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Plans were completed by the Erie railroad for the introduction of a number of hospital or ambulance cars, with which to cope with the effects of collisions or other accidents, says the Brooklyn Eagle. For over a year the railroad has been quietly experimenting with the ordinary car.

Instead of having to rely upon local hospitals or improvised ambulances in cases where either employees or passengers have been hurt, the company has been able to send at once to the scene of any trouble a perfectly fitted car, wherein all the appliances needed by the surgeon for caring for the injured were at hand.

The car that has been in use as an experiment is merely an ordinary day coach, from which the seats have been taken. The car has been divided into an operating room and a room wherein eight beds, all ready for patients, are disposed along the two sides of the center aisle. This arrangement will be followed out in the new cars about to be built, but with important modifications and improvements.

In the first place, the new cars will be more sprightly built and hung upon easier springs, so that in transit the patients will feel the minimum jar and jolt. The doors at each end of the new car will be sufficiently wide to permit beds to be carried through them. In addition to these end doors there are also doors on either side of the operating rooms, which fold on double hinges and through which a stretcher or a bed can be passed with ease.

Three-fourths of the length of the car is taken up by two rows of beds, four being in each row. The beds are single iron bedsteads, having a fine steel spring, a mattress, a rubber sheet and above that the regular bedding according to the season of the year. The coverlets are white and neat and the blankets are gray army blankets that are light and yet warm. Each bed stands on four low boxes that raise it a bit from the floor. Other boxes of different heights are provided, so that the bed in case of necessity may be raised two feet or less above its regular height. The walls of the car are white enamel, the iron beds are white and the ceiling a soft gray.

The operating room is amply large care for patients who require the delicate operations. It is sixteen feet long and the full width of the car. There are four doors, one on each side, so that an injured person may be carried into the room from any direction. The doors are wide enough to permit a bed being carried in from the hospital, or a stretcher may be passed through one of the side doors and the patient laid on the glass and white enamel operating chair.

In one corner of the room is a washstand which has its own special tank of absolutely pure water. This water is distilled and changed frequently so that it may always be fresh and ready for use. Beside it, on a stand, is the sterilizing machine to cleanse the instruments. When not in use it is covered with a soft rubber shield.

In another corner of the operating room stands the surgeons' closet, which is kept always ready stocked with instruments and appliances for the use of injured persons.

Some months ago the surgeon who has charge of the car while it stands in the freight yard at Jersey City felt sure that every appliance was properly in its place. Then came a slight wreck, and several persons were injured. When it came to dressing the wounds the first cry was for safety pins. There was not one in the closet. It was the only thing that had been overlooked, and the very next day a large assortment of safety pins was placed upon the shelves, so that when the next wreck occurs all will be in readiness.

Along the walls of the car are a dozen folding stretchers, tanks containing oxygen, axes and saws with which to liberate persons pinned under wreckage, crutches and splints and even easy folding chairs of canvas for patients to sit on while waiting their turn at the hands of the surgeon.

On each of the four walls of the operating room is a list of the surgeons who are to be called in cases of emergency. This list comprises every section of the road through its entire length. The name of the doctor or surgeon, his town address, his street number, and, if he has a phone, his telephone number too. There is not a section of ten miles along the road where doctors are not practically under the orders of the railroad.

The orders are that as soon as a wreck or accident is heard of the doctors in that vicinity are notified at once, and the car is taken from its siding in the freight yard at Jersey City and drawn by a special engine at once to the point of need.

The car has a separate short siding in the center of the freight yards, and no other car is ever placed in front of it. No matter how congested the tracks may be, an engine can always reach the hospital car and whisk it away to wreck or accident without a moment's delay. It is now proposed to build a number of these cars and place them at various points along the whole length of the road.

### PICKEREL A "FENCE."

Woman Who Caught It Found Her Stolen Watch In Its Interior.

A fish as a restorer of stolen goods has never been on record before, but the other day an amiable twelve pound pickerel, caught by Mrs. John Biddle, returned to her a watch which had been stolen, says a Morristown (N. J.) special to the New York Press.

Mrs. Biddle is a young woman who lives in Mine Hill, and a few weeks ago her cottage was robbed of jewels and other articles. The thief, who afterward was caught, said he had rowed across Budd's lake and dropped his booty in the deep waters. Budd's lake is where Mrs. Biddle's pickerel lived until she landed it.

Mrs. Biddle is not an enthusiastic fisherman, but a few days ago she and a party started out with rod and tackle. She felt a mighty tug and zip went the whirling reel. Mrs. Biddle and the obliging pickerel had a bitter fight, but at last the fish was pulled into the boat. When the pickerel was opened the Biddle watch was found in its interior. Mrs. Biddle said when she saw her watch again: "We will be out on Budd's lake the first thing in the morning to fish for the rest of the things that horrid old thief dropped in the lake."

#### Great Game Preserve

The Indian agent at Muskogee, I. T., recently received a prospectus of a great game preserve to be promoted by sportsmen of Texas, the land to be secured in the Klamachi mountains of the Choctaw nation, says the St. Louis Republic. The promoter of the proposition is Jack Gordon of Paris, Tex., his plan being to buy 50,000 acres of wild land in the mountains, fence it and in addition to the great abundance of wild game stock it with more. It is proposed to capitalize the club at \$120,000. It is proposed to build elegant club quarters and to make special arrangements for the protection and propagation of game that will make the preserve on a par with the royal preserves of England.

#### Westward Course of Fashion.

Desires have one consolation in the fact that new designs in clothing do not spring into existence all at once throughout the country, says the Chicagoer and Furnisher. A fashion that has its inception in the east will find its way to the south and far west during the following season. This peculiarity of fashioning methods of fashion enables the dealer to dispose of his goods before they become unfashionable in any locality by shipping them to localities where they are fashionable. The fashion in its relation to economics thus becomes an important element in the business of the manufacturer and wholesaler.

#### With Two Stations.

The old Light rail line has no stations between the two terminal, says the Chicagoer and Furnisher. Elsewhere on the line it traverses northeast Stafford district rich in archaeological interest, picnic parties will be up and set down at any place. The main objects of the line is to enable farmers to transmit their produce cheaply to the market, and the city made a grant of \$15,000 to the scheme.

### E. Worth Encampment

The Southern Pacific will make special round trip rates to Sylvian Beach, La Porte, Texas, on account of the State Epworth League Encampment to be held there August 9th, 10th and 11th.

These are the same grounds used by the Children's Assembly encampment, and that of the Baptist Young People's Union which has just closed. La Porte is midway between Houston and Galveston, and the Southern Pacific Sylvian Beach trains land passengers at the entrance to the Park, which is within a few hundred feet of Galveston Bay. It is expected a large number of Methodists and friends will avail themselves of this opportunity to visit this popular bay-side resort. Those desiring further information, may write T. J. Anderson, A. G. P. A., Houston, Texas.

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