



ONCE upon a time there was a little steam engine named TOM THUMB. It was made by Peter Cooper more than a hundred years ago. It was the first steam engine made in our country.

"May I run my little engine on your tracks?" Mr. Cooper asked the B & O Rail Road. "Yes indeed," said the B & O.

The B & O then was a very little railroad, only 13 miles long.

People laughed at Mr. Cooper.

"Your engine will never run as fast as the B & O's horse Dobbin," they said.

For the B & O had never had a steam engine. Horses pulled all their trains.

Mr. Cooper showed the people that LITTLE TOM THUMB could run much faster than Dobbin. Soon others

began to build engines for the B & O. There were the YORK and the ATLANTIC. They were so little that they could say only "*Twee-ee-t! Twee-ee-t!*" The engines kept growing bigger and bigger and bigger. Now they are so big that they all say "*Too-oo-t! Too-oo-t!*" It means "Please get out of my way! I'm coming!"

TODAY the big B & O engines have grown so big that they pull long and wonderful trains.

The B & O, too, has grown up. It is a long railroad now. We often call it by its real name—THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD.

The B & O has brought one of its big choo-choo engines to the World's Fair at Chicago. This is the big engine that stands at the



HORSES PULLED THE FIRST B & O PASSENGER CARS



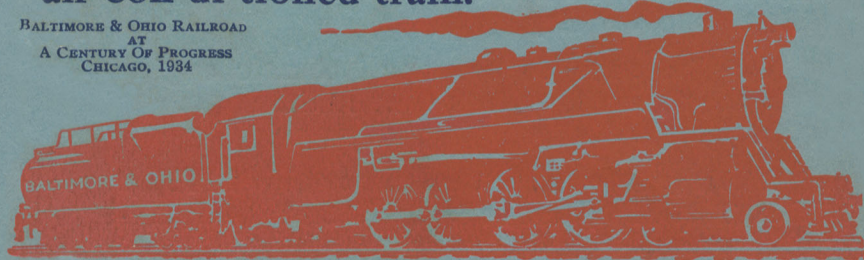
head of the B & O Air-Conditioned Train. *Air-conditioned* is a long word, but Mother will tell you how to say it. It means that inside of all these cars you will find it very nice and cool and as clean as a new pin—even on the hottest days. You will like these cars.

The BIG B & O CHOO-CHOO ENGINE and the LONG B & O AIR-CON-DI-TIONED TRAIN will be glad to have you visit them. Be sure to do so.

When you go home, remember the LITTLE TOM THUMB ENGINE, the BIG B & O CHOO-CHOO, and the B & O AIR-CON-DI-TIONED TRAIN.

Let's open this booklet and read about the nice things that we may see on this air-con-di-tioned train.

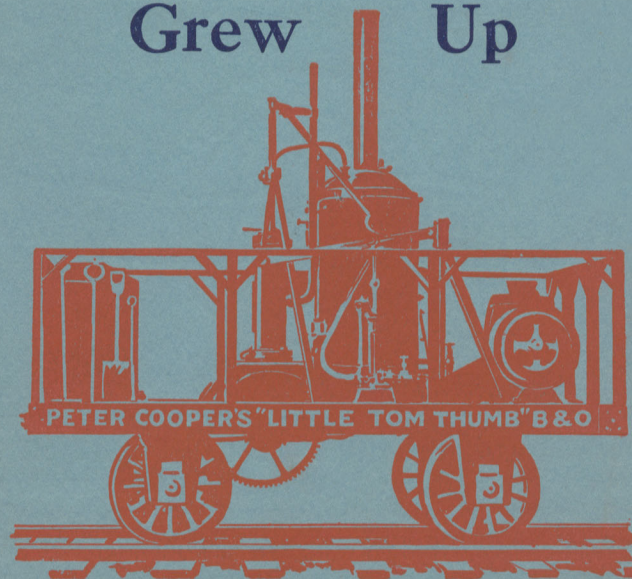
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THE BIG B & O CHOO-CHOO ENGINE

# How “LITTLE TOM THUMB”

## Grew Up



on the

# B. & O.



## *What we shall see on the Air-Conditioned Train*

**F**IRST we go into the nice, cool, Observation Car. The porter there will tell us all about it. When we ride in this car we shall see many things through the big windows—mountains and rivers and blue skies and lovely flowers and trees.

Next comes the Pullman Sleeping Car. All the seats can be made into beds. We may sleep here at night while the train is running.

Now comes a B & O Lounge Car. Isn't it lovely? See the pretty lamps. And the tables where we may play checkers or write a letter to Daddy.

And guess what! The next car is the Dining Car. Here is where we may eat as we ride. This is one of the nicest dining cars in the world. See the blue dishes. Mother may buy some of these at the B & O Exhibit in the Travel and Transport Building, if she wishes. Don't forget to peep into the kitchen.

Next is the B & O Re-clin-ing Seat Coach. When we do not wish to go to bed in the Pullman car we may sleep here all night.

The last car is the B & O Day Coach. We find this on nearly every B & O train. The seats can be turned around. The arm-rests can be let down if we want to lie on the seats.

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**O**UTSIDE is the BIG B & O CHOO-CHOO ENGINE. It is about a hundred times bigger than the *Little Tom Thumb* engine. Go up into the cab. See the big fire-box and the throttle. How would you like to be the B & O engineer who drives this engine?

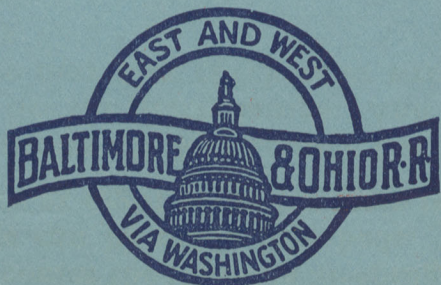
Ask Mother to take you for a ride on this B & O train some day.

When you grow up be sure to ride on B & O trains whenever you can.



## *What we shall see in the Travel and Transport Building*

**A**S we leave the B & O Air-Conditioned Train, let's go into the Travel and Transport Building. Look for this sign!



We can always tell the B & O by this sign. Right under this we see many men standing around a stone. This is the **FIRST STONE** which was placed to mark the spot near Baltimore where the very first tracks of the B & O were laid on the Fourth of July, 1828. Hear the band play. The men talk and seem almost alive.

Just beyond this picture are four others. One is of Baltimore. One is of Harper's Ferry, a pretty town which we see when we ride on the B & O between Chicago and Washington.

Another picture shows the men who decided to build the B & O Railroad, more than one hundred and seven years ago.

Then there comes the race between *Little Tom Thumb* and *Dobbin*, the horse.

Next we find some car seats on which we can rest. The green ones show what a B & O car of 1890 was like. In the others are the soft seats used in B & O cars of today.

Other things here are the models of B & O bridges and engines, just as they have grown, bigger and stronger, step by step, since the railroad began.

The model of Washington, our National Capital, comes next. Maybe mother or daddy will take you on a B & O train some day, to visit this lovely city.

Now be sure to see the Atlantic engine with the funny long legs that make it go. It is 102 years old.

When you go home remember how **LITTLE TOM THUMB** grew to be a **GREAT BIG ENGINE** on the B & O.