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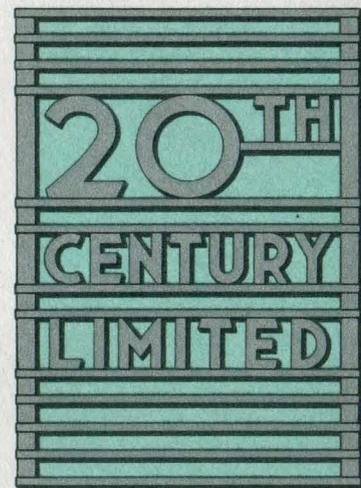
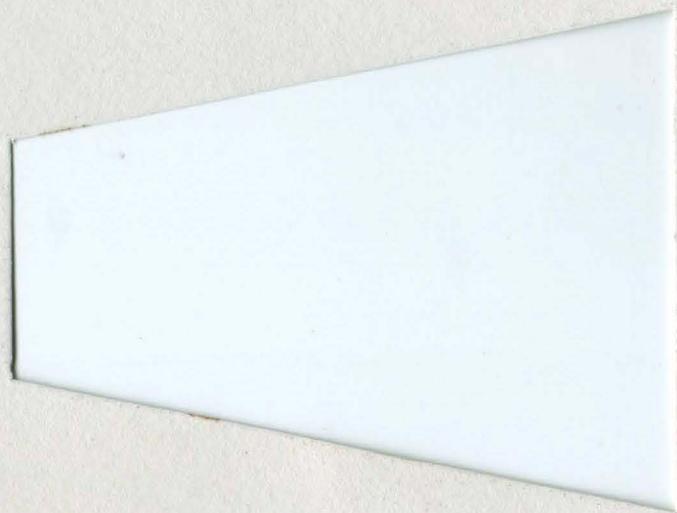
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FROM DIESEL
TO COOKING
LOUNGE

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Through Your Eyes ...

The following pages take you on an overnight vacation aboard the world's most famous train...an overnight vacation between New York and Chicago, as seen through *your* eyes. It begins as you follow your own shadow down the crimson carpeted platform of Grand Central Terminal. For there ahead waits the 20TH CENTURY LIMITED...with its lighted insignia and the wide windows of its "Lookout Lounge" gleaming a soft welcome.





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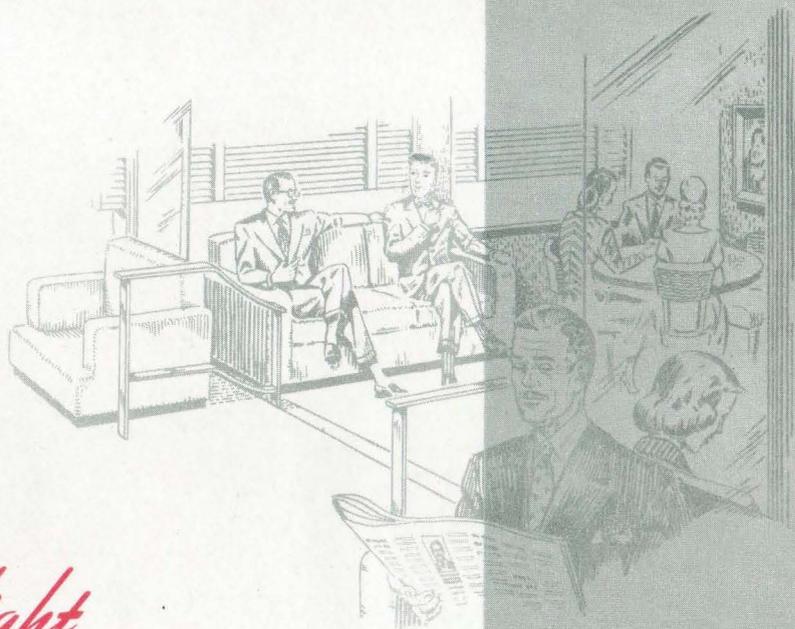
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First Glimpse of Your Room

It may be a Bedroom like this to which your CENTURY porter welcomes you as he hangs away your wraps in the wardrobe. It may be a Roomette or a Suite. But whichever type space you've chosen aboard this all-private-room "Dreamliner" . . . that room is completely yours. It's your air-conditioned private office or your cozy personal sitting room . . . just as you prefer to use it until bedtime.



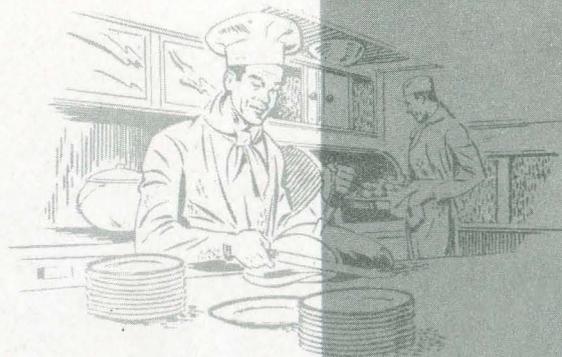




Refreshments at Twilight

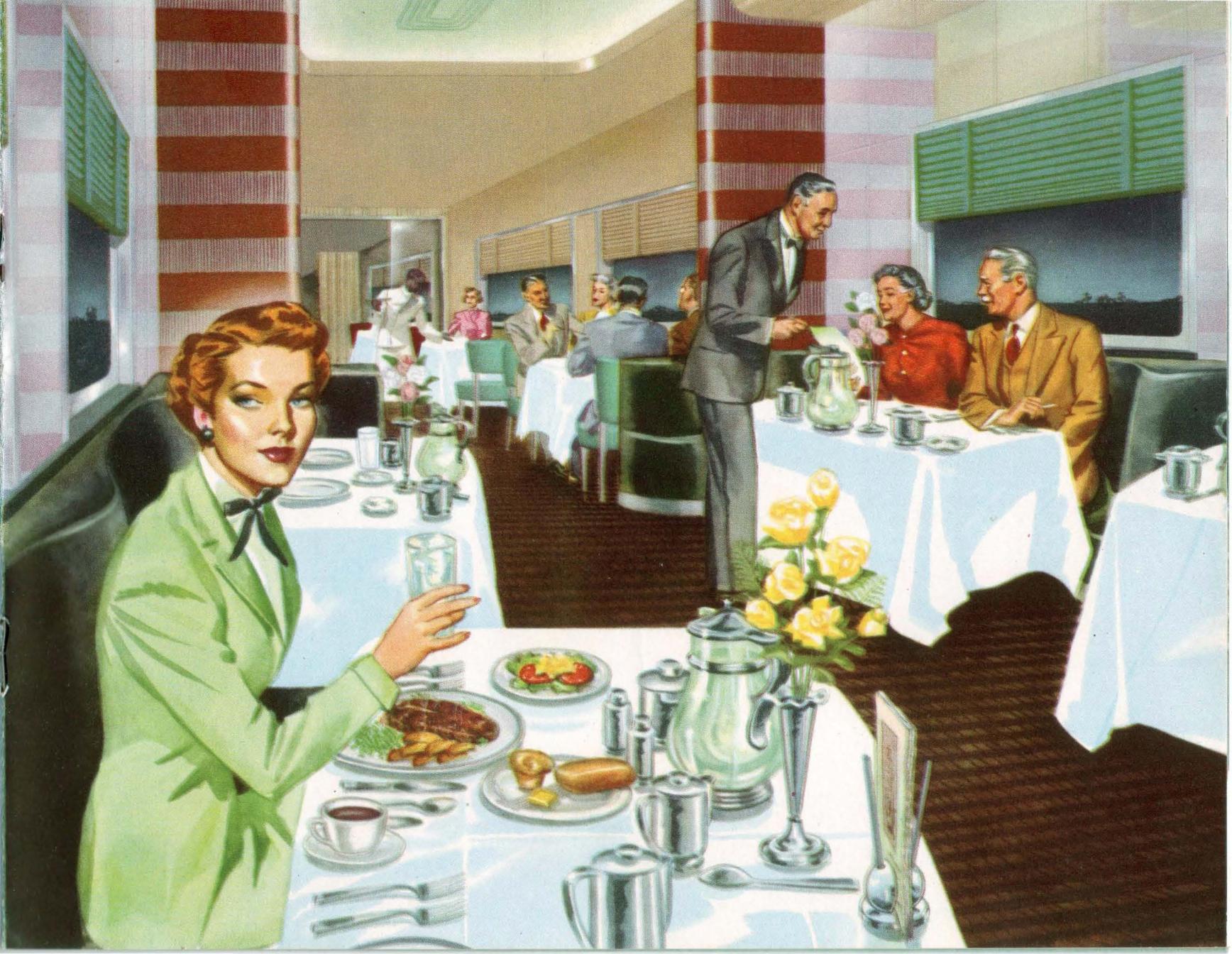
From the depths of your Observation Car club chair, you find the atmosphere subtly relaxing. There's the sense of quiet sociability around you, as you sip refreshments before dinner, and drink in the twilit beauty rolling past outside. If you'd like a particularly fine view, two steps lead up to the CENTURY's raised "Lookout Lounge" . . . with its huge windows made to order for sightseeing along the Water Level Route.





Glance Around the Tables

That's part of the fun of dining on the 20TH CENTURY LIMITED. Nearby may be a lovely face you last saw in technicolor . . . or a distinguished one that would be news on any financial page. It all adds a special piquancy to the superb cuisine and service you enjoy in the CENTURY's King-Size Diner . . . a diner so spacious that the gleaming stainless-steel kitchen is a separate unit in a separate car.



At Ease...

IN THE "CENTURY CLUB"

The luxurious mid-train lounge, like the CENTURY's observation car, forms a club-on-wheels for this train's distinguished passengers. The décor is "muted modern" . . . with soft colors, soft lights and cleverly used mirrors to give an atmosphere of spaciousness.

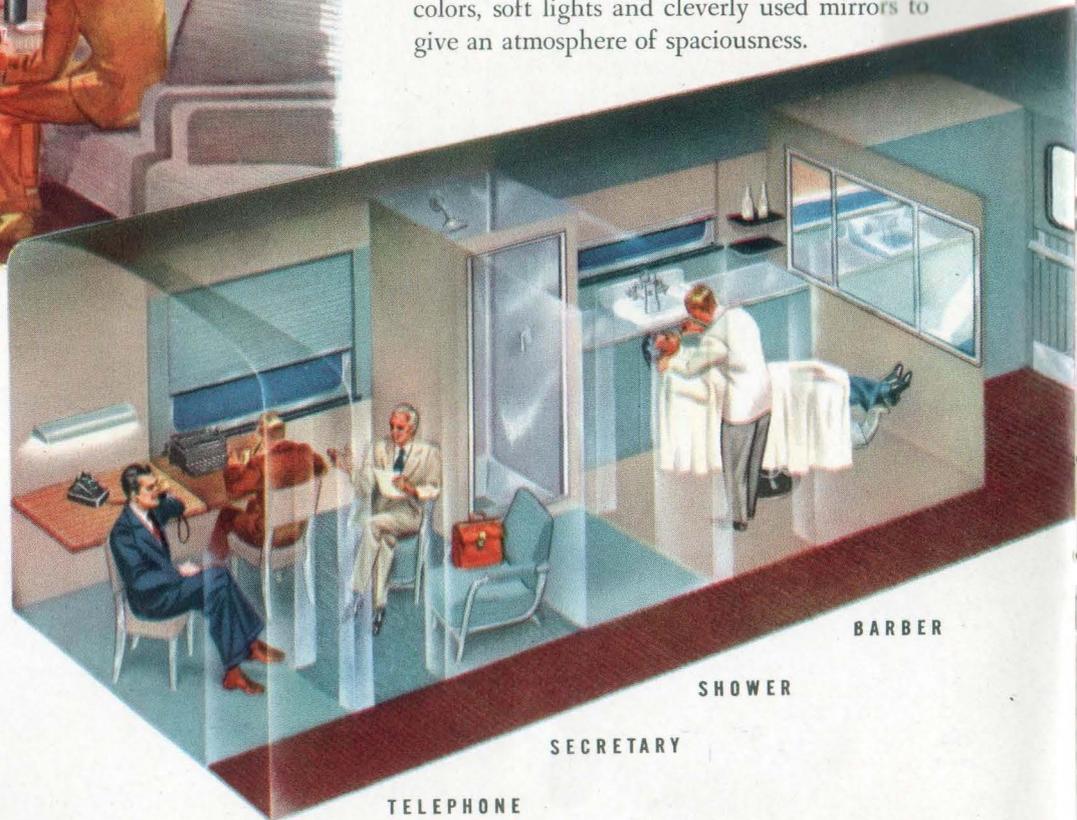


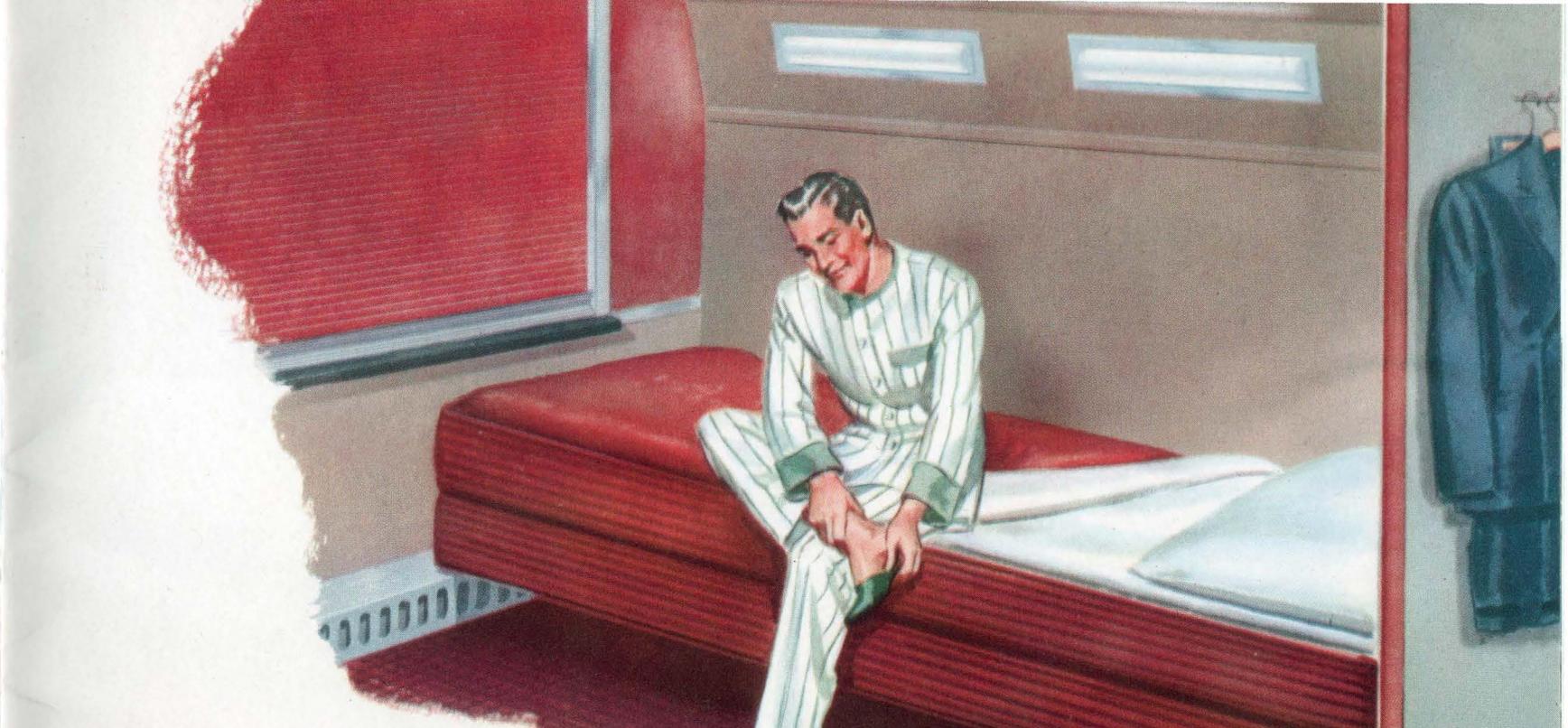
SHOWN IN THE CUTAWAY TO THE RIGHT . . .

RADIO PHONE booth adjoins the Secretary's office in the CENTURY Club, en route between New York and Buffalo, you can call any regular telephone anywhere.

CENTURY SECRETARY is always on duty to care for messages, telegrams and letters . . . take dictation for typing overnight.

BARBER-VALET, in the mid-train lounge, turns you out *looking* as well as *feeling* your best when you step off the CENTURY.

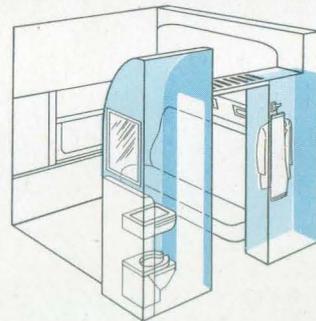




Bedtime is Anytime

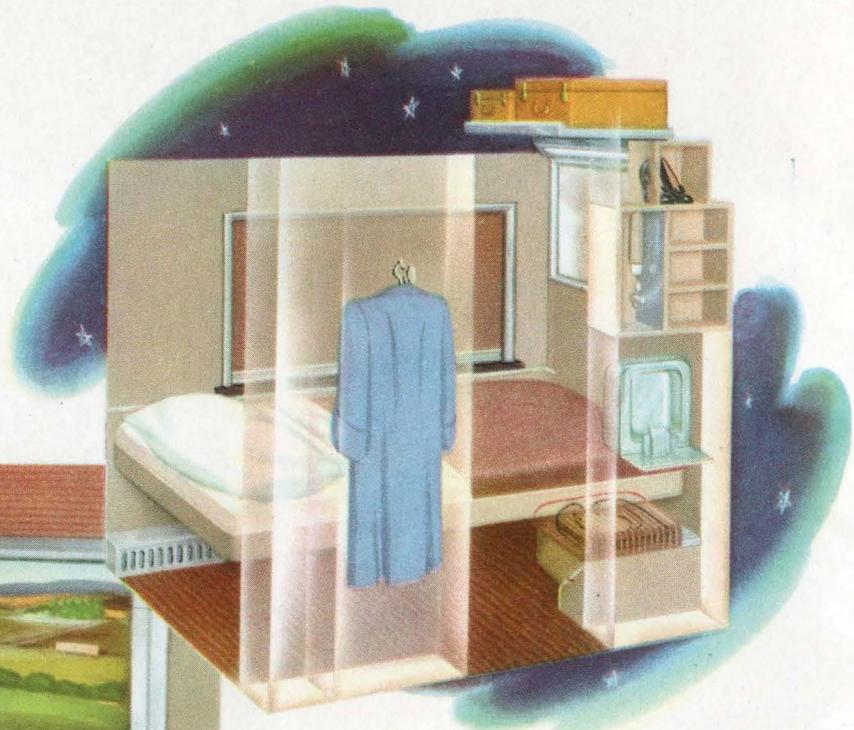
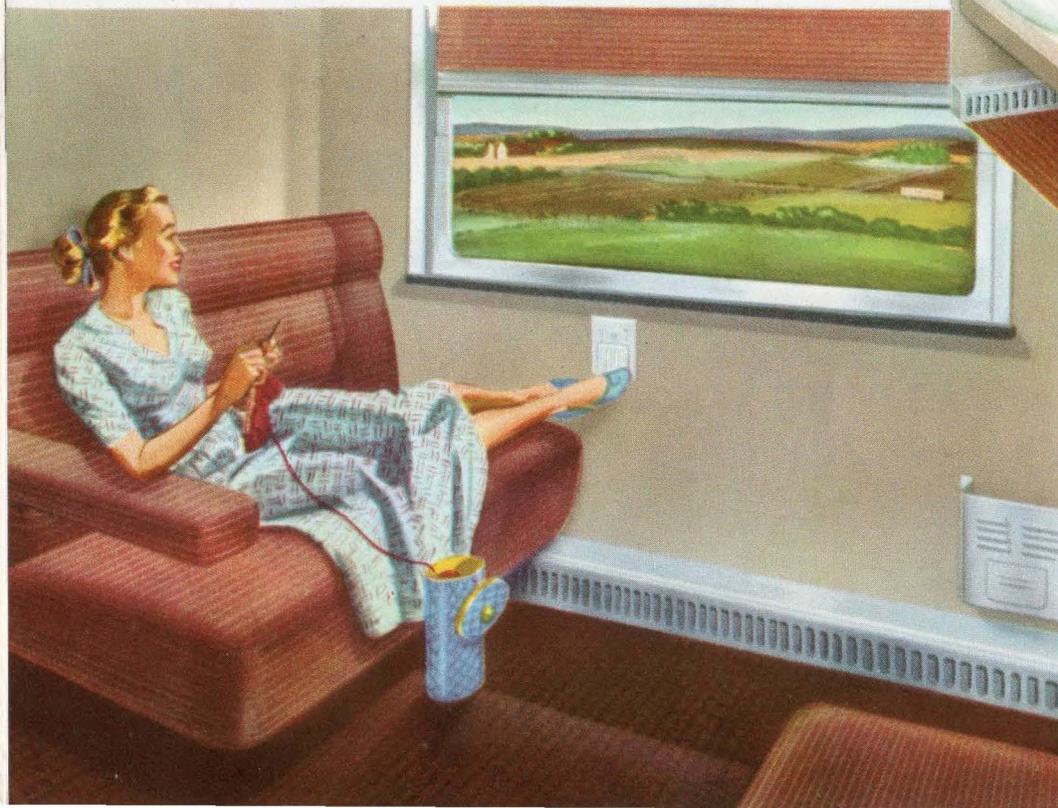
Looks inviting, doesn't it? That's your oversized CENTURY bed . . . with crisp sheets, downy pillows and deep, sponge-rubber mattress, soft as sea foam. And you can slip into it as early or late as you like without disturbing other passengers . . . one of many nice things about this all-private-room "Dreamliner."

DIAGRAM AT RIGHT shows completely enclosed washing and toilet facilities . . . a feature that makes CENTURY Bedrooms really adaptable for double occupancy.



Roomy Roomettes

A CENTURY Roomette "has everything" . . . everything needed to make an individual traveler supremely comfortable. It's a cozy, air-conditioned sitting room or private office for one. And it converts instantly into a luxurious bedroom or fully equipped dressing room.



HERE ARE SOME FEATURES of your CENTURY Roomette. Overhead luggage space. A deep divan for day. A soft bed that opens out at night. Full length wardrobe. A wash bowl that opens from the wall . . . with hot water, cold water, and circulating ice water, too. Private toilet facilities.



A Suite Set Up!

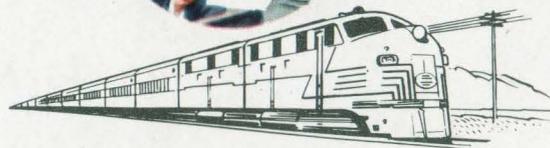
For business conferences . . . for entertaining . . . or for a family party traveling together . . . two CENTURY bedrooms can be opened up *en suite* to form one extra large room, with divans, table, and fold-away armchairs. At night, if you wish, the porter can quickly divide the space into two rooms – each with two full size beds, wardrobe, and completely enclosed washing and toilet facilities.

New Features Everywhere!

You'd need sharp eyes indeed, to discover on one trip *all* the 20TH CENTURY LIMITED's modern travel comforts and conveniences. But each of them . . . big and small . . . has been carefully planned and tested to play its part in your overnight vacation on the world's most famous train.



CALLING FROM THE CENTURY!
By radio telephone you can now talk with any regular phone in the world . . . direct from the speeding CENTURY while between New York and Buffalo.



WELL-MANNERED DOORS! As you stroll through the CENTURY, the car doors open magically at your touch. They stay open to let you pass, then close softly.



CIRCULATING ICE WATER. Pure, ice-cold drinking water is on tap in every 20TH CENTURY LIMITED room. Another of those modern luxury touches you'll enjoy!



CENTURY "HOUSE PHONE" connects all cars. Porter can make your dinner reservation . . . order refreshments sent to your room . . . or call the Secretary.



CLIMATE TO ORDER! Do you like your nights cool or balmy? Turn on your favorite slumber climate with a touch of your finger on the air conditioning controls.

W H O ' S W H O A N D W H A T ' S W H A T O N T H E

Century

SOME OF THE CENTURY'S CRACK CREW you may know by name. But others serve you behind the scenes. Out of sight in their stainless steel kitchen are the chef and his expert staff who prepare your delicious "dinner of the CENTURY!"



Up ahead, in the great, streamlined Diesel are the engineer and fireman whose skill and vigilance speed you safely on your way. At the head end, too, the baggageman cares for your luggage in the same car where U. S. postal clerks work through the night on preferential "CENTURY" mail.



FORTY FOUR crew members ride with you. But in a broader sense, the CENTURY'S crew numbers many thousands. The signalman in every tower that flashes by in the darkness. The track maintenance men you see at work along the right of way. The car inspector whose torch flickers for a moment beneath your window. The men and women in offices, shops, stations. All are crew members. For together they form New York Central's vast transportation team. And without their teamwork, there could be no 20TH CENTURY LIMITED!



THE TRAIN is headed by a streamlined, 4,000 horsepower, Diesel locomotive that makes the 961 mile run just overnight.

TIGHT-LOCK COUPLERS, cushioned in rubber, make the entire CENTURY one unit . . . for gliding-smooth starts and stops.

THE BRAKES are electro-pneumatic . . . pressure on all 160 wheels is automatically balanced for smooth, fast, safe stops.

SPRINGS combine coil and leaf types, with stabilizers to make New York Central's famous Water Level Route smoother still.

THE TRACK is extra heavy rail, laid in rock ballast . . . and it follows gentle, water-level valleys all the way.

LIGHTING is all fluorescent . . . in rooms as well as in club cars and diner. Even the rear-end CENTURY insignia is fluorescent.

ELECTRIC AIR-CONDITIONING in every car gives you an ideal travel climate the year 'round. Adjustable in each room.

ICE WATER cooled electrically and tested for purity circulates to every room in this all-private-room "Dreamliner."

OUTLETS for standard, 110 volt alternating electric current are provided in every room for passengers' electric razors.

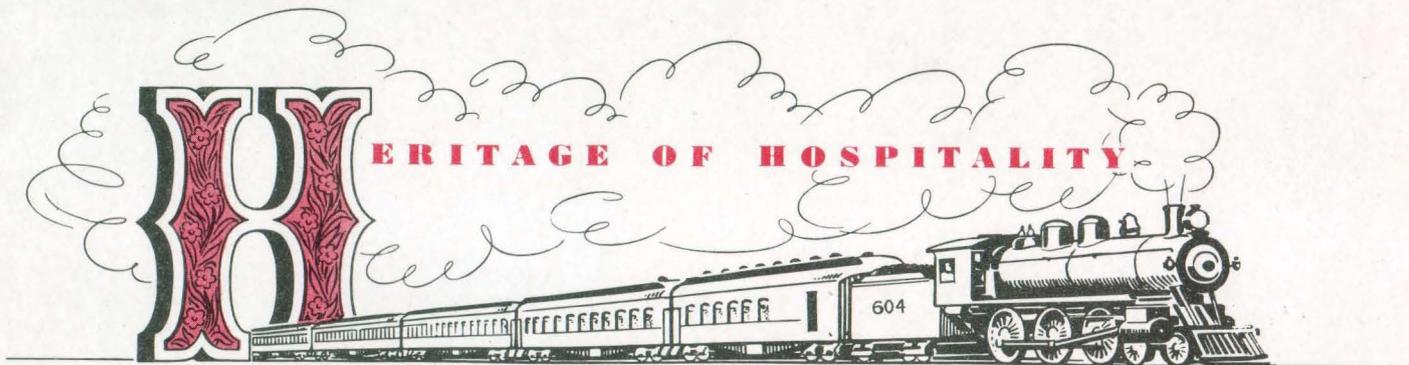
WINDOWS are of special safety plate glass. Each is double glazed and glare-proof.

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM in Dining Car, CENTURY Club, and "Lookout Lounge" can be used for paging or announcements.

REFRIGERATION is all-electric . . . in the two club car bars as well as in the stainless steel kitchen and pantry of the diner.

SOUND PROOF INSULATION affords passengers a quiet, restful ride . . . ideal for sleep!

FOAM RUBBER MATTRESSES on beds . . . your final assurance that on New York Central's Water Level Route, YOU CAN SLEEP!

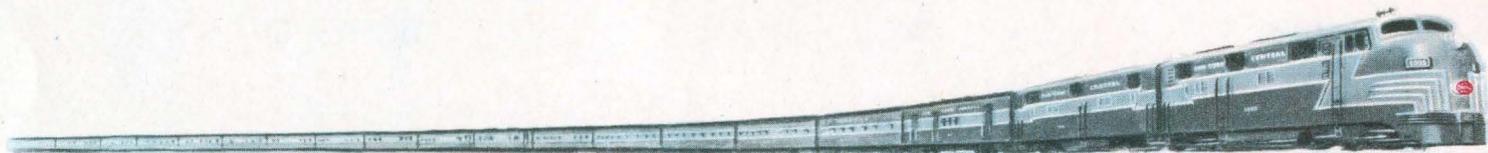


THE YEAR WAS 1902. Along New York's Fifth Avenue and Chicago's Michigan Boulevard, sedate carriages still far outnumbered bustling "motors" . . . and hardly an apartment building had yet trespassed among the stately houses. Such was the "age of elegance" in which the first 20TH CENTURY LIMITED made its debut. And down the years, the gracious traditions of that era have lived on aboard this "favorite train of famous people."

Through a long succession of great trains, the 20TH CENTURY LIMITED has proudly paced the century for which it was named. The original CENTURY . . . with its wooden cars and ten-wheeler locomotive . . . proving an overnight schedule between New York and Chicago

could be maintained. The first all-steel CENTURY . . . pioneering travel safety. The first air-conditioned CENTURY . . . leading the way in year 'round comfort. The first streamlined CENTURY of pre-war fame . . . foreshadowing the modern trend in trains.

Today, the finest and smoothest CENTURY of them all leads New York Central's new "Dreamliner" fleet. Yet something more than modernity . . . more than luxury . . . more than dependability will always set this train apart. For this is the 20TH CENTURY LIMITED. Aboard it you have that sense of being served with distinction which generations of CENTURY riders have known . . . a heritage of hospitality straight from the age of elegance!



FIRST AND FINEST OF NEW YORK CENTRAL'S ALL-PRIVATE-ROOM "DREAMLINERS"

Heart to Heart...

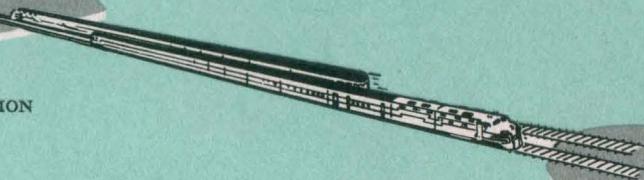
Right in the "Loop"
... home of Chicago's great
hotels, smart shops and towering
offices ... focal point for Chicago's
theatres and night life.



LA SALLE STREET STATION
HEART OF CHICAGO

Overnight, everynight ... rain or shine, fog or fair ... the twin 20TH CENTURY LIMITEDS link the heart of New York and the heart of Chicago. And this is swift, luxurious travel that you can depend on ... *plan on*, days in advance, 365 days a year.

Eastbound or westbound, you step aboard at the end of the business day. You sleep soundly as the CENTURY speeds you through gentle, water level valleys. And you step off, next morning, as the business day starts ... with energy at peak after your overnight vacation on the world's most famous train.



At the center of
Manhattan's leading hotels and
midtown offices. Brief blocks from
Fifth Avenue shops and Times
Square theatres.



GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL
HEART OF NEW YORK

