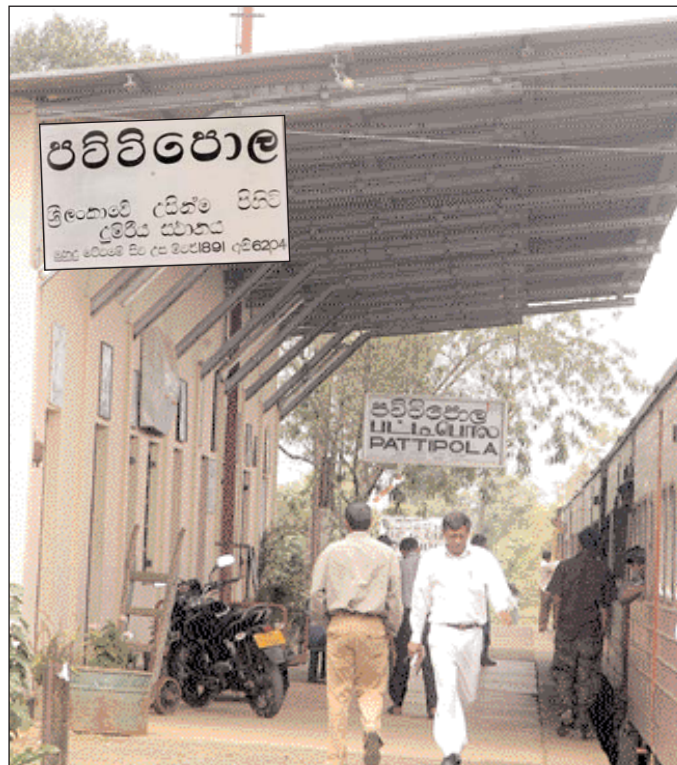


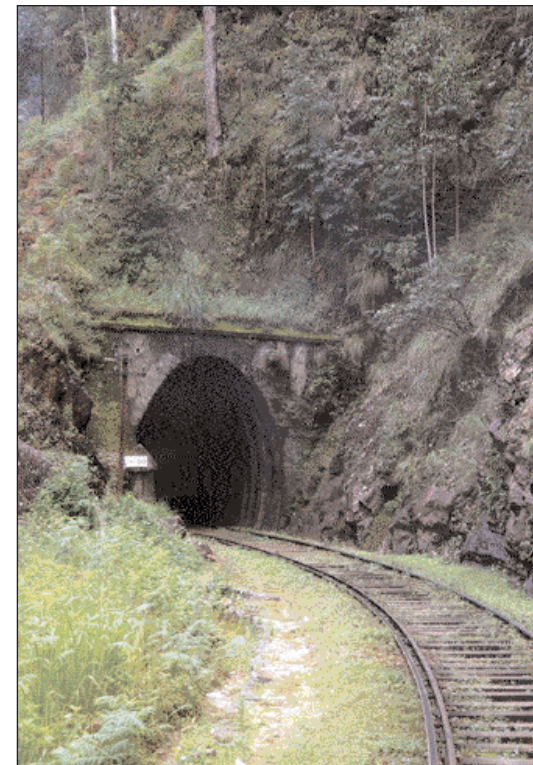
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The climb begins



Try the "koththu" here, if you have time



One among the forty-eight on the way



Anticipation

Great expectations

Fulfilled

When you are on holiday the sole purpose of your journey should not be that of getting from Point A to Point B. For, the goal of any real traveller should be that of experiencing a sense of place. And what is the bet that this sense will not be found inside a museum or a park, but right outside your train window.

If you are planning a trip to the hills *Podi Menike* will take you where you want to go. She will take you through charming, forgotten towns like Thalawakelle, Watawala, where the presence of the British still linger with the mist. The staff like V.V Nandaseena, the station master at Bandarawella is friendly and will go out of their way to help you. You can save by going second-class (it's hardly roughing it) or travel first class all the way and realize that your greatest expectations have been fulfilled. As these pictures show, riding the rails is easy, stylish and fun.

Warning; like Oscar Wilde who said, "I never travel without my diary. One should always have something sensational to read in the train", do not take your diary with you. ■ *Aditha*

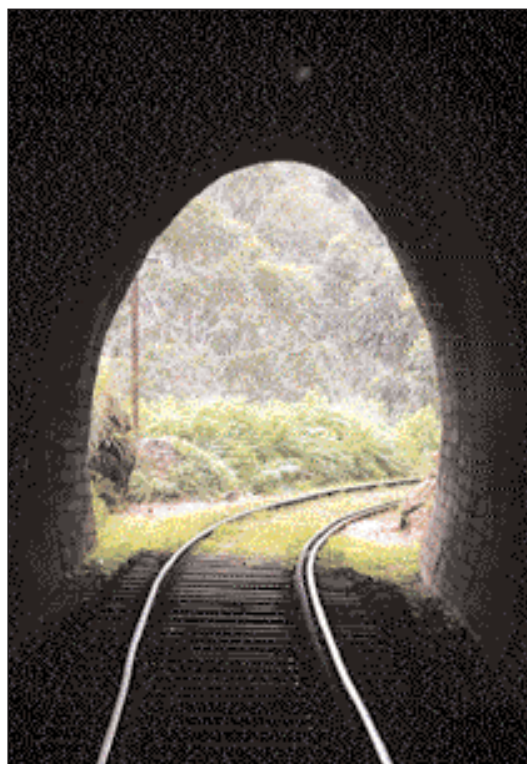
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Tranquility



The Great Western range



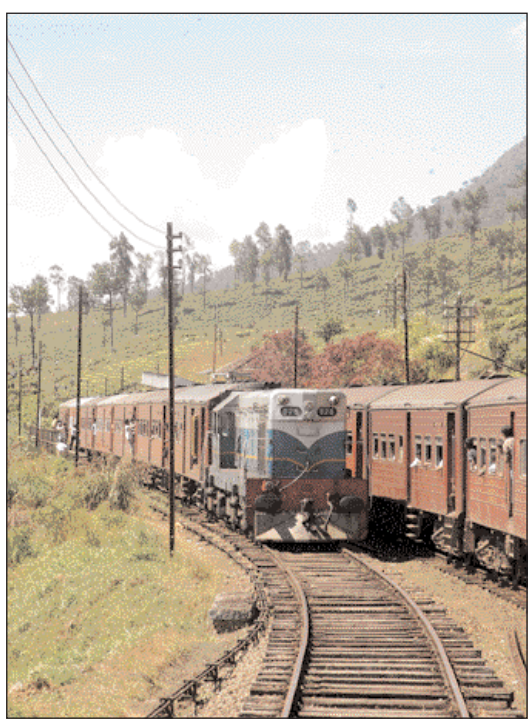
Light at the end



Weekend shopping



A white silk shawl?



Hello!



Past Ambewella



Adam's Peak in the distance



Never ending ash coloured ribbon - the road to Colombo



In time for the Sinhala-Hindu New Year



Happy journey!

