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White City's Miniature Railroad

White City Amusement Park, 63rd Street and South Parkway, Chicago, IL (1905)

Among the attractions which are being especially constructed for White City will be a decidedly novel Miniature Railroad entirely different than any other Miniature Railway ever seen in Chicago. The cars and engine have been designed at the direction of Mr. Ashley J. Abel under whose management the railroad will be operated. The 12-inch track upon which the tiny trains will run will be about one-half mile long and will have two stations, one at either end of the Chutes Lake. The track will encircle the lake passing through miniature tunnels underneath the bridge and through an elaborate grotto showing a perfect reproduction of Niagara Falls with water effects in a perfectly natural way.



There will be two trains running constantly over the Miniature Railway track and they will pass each other at the stations, side tracks and switches being built for this purpose. The miniature cars, of which there will be eight in number, will be of a special shape



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decorated with elaborate carving covered with gilt and white enamel, suitable in design for White City. Each car will carry six persons.

The tiny engines used on this road are being built especially for White City at the works of one of the large watch factories and expert railroaders declare them to be perfect reproductions of the latest and most approved style of locomotives. These engines will burn coal broken in small pieces, although a large portion of the fuel consumed in running them will consist of the broken ends of carbon sticks used in electric lights.

This concession at White City will undoubtedly be especially attractive to the children who will find much innocent amusement and enjoyment in riding around the miniature railroad track.