

**W. C. T. U. DEPARTMENT.**

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Coming home from up town one day on the elevated, I hurried into the only car left with empty seats and not minding that only men were in it, I opened my paper and began to read. Presently I thought I detected an odor of tobacco smoke. Looking up and seeing that I was in the front car, I suddenly recalled the fact that the front car belongs to smokers. I glanced around and saw that but one man was smoking—and that very guardedly. He evidently interpreted the look I gave him, for his cigar was held without further pulling at the end of it.

I held an inward consultation. The other cars were full. I had paid the same fare as these men. Why should I stand in a crowded car with plenty of empty seats here, to give them an unnecessary privilege? I concluded to sit still and await developments.

They evidently concluded I was ignorant of the situation, for, having on my white ribbon they knew I was not there to smoke, as I have read of women doing. I was left in peaceful possession to the end of the line. These men were really too kind-hearted to smoke me out if they did have the sanction of the company to do it.

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**STILL ANOTHER WAY** is to blow and bluster, tell of things in newspapers that are found entirely different in stores—That's the poorest way, for the store.

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