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## MYSTERY STREETCAR BY UNION SQUARE by Henry Raudenbush



### This Month's Cover Photo:

M3 9810 (Budd-GE,  
11/1985) leads a short six-  
car PTC test train through  
Mineola on 11/28/2020.  
Jeff Erlitz photograph

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Some time ago, somebody sent me a picture of a streetcar in Manhattan. The picture was credited to the Museum of the City of New York.

The picture caption said the location was at Fourth and Madison Avenues – but this is impossible as these are parallel streets. Correctly, as lettered on the car, the car was on the Fourth & Madison Line, serving Fourth Avenue south of E. 42nd Street and Madison Avenue above.

I found the location with Google Street View. The tallest building, on the right, has been replaced by a later building, but the

building to the left, with the bay windows, more or less in line with the platform of the car, is still there; 37 E. 17th Street, a Barnes & Noble store.

I did not pick up at first on how the car was propelled. There is no trolley – overhead was not permitted in Manhattan; there is no slot in the street for cable or conduit electric; and there is no harness for a horse. Just above the “o” in “Madison” on the dash, one man has his hand on what certainly looks like an electric controller. The gentlemen on the platform look like a group of New York & Harlem

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