

## PALACE CAR MINERVA

### ONE OF THE FINEST STREET CARS FOR PRIVATE PARTIES

#### Detailed Description of the New Car soon to Be in Service on the Central

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The Columbus Central Street Railway company has received the new parlor car Minerva, and it is being put in shape to be placed on exhibition. The new car is an elegant one throughout. The exterior of the car is painted a very dark green, with gold trimmings, which will distinguish it from the other cars, as they are all a lighter shade of green. The car is 31 feet in length and nine feet wide. It is a combination car and can be used either in summer and winter. The windows are quite large, running from near the floor to the roof; to make the car an open one all that is necessary is to remove the windows and the sides of the car are almost entirely open. The car is equipped with large vestibules.

The interior of the car is rich in its simplicity. The finish is mahogany which has been varnished, leaving the natural wood appearance. Between the windows there is an oval shaped, beveled plate glass mirror set in a panel. The car is also equipped with an electric push button between each window by which the porter can be summoned or the attention of the conductor attracted. A ledge at the bottom of the windows extends on both sides of the car. Above each door there is a very pretty piece of carved wood.

The furnishings of the car are elegant. The floor is covered with Brussels carpet. Around the head lining of the car are represented mythological scenes, among which four are cupids representing the four seasons; Minerva, the goddess of war; another representing peace. Pintsch gas is used for lighting the car, and the three clusters of lights are surrounded with globes of cut glass. In one side of the car there is a tank which will hold, for a short time, water, champagne and other liquid refreshments as may be desired. The trolley pole is covered with white enamel and superintendent Cral?tree (sp ??) is thinking of converting it from top to bottom with rows of colored incandescent electric lights, which would make a pretty appearance after nightfall.

The car is fitted with rattan chairs and divans, which are supplied with soft cushions covered with buff-maroon plush. Seats are provided for 18 persons. Handsome curtains and draperies of a very pretty design in colors of white and green are also provided.

It is the intention to uniform the conductor and motorman who have charge of the car in something different from the other employees. Their uniform will probably be of some white material, and they will wear white gloves. A colored porter will always accompany the car when it is in service. If the weather is favorable the new car will be placed on exhibition at the corner of Town and High streets at 7:20 o'clock this evening.