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This morning at two o'clock reveille called us to our feet, and my porcelain slept. Up on the pilot cabin "pretty well up in the world I think." On getting up, we could see about a mile ahead prairie schooners, which pleased me greatly. Approaching and as we neared the shores, we were welcomed by the booming of cannon and the cheers of the assembled troops. Debarcation commenced immediately, in the course of an hour, we had our freight transferred on board the cars, that were waiting, and with the green horse teams already steamed up, and when we were comfortably seated, and under way for Chicago.

We had not been under way a great while, when we found out that the officers were seated in a second class car, the seats were covered of cushions. They were very much dissatisfied with their situation, and seeing them from from our comfortable first class car, with their nifty cushioned seats, he enjoyed the mistake that changed our situation for this one. About 6 o'clock we arrived at the Prairie Schooner where the B. B. Co. gave us a first rate breakfast at which I, colored, came of first class, owing to the large number to be fed, arrangements had been made for them all to eat standing, Mrs. except the officers for whom a table had been prepared on which a great many extra
had been placed. Those who had charge of
the dining Room to send the officers to their tables
as fast as they came in. They would know them by their blue
coats and brass buttons. As our car approached it was
dressed in the regulation uniforms but we got at Ridgetown
first as we came in the mailers rushed to us and led us
to the table prepared for the officers. She happened
in this case to be the officers. A good mistake that was for us.

We arrived at about six or seven in the
evening. We came to the Cross detachment. We
waited for them about an hour at a junction also.

At 5 o'clock, we left the City of Chicago, The news of our
arrival spread over the whole city. But in the
course of one hour, we were greeted by thousands. In
the course of time we arrived at the city of Chicago,
Fort Wayne and Hillsboro R. R. Here over
were informed that the organisers had been held
off, and a supper. But the man declined accepting
it for the want of time. Although we were all
seated for two or three hours before the cars
started. ample time time for the officers to
partake of the good meal. "ah, supper, the
ones made before our favor."