammed against them. When the time comes for unpadding the box it is found that those who are in the front end of the car want to get out first. It requires time for them to get out, and they have to elbow their way through a mass of humanity to reach the rear platform. Persons are often carried two and three squares beyond their destination from inability to make the conductor see their signal of distress, or, if they are not able-bodied, because they are too weak to fight their way out.

The insolence not infrequently shown by some of the electric-car conductors has a humorous side to it viewed from the standpoint of the conductor and the motorman.

One piece of humor, a delicate practical joke, is to put on the brake of a crowded car, one in which there may be ladies and gentlemen standing, quick and hard. The effect is to nearly or quite throw every one on his feet. Then it is that the motorman looks in from the front, to see the fun, while the conductor enjoys himself from the other end of the car. The other day when this little trick was performed a lady was pitched violently forward, her face striking the glass in the front door of the car. "Lady," said the amiable conductor,

"be careful and don't run the front end out with your nose."

There is a short street on the College-avenue line called Irwin street. It is the third street north of Christian avenue, and runs from College avenue east to the C. W. & M. tracks. The cars seldom stop at that street, and a lady, the other day, was nervous and apprehensive that she would be carried past that point. She spoke to the conductor twice, each time saying she wanted him to be sure and put her off at that street. She was about to speak to him a third time, thinking she had been carried past her destination, when he coolly remarked: "Keep your shirt on and I'll let you off at Irwin street." The husband of the lady would take steps to have the conductor discharged, but his wife shrinks from the notoriety that would follow.

The conductor on the College-avenue line when he collects fares enters the car from the front. In rainy weather when the car is crowded, he usually wears a rubber coat slashed with rain and mud, which makes him about as pleasant as a Newfoundland dog from the river. He crowds through the passengers, ladies and gentlemen, distributing soil and moisture on all the garments with which he comes in contact.

On a crowded North Pennsylvania-street car, not long ago, sat two gentlemen busily engaged in conversation. Near one of them a valise reposed on the floor of the car. When Pratt street was reached a gentleman who had been sitting opposite the others arose to depart. When he had read of the door of the conversationalists called him back to tell him he had forgotten his valise.

"Oh, never mind," said his friend to whom he had been talking so earnestly, "that valise belongs to me."

The passenger who had been called back from the door of the car, which was in motion, at the risk of breaking his neck.

OLD CRIMES FLIT THROUGH HIS BRAIN. Pleasant Fancies the Night Turkey Dwells Upon During the Hours of Waiting.

John Long, the night desk sergeant at the police station, is a man with whom a great many people are acquainted, especially that long line of recreants who have stood up before his inspection and been searched ere they were locked behind the iron bars. Of many things that they have to say of him, nothing is perhaps more prominent in the memory of those some fellows than the fact that he always leaves them their tobacco, if they have any, with which to while away the dreary hours of their imprisonment. Very few men have had a better opportunity than Mr. Long for observing the action of criminals or for the preservation of a more extensive chronicle of crime. He was a turnkey at the county jail, a detective at one time, and has had an intermittent connection with the police force of this city for years.

It is with a feeling of gratification that the story-hunter sees Long tilt his chair back, light a fresh cigar and begin on his unlimited store of reminiscences. "William Gregg was an old neighbor of mine near Cambridge City, where I was born," said he the other night, "and at the time he disappeared he was freight ticket and

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POLICEMEN DISMISSED.

Landers and Anderson Dropped from the Force—Others Were Fined.

The Board of Public Safety yesterday rendered its decision in the case of the four men recently suspended and tried for breach of rules. Dennis Fleming, of the fire department, was fined \$10 in addition to the time lost, the amount of the fine being appropriated to the pension fund. He will report for work to-day.

Lessee Settle, patrolman, was fined ten days' pay and was suspended until next Wednesday.

Louis Anderson, patrolman, was dismissed from the force because of inebriate language toward a superior officer.

But Landers, patrolman, was also dismissed. His offense was aggravated by disrespectful language toward Superintendent Colbert.

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