

**"ADS" DISPLACE RACKS IN RAILWAY COACHES**

**Commuters Now Have to Place Coats, Packages and Wet Umbrellas on Floor**

Consider the plight of the commuter on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad.

In the past, during the garden season, he has been accustomed to catching the 5:10 or the 5:15, his arms loaded with rakes, lawnmowers, plant sprayers, seeds and bulbs, and parking them all on the coat racks above his head. In the golf season he has been giving like treatment to his links paraphernalia, and while the racks groaned with the weight of the load he enjoyed his seat in comfort.

**Shocks for Commuters**  
Now, all this has been changed. The first train under the new sys-

tem pulled out last Thursday morning shortly after 7:30, carrying with it dazed, bewildered and cravenette laden millionaires and lesser citizens. For, seeking to park their coats, they found the racks had been removed.

In their place were signs telling of the "skin you love to touch," the latest styles in rouges and beauty creams, shoe sales and cigars.

**Road Profits by Signs**  
"Yes, it's true," said assistant Passenger Agent Charles Custer. "We had a very profitable offer from an advertising agency. The signs are going up and the racks are coming down out of the cars as rapidly as the changes can be made."

So hereafter the rule on the Northwestern will be to carry no more garden tools or golf equipment than can be comfortably parked under or beside a seat. Also hats will remain on the heads of their owners, and baby chicks and other springtime live-

stock will peep noisily from boxes on the knees of the commuters who purchased them.

**REASONS FOR FIRST GRADERS' FAILURE TO PASS**

That nearly 23 per cent of the first-grade pupils fail to pass to the second grade in due course is shown by an inquiry conducted by the Interior Department, Bureau of Education, as to the causes of children's failures in school. Inability to measure up to the requirements in reading and arithmetic, unnecessary absences from school, and lack of general physical and mental development account in great measure for this condition. Unduly large classes, placing children of widely different age and mental ability in the same class, too many interruptions to school work, and lack of co-operation on the part of parents are contributing causes.

**HARRINGTON TELLS OF TRIP TO SWEDEN**

**WRITES FROM GETTENBERG**

**Dean of Northwestern School of Journalism Recounts Meeting Acquaintances in Far Off Lands**

An account of a trip thru Sweden over its many connected waterways is contained in a letter recently received from Dean Harry F. Harrington of the Medill school of Journalism, of Northwestern University. He tells of the scenery of the country, the people he meets and some of their and his own reactions to what they see. Following is his letter:

"We have just arrived in Gottenberg, the largest seaport town in Sweden, after two days and a half of enchantment spent among the lakes, canals and rivers that make up the Gota canal, more than 350 miles of it in all, and most of it just as nature made it.

"It's as interesting a travel experience as has come to us this summer and one to be laid alongside the journey down the Thames from Oxford. I take off my hat before the engineers' genius and the unflagging patience of the men who connected up these waterways, sometimes by blasting out the solid rock. The locks are marvelous.

**Meets Chicagoan**  
"A trip on a languidly moving steamer always makes people sociable. I had the misfortune to mislay a packet of railroad tickets aboard the canal boat, and, while I was tearing my hair and wondering how I was to get home a man named A. W. Glessner hove in sight with the missing slips, which he had picked up. He is the president of the Excelsior Steel Furnace company of Chicago, and an enthusiastic Rotarian, in fact, he has visited more than 200 Rotary clubs in all parts of the world and has organized two. You may be sure we got on good terms immediately. He is traveling with his wife and son Herbert, "doing" the countries off the beaten track. He spends six months of every year on the trail of new experiences across the water, thus keeping young and active.

"I am always impressed by the comments of adopted Americans who are back on short visits to their mother countries.

"As the steamer threaded its way thru the peasant land of Sweden I stood by the side of a woman who had left Sweden thirty-five years ago and was now back to see some of her kin.

"The women still work like horses," she observed as she saw a girlish looking bridge tender laboriously turn a huge wheel that closed the canal gates. "Just look at that woman, and the worst of it is she don't know any better," the Swedish woman said. "I'm glad I am going back to America, where we have conveniences and where people do other things than break their backs with jobs that ought to be done by machines."

"She was thinking of the grass still mowed by women with scythes on many a small patch of ground and of great tubs of soapy water where the 'laundering' is done by hand, and of innumerable other things that use up muscle and nerve fiber. And well she might, for her husband in Brooklyn is the inventor of a machine that shreds, wraps and packs 30,000 packages of cigars a day, so that all the girls have to do is to put on the revenue stamps and arrange them in boxes.

**Strong for America**  
"Similar stories are forthcoming from other travelers who have returned for a brief vacation. Most of them had found opportunities and a prosperous living in America, and while they rejoiced in the charm of the landscape and the matchless beauty of a town like Stockholm—almost as lovely as Paris, I think—all of them realized that the new country had knit strong ties that would never be broken. So America means more to me than a subject for a Fourth of July oration. One has only to travel in these century-old lands steeped in tradition to appreciate more fully his own native heath and be glad that a ship will carry him back to the associations that he loves."

**GIVE YOUR INCOME A CHANCE, ADVICE**

**Much Unhappiness in Life Is Caused by Disregarding It, Says Paper**

The average income is what the average man has to live on; his necessities should be governed by the amount of that income; luxuries may be indulged in if the amount of income is greater than the amount required for necessities. And we know that extravagance and waste are the result of trying to put up "a front" or "make a show" in an effort to impress others. The high cost of living is not a myth, but the fellow who revised it to read the cost of high living was more of a philosopher than a humorist. A great lead of the unhappiness and confusion of our modern life is caused by a disregard of the income, especially of the average income. Don't pile up too heavy a load for it.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

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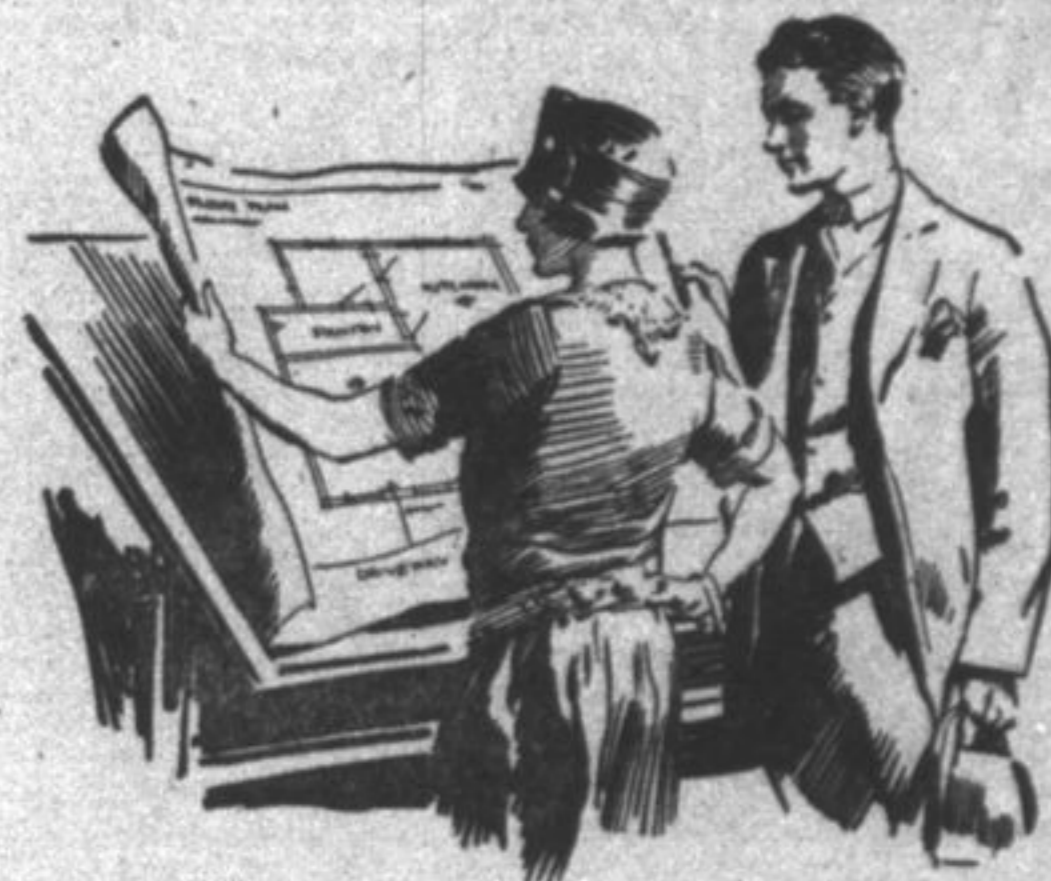
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