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The east side branch of the New York Elevated Railroad fulfilled part of the promise of rapid transit yesterday by beginning to run trains from South Ferry to the Grand Central Depot in 42nd Street.

There were but few stations, however, at which passengers were picked up and dropped off. Those were at South Ferry, Hanover Square, Fulton Street, Eighth Street and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. The first trip was made from South Ferry to Grand Central Depot at 5:30 A. M., and the distance traveled in 25 minutes.

The construction of the east side branch of the New York elevated road was begun about the 1st of last November. Each car will accommodate forty-eight persons.

It is certain that a horrible shriek and squeak of metal on metal, as if the cars were dragged over the track with brakes down, is sometimes to be heard on the east side, but strange to the west side.