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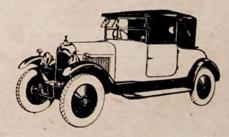
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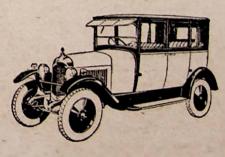
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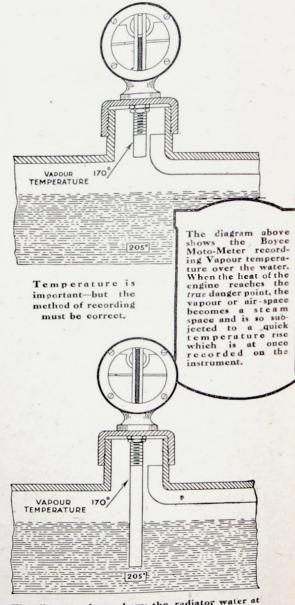
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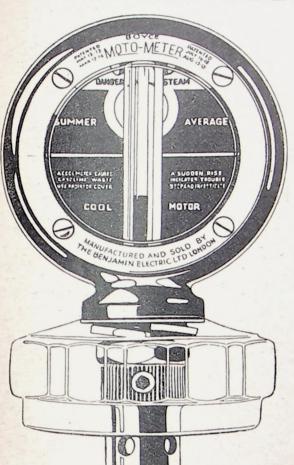
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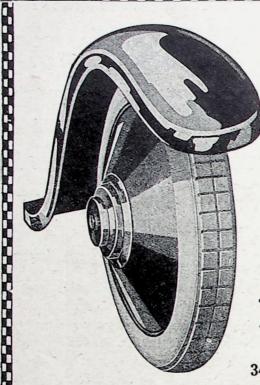
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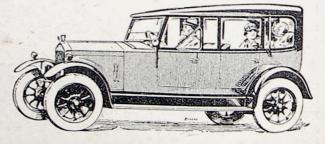
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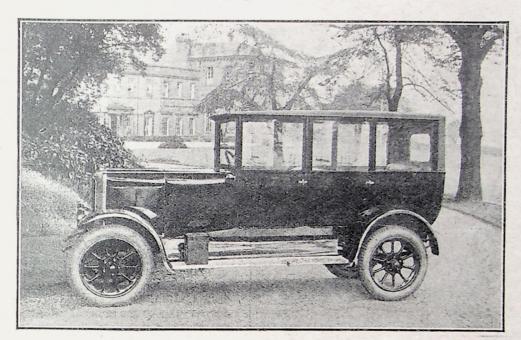
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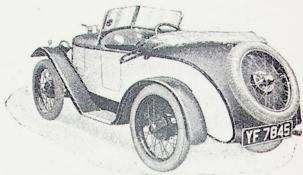
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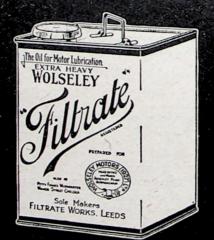
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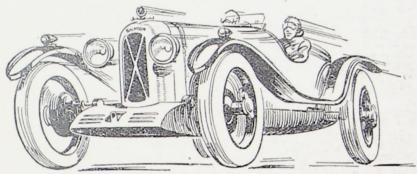
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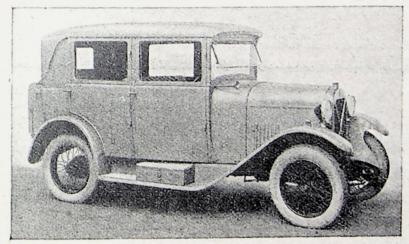
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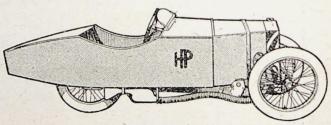
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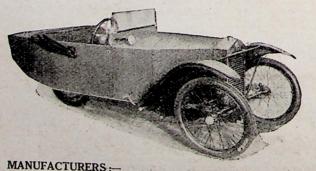
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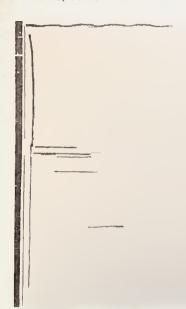
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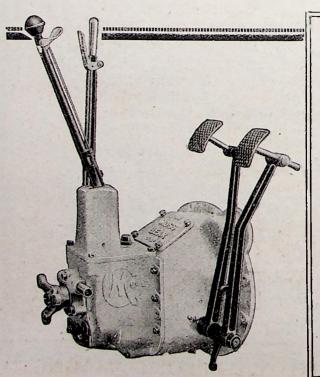
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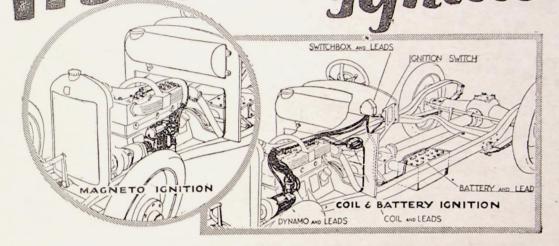


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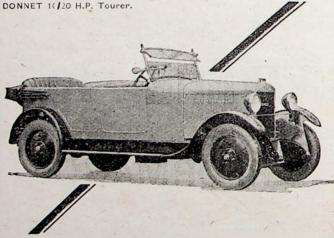
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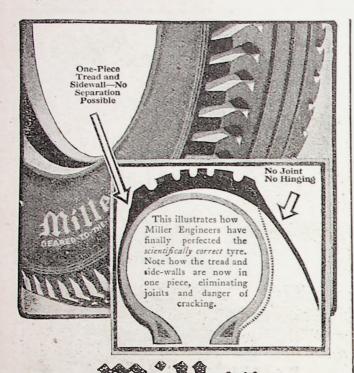
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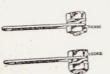
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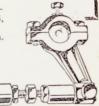
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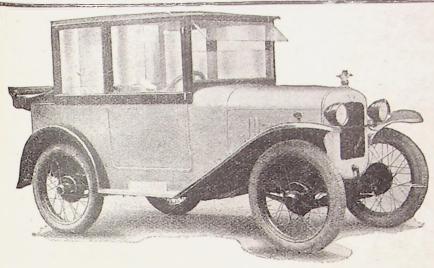
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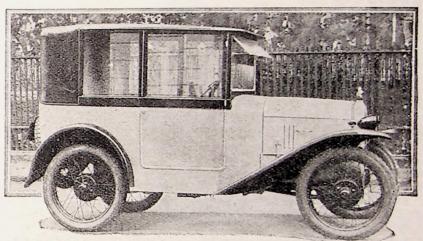
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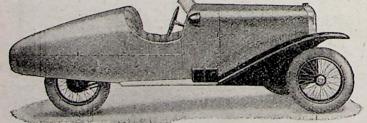
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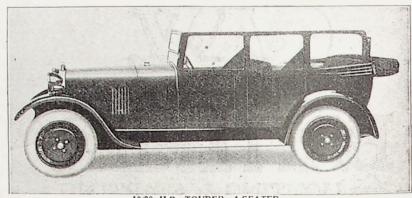
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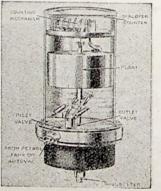
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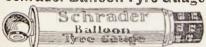
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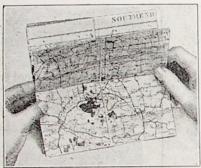
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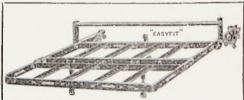
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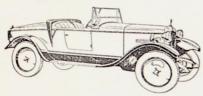


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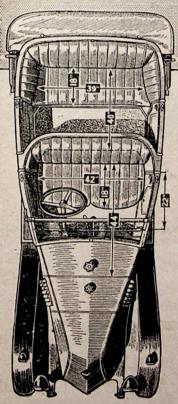
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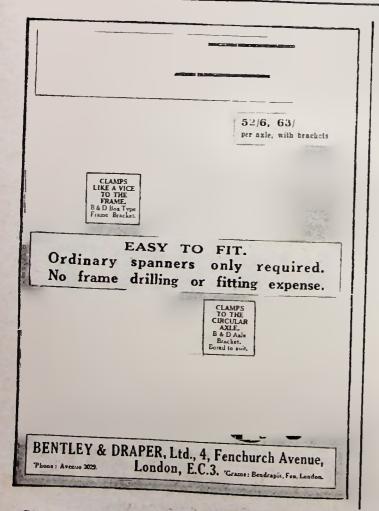
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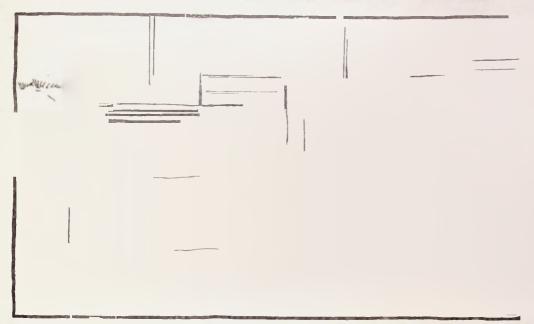
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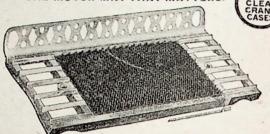
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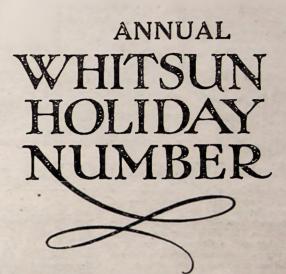
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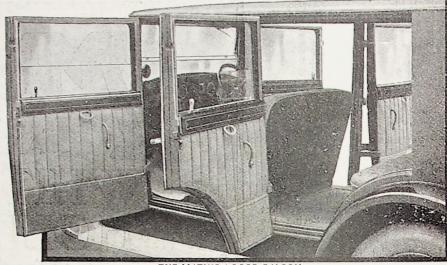
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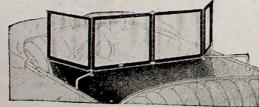
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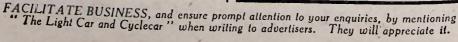
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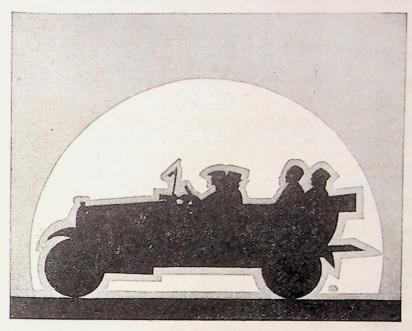
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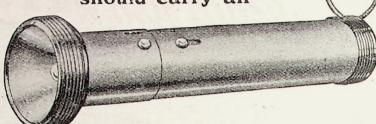
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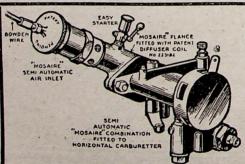
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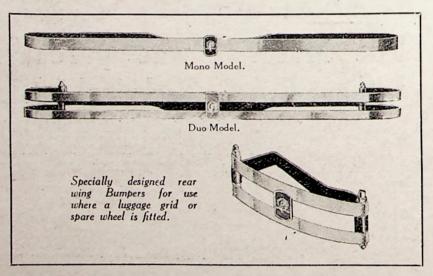
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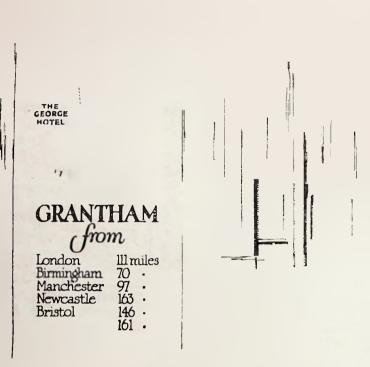
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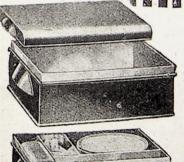
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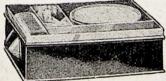
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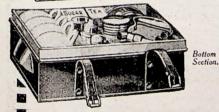








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This Week.
Every light car owner looks forward to Whitsun which, whilst being for most people a holiday in itself, may be said, also, to open the general holiday season. This week, therefore, is opportune for the presentation to our readers of a Special Whitsun Number, designed primarily to appeal to all motoring holiday makers in that the many and holiday makers in that the many and varied articles which it contains are written with the joy of the open road as the main theme. We wish our readers a happy holiday.

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#### Motor Road to Brighton.

A Bill to sanction the building of a special road to Brighton is in contemplation, and it is said that sufficient money to cover the initial expense of the scheme is available.

#### Next Week.

An apparatus by the use of which noises may be seen is one of the achievements of modern science, and next week, in an article entitled "Photographing Car Noises," we shall explain how the apparatus is worked. Owners of 7-12 h.p. Peugeots will welcome the carefully prepared article showing them how to be these ears at many efficiency. keep these cars at maximum efficiency, whilst trials enthusiasts will be given full details concerning the Motor Cycling Club's annual London-Edinburgh run.

#### Neither Can We!

"I cannot understand why you should have a trap," said Mr. Snell to a constable at the North London Police Court recently during the hearing of a case of a driver who had been caught in a police trap. It had been admitted by a policeman that there was no danger as the road was perfectly clear.

#### Mysterious Shots.

The police at Keston on the Wester-ham Road in Kent are trying to find a car from which it is alleged shots were fired recently. Several motorists have complained of shots having been fired at their cars and have been able to show the damage done. A bullet has also been found in a window frame of a roadside

#### British Cars in New Zealand.

The British delegates who are investigating the question of the best way in which to meet American competition in the Australian and New Zealand markets are leaving Australia next month for New Zealand on a tour which has been framed to give the delegation a full insight into New Zealand's motoring needs and conditions, says Reuter.

R.A.F. Display.

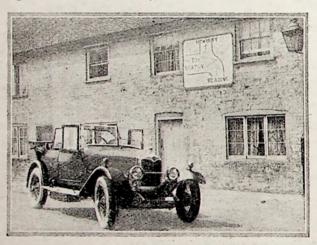
It is probable that the King and Queen will be present at the Royal Air Force display at Hendon on July 2nd. Important new features will be included in the programme and 200 aeroplanes will take part in the display. Special motor traffic and parking facilities are being arranged.

The Indianapolis.

The largest number of entries since 1919 has been received for the classic 500-mile race, which takes place at Indianapolis on May 30th. In all there will be 41 starters, and it is expected that the 1,500 c.c. cars, to which the race is limited, will set up many new speed records, says Reuter.

#### Carshalton Club's Trial.

Among the large number of motor-cycle and sidecar competitors in the Carshalton Motor Cycle Club's Carshalton-Malvern-Carshalton third annual trial were 11 Morgans, and many of these made spectacular ascents of Alms Hill, Henley, which was included in the route. At the time of going to press the results of the trial had not been announced.



This useful plan has been erected on the front of a cottage on the Bath Road at Thatcham. It saves time and trouble.

#### Berliet's Successful Year.

At the annual general meeting of Automobiles M. Berliet, at Lyons, a profit of 20,700,000 francs was declared. A dividend of 6 per cent. will be paid on the share capital after various sub-stantial allocations have been made to the reserve fund. This successful the reserve fund. This successful financial year is the more remarkable as many French factories have been suffering rather from trade depression.

#### Telegrams From the Roadside.

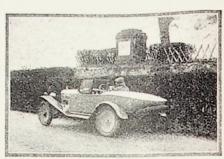
The Automobile Association announces that every A.A. roadside box is available to members wishing to send telegrams. The telegram will be tele-phoned in the ordinary way and the sender will ascertain the cost of transmitting the telegram and leave the amount charged in a box provided for the purpose. Trunk calls can also be made and paid for in a similar manner.

Overheard at Brooklands.

Sweet Young Thing: "What's

supercharger? Second Sweet Young Thing: " A sort of cylinder thing which blows bits of oxygen into the engine to make the

pistons revolve faster.



This monument at Heathfield, Sussex, commemorates the capture of Jack Cade, the rebel, on July 12th, 1450.

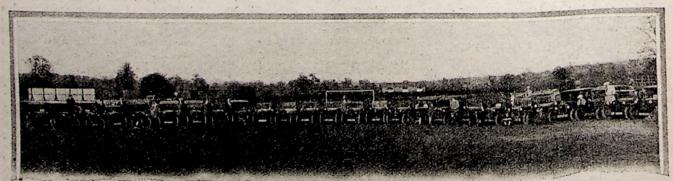
#### New Cologne Bridge.

The town council dispute which has been raging for many weeks regarding the type of bridge to be built over the Rhine at Mulheim has now been settled. By a majority of 11 votes a suspension bridge has been chosen; it will replace the unsatisfactory bridge of boats which connects Mulheim with Riehl.

#### "France For the Motorist."

Readers who contemplate taking their cars across the Channel for their next holiday will find "France for the Motorist," by Charles L. Freeston, F.R.G.S., an invaluable companion both for planning out their route and when actually on tour. The book commences with an informative chapter on presentday touring conditions in France, then follow several chapters on the various districts, suggested routes being dealt with in an interesting descriptive manner. The itineraries described, together with a number of additional ones, are set out in tabular form with progressive and intermediate distances in the second part of the book, so that they may easily be referred to when on the road.

Key maps, with the number of the appropriate itinerary marked against each road, are printed inside the front and back covers of the book, while a highclass atlas showing contours and place-to-place distances is also included, the scale of this map being 32 miles to the inch. (Cassell, 7s. 6d.).



A large number of members took part in a recent Austin Seven Car Club rally at Northfield and proceeded on a run to Ashbourne via Matlock, Chatsworth Park and Bakewell. AUSTIN ENTHUSIASM, is the keynote of the club.

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#### R.A.C. Driving Tests.

We learn that the British School of Motoring, Ltd., has arranged with the Royal Automobile Club for an official examiner to be present at the school every day to examine pupils as they complete their tuition.

#### Trapping Activity.

The police appear to be determined to carry on trapping as much as possible, and a member of our staff noticed a new trap in operation in Lea Bridge Road, Leyton, recently. The trap was working on the newly widened part of the road between Markhouse Road and Foley's petrol station.

#### An Aid to Efficiency.

Certain of the windows in the new Wandsworth garage of the British Petroleum Co., will be glazed with Vitaglass, a substance which, unlike ordinary glass, transmits the vital ultraviolet rays of the sun. It is hoped that the workers in the garage will benefit by this.



This warning erected near Catterick Bridge, Yorkshire, is much appreciated by motorists.

#### Six-in-one Pumps.

In connection with the endeavour which is being made to give a more pleasing appearance to petrol pumps situated in rural surroundings. Theo and Co., Ltd., point out that their electrically operated fuel pump is designed to deliver a choice of six different brands of fuel without mixing, thus making it possible to dispense with five out of six pumps if six brands of spirit are stocked.

#### A Handbook on Camping.

The Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland, Tudor House, 1, Princeton Street. Bedford Row, London, W.C.I. has just issued an extremely useful handbook on camping and caravanning. The information given, which is very comprehensive, represents the acquired knowledge of members of the club attained in many years of camping. A special section is devoted to camping with a car, while many useful facts are given concerning equipment and other matters of interest to those who propose to take a holiday in a caravan or underscale generally, but is available to members of the Club.

#### A Petrol Shortage?

In view of the rather conflicting reports which reach this country from time to time regarding the world's supply of petrol, it is interesting to note that The Ethyl Gasolene Corporation has recently launched a 10-million dollar advertising campaign in America.

#### The A.A. at Wimbledon.

The Automobile Association has made arrangements for an extensive car park during Wimbledon Tennis Championships, near the main entrance to the ground. Season tickets for reserved and numbered spaces will be available at £1 1s. each. The daily charge for parking cars will be 2s. 6d. Season and daily tickets will be obtainable at any A.A. Office on and after June 1st.

#### Whit-Monday at Brooklands.

An interesting and enjoyable afternoon is in store for everyone who visits Brooklands on Whit-Monday for the B.A.R.C. meeting, because, in addition to the large number of races which have been arranged, Major H. O. D. Segrave will give an exhibition in the 1,000 h.p. Sunbeam with which he recently set up the world's speed record at Daytona. In all probability this will be the only occasion upon which it will be possible to see the car in motion; therefore everyone who is interested should make a special effort to be present.

#### Road Fund Protest.

The Holme Cultram (Cumberland) Urban District Council has strongly protested against money being taken from the Road Fund for anything except road purposes, copies of the resolution having been sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Minister of Health, and Capt. Fergus Graham, M.P. One member remarked that the problem of the upkeep of district roads in the course of a few years would become very acute. Mr. Holliday said that if all roads were classified in proportion to the traffic on them, and the whole of the money were divided pro rata amongst the roads, there would be no balance. The use of the roads was a national question rather than a local one, and the upkeep of them should be the same.

#### The Eclipse.

In connection with the coming eclipse of the sun on June 29th, The Optician and Scientific Instrument Maker warns spectators against the danger of eclipse blindness, and points out that ordinary inted glasses provide insufficient protection. A special device, known as the Eclipsia, has been produced especially for the occasion; it eliminates the ultraviolet rays and cuts down the intensity of the light to a safe degree. It will be sold by opticians at a low price.



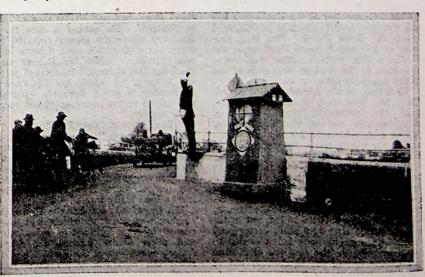
By painting this warning on the road surface the Birmingham Corporation seeks to warn careless pedestrians.

#### Touring the Lakes.

For the convenience of members and associate members touring the Lake District the R.A.C. has opened a touring office in Windermere. The office, which is equipped with large-scale maps of the district, guide books, and so on, is situate in the Annexe, Rigg's Hotel, which stands at the junction of the Kenday, Bo'ness and Ambleside Roads.

#### Improving Traffic Control.

The Iford Bridge at Christchurch, near Bournemouth, is well known to motorists as being so narrow that traffic can pass over it only in one direction at a time. An R.A.C. road guide has long been stationed at this point to regulate the traffic, but owing to the length of the bridge and the height of the parapet it has not always been easy for drivers approaching from the east to see his signals. To overcome this difficulty, the R.A.C. has now erected a platform on the parapet of the bridge.



A BOTTLE
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The R.A.C. guide stationed at Iford Bridge, Christchurch, will be busy at Whitsun regulating the holiday
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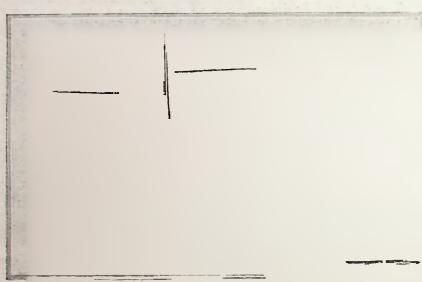
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#### Citroen Price Reductions.

Owing to lowered production costs after 18 months' successful operation at Slough, Citroën Cars, Ltd., announce the following reduced prices, which came into force on May 23rd:—11.4 h.p. four-door saloon, £180; with four-wheel brakes, £198; three-seater coupé, £190.

#### Skegness Motor Races.

Friday and Saturday, June 17th and 18th, are the dates fixed definitely for the annual motor races at Skegness. There will be classes for racing and sporting cars of all capacities, and no fewer than 15 silver cups figure amongst the trophics offered.



#### R.A.C. and the Road Fund.

The General Council of the R.A.C.—which consists of private motorists and of representatives of automobile clubs in all parts of the country—has passed the following resolution, a copy of which has been sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

"The General Council of the R.A.C. views with grave concern the diversion of further large sums from the Road Fund, having regard to the urgent need for increased expenditure on the roads of the country, especially the unclassified roads, in order to improve them and to maintain them in a condition suitable to the needs of modern traffic.

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"The Council ventures to point out that the Road Fund has been raised by axazion imposed on the owners of motor vehicles for a specific purpose, namely, the upkeep and improvement of roads, that it cannot justly be diverted from this purpose, and that if the amount realized by such special taxation is more than adequate for the purpose for which it was raised, the tax should be correspondingly reduced."

#### London-Edinburgh Entries.

Entries for the Motor Cycling Club's London-Edinburgh reliability trial, which will start from Barnet on the evening of June 3rd, total 331. Last year's total, owing to the strike, was only 240, but in 1925 it was 370. Amongst the entries are 15 three-wheeled cyclecars and 127 cars, of which 74 are under 1,500 c.c. capacity. Full particulars of this event, including a list of entries and a description of the best viewpoints along the route, will appear in our next issue. A complete illustrated report of the event will be published on June 10th.

ATTRACTIVE These pho three-seate

These photographs depict the newest saloon and coupe three-seater Citroens, price reductions of which are announced on this page.

#### CRITICISM OF THE ROAD FUND RAID.

THE Chancellor of the Exchequer has not yet heard the last of his raid upon the Road Fund. The long process of piloting through Parliament the Finance Bill (which gives legislative sanction to the Budget proposals of the year) has been commenced.

Speaking on the second reading of this Bill, Mr. Townend, a Labour member, told Mr. Churchill that by taking £12,000,0000 out of the Road Fund, which had been collected from motorists for a specific purpose, he was guilty of robbery.

With an increase of 100 per cent, in recent years in the number of licences for motor vehicles (the hon, member continued) there are unprecedented demands being made upon the roads. Motorists were entitled to get, out of the money which they had paid, better road facilities; but this was being denied to them simply for the purpose of getting the Chancellor of the Exchequer out of his difficulties.

From the Liberal benches came criticisms by Sir Robert Thomas, who declared that Mr. Churchill's raid on the

Road Fund had put 80,000 men out of employment. He quoted a case from Anglescy where the money required to carry out a desirable road scheme had been denied. While Sir Robert was speaking Mr. Churchill intervened with the remark, "I spend my life in endeavouring to resist desirable schemes, not only in regard to transport but many other matters."

other matters."

"You cannot deny," Sir Robert Thomas rejoined, "that this money was meant to maintain the high roads of the country in good order. You cannot deny that those roads are not in good order, and you ought not to use this money for any purpose other than that for which it was specifically voted."

Mr. Crawford quoted to the House the emphatic resolutions which had been passed by the Automobile Association and other bodies against the Chancellor's treatment of the Road Fund, to rebut the assertion which came from another member that motor users who paid licences would be glad that the money was being diverted to general purposes of the State. Road development

(he added) and the motor trade had been held up and thwarted by the action of the Government.

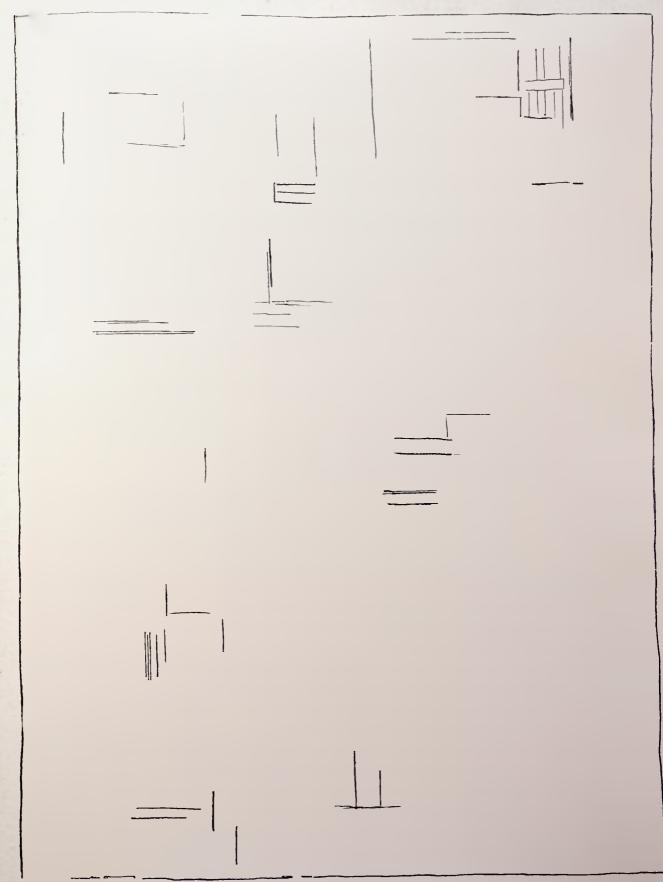
Mr. Churchill's defence of his treatment was a repetition of his former statement that, while the Exchequer had taken over the reserve of the Road Fund, they would stand behind the Fund in financing road expenditure for the year. The growing size of the Fund "must from time to time have some relation to the general problems of national taxation and finance." He added: "It may well be that in the future some method by which the Road Fund can be made subject to the scrutiny of the House in the ordinary way may be introduced. But I am certainly not going to alter the character of the Road Fund now, and I have never heard of any proposal to alter it."

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Mr. Churchill also stated that in every succeeding year of this Parliament there will be a larger aggregate sum available (for roads) than in the present year, "and the present year already shows the largest sum ever made available."

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## ANOTHER OF THOSE ELUSIVE SQUEAKS.





#### A Dry Whitsun?

WITH Whitsun so late this year we should be sure of a warm and enjoyable holiday, whilst if there is anything at all in the law of averages it should be dry. Wet Whitsun holidays have been rather common of recent years, although last year, it will be remembered, the latter part of the holiday was quite fine.

It will be some time before I forget the Whitsun holiday of 1925. I was then cajoled into taking part in the London-Edinburgh run astride a motorcycle, a little party of us who were all old members of the Club having persuaded ourselves that the proper mount for a Motor Cycling Club run was obviously a motorcycle.

#### On Two Wheels.

WE set out from Barnet under lowering skies, rode through a perpetual drizzle all night, encountered cold winds the next morning and snow and hailstorms north of the Border in the region of the Beef Tub. The hailstones were so large and were driven before such a lusty wind that progress against them was positively agonizing. At Edinburgh that night our little party—we all arrived there, although the majority had done no motorcycling for many years—decided that "le sport" might be a very good thing for enthusiasts, but that a windscreen and hood had much to recommend them!

Last year a few members of the same party again took part, but on that occasion in cars! I saw them off from Barnet, and their smug satisfaction as big drops of rain pattered down on their cars and splashed ineffectually against nicely fitting side curtains would have brought despair to those who still contend that riding a motorcycle is more enjoyable than driving a car.

#### Monotony Relieved.

THE London-Edinburgh run is, of course, the best-supported event in the Whitsun holiday programme, and this year I understand, although I have not the figures before me, that as many enthusiasts as ever are taking part. The course should be much more enjoyable than it has been of recent years, as the monotonous crawl from Wharfedale to Edinburgh will be relieved by main roads being deserted north of Moffat in favour of interesting by-roads which take one through very beautiful country and keep the driver awake by reason of their countless twists and turns.

The total length of the run this year is 415‡ miles, and the competitors will be on the road for just over 24 hours, which I think it will be agreed should provide a fairly severe test of their endurance. Three meal stops are allowed, each of one hour's duration, meals being taken at Grantham, Ilkley and Carlisle.

#### To See the Eclipse.

THE fact that such a feat as a practically con-- tinuous run of 416 miles is comparatively easily accomplished, even at so low an average speed as 20 m.p.h., should convince a number of people, who have written to me and who are thinking of going north to see the solar eclipse on June 29th, that the run from the South of England overnight should not give the slightest trouble with anything like a decent car.

Those who take the Great North Road will be able to reach a point well inside the most favourable district to view the eclipse without covering more than 225 miles from London, and, as it does not reach its maximum until 6.20 a.m., there should be no need to leave town before about 9.30 p.m. This would call for an average speed of about 26 m.p.h., which I should say would be within the capabilities of any driver, allowing for two stops for picnic meals by the roadside.

#### Bulging With Humanity.

BIG sidecar combination with pillion used A to be regarded as the limit in passenger-carrying capacity, six people being no uncommon load for powerful outfits, but some small cars are now running them close. A few days ago I saw five adults and two children packed into a Rover Eight, and one frequently meets Austin Sevens positively bulging with humanity. Such gross overloading is to be deplored, for, although small cars carry on gamely under the handicap, they are not designed for it. Sooner or later something goes and then the car is blamed. It should be remembered, incidentally, that a big load materially increases the stopping distance in an emergency.

#### Fame.

In a certain area that I sometimes visit there is a picturesque little village consisting of a church, an inn and two or three cottages. So small is the

place and so secluded that people have had a task to find it, its name appearing on none of the sign-posts in the neighbourhood. Being in this district a few days ago, I made a detour to see the place in its May-time beauty, and was astonished to see that every signpost for some considerable distance around had the name boldly painted on it.

Wondering what conditions had arisen to give the village such prominence, I made a few inquiries and discovered that a small house there had been acquired as a week-end retreat by no less a person than a Cabinet Minister. What fame can accomplish!

Non-stop Horns.

SEVERAL readers have written to me concerning my paragraph on non-stop horns. The most amusing experience so far recorded attained the dignity of print in *The Goole Journal* for April 30th. It concerns a Mr. Watson, who lives in Bridlington, and the report reads:—

Mr. Watson had not been able to secure garage accommodation for his car... and only the bonnet of the vehicle could be got under cover. About two o'clock on Sunday morning the electric horn commenced to hoot and for over an hour the silence of the night was disturbed by its wailing. The whole village was astir in a very short time. The sturdy lifeboatmen, thinking that a vessel was aground on the dangerous headland, prepared for a grim ordeal... the lifeboat is housed at the North Landing and the seamen hastened there, accompanied by a large crowd of villagers... Getting to North Landing, and almost ready to take the boat to the water, the people discovered that they had left the noise behind them in the town... Next day Mr. Watson was presented with a bill for something like £25, which, however, was not paid... It is believed that rain got into the horn and set it going.

Place-name Etymology.

ERRORS in spelling on signposts are now much rarer than when the village painter was given an opportunity to reverse his "S's" and "E's":

but they are not unknown. In the Midlands the other day I came across a comparatively new castiron sign with "Buckingahm" upon It.

In this connection it is interesting to note how the spelling of places varies on signs in the same area. In names beginning with "Lich" and "Tich" a "t" gets in as third letter in a delightfully casual way, and "bech" at the end becomes "beech" or "beach" according to the local fancy.

Sometimes even the name of a town will be given different spellings. Berkhamsted is a case in point. I have seen this printed on expensive maps as Berkhampsted and Berkhampstead. I believe that where any dispute over spelling arises the arbiter is the Postmaster-General.

#### Local Pronunciations.

A PROPOS place names, an amusing story is told of a party of motorists who wished to visit Farthingstone, a village just off Watling Street, near Weedon. On the way they inquired directions of an ancient hedge-trimmer at work beside the road. To their surprise he declared that he knew of no such place. Puzzled, they wrote down the name and handed it to the rustic to read.

He pored over it for a moment, then began to look intelligent. "Why, it's Farricks'n you want!"

he exclaimed. "Go straight on."

Possibly the tale is exaggerated, but I have no doubt readers have had similar experiences of amusing mistakes caused through local pronounciation. It would be interesting to hear of some.

#### Lasting Finishes.

MEETING a friend in a spick-and-span car a few days ago I was about to comment on his new purchase when I noticed it was the same car which he had been running for over two years. Congratulations on its appearance led him to explain how he had retained its pristine freshness.



WHEN TOURING IN DEVON.

The lovely little village of Winsford, 12 miles south of Minehead, is well worth a visit by anyone touring Devonshire. Its old-world rustic charm is equalled by few places and perhaps excelled by none.

This particular model, when he bought it, fetched a fairly high price, and the figure apparently included excellent paintwork.

The owner, taking a tip from a coach painter, had used in cleaning it nothing but plenty of water, and he found that a soft leather and a selvyt cloth were all that was required in order to bring up a high polish. After 30,000 miles the car looked almost as good as new.

#### Nobody's Child.

It is always a wonder to me why some of our main highways should be so "pampered" and have enormous sums spent on them while the London-Holyhead Road, which probably carries a greater volume of traffic than any other artery in the country, continues to be a Cinderella. A few small sections have been relaid, but for miles the road has been patched and patched until, like the fabled boot, the original cannot be seen.

The road also needs widening in places, but apparently the Ministry have lost interest in it, preferring more spectacular constructions elsewhere. The result is that what should be one of the finest of our highways still bears the appearance of an ordinary provincial road. And doubtless, since Mr. Churchill has annexed over twenty millions of motorists' money, it is doomed to remain so.

#### Shabby Treatment.

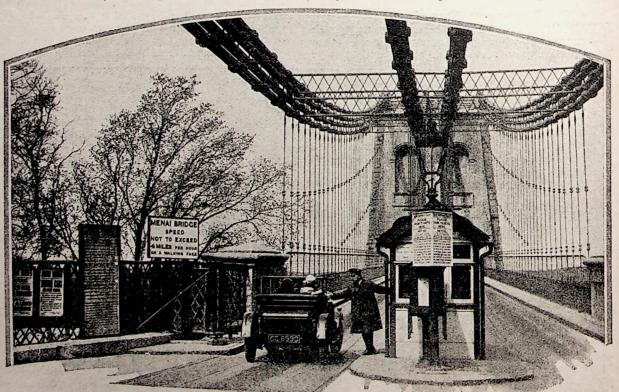
SERVICE nowadays is so generously interpreted by the firms who have set up special stations that the unfortunate experience of a friend of mine can be quoted without reflecting in any way on the treatment one usually receives at these places. His car, from the day he bought it, was difficult to start, and the defect was finally traced by a garage as being due to the magneto. Also the hand-brake ratchet failed to hold.

The car, which had done less than 2,000 miles, was returned to the manufacturers' service station for the faults to be remedied, but what was the owner's surprise and disgust on going to take delivery to find himself confronted with a bill for £4! Naturally he remonstrated, but it was in vain, for he was bluntly told that until the amount was paid he would not be allowed to have the car. The concern, one is glad to learn, was not an English one.

#### Popular Fallacies.

A TENDENCY has been growing lately to single out some special defect found on a few cars and assume that it is universal. Take tyre-tread pucker, for example. Recently there have been many attempts to account for it and the argument always presupposes that the tyre is to blame. On the last three cars which I have had in use there has not been a sign of this phenomenon, and each car was shod with a different make of tyre. On the other hand a car owned by a colleague reveals unmistakable evidence of tread pucker. Does not this indicate that we should seek the cause in the front-axle assembly of the particular car?

Pinking is another defect which car owners are led to believe is an inevitable bugbear. It is nothing of the kind. There are some cars which will not pink even if driven to a standstill on top gear on a hill, this being due to excellence of engine design. In the same catalogue of fallacies might be put shricking brakes, the noise of which is by no means an unpleasant necessity.



WILL BE BUSY AT WHITSUN

The Menai Bridge, which connects Anglesey with the mainland, is well worth crossing by tourists in Wales, for the island has many interesting features, not the least being the wonderful harbour at Holyhead.



#### We Are Overtaxed

THE passage of the Finance Bill through Parliament is giving Mr. Churchill a somewhat troublesome time. Criticism is being launched at his Road Fund raid from the Liberal and Labour benches. whilst Conservative members are by no means in agreement with the Chancellor's point of view. As we report in this issue, Sir Robert Thomas, during the second reading of the Bill, did not mince matters when addressing Mr. Churchill.

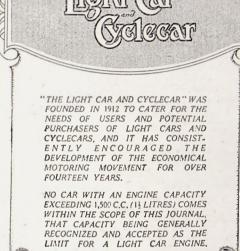
"You cannot deny," he said, "that this money was meant to maintain the high roads of the country in good order. You cannot deny that those roads are not in good order, and you ought not to use this money for any purpose other than that for which it was specifically voted."

Mr. Churchill's reply was, of course, in the nature of a defence of his policy, but it did not sound convincing. Furthermore, a voice is never heard supporting his contentions, not even from the Labour benches, from which it would be reasonable to expect approval of a scheme which kept down general taxation at the expense of motor owners. The reason why the Chancellor has such a pronounced lack of support is obviously because his views are not shared by others. This must be made clear to him at every opportunity which presents itself. We are overtaxed, and we must not spare pains to drive the fact home.

#### A Moral for the Trade.

has live organizations to look after its interests and they do not lack funds. We can see no reason why they should not bring still greater pressure to bear on the Government concerning the excessive cost of motor taxation than they have done so far. Admittedly they can be met with the retort that their industry has been able to achieve miracles of expansion in spite of the horse-power tax, but might not the trade have been infinitely more prosperous by now if it had not been hampered for seven years by a system of taxation which restricts both its home and overseas markets?

Our meaning so far as overseas trade is concerned will be clear to every reader. A car designed to escape with a low tax in Great Britain is no "seller" for use on the bullock tracks of the Colonies when it has to compete against cars de-



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signed with no such restriction. Turning to the home trade, it may be thought that the rate of expansion of recent years would not have been greater had there been no horse-power tax. There are excellent grounds for believing, however, that it would, and most of the manufacturers who would have received the extra orders are those which have been hardest hit. This is made clear by a statement in The Motor to the effect that in America there are

now nearly three million families which own two or more cars. Owners of large cars in this country would also have bought small good-class cars as "tenders" and for use by their sons and daughters had it not been for the extravagance of paying the horse-power tax. They would buy them at once if only that wretched incubus could be removed once and for all.

#### Experience Teaches.

AST week, in our correspondence columns, a reader made some interesting remarks concerning a rather costly experience when overhauling his engine, and his is by no means the only case of the kind. Makers' instruction books, however carefully they may be written, cannot teach amateur mechanics to become professionals. It is an education to watch a trained mechanic at work, but his skill comes only with long practice and, in addition, he has an inborn sympathy for things mechanical.

Few car owners have the need or the opportunity to become skilled mechanics, but they will find that their running repairs will be far more easily carried out, and their pride of ownership increased, if they endeavour to get themselves into sympathy with their cars. The man who regards his car merely as an assembly of odd-shaped pieces of wood and metal will never obtain from it the same amount of satisfaction as the man who feels that it is a living entity, to be treated with kindness and respect. Sheer ignorance of tools and their uses is a drawback suffered by a number of new motorists, but many soon become quite skilful in doing ordinary repairs. There are some, however, who will never learn, and those who realize that they possess this deficiency should take their car to a professional repairer when adjustments become necessary. They must remember that experience teaches, but that sometimes the tuition is costly.

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't Let it Get the Better of You.

WCH has been written of recent years by learned medical men on the subject of the inebriating properties of ordinary fresh air, and it is certain that with the holiday time comes the holiday feeling. Still, small voices murmur, "Let her rip!"

Herein lies the danger—and it is a real and serious danger. The wise light car owner will make up his mind before starting out that he is not going to be influenced by voices of any kind, whether of the "still, small" or of the ordinary human variety, but that he is going to be guided entirely by his own cool judgment. He will remember the miserable fate of the fishermen in the fable who, as the result of listening to the pleading voices and music of the deep, were dragged to their doom, entangled in the tresses of sirens and mermaids.

An important consideration when making "safety first" resolutions, and one that is often overlooked, is that of the type of car involved. That fifty miles an hour on a straight main road may often be a great deal safer than ten miles an hour in a narrow, winding street with many side turnings leading into it, is now fairly well understood and calls for no elaboration here. But the influence of the car itself is by no means always appreciated.

#### Braking and Acceleration.

Its powers of acceleration and braking, for example, are all-important on crowded main roads. There are few experiences quite so exasperating as having to travel mile after mile behind a char-à-bancs doing its steady 25 m.p.h., but not every light car will accelerate rapidly enough from 25 m.p.h. to 35 m.p.h. to get through in a reasonable distance. In such circumstances the only safe course is to wait for a clear opening, when there is an unobstructed view of some hundreds of yards ahead; this may be exasperating, but it is unavoidable.

Similarly with braking; on a car fitted with only rear-wheel brakes and having tyres that are not in the first stages of youth, braking power, rather than maximum speed and acceleration, may easily reduce the average speed to a thoroughly disappointing figure. But this, again, cannot be helped.

Overtaking, of course, is directly and indirectly the cause of more accidents than any other factor. Accurate estimating of both accelerating and braking powers is necessary, and small errors can lead to disaster. Especially when ascending or descending a hill is caution required—acceleration or braking effect may in these circumstances be halved.

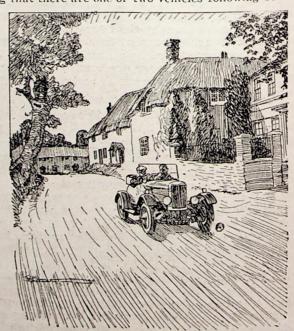
Chars-à-bancs and parties of cyclists probably present the greatest difficulty as regards overtaking, and a special warning is called for in connection with overtaking both of them. It is to ignore absolutely the

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signals of irresponsible persons. In the case of a char-à-bancs it is not as a rule difficult to distinguish between the signals given by the driver and the passengers, but in the case of a party of cyclists there is nobody in charge and none of the riders appears to concern himself with the affairs of other users of the road.

Overtaking in a ten-mile limit is, in the ordinary way, undesirable, if not actually dangerous, but the greatest mistake of all is to overtake on the near side, no matter how exasperating may be the habits of the driver of the vehicle in front. It may be stated most emphatically that the only circumstances in which this practice may be countenanced are when the driver of the vehicle in front has clearly indicated his intention to turn right—and even then care is needed, as not every driver on the road has the first idea of how to signal.

While on the subject of signals, the point cannot be too strongly emphasized that, in the giving or signals, considerable discretion is required. The entire signalling business is, in fact, often badly overdone. When turning sharp right, for example, a signal should not be relied upon to clear the road; it will not. Knowing that there are one or two vehicles following behind,



"Keep down the speed when passing through villages, however quiet they seem."

it is safer and more courteous to let them pass before attempting to make the turn rather than to expect them to stop and wait.

Attempting to hold up overtaking traffic when about to turn right is a foolish and dangerous practice, whilst rushing across the bows of an approaching car is both discourteous and dangerous.

The whole object of giving hand signals—and, be it noted, the only object—is to warn following drivers that it is not safe to overtake you. Hand signals are not intended for advising, admonishing or guiding others. They are warning signals and they should not be used except when the meaning to be conveyed is strictly and solely a warning to the effect that overtaking at that moment is dangerous.

The London bus driver may be taken as providing a perfect example of when to signal and when not to do so. He never waves his hands, flaps, brandishes or twiddles them—his sole concern is to caution others when he sees that it would not be safe for them to overtake him.



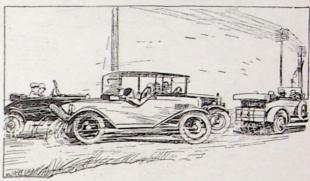
Parties of cyclists sometimes have crude ideas on "safety-first" riding. Let the light car driver beware when overtaking them.

Driving mirrors are useful fixtures, but at holiday times, at any rate, it does not do to pin one's faith blindly to them. Portions of the bodywork, especially in the case of a closed car, are apt to cause "blind spots" quite large enough to obscure small objects such as bicycles. At holiday times, and other times of great congestion, it is well worth while to screw the neck round to satisfy oneself by direct observation that there is no overtaking traffic before executing any difficult turn. And if, on turning round, it is discovered that the road is not clear, the courteous and safe course is to wait for others to get clear. This is far better than relying on signals and horn blasts to hold up traffic going about its normal and lawful occasions while the unusual manœuvre is executed.

Better still, avoid the unusual and difficult manœuvre altogether. This applies especially to turning completely round. Time after time on holidays one sees the disgraceful spectacle of both lines of traffic along a main road completely held up while some ignorant and inconsiderate ass makes half-a-dozen locks back and forth in the middle of the road in the process of turning round.

A point which always should be borne in mind at holiday times is that very great care is needed when driving along streets in the neighbourhood of towns. Side turnings usually abound and it must be remembered that there are probably novices abroad who have not learned that it is dangerous suddenly to dart out from a side turning. Cross-roads, too, call for special caution, as nothing save a crash or a narrowly avoided accident teaches the majority of beginners that they must be treated with respect.

Remember that the bulk of cyclists and motorcyclists who sally forth at holiday times are not experienced road users. They may do unexpected things, whilst their youth may lead them on to feats of consummate recklessness. Sound the horn before overtaking them and make sure that they have heard it before you attempt to pass.



Overtaking is directly and indirectly the cause of many accidents. At holiday time special care is required.

It is not only when actually driving along the road that the holiday spirit must be held firmly in check. A car can easily be stopped in a position—such as on a curve—where it can cause almost as much trouble and danger as if it were being driven inconsiderately. In this connection a common error is to draw up the car just clear of the road, but to fail to realize that although it occupies no useful part of the road it still interferes with the vision of other drivers and thus makes a safe corner dangerously "blind."

At holiday times especially, when there is a spirit of mild recklessness abroad, the wise light car driver will exercise double caution. Risks that at other times might be lightly, if not wisely, taken must be strictly avoided, even if average speeds suffer. "Safety First" must be the order of the day.

A final word—if faced with a certain accident steer for something soft! It is far better when some fool rushes round a corner on the wrong side to swing your car off the road into the ditch than to risk a head-on collision with him. Similarly, if a crash must be faced, take the back panels of the car ahead rather than the radiator of the man who is bearing down upon you.



"It is not only when actually driving along the road that the holiday spirit must be held firmly in check." Inconsiderate stopping is dangerous.

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HAVE a very vivid recollection of an occasion many years ago, when, as a mere boy, I had set out on the great adventure of a cycle tour, coming in the evening to the charming old Cotswold village of Bibury, where I had planned to stay

for a day or so.

At dinner that night in the cosy dining room of the "Swan" were gathered quite a company of visitors. There were two or three anglers (Bibury is famous for its trout stream and hatchery) two parties of motor-ists, several ar-tists, and, at the head of the table, a gentleman was on a walking tour. The latter I soon came to regard with very considerable awe. His very flowing conversation convinced me that he much learning and importance, and he certainly had the rest of us very well in hand.

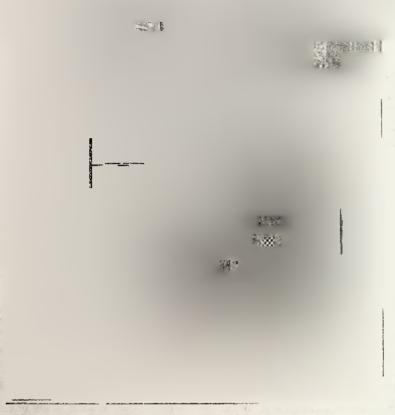
Eventually we were each called upon to explain exactly what we were doing in that part of the country. He started off with the fishermen, and was inclined to be severe with them, for what he called the squandering of precious hours, doing nothing but causing misery to inoffensive worms and happy little fishes.

Apparently the anglers had had a good day, for they were merely amused, and he soon passed on to the artists. Of them he thoroughly approved and was all smiles again.

Next, to my dismay, his eye was fixed upon me, but when he learned that I carried a camera and tripod and that my object was to photograph anything I saw which appealed to my sense of beauty his glance softened. He did not approve of the bicycle, however—I ought to walk! Still, I was not such a had little chap, perhaps, and he passed on; then, to his horror, he discovered the motorists in our midst.

then, to his horror, he discovered the motorists in our minuse. At them he really let himself go. He had nothing bad enough to say of motoring. Most of what he did say I have forgotten, but one thing I have always remembered. It was this:—"What do you motorists know," he said, "of the places that you pass through? You say that you know this and that place, and yet you know nothing. How can you? You tear along at 40 miles an hour, in a cloud of dust and smoke, and never stop, unless your wretched of dust and smoke, and never stop, unless your wretched machine breaks down. How can you know anything of the places that you pass through?"

I think that the motorists realized that there was a good deal of truth in what he said, for they had nothing very c20



The public road to West Wycombe Church which actually passes through a house.

#### How Much Will You Really Know of the Places Through Which You Pass at Whitsun?

length of a good skid!

Now, just out of curiosity, take your own favourite day's run last year and go over it in your mind. As likely as not it was a run down to the sea and back, perhaps 150 miles in all. You probably enjoyed the fast run down in the morning well enough; the roads were open and you felt keen and fresh. Probably, in a way, you also enjoyed the lazy hours on the beach although reshape the sun glare. the lazy hours on the beach, although perhaps the sun glare was a bit trying and there was nothing very comfortable to lean your back against, and perhaps the sand did get into the sandwiches somewhat; and now you remember that the

the sandwiches somewhat; and now you remember that the drive home was rather trying, owing to the long string of cars, all making for home, so that you arrived home just a wee bit disappointed with your day's run.

Now just think for a moment of the places through which you pessed. What do you know of them? Have you turned them up in your guide book? Or perhaps you do not possess a guide book? Well, go and buy one at once and read up all those places through which you passed.

and read up all those places through which you passed. I think you will be astonished to find how much you did not know of them, and I am sure that if, when you go that way again, you will stop and leave your car in some convenient place while you take a stroll round, you will be go delighted with delighted with the new experience, with the new impressions and new knowledge of places, which before were little more to you than names, that the habit of passing through will be a thing of the past.

As for your day's run, lunch time will probably find you

convincing to say in their defence, although I remember a bold and unrepentant one say-ing that his car would not do 40 miles per hour and would he that " pay anyone £5 to make it do so.

However, I have always remem-bered those words of the "wise man at the ime that you pass through?" How true this is of so many of us. How know? can we know? We pass through, that is all, and and later on we have no hesitation in saying, "Oh, yes, I know Mudchester, charming little place!"

Only a days ago I read in n well-known motoring periodical a touring article in which the author, re-ferring to Dorchester-one of the most interesting and charming of Oxfordshire villages—speaks of it Dorchester, and dismisses it by saying that it is about the

only half way to the sea, but I am sure that you will not regret it. Turn up that lane that goes winding up the hill-At the top you will find a wonderful spot for your pienic, shade for your car and a tree trunk to lean your back against. The restful green of the landscape is much better for your eyes than the glare of the sands, and you will find that the picture spread out before you is far more interesting than the bare line of a sea horizon.

After lunch you will probably cut across country to a village where your guide book tells you there is a fine Norman church, or a heautiful old Elizabethan inn, where you can order tea and leave your car while you walk up that delightful field path to the old mill.

There is much to be said in favour of a short walk of this kind during a run. It sharpens your appetite, it provides a welcome change from actual driving and it gives you a feeling of being much farther from the madding crowd than can ever be obtained on a road, no matter how deserted it may be. When finally you take the wheel again it will be with a new zest.

#### The Quiet Homeward Run.

Evening will find you jogging quietly homeward on some picturesque side road, no one behind pressing you on, and no one in front to hold you back and poison you with an over-rich mixture. When you sit down to supper you will over-rich mixture. find that instead of that little tinge of disappointment and that tightened-up feeling round the temples, you are thinking with genuine and unalloyed pleasure of the pictures you have seen and enjoyed in this wonderful countryside of ours.

Let me try to illustrate my plea for stopping the car by taking Odiham, a small town in Hampshire, as an example. At first sight Odiham consists of a single main street, containing nothing of any particular interest. You might pass through and say that it was a most uninteresting place, but if it should strike you that you had not noticed the church you might go back half-way down the main street and you would find a very narrow little roadway called Church Street which you entirely missed before.

Turning up here you soon find yourself in an open space called The Bury, which was apparently the original centre of the town. On one side is the church, one of the largest in Hants, and containing a good deal of thirteenth and four-teenth century work. It has a fine red-brick tower dated 1647 and two fine galleries with staircases. Behind the church is a group of very picturesque almshouses and in front you will find the old stocks and whipping post.

#### Hidden Charm.

Running off from the lower side of The Bury are several narrow streets and footways, full of delightfully quaint and picturesque old houses, many of them dating back to before the Reformation. Old casthouses stand out against the skyline, and whichever way you look you will be charmed with the unusual outlines and old-world atmosphere of the place, and you will eventually go your way with a very different

and you will eventually go your way with a very different picture of Odiham in your mind.

This forms just a typical example of the point I wish to bring home. Even the most uninteresting looking place is worth a short stay for exploration, and if you have never heard of the place before, that is one of the best of reasons for getting to know more about it. Once you have overcome that feeling of disinclination to stop the car you will find that your rides will be full of new interest, you will become ever keener to know more of the places through which you pass, and I hope that you will be grateful to me for telling you of "the wise man at the inn."

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One of the delightful half-timbered cottages which lie hidden away in the town. A casual visitor AT ODIHAM IN would probably miss this and other interesting features of the place. HAMPSHIRE. c21



OMPARED with their predecessors, modern light cars are supplied with very generous equipment indeed. Even so, no car is absolutely complete, for the simple reason that some accessories which a business man who uses his car only for town work would find very useful would be of very little service to a tourist, and

vice versa. For this reason even the most open-handed manufacturers supply only those fittings which will be of unquestionable use to every purchaser of their products. Readers who are getting their cars ready for a tour will find that there are many "extras" which, although not so much needed in the ordinary way, are well worth obtaining before setting out.

So far as the car itself is concerned, the most important question is that of spares and how to carry them. Unless a car is fitted with a two-way petrol tap, a spare can of fuel is almost a necessity. Garages are certainly to be found at fairly frequent intervals, but even so it is not worth while running the risk of being stranded through shortage of petrol when a spare can is so easy to carry. Can holders for fitting on the running board may be purchased at quite low prices and are, as a rule, little trouble to fit.

It is quite a good plan to buy an ordinary two-gallon can and to enamel it to match the colour of the body,

although, if the car has black wings and wheels, a black can will look quite well. The only disadvantage of setting aside a special can is that it causes a little more trouble when filling up after the reserve supply has been used. An ordinary can obtained from a garage may always be exchanged for a full one, whereas one which has been enamelled a special colour will have to be retained and filled up specially.

When carrying a spare can it is desirable to take a petrol funnel or a pourer which will fit the orifice of the can, otherwise a considerable quantity of petrol is sure to be splashed about when filling up.

A quart tin of oil will also be found useful, for although most garages stock a variety of oils there is always the chance that the particular grade needed may not be available. A good place to carry a quart tin is on the engine side of the dashboard, and special clips for the purpose can be obtained from most large garages. A supply of grease will also have to be taken and a collapsable tube is extremely handy both for carrying and for filling the grease gun. Grease is also obtainable in very convenient tins, from which a gun can be filled without soiling the hands.

#### Ensure Against Plug Trouble.

A set of sparking plugs is another item which is useful, particularly if one is driving a car which is rather prone to plug trouble. Very convenient carriers which will keep plugs handy, but well protected, can be purchased, but there is no reason why they should not be carried in the tool looker provided they are well. not be carried in the tool locker, provided they are well packed.

Although not strictly a spare, it may be mentioned here that a sparking-plug tester of the type which uses a glass tube filled with neon gas is extremely handy for diagnozing plug trouble and is by no means an expensive accessory.

Tyres must not be forgotten, and although every car has a spare wheel it is rather foolish to set out on a tour without a good repair outfit and an adequate supply of patches. One may, perhaps, go for thousands of miles without any trouble whatever, but fate is sometimes very hard and the annoyance of three or four punctures may be experienced in one day. Spare valve insides should also be included in the repair outfit.

Despite the reasonable figure for which they can be obtained, fire extinguishers are not to be found on anything like so many cars as would be expected. Indeed, the attitude of a very large number of drivers is summed up in the words, "I don't think there is much likelihood of a fire card are cornig insured, any much likelihood of a fire, and my car is insured, anyway." This certainly may be so, but tourists would do well to remember that an insurance company will not and, indeed, cannot recompense them for a holiday cut short and spoilt by a burnt-out car.

Unless night runs are to be made, no spares should be necessary for the lighting system, but those who propose to cover any considerable mileage after dark should take with them at least one spare headlamp and one spare side-lamp bulb; there is a very large variety of bulbs fitted to present-day cars and the stock of the average garage includes only the most popular types.

When purchasing, owners should remember that gasfilled bulbs will give a much better light than the vacuum type without increased current consumption. Serviceable bulb carriers which will take a complete set can be obtained at prices ranging from about 2s. 6d.

upwards.

Besides its value for saving current when a car is standing, a paraflin or oil parking lamp which shows a red light to the rear is very useful in an emergency, for in the event of a total failure of the lighting system a driver is not very likely to be stopped by the police if using a lamp of this type. True, the rear number plate would not be illuminated, but no reasonable police constable would report a motorist for this offence if convinced that it was a genuine case of trouble.

#### Pocket Flash Lamp Useful.

It is also quite a good plan to carry an ordinary pocket flash lamp, which will be found useful for innumerable purposes.

Readers who have experienced the difficulty of finding their way at night in strange country need no convincing on the value of a spotlight, and tourists who have not done much night driving, but propose to do so during next holiday, will be well advised to purchase one.

Most owners who have had their cars a few months will already have fitted most of the ordinary accessories which they think desirable and there is no need to enumerate here the many useful gadgets which can be obtained. One or two, however, deserve special mention. A petrol gauge which will enable the driver to discover the contents of the tank without leaving his seat saves much trouble; if no spare petrol is being carried it is almost essential, for it will reduce the chance of accidentally running out of petrol some distance from the garage.



A collapsable tube forms a very convenient way of carrying spare grease, and the gun can be filled without soiling the hands.

Luggage often raises formidable difficulties, but a stout rear grid will solve them to a considerable extent. An alternative plan is to fit a rack so that bags and cases can be carried on the running boards. The result is not perhaps so neat as a rear grid, but a running-board rack has the advantage that it can be taken off again at the end of a tour if not required in the ordinary way. In addition, there is no need to fit two number plates, as is often the case with a rear grid. As a permanent fitting, however, the latter is unquestionably the better.

Readers who will be driving a four-seater with a full complement of passengers would do well to purchase a good rear screen if one is not already fitted. Passengers in the rear seats, unless protected by au efficient screen, often find their pleasure marred by dust and wind; to those whose eyes are not particularly strong, the last part of a run may, in fact, become really painful and they will not look forward to the prospect of several more days of the same trouble.

Tinted glasses, too, are very restful in the summer, especially when a car is being driven westward in the evening. For the driver they are particularly useful, but even the passengers will find them a great help in preventing eye-strain and consequent headaches.

Tourists who propose to take alfresco meals will find that, after a few days, sandwiches, and tea or coffee from thermos flasks, become distinctly unappetizing. Without a good picnic case, however, it is often very hard to vary the menu owing to the difficulty of carrying provisions and the lack of utensils. A picnic case, however, enables quite a variety of appetizing meals to be prepared without much trouble.



AIDS TO \_\_\_\_\_ Tinted glasses will do much to prevent eye-strain in very bright sunshine, whilst a rear screen is almost essential for the comfort of the passengers in the back seats.

An Idea for a Whitsun Run.

To Londoners and those living on the south-east coast, Pitch Hill, Surrey, makes a fine objective for an easy day's run. This article tells how to get there, avoiding the main roads and travelling by way of those picturesque by-lanes for which Surrey is justly so famous.

through beautiful private woods; between the trees glimpses can be gained of a woncerful panorama stretching right away to the South

Downs, some sixteen or twenty miles away.

A number of steep, but well-used, footpaths lead to the top of Pitch, and a truly magnificent view waits as a reward for those who have the energy to make the ascent. Looking due south, the South Downs can be seen for many miles, and, were it not for these screening hills, the Channel with its ships would unquestionably be visible on clear days.

To the west are the hills forming the Hog's Back and also those of the Devit's Punch Bowl at Hindhead. To the east the most interesting point is the Tower on Leith Hill, some four miles distant. This was built by Richard Hull in the year 1766. Being a great admirer of the view, he wished to be buried in the Tower, as indeed he was some six years later. The top of the Tower is just over a thousand feet above sea-level and certainly the highest point for many miles around, though Pitch Hill, which is approximately 850 ft. high, offers a view but little inferior.

#### An Alternative Way Home.

The return journey to London may be made either by retracing the outward run as far as Cranleigh, or, alternatively, by taking the road to Shere which has already been mentioned. If the latter route is chosen, upon reaching Shere a turn to the left for Guildford should be made and the Portsmouth road joined to return to London via Ripley, Esher and Kingston. If preferred, a road to the right may be taken on reaching Shere, and Gomshall, Dorking and Leatherhead included in the homeward route.

It may be mentioned in passing that tea may be obtained on the picturesque lawn of the Compass Inn at Gomshall, which owes its charm to the small river flowing through it, to say nothing of some sociable ducks who will probably come ashore and endeavour

to share the meal!

Before reaching Dorking the motorist will pass through Abinger Hammer, at one time a mediaval iron-foundry, which is said to have produced, amongst other things, the original railings of St. Paul's Cathedral and the guns of the fleet which defeated the Spanish Armada. Leaving Dorking the driver should head for Leaving Dorking the driver should head for Leatherhead, after which he may then choose whichever route into London that best suits the district that he wishes to reach.

The total mileage, assuming Central London as a starting point, will not exceed eighty or ninety miles. and few more enjoyable runs can be obtained within so short a distance of the metropolis. Doubtless during the holiday some of the roads mentioned will be rather crowded, but with the aid of a good map it is not hard to avoid the main roads and thus escape from the TINROD.

TEW more beautiful runs of under a hundred miles in length can be made from London than a journey having as its object an ascent of Pitch Hill in Surrey. From the top of this hill an amazing view over several hundred square miles of the South of England can be obtained, and it is surprising that even more motorists do not pay it a visit.

The conventional way to Pitch Hill is via either Guildford or Dorking to the small village of Shere, from which a steadily rising yet well-surfaced road leads to the foot of Pitch Hill, the final hundred feet

or so having to be climbed on foot.

There is, however, another and far prettier way, and although the gradients are worse in places and the surface anything but good, no modern car should have the slightest difficulty in tackling the run. The beauty of the lanes, which offer innumerable picnick-ing places and increasingly fine views as they mount higher, makes the attempt well worth while.

Cranleigh in Surrey is the point at which the main road is left. It lies between Guildford and Horsham, being about eight miles from the former and but little more from the latter; it may easily be reached not

only from London, but also from the south coast.

From whichever direction Cranleigh is approached the motorist should proceed to the village common, which, incidentally, contains one of the finest and most beautifully kept village cricket grounds in England. On reaching the common the main road may be left to follow one which leads past Cranleigh School, a fine group of buildings lying a hundred yards or so to the left of the road. It is quite worth stopping for a few minutes to see the chapel, which is usually open during the school term.

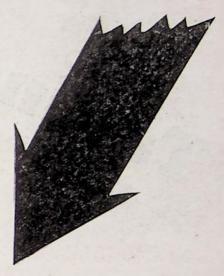
#### Its Reputation Upheld.

About two hundred yards past the school the road forks, and, keeping to the right, one passes through a lovely, high-banked lane, shaded by trees, which meet and form a leafy tunnel; this lane certainly upholds

Surrey's reputation for beauty.

At the next point where the road forks a sign-post, shown in the photograph reproduced above, will be seen pointing the way to Albury and Shere and bearing above it an additional board with the solemn warning: "Road too steep for motors." When this sign was erected the writer does not remember, but presumably it must have been about twenty years ago. The driver of any modern car may turn to the left up this road without undue alarm. It leads to the Windmill Hotel at the foot of Pitch Hill, the last half-mile or so lying c24

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THE ATTRACTIONS OF PEMBROKE-SHIRE AS A TOURING GROUND AT WHITSUNTIDE.

THERE are so few places in England to-day where one can spend a quiet, restful holiday away from the congestion of week-end traffic that, if one can only spare the few extra days that are necessary to run down there, the wilds of Pembrokeshire will be found a boon to the jaded and weary.

One enters this charming paradise of isolation at Haverfordwest, the only really important town in the area, north of Milford Haven, and then there is a choice of several routes; to the north lies Fishguard and Goodwick, to the west St. David's and all the beautiful coastline of St. Bride's Bay, whilst to the south is Broad Haven, Little Haven and many other quaint villages, to say nothing of wonderful stretches of firm, hard sandy beaches, little known to the ordinary tourist.

Newgale sands are almost equal to the now famous Pendine sands; at certain states of the tide, in fact, the surface is even better. The view coming down the hill from the Haverfordwest side, with the sun setting over St. David's Head on a stormy evening, is someting to be remembered.

Hills, of course, will be encountered-severe ones, too-calling for the utmost caution; but if the corners are taken warily there is no real danger.

St. David's itself is quite small, but the glorious cathedral makes up for any lack of interest the former provides. A halt here for a night is well worth taking into consideration, in order to be able to explore the coast-line on foot.

Whitesand Bay, approached by a lane to the north, is not far away, and campers will, no doubt, have visions of a snug berth hereabouts, with the golden



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sands gleaming in the early morning sunlight just below—most inviting for a bathe.

Conchologists, too, will reap a good harvest anywhere along the shores of St. Bride's Bay and the lover of wild nature by the sea will delight in the many clear, deep pools full of sea anemones to be found among the rocks towards Nolton Haven. Farther south, towards the mouth of Milford Haven, are other secluded beaches, besides the fascinating twin villages of Broad Haven and Little Haven, which have long stretches of hard, firm sand.

Then, again, one must not forget that Pembrokeshire is famous for some fine old ruins. Within a day's run of Haverfordwest there are Pembroke, Carew, Manor-bier, Narberth, Roche and Tenby castles, several of which are in an excellent state of preservation.

#### On Tarred Roads.

Whether one makes Tenby or Haverfordwest a centre, with the idea of seeing something of this wild-west corner of Wales, or goes straight through from Red Roses and makes a circuit, one will be equally happy, for nearly all the roads are tarred and, except in August, there is little traffic. The corners west of Tenby, incidentally, are troublesome to large chars-àbancs, which, in consequence, are mostly confined to Carmarthen highways.

Some people like a diversion when on tour, and the writer has a vivid recollection of a most interesting walk many years ago-long before the days of cars or even bicycles—along the shores of St. Bride's Bay, starting from Newgale Bridge, to which point a trap was used. The object of the expedition was primarily for shell hunting, and although it meant scrambling down many a rocky gorge when passing from one bay to another, it was the feeling of isolation-of being so utterly alone with nature—that was so enjoyable.

This applies particularly to the district that surrounds the wild fascination of St. Bride's Bay, where the seagulls scream along the shore and, on a stormy day, the gigantic Atlantic rollers come surging in with a majesty that is quite unsurpassed either on the much-

advertised Cornish coast or elsewhere.



The original ideas and helpful suggestions for successful motoring holidays which will be found in this article are sure to prove of interest and value to car owners, both new and old, who are preparing for their Whitsun tours. As the writer points out, touring may be arranged to suit all inclinations; with a good car and the countryside before them, it is the tourists' own fault if they fail to enjoy their holiday through omitting to make full preparations.

NE of the most popular forms of holiday-making in 1927 will certainly be motor touring. For pure pleasure and complete change of scene, which makes a holiday so beneficial, there is nothing to equal it. A motorcar allows us to explore for ourselves all the beauty-spots of England, Wales and Scotland in a most delightful way, and even quite a short tour can be so arranged that it opens up some of the most beautiful and attractive holiday fields in Britain.

It is advisable, if not necessary, to select the route and to organize the trip in a businesslike manuer, leaving little or nothing to chance. Ensuring hotel accommodation in advance is one of the most troublesome difficulties, especially in "straight-ahead" touring, for it is not easy to map out a tour for a week or a fortnight in such a manner as to calculate just where you will desire to stay each night. On the other hand, failure to arrange accommodation in advance may result in one's party having to take "pot luck" on the road. Thus, one night the hotel visited may be all that can be desired, whilst the next may be just "put-up-able" with, if such an expression may be coined.

Touring without an object is liable to fizzle out aimlessly, and tourists who take the road minus definite plans soon begin to argue among themselves with regard to where they shall "make for" next. There is no satisfaction about such touring, and it is much better to make plans, map out a route, arrange as adequately as possible for accommodation ahead and be determined to work to schedule. You will then get the most out of the time at your disposal.

#### Forming a Plan.

There are various plans which may be adopted. You can work from a centre, for instance, or indulge in "straight-ahead" touring, with a different place to sleep in each night. The former is the better choice if you desire thoroughly to explore some particular region. You drive out by easy stages to the definite centre that has been chosen, there establishing your "G.H.Q.," and from that spot daily runs are taken throughout the surrounding district, covering as many miles as desired each day. In this way a very good knowledge of the topography of the selected piece of countryside is gained. Those who do this are able to secure good hotel accommodation well in advance; or, at least, they are in a position to find the kind of "digs." they want after arrival at their "H.Q." and they have the assurance that it will be available for the whole of their holiday if needed.

Touring from a central headquarters is an excellent arrangement when it is desired to explore the whole or part of a district in detail. For instance, the tourist passing through the Lake District sees but little

of the beauties of the lakes and mountains, whereas those with a centre to work from can seek out all the most charming views and beauty-spots. One drawback, of course, where touring from a centre is concerned, is that it is often necessary to cover much of the same road day after day when setting out on a run and on the return journey.

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In "straight-ahead" touring a wider and more general knowledge of the countryside is gained under varying conditions, but it is less accurate and detailed. If such a trip is carefully mapped out and hotel accommodation arranged for so far as possible in advance, there should be no hitch. Some tourists find that it is not advisable to tie themselves to a definite venue each night, as, where accommodation is booked ahead, it means that they must keep strictly to schedule. They therefore prefer to take "pot luck," which is a good plan in some districts and a very bad one in others.

#### "Point-to-point" Touring.

Another method is a sort of compromise between touring from a central headquarters and "point-to-point" touring. It consists of arranging a trip with a stay of two or three days at each of as many centres of interest as the time at one's disposal will permit. Thus, in a fortnight's holiday you may stay at some half-a-dozen places, spending a couple of days or so at each and exploring the vicinity. This is an excellent plan where the tourist desires to cover a fair mileage and at the same time to visit interesting and attractive places en route. There is less need to keep strictly to schedule as in "straight-ahead" touring, and one can vary the programme from time to time if one wishes to do so.

It is as well to consider, too, the increasing popularity of motor camping. With a tent you are independent of hotels to a great extent, and an enjoyable roving holiday can be planned with a car and a canvas shelter. Provided the weather is fine and warm there is much to be said in favour of it, and the question of camping sites need be no trouble, for it is always possible to find a corner somewhere. For that matter, in many inland resorts to-day there are special facilities for camping.

At one time the motor-camper's equipment was a drawback, as there is nothing more ludicrous than to try to stuff a bulky outfit into the rear compartment of, say, a small coupé; but this is all changed. Tents that are the last word in compactness, easy portability and lightness are now obtainable; chairs and tables are to be had that fold up into a surprisingly small compass, and camp kitchenettes and special devices designed to meet the motor camper's requirements are now available at popular prices. Undoubtedly the

most useful kind of tent is one that can be folded up and packed into a neat roll and carried on the running board of the car. In America the umbrella tent is very popular with motorists, but one doubts whether it is inferior to the more popular patterns commonly used in England.

There is no reason why a camping and motoring holiday should not be a success and prove as fascinating in reality as it sounds in anticipation. The advantages are easily summed up—one gains a sense of independence during the height of the season, when inns and hotels are overcrowded and accommodation, unless booked in advance, is something of a gamble. The tent may be carried anywhere and pitched as and when

required.

The disadvantages are fairly obvious. Some time is taken up in cooking breakfast, striking camp and generally cleaning up; then time must be allowed at the end of the day's run for finding a camping site, pitching the tent—or tents if the party is large—and getting the evening meal ready. Still, it is worth con-

sideration as a novel and health-giving form of holiday. The motor tourist should have a definite system: it does not matter so very much what the system is, and it will be obvious that any systems must vary with the character of the tour and the country to be traversed. For instance, one may elect to "do" some picturesque county, explore a river valley, make a tour of old castles or a range of hills. Ultimately, you may decide to make a pilgrimage through some famous district—Hardy's Dorset, the Lorna Doone region of Devonshire, the land of Scott, the Yorkshire Dales, Derbyshire and the Peak, the Lake District, the New Forest, and Northumberland or the Border Country. Many find pleasure in touring the districts adjoining our great main roads or following in the tracks of the Romans.

Touring, indeed, may be arranged to suit all inclinations and temperaments. With a good car you make your plans and the countryside is before you—to do as you like with, as it were. Yours is the fault if you fail to enjoy your holiday.

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(Above) The approach to the town is by a saw-tooth bridge which spans the River Teme. (Right) A study in different styles of architecture, and an example of a really dangerous corner. (Below) A relic of the days when a shower of molten lead greeted unwanted visitors to the town.

#### LOVELY LUDLOW.

Whitsuntide tourists to Ludlow will probably number many thousands, for it is one of the most ancient, historical and well-preserved towns in England. Apart from the facts that its castle dates from the 11th century and that there are many other buildings of almost equal interest—if not antiquity—the town is attractive by reason of its very pleasant setting.

Ludlow is only 147 miles from London and is a very easy run from the big towns of the Midlands. It is on the main road from Hereford to Shrewsbury, and can be conveniently passed through by those en route for North or Central Wales from Worcester. There is in the town a very old half-timbered hotel, the "Feathers." which has been described as the most-photographed hotel, in the government.

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HERE is surely nothing more enjoyable than bathing, and there is certainly no finer exercise than a swim in the sea. Bathing, too, is everybody's privilege. The tramp is just as much entitled to strip off his rags and plunge into the water as is the millionaire to change his flannels for bathing slips and extend the muscles of his

pampered body in the waves.

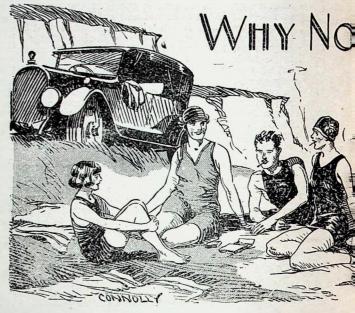
I am very sorry indeed that bathing is not even more free to all than it is. There are, unfortunately, many seaside resorts where stupid restrictions are imposed, whilst river bathing in several districts is hedged around with restrictions which serve no useful purpose and are exceedingly annoying. Even so, however, if you have a car and are keen on a bathe there is the chance of one within an hour's run, no matter in what part of the country you may be.

My own recollections of bathing, both in England and abroad, go back a great many years. I remember dabbling baby toes in the waves at Torquay; the hearty splash I made at nine years of age after being pushed off the diving board into 6 ft. of Thames water when I visited the school bathing place for the first time; the long-drawn-out struggles to regain the beach after swimming too far out to sea as a lad in my late teens; the ill-concealed blushes of a young man and his fiancé taking their first sea bathe together; the jolly family picnic bathing parties of more recent years and, standing out as the most delightful memory of all, a bathing tour by light car along the shores of the Mediterranean.

#### Happy Memories.

I can imagine no more delightful holiday than those all-too-brief days which we spent pottering along from Genoa, through San Remo, Nice and Toulon to Marseilles. We had no schedule, very little luggage and we had made no plans of any kind beyond taking every opportunity which presented itself to lounge in the blue waters and swelter almost naked on the sun-baked beach.

Organized bathing was avoided. We chose secluded stretches of beach where we could slip off our flannels and plunge straight into the water. The seeking of suitable quiet little bays where we could amuse ourselves without interference provided a raison d'être for keeping on the move,



A Whitsun Suggestion by "Foci

whilst adding just that little spice of adventure which makes impromptu touring so very delightful.

Our course was decided with the aid of a large-scale map, and each day we simply chose the road which followed closest to the sea, investigating each little side road to our left to see whether it led to the type of beach which we had in mind. Sometimes it did, but more often it did not! On two occasions a firmish road became a sandy lane, then more sand and still more until we could get no farther. On the first of these occasions bottom gear was used until the soft sand, then perhaps a foot deep, brought the car to an absolute standstill. It was then discovered that the reverse-gear ratio was higher than the first! The car regained the hard road stern first behind two mules.

I believe that little adventures of that kind could be enjoyed just as well in England, Scotland and Wales. We have a most interesting coastline; here flat and sandy, there steep, rocky and forbidding. In parts the coast is dotted with watering places so close together and so similar in appearance that it is hard to tell "t'other from which," whilst not many miles away from these popular and populous districts there is seclusion



# "A BATHING TOUR?



absolute and miles of seashore where one can picnic and bathe without there being a soul in sight or a habitation within miles.

In Scotland and Wales these deserted stretches of beach are easy to find, but in England they are much fewer; even so, however, I know of many, particularly in Devon, Cornwall, Suffolk, Norfolk, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire. The south coast is more crowded, but, never having appealed to me, I do not know it very well.

The idea which I have in mind would be to form a party with one or more cars and plan a bathing tour with no set route and no time-table. A tent or tents might be taken, or alternatively small hotels could be patronized. The former plan probably would be more enjoyable as it allows convention to be thrown to the winds, old clothes can be worn and one could very often spend nights on the seashore.

The constitution of the party would, of course, be an all-important matter. Some might prefer it to be a purely bachelor affair, whilst others, from necessity or choice, might like to make it mixed. In these days the latter plan can be carried out without too much interference from Mrs. Grundy.

I know, in fact, of two married couples who regularly share an ex-Army bell tent when on tour, whilst girls are much more of a help than a hindrance to the success of bathing and camping holidays and need cause no complications on account of the conventions if they are of the healthy open-air type to which a holiday of this kind appeals.

For those who prefer fresh-water bathing to the more exhilarating sport of swimming in the sea, the Thames Valley extends wonderful opportunities for a bathing tour, but there are troublesome restrictions in many places. Perhaps these are compensated for by the attraction of the countryside bordering the river, which extends opportunities for most interesting journeys awheel during the hours that bathing is *verboten*.

In the north and west there are river valleys which are well worth while exploring, but for the most part bathing is not advisable except for fairly strong swimmers, as organized bathing places are not provided and deep pools and strong currents are by no means unknown.

#### A Dip in Every Lake.

One can enjoy wonderful bathing in the Lake District, and I should say that an excellent raison d'être for a fortnight's holiday up there would be provided if one set out determined to plunge each day into the waters of a different lake, river or stream. The achieving of a goal of this kind would call for a fairly considerable mileage being covered in exploring for new bathing places, and certainly would afford one with something really novel to boast about when the holiday was over.

For a bathing hut, whenever one takes a dip, a four-seater with the hood and side curtains erected serves quite well. The towels can be used as blinds over the side screens, or a special set can be made from unbleached calico or some other inexpensive and serviceable fabric. A special blind for the windscreen may also be made if it is considered to be necessary.

After the dip there is nothing like a few minutes spent in strenuous exercise, whilst the Primus is busy with the kettle. Rounders, leap-frog, or, in the case of more dignified folk, organized "physical jerks," restore the blood circulation and make the whole system absolutely glow with a feeling of perfect fitness. Writing with the experience of my Mediterranean tour in mind I can vouch for the fact that there will be few crumbs left in the picnic basket if this routine is carried out.



AT HOLIDAY TIMES, ESPECIALLY, THE ADVANTAGES OF NIGHT TOURING ARE WORTHY OF SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. SOME USEFUL PRACTICAL HINTS AND INFORMATION ARE GIVEN IN THIS ARTICLE.

A holiday times, when many roads are crowded beyond the limits of comfort for nearly twenty hours of the twenty-four, the question of making full use of the hours between midnight and breakfast time is one that is worthy of serious consideration. Given a reasonably reliable car, equipped with a dependable lighting set—(and what modern light car fails in these requirements?)—an all-night run will be found to be thoroughly enjoyable, especially if it is tackled seriously and nothing is left to chance. The idea that reeling off mile after mile with nothing to look at but the hedgerows on each side is in any way dull or uninteresting is quite erroneous, as anybody who has much experience of it will agree.

Night driving is, perhaps, an acquired taste, but it has a peculiar fascination. The habit, once acquired, is seldom lost, for one learns that it is better to have the road to oneself, with only the occasional flash of the eyes of some animal for company, as it stares spellbound at the oncoming blaze of light, than to share it with thousands of others. On certain of the main roads, such as those connecting London and the Midlands, a fair amount of lorry traffic runs right through the night, but this, compared with the ordinary traffic of the day, troubles the light car driver little, whilst higher average speeds can be maintained with safety on account of diminished traffic and of increased safety at cross roads and turnings.

#### Sleep is Essential.

"Turning night into day is no good to me," says the sceptic. "I like my bed." And with him, up to a point, the writer agrees—there is no sense at all in attempting to perform feats of physical endurance at a time when the holiday spirit is abroad. To attempt to do without sleep may be, in fact, in the case of many individuals, to court disaster—the Napoleonic type of constitution is a rarity. Sleep is essential both for comfort and safety, and it is important, when planning a night run, to arrange to get it

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On the average run of say 200 miles—and it is hardly worth while travelling at night if the run is to be much shorter than this—the writer invariably arranges to get a few hours' sleep before starting.

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Rising at about midnight there is time for a light snack meal, with tea or coffee, before making a start at about 1 a.m. Reaching the destination about breakfast time, the party will then be quite fresh for the rest of the morning after a wash and a meal, and with a *siesta* in the afternoon they will find themselves in no way inconvenienced for the rest of the day.

One good meal will be required in the course of the run. It is best to pack a picnic basket and make a



A good spotlight is a very useful if not an essential fixture on the car that is used for long runs by night.

proper meal of it rather than to keep on nibbling through the night. Hot coffee is the most favoured drink, and it is surprising how much of this can be consumed in the course of the run; it is a good plan to borrow as many vacuum flasks as possible and to fill them all. For those who prefer alcoholic bever-



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ages, something fairly light, such as a white wine, is to be recommended. Excepting, perhaps, for those accustomed to them, spirits are best avoided, as, even if taken in strict moderation, they are apt to induce sleepiness.

Dawn is the ideal time for the meal, but it is a mistaken policy to put it off if the party has become affected by cold or drowsiness earlier than this. Planning the run on the lines already indicated, however, it is unlikely that this will be the case.



Dawn or a little later is the ideal breakfast-time when the sun has risen to cheer the spirits of the party.

If there is one certain method of ensuring misery for all concerned, it is to insist on carrying on in these circumstances. A run round to restore circulation, some food and a hot drink, and chill and drowsiness will be banished completely—but if the early symptoms are neglected, the few cold hours around dawn will be full of misery.

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While on the subject of keeping warm, it should be mentioned that the question of clothing is one that requires careful attention. It is quite possible at this time of the year to have clothing that is much too heavy. Leather outer garments may be preferred by sports car men, but they are by no means essential. For the passengers in the rear seats, one or two large rugs—old army blankets do well—are very acceptable as, having no warm draught from under the bonnet, they are apt to suffer from coldness around the feet and legs. Apart from the rugs, no other special covering will be needed, whilst with the hood and side curtains in place even they may be unnecessary.

#### Arranging for Supplies.

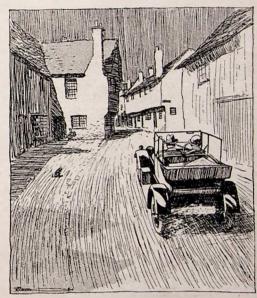
The principal needs of the car during the night will be, of course, petrol and oil, and a certain amount of 'hought may be required to avoid getting stranded. Probably in the course of the run at least one city can be included where there is an all-night filling station, but careful inquiries must be made to be sure of supplies. The entire absence of facilities for getting supplies at night in certain quite large cities in this country is one of the things that puzzles many overseas visitors. A couple of full petrol cans can however be carried on the average luggage grid, in the dickey seat, or on the running boards, but it is not wise to carry these inside the body of the car. The stoppers must be screwed well down and the cans must be fixed so that there is no danger of their shifting. Do not forget a funnel, so that petrol can be transferred to the tank without loss.

Certain additional accessories are well worth getting if night runs are to be made at all frequently. First and most important is a set of spare lamp bulbs -and a case for them. Equally useful are a good electric torch, an inspection lamp and a spotlight. Another very useful gadget is a windscreen visor, or a piece of dark blue glass or celluloid to attach to the windscreen, so that the driver can look through it when necessary, to avoid being dazzled by oncoming traffic. A spare inner tube should be carried in addition to the spare wheel.

Apart from ordinary routine points of maintenance to ensure absolute reliability of every part of the car, the careful focusing of the headlamps is about the only outstanding point calling for special attention. To keep up any kind of average behind lamps that throw their beams up into the boughs of the trees is all but impossible, while anything in the nature of a "blind spot" in the beam has a marked soporific effect on the driver.

#### Attention to the Lighting System.

The electrical system of the average modern light car is fairly well "balanced" so that charge approximately equals discharge with all the lamps alight. The average battery will comfortably stand an excess discharge of two amps. or so for some hours, but should the excess of discharge exceed this, the headlamp bulbs should be changed for a set consuming less current. The gas-filled variety are especially useful.



Ordinary courtesy demands that the minimum of noise shall be made when passing through villages during the silent watches of the night.

On the road, remember that ordinary courtesy demands that the minimum of noise shall be made. Remember, too, that special care is needed at all times when the road is not clear straight ahead—the best headlight beam unfortunately will not bend itself accommodatingly round ordinary curves which in daylight would worry nobody.

Remember your driving licence. Between midnight and dawn the police are nearly always searching for some malefactor, real or illusory, and he who ventures forth without proper credentials is likely to have a bed provided for him at the taxpayers' expense.

A night run nowadays is by no means the adventure it was years ago. Arranged on systematic and common-sense lines, there is no reason why there should be trouble of any kind. The experiment once tried at holiday time is likely to be repeated.

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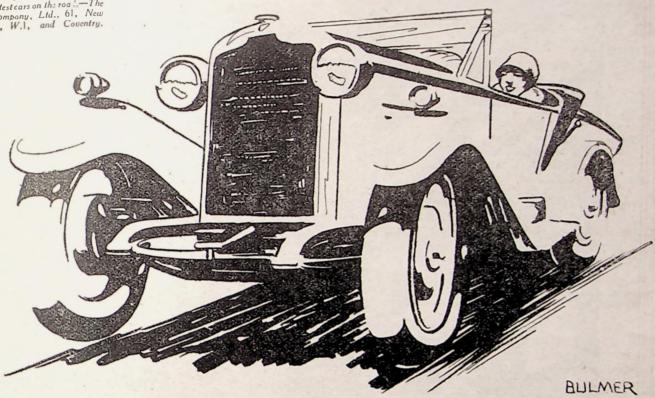
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(Above) A corner of Chapel Style, showing "the church that Adam and Eve were married in," so called because the first couple to be recorded on the register in 1835 were respectively named Adam Fleming and Eve Fleming; their names thus remained unchanged and gave rise to the curious nickname of the church.

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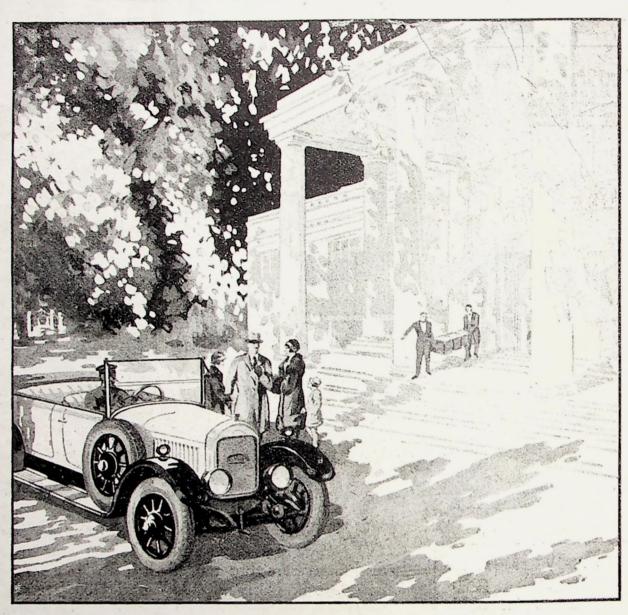
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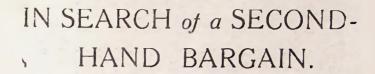


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Eeware of the car which has been polished up well, but is a "ruin" mechanically.

The reasons why it is possible just now to obtain really good second-hand bargains are discussed below in all their interesting details, whilst the writer gives, in addition, a considerable amount of advice which should be most useful to readers who are about to buy a second-hand car in readiness for the Whitsun holiday.

THE man who sets out with money in his pocket to buy a second-hand car is probably, without knowing it, the very man whom literally thousands of his fellowmen would like to meet. For there is a glut of second-hand cars on the market.

Dealers in second-hand models and agents in a very big way of business agree that the used-car problem is to-day a very serious matter. The trouble is that everyone who buys a new car insists upon their old model being taken in part exchange, and this problem naturally becomes more and more acute as the years go by.

Not very long ago the large majority of new cars were being sold to people who were taking up motoring for the first time. To-day, however, the position is changed. There are in Great Britain something like a million and a quarter licensed motor vehicles, and the probability is that in every twelve months at least half of them change hands, some of their owners buying new vehicles and others buying second-hand ones in better condition.

It is, doubtless, fair to estimate—accurate figures being, of course, unobtainable—that there are, therefore, about half a million used motor vehicles being sold every year. Of these, probably half are motorcycles, the balance being made up of a large proportion of private cars and a small proportion of vans, lorries and buses.

#### A Difficult Problem.

The "unloading" of this very large number of vehicles is naturally a problem, and it is a problem which is made exceptionally difficult to solve on account of there being a glut of new cars selling at very attractive prices and offered to the public on terms which

make their purchase a very simple matter.

The cheapest cars, of course, are produced in the largest numbers. They are obtainable on the easiest terms and they are advertised in the most attractive manner. To-day a man who has no car can obtain delivery of a new one costing £150 or so on payment of a deposit of only £15, or even less, whilst such additional advantages as free tultion are offered, and even the insurance premium has not to be paid for "on the nail." Can it be wondered, this being the case, that a man with £100 in his pocket and a keen desire to buy second-hand car has the market at his feet?

only to turn to the advertisement columns of the motor pers to find any number of private owners with cars

for sale, and the large majority of these will be only too pleased to welcome him at their homes and give him reasonable facilities for examining and testing the cars which they have for sale.

In dealing with the trade, he finds that a similar state of affairs prevails. If he asks for a trial run it is invariably granted; if he wishes to have the top of the gearbox removed there are plenty of mechanics at hand ready and willing to oblige him, whilst if he wants the entire car vetted by an engineer no difficulties are made. The reason is, of course, because cash buyers of second-hand cars are very difficult to find, whilst the cars themselves are for the most part in quite good condition.

#### In the £100 Class.

For £100 to-day it is possible to buy a reasonably upto-date model which could be honestly described as "in perfect mechanical condition." It is a drug on the market, simply because the man who has it for sale, if he is a dealer, has to compete against other dealers with new cars for sale on very attractive terms, whilst if he is a private owner he has not only the new car agents to compete against but the second-hand dealers in addition.

The latter to-day do business in a very different manner from that which was common even so recently as two or three years ago. Some of them did not hesitate in those days to foist any kind of a car on to a man who was an obvious mug. There were rumours which had some foundation, in fact, of used cars being faked up by traders to make them "go well enough to sell," and it was not uncommon for a certain class of dealer to refuse to be responsible in any way for a second-hand car once it had left his premises.

To-day all this has changed, for those who are in business as second-hand dealers cannot afford to make enemies, whilst they have learned that it pays better to put a car into proper running order before selling it than to botch it up and have endless trouble with the purchaser once it has been "unloaded."

This applies with just as much force in the case of a car bought by deferred payments as with one which is purchased for cash, but cash buyers generally manage to secure a better bargain. This is because a man who approaches a dealer to buy a car from him by deferred payments usually does so in the belief that he is asking a favour of the dealer, and, in consequence, he is less inclined to "haggle" than if he had the full amount in cash in his pocket. Why this should be so

it is difficult to explain. Dealers do their best to put deferred-payment purchasers at their ease, whilst the fact that they are keen to effect transactions of this kind is made more than evident by the extensive manner in which they advertise their willingless to sell cars "by degrees."

Points which buyers of second-hand cars should bear in mind have been dealt with in detail on many occasions in this journal. It has been shown that special attention should be given to ascertaining that the



The mileage reading of a speedometer should not be taken as giving a definite indication of the actual mileage which a secondhand car has covered.

general mechanical condition of the car is sound, and it has been emphasized that a good external appearance should not necessarily be regarded as any criterion of the true value of the car.

It is easy to have a light car repainted and polished up so that it presents a very good appearance, and this practice is resorted to by many people with cars for sale. Wary buyers will be on their guard against cars which obviously have just been repainted, but it is quite wrong to assume that because a car has had a coat of paint it is on that account necessarily defective mechanically.

#### Golden Rules.

For those who do not know a great deal about a car there are a few golden rules to be observed when they are buying one second-hand. The first is to satisfy themselves that the car has been properly looked after by its owner. This can be done by examining all visible moving parts of the chassis to make sure that they have been properly oiled and greased. If they have not, there will be traces of rust and the various greasers will show obvious signs of having been neglected.

The contents of the tool box will give a fair indication of whether the owner of the car is a careful or clumsy mechanic, whilst the condition of the various nuts and bolts about the car which need tightening from time to time will also provide a clue with regard to the capabilities of the owner. If the edges of the nuts are all burred over, they provide a clear indication of the fact that the man who has had charge of the car has not tackled maintenance work in a painstaking

The speedometer reading should be noted, but it must not be regarded as providing accurate information

concerning the mileage which the car has covered. This is much more accurately determined in the case of a fairly new car by the condition of the tyres, whilst the state of the control pedals will also furnish a clue concerning the amount of use which the car has had. The condition of the starter teeth on the flywheel, the amount of brake adjustment which remains to be taken up and the back-lash present in the steering are also points to be noted.

When the car is taken on the road it is a good plan to get the driver to take it along slowly, watching, meantime, from the footpath to make sure that all the wheels revolve truly. A back wheel which wobbles is a sure indication either that one of the axle shafts is bent or that the wheel is out of truth. If the spare wheel is fitted and this, in turn, wobbles, then it may be depended upon that it is an axle shaft which is at fault.

#### On the Road.

Whilst taking a test run in the car, insist upon the owner driving it slowly in top gear. The manner in which the car accelerates from about 5 m.p.h. in top will furnish useful information in connection with the condition of the engine and the transmission. If it pulls away quite steadily there is nothing much wrong, but if there is pronounced snatching and jerking, possibly accompanied by rumbling noises from beneath the floorboards, then it is certain that an overhaul will be necessary before very long.

The great thing for buyers of second-hand cars to



Find out as much as possible concerning the past history of a used car which is offered for sale, and deal with a man to whom you can return if the car is not a success.

remember is that it is essential to be able to discriminate between defects which are easily remedied and those which would involve a fairly heavy repair bill. It is for that reason that the services of an experienced friend are so desirable when the choice is being made.

It is always a good plan, when buying a second-hand car, to ascertain as much as possible concerning its past history; the registration book will furnish useful information in this connection and it should always be examined before a deal is completed. A car which has had only one previous owner is certain to be in better condition than one which has been through many hands.



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# BUYING BY INSTALMENTS.

#### Helpful Information About Modern Hire-purchase Schemes

purchase schemes following a decision by the Motor Trade Association, which has just passed a resolution to the effect that dealers may give delivery of a car upon payment of the first monthly instalment. Several large concerns are already prepared to supply cars on this basis.

Previously, it will be remembered, a quarter of the purchase price was normally charged as a deposit, the interest on the balance usually being at the rate of 5 per cent, for 12 monthly payments and 7½ per cent, when the instalments were spread over 18 months. With the new system the buyer pays slightly more because the total of the instalments is greater, but, of course, has the advantage of a much smaller first payment.

Readers who are contemplating a deferred payment transaction merely to save disturbing their investments would do well to consider the idea of obtaining a loan from their bank and actually paying cash down for the car. Provided a customer can furnish sufficient security in the shape of stock or bonds, a bank will always make a loan; the interest charged varies slightly, but is usually about 5 per cent.

The advantage of this scheme is that the sum charged for interest decreases as the loan is repaid, whereas with a deferred payment transaction interest is charged on the whole of the balance for the entire period, although a considerable part of it is paid off in a few months. This plan, incidentally, is very convenient, for a customer can arrange for his account to be debited periodically by the bank to pay off the loan. Any reader to whom this scheme appeals should certainly have a chat with the manager of the local branch of his bank, who will, of course, be pleased to discuss details.

Despite the prejudice of people who "as a matter of principle," to use their own expression, will not buy a car unless they can pay cash down, an evergrowing number of motorists are buying both new and second-hand cars under hire-purchase schemes, and it is not too much to say that in a few years' time the proportion of cash transactions will be very small. Indeed, there is much to recommend the deferred payment system, and its "snags" exist only in the minds of harsh critics. After all, 90 per cent. of those whose principles would not allow them to buy a car in this way would have no hesitation in purchasing a house on a system which, although having a different name, is essentially the same.

There is really no risk in buying a car by monthly payments, for even should unforeseen circumstances arise which prevent the payments being continued, any reputable dealer would either buy the car back or agree to its being sold to pay off the outstanding balance. Those who are considering the purchase of their first car, but are doubtful whether to buy now by instalments or to wait another year and then pay cash down, would do well to rid their minds of any prejudice before making a decision.

Nowadays there are no annoying formalities to be complied with, and all transactions are carried out on a confidential basis, many dealers, in fact, not even requiring references.

A special attraction has recently been added to hire-

## WHEN IT PAYS TO PART-EXCHANGE.

THERE comes a time in the history of a car when it pays the owner to exchange it for another. This time naturally varies according to the type of work which the car is called upon to do and the particular requirements of individual owners.

Commercial travellers find that it pays them handsomely to part exchange their cars for a new one every year; probably in the course of 12 months they have covered a mileage of 15,000 or even 20,000, and at the end of this period a car is ready for a general overhaul, which may entail it being laid up for two or three weeks or even longer, whilst the bill, including tyre renewals and so forth, may run into £30 or £40. Even then, of course, the car would not be nearly so smart as a new one and smartness pays in the case of men who are "on the road."

The new-car-a-year plan therefore has clearly much to recommend it from the point of view of business men, but for folk who run cars principally for pleasure

it is extravagant and quite unnecessary. In the ordinary course of events a man who buys a new car for use at week-ends and short runs on summer eveniugs can keep it with advantage for three or four years before he parts with it in exchange for a new one, whilst if he is mechanically minded and is capable of maintaining its condition and reliability without calling in the assistance of a repair shop, he may find that it is a paying proposition to keep a car for an even longer period.

A difficulty which arises, of course, is that a car which is three or four years old begins to look somewhat out of date, whilst it lacks the most modern items of equipment and gives neither the performance nor the comfort which other motorists are enjoying.

Both performance and comfort, however, are expensive luxuries, and there are many motorists who declare that, as a car has depreciated after five years as much as it is likely to depreciate for a very con-

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siderable period, it is usually wiser from the financial point of view to keep it until it "falls to pieces."

On the other hand, there are many very old cars which are still giving yeoman service simply because their owners have never allowed troubles to accumulate. Immediately anything has been found to be going wrong it has been remedied. Cars like this, which have been properly treated, can be picked up from time to time in the second-hand market, and owners of cars in an advanced stage of dilapidation are better advised to do a part-exchange deal for another well-cared-for car than to go to the expense of having their own worn-out model overhauled.

The business which is done in exchanging second-hand cars for others in better condition is very extensive, a fact which is made clear from a study of our advertisement columns. Those who effect transactions of this kind are usually folk who are content to have a car which is not the last word in "up-to-dateness," but who, at the same time, do not wish to be annoyed with perpetual petty troubles.

They have realized that for their particular needs a second-hand car, which has already depreciated to the tune of something like 30 per cent., is often a better proposition than a new one, particularly as they can

run it for a year or two and then do another partexchange deal without dropping more than £20 or so. In this manner they always have a reasonably modera car without having to bear heavy depreciation losses.

It is an open point whether an advantage is to be gained by doing a part-exchange deal instead of selling the old car and thus having a free hand to explore the market without being fettered with an old car for the seller to take in part exchange. Certainly if one has the time and the patience it is a better proposition first to dispose of the old car, but in these days when the second-hand market is so flooded and when private sellers have to compete against traders who have brought the disposing of used cars to a fine art, it is undeniable that private sales are rather hard to make unless an exceptionally attractive car is being offered.

The question is sometimes asked where dealers dispose of cars which some folk would regard practically as junk, and it is a question which it is very difficult to answer. Undoubtedly there is a sale for very old cars so long as the manufacturers are in business and spare parts can be obtained. When this is not the case they usually fall into the hands of concerns which specialize in breaking up old cars and ultimately are sold in the form of spare parts.

#### WHY NOT HIRE A CAR FOR WHITSUN?

A LTHOUGH it is the ambition of most people to have a car of their own, often for financial and other reasons this ambition cannot be realized. Because of this, however, there is no reason why anyone who is able to drive should not enjoy the pleasures of motoring occasionally, as it is possible nowadays to hire really good cars for short or long periods.

So far as light cars are concerned a number of quite good makes are available for hire purposes by certain concerns specializing in this business, and the cost is by no means excessive. As a rule, a light car of about 10 h.p. can be hired for £1 per day for a period of a week or more, but shorter periods, such as week-ends, are charged for at slightly higher rates-about £3 10s. to £4 4s. being the price asked for Saturday to Monday hire.

For long period hire the car is insured by the owners and the hirer is involved in no expense other than that of the hire charges and the cost of petrol and oil. A deposit, amounting as a rule to about £10, is required by the owners before the car is driven away, and naturally they require to satisfy themselves that the hirer is a good driver.

It is usual also to require the full amount for the hire of the car to be paid in advance, and the hirer can satisfy himself that the car offered is in good working order before he takes it over.

No restrictions are placed upon the mileage that can be covered in a given period.

In the event of a new tyre or other replacement being necessary whilst the car is on hire, the owners require, as a rule, that it shall be obtained from them. Thus, should the hirer have the misfortune to burst a tyre beyond repair he must wire the owners requesting them

to send off another tyre immediately, because obviously this, so far as the owners are concerned, is the cheapest course. If the tyre were bought by the hirer he would have to pay for it at normal retail prices, whereas the owners of the car, being established traders, can obtain tyres at trade prices. Another point is that if the hirer bought the tyre himself he would expect some

reimbursement when he returned the car and it might be difficult to arrive at a fair price.

When the car is returned to the owners after being hired, they examine it in order to see that no damage has been done-fair wear and tear excepted-and naturally they find it necessary to make the examination fairly thorough, becareless cause unscrupulous hirers have, before now, been known to run the engine with insufficient oil, with the result that the bearings have been badly damaged.

It is for this reason that a deposit is required. If the car is returned in good condition the deposit is refunded in full. If, however, it can be proved that, due to carelessness, some part of the car has been damaged which will involve the owners in a

certain amount of expense, the estimated cost of the repairs will be deducted from the deposit.

The general system of hiring, however, is very satisfactory to the hirer, and those who wish to obtain a car for short periods will find that their needs will be met in a very convenient manner, and if they treat the hired car carefully the owners will always be ready to do business with them in future and probably will be quite prepared to make various small concessions in their favour with regard to costs and so forth.



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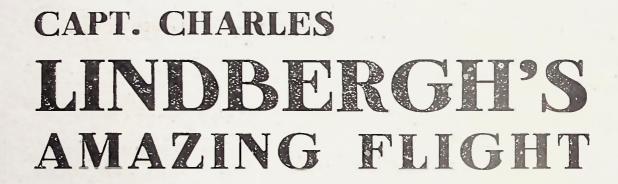
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### LAUGHTER IN COURT

Mr. W. Heath Robinson's Inimitable Humour.

#### S.P.C.M. PROSECUTION NOT UPHELD.

Hearty laughter punctuated the hearing of an appeal by a motorist against an S.P.C.M. prosecution, in which an Inspector of the Society (The Society For The Prevention of Cruelty To Motors) had alleged wanton neglect of a car engine by using an inferior grade of lubricating oil.

The motorist protested that he had, on the very day of the alleged offence, pur-chased the very finest lubricating oil in the world, and he appeared in the witness box carrying the actual tin. He exthat there was only one lubricating oil which really did give More Power, Easier Starting and Less Carbon, and produced a copy of a book entitled "Technical Talks" which gave absolute proof of this contention. The book was handed to the Jury, and to the surprise of the

Provincial Court, each one in turn gave vent to hearty laughter. Mr. Justice Speed angrily demanded the reason, but on looking through the pages could not restrain his own mirth.



"THE PROVINCIAL COURT."

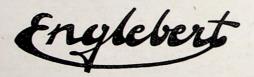
"I see that this book is illustrated by Mr. W. Heath Robinson," explained the Judge," and his fanciful ideas as to how ADCOL, The New Process Oil, is perfected for motor lubrication are quite sufficient excuse for this disturbance of the gravity of the Court." To come back to the case in hand, he was quite clear on one point, that the defendant had

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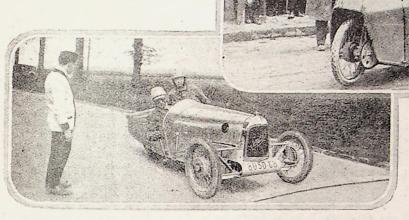
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#### CYCLECAR COMMENTS.

By SHACKLEPIN.

THE CYCLECAR MOVEMENT
IN FRANCE—A LARGE
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FOUR-WHEELERS AND
THREE-WHEELERS—BUILDING TO ORDER.



These photographs depict (above) the Villard and (left) the Sandford. They are respectively the cheapest and most expensive three-wheelers in France.

Most of my readers will, I am the cyclecar movement, as a whole, is faring on the other side of the Channel. In France there are so many really excellent small cars available, with engines of 1,100 c.c. or below, that the continued existence of true cyclecars in that country may appear surprising. The movement can scarcely be said to flourish, perhaps, but there are at least half a dozen French cyclecar firms actually doing business with a reasonable production. A few others have been in existence for many years, but their production is so limited that one seldom hears of them.

Dealing first with cyclecars well known to the public, we have, amongst four-wheeled vehicles, the Lafitte, the Sima-Violette and the Alcyon. The last-mentioned cyclecar is simply a reproduction of the Sima-Violette built under licence by the Alcyon Motorcycle Co. Well-known three-wheelers include the Morgan, Sandford, D'Yrsan and Villard. The Morgan, as in England, is entirely in a class by itself. It is the one true cyclecar which has proved a big commercial success in both countries.

The Sima-Violette and the Lafitte are utility machines. The former has certainly been kept in the public eye by the astonishing exploits of its designer with specially built racing machines; but it is as a cheap and practical runabout that the Sima-Violette has made its appeal rather than as a sporting outfit.

The Lafitte provides an exceptional degree of comfort for a cycle-car. It has all the appearance of a small car, but there is nothing what-

ever of small-car design about the chassis. The Lafitte makes no pretence to very high speeds. It is quite fast enough for all ordinary purposes, whilst its sterling qualities in the way of hard work and reliability are rapidly overcoming a certain prejudice against the very unorthodox layout of the chassis.

The Villard is a quaint-looking but thoroughly practical little machine with front-wheel drive. It has the distinction of being unquestionably the cheapest practical two-seater in the world. I know of no other £60 cyclecar upon which I would set out upon a 2,000-mile trip over French roads with any anticipation of a notrouble run.

The Sandford is the extreme opposite of the machine just referred to. It is essentially a cyclecar de luxe, built for speed enthusiasts. The latest type of Sandford costs over £200, or more than many French light cars!

Mr. Sandford is an Englishman, settled in France for many years, who has managed to turn a hobby of racing to practical account. He has specialized in fast three-wheelers and succeeded in producing a very high-grade machine indeed. The Sandford output is quite small—actually about 50 cars a year. Mr. Sandford will not increase it, although the demand for the machine exceeds the supply.

This policy is quite a sound one. Each machine receives individual attention and is built with the same care as a racing car. As a result, the maker knows that every Sandford leaving the works will maintain the firm's fine sporting reputation.

The D'Yrsan offers a combination

of speed with comfort. It is another high-grade machine with a really excellent suspension system, designed for fast touring over bad Continental roads. Both the Sandford and D'Yrsan cyclecars have four-cylinder car-type engines. Builders of small vehicles in France are fortunate in having a variety of first-class proprietary engines from which to choose. There are five-or six engine-building firms in the country which specialize in units of from 750 c.c. to 1,100 c.c.

Turning to the lesser known makes, there are quite seven or eight of these, but in some cases the makers persist in turning out really pasty machines which no one wants to buy. In others the cyclecars are really good, but are built only "to order," like an expensive suit of clothes.

The client, when one can be found, orders a car and pays a deposit. He also chooses the colour and shape of the body and specifies such details as the length of the wheelbase and the h.p. of engine he requires. The deposit provides funds to purchase an engine, and with this the manufacturer proceeds to a shed at the bottom of his garden where there are sure to be sufficient bits and pieces lying about to build the chassis.

In two or three months' time the cyclecar will be delivered.

Most astonishing of all, perhaps, it will probably run very well indeed and give an excellent account of itself in competitions.

Do not think that the above is a mere flight of fancy; I am writing with a very intimate knowledge of the subject. Some of these cyclecars show great originality in design, and if taken up by a business concern might quite possibly prove commercial successes.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY A.-C. AT BROOKLANDS.

A WELL-ATTENDED MEET-ING, WHICH PROVIDED GOOD SPORT.

THE number of spectators at Brooklands last Saturday when the Middlesex County Automobile Club held its annual meeting, was very satisfactory and quite up to the total usually found at a private meeting, whilst the club was fortunate also in having obtained a large number of entries for all the seven events in the programme.

The proceedings opened with a speedjudging competition in which the speedometers of the competing cars were
covered and watches were not allowed
to be carried. Competitors had to cover
one lap with a flying start, and before
starting each was told the speed at
which he was required to drive, the competitor approaching closest to this speed
being judged the winner. A large number of cars, both large and small, took
part in this event, but no light car
figured in the results. The winner was
E. C. Hopkins (Vauxhall) who maintained the exact speed at which he had
been told to drive.

A number of light cars took part in the short handicap race over a distance of two laps, the starting and finishing lines being at the fork. K. M. Asprey, driving a two-cylinder 1,498 G.N., was scratch man, and although he got away very well he could not hope to catch some of the very fast cars which were also competing, and the race went to G. Fairrie driving a 1,990 c.c. straight-eight Bugatti. The second man, R. M. V. Sutton (Lea-Francis), was only 100 yards behind Fairrie, whilst third place was taken by the Hon. Mrs. Victor Bruce in a 1,991 c.c. Acedes saloon. The winner's speed was 79.93 m.p.h.

#### Supercharged Cars.

The next event was also a short handicap race in which several supercharged cars were entered, and in which, also, there was considerable added interest from the fact that Mr. George Duller and Capt. Malcolm Campbell were competing. Both of these drivers were using straight-eight Bugattis, Duller's being a 1,990 c.c. type whilst Campbell's was a supercharged 1,492 c.c. modef. They started together from scratch, and there was every possibility of an exciting duel between them. Un-

A Lea-Francis, an Aston-Martin and an Alvis starting together in the 50-mile race. Light cars swept the board in this event.

fortunately, however, Capt. Campbell was compelled to retire owing to an exhaust pipe coming loose, and the race went to Mr. W. B. Scott (1,990 c.c. Bugatti) with Duller second and V. Gillow (Riley) third. Mr. Scott's speed was \$5.22 m.p.h.



G. E. T. Eyston (Aston-Martin), winner of the 50-mile race.

As a variation from racing the fourth event took the form of a starting and stopping competition, the winning carbeing that which occupied the shortest time in starting from a given point and stopping within a space between two lines marked on the track. The competition provided a fair amount of amusement as several competitors overshot the mark and had to reverse, whilst

others judged their distances so inaccurately that they stopped dead before reaching the mark. First, second and third places were taken by large cars.

In the long open handicap over a distance of \$\frac{3}{4}\$ miles there were sixteen starters, a large number of which were light cars. A notable feature of this event was the remarkable acceleration of the Burt Special which was driven by R. S. Messervy. The supercharged E.H.P., driven by G. W. Olive was compelled to retire, and trouble also beset B. Eyston (Aston-Martin). G. E. T. Eyston (Aston-Martin) and R. M. V. Sutton (Lea-Francis) fought a determined duel for first place, but the winner proved to be G. Fairrie (1,990 c.c. Bugatti) with B. E. Lewis, driving Capt. Malcolm Campbell's 1,496 c.c. Bugatti, second, and G. E. T. Eyston (Aston-Martin) third. The winner's speed was \$7.68 m.p.h.

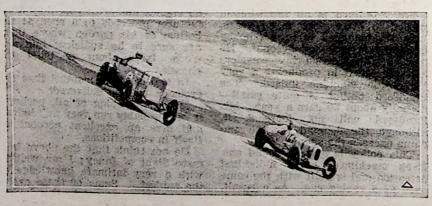
#### The 50-mile Race.

The most interesting event of the afternoon was undoubtedly the 50-mile handicap race which resulted in light cars sweeping the board by coming in first, second, third and fourth. A very hot pace was set, and this resulted in a number of retirements, G. Newman (Salmson) being particularly unfortunate in suffering a broken petrol pipe on his third lap. I. Macdonald (Alvis) and B. Eyston (Aston-Martin) retired after completing about 15 out of the 19 laps.

G. E. T. Eyston (Aston-Martin) and

G. E. T. Eyston (Aston-Martin) and R. F. Oats (1,991 c.c. O.M.) had been running in close company for some time, although Eyston was one lap ahead of Oats, and on the fifteenth lap Eyston opened out still further to increase his lead, and in doing so went away from the rest of the field to win by about half a lap, with W. U. Dykes (Alvis) second and H. W. Purdy (Bugatti) third, a good fourth being made by Dr. J. D. Benjafield (Salmson). The winner's speed was 86.17 m.p.h.

The final event was a hill-climbing competition up the test hill, but a sharp rain storm rather spoiled it. The cars were required to make the climb from a standing start, and all of them went up in first gear, no attempt being made, of course, to change up. Several light cars were entered for this event, and all climbed well, but the results (which will be on time and formula) were not announced at the meeting.



ON THE BANKING. The winning Aston-Martin leading a 1,991 c.c. O.M. These two cars remained in close company for several laps of the 50-mile race.

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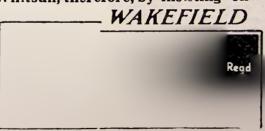
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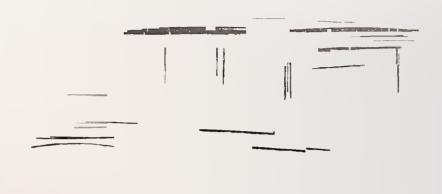
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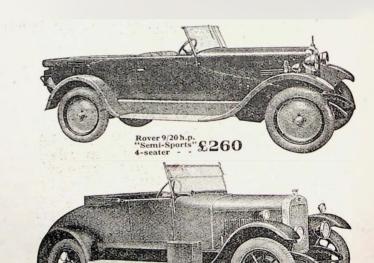
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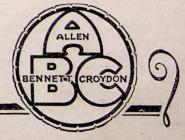
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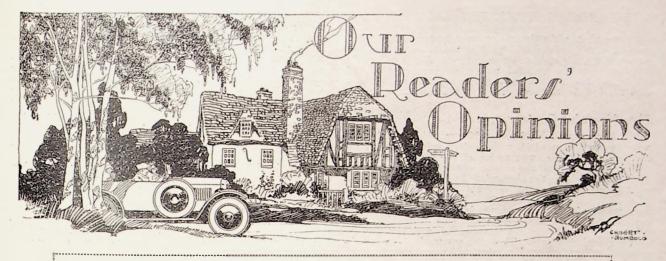
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#### EXTRA-AIR VALVES.

#### The Controversy Continues—A Test to Materialize?

#### Carburetter Design.

The elegant tribute which your correspondent, "C.B.M.-B.," pays to the wisdom of carburetter designers

and the sound judgment of engine manufacturers, in the issue of The Light Car and Cyclecar for Ma. 20th is certainly well merited.

"C.B.M.-B.," however, has overlooked one important point. The gentlemen to

whom he refers have to consider not only the subject of carburation, but also that very important element which enters so largely into all commercial undertakings, viz., popular demand.

Now, the motoring public have demanded a carburetter which is controlled by a single lever. That being so, the designers have a very serious limit-placed upon their freedom. I suggest to "C.B.M.-B.," and others who regard the modern carburetter as the acme of perfection, that if motorists would tolerate a two-lever control, a very marked change would rapidly take place in carburetter design. Those best able to judge are, however, of the opinion that a large proportion of motorists have no knowledge of carburation, and many of them no interest in it. ledge of carburation, and many of them no interest in it. To such, double-lever control would be more plague than profit.

A carburetter of this type would, however, have no use for an extra-air valve, but in existing circumstances the extra-air valve is a step in the direction of remedying an error (for those who care to use it) which is imposed upon us all by the demands of the majority. A.H.S.

#### Why They Are Still "Extras."

May I be permitted just a little of your space to reply to "C.B.M.-B." regarding modern carburetters and extra-air valves, as the matter concerns us intimately and, I hope, interests your readers. The first and

interests your readers. The first and second halves of your contributor's letter The Car Makers' seem rather contradictory. However, just a few facts and observations. Is Viewpoint.

it likely that a car manufacturer will go to the expense of fitting an air valve if he can sell cars without them? He probably argues: "Why not let the owner pay for one if he wants one?" Then, again, if a maker turns out 2,000 cars per annum, and he fits something costing, say, £1 more, his production expenses are increased by £2,000. Further, we have yet to find a carburetter (or any other) manufacturer who like turer who likes to admit that his product can be improved

by an additional fitting.

"C.B.M.-B." obviously overlooks one great advantage of a hand-controlled extra-air valve—its use as an air brake when descending hills.

Can anyone name a carburetter which adjusts itself to the very varying changes of engine and atmospheric temperature and conditions? These changes greatly affect carburation, but compensation for them is instantly available when a hand-controlled air valve is fitted. I think most motorists know that if the carburetter is set to give nice running when starting from cold, the mixture is far too rich when properly warmed up.

H. Hibbert,

For THE ARC MANUFACTURING Co.

Intelligence Necessary for Good Results. Your correspondent, "Curious," calls for a statement (presumably from anybody who can deal with the subject) as to why extra-air valves are condemned in practice. May

I, as one who has studied the subject
The Carburetter both in theory and practice for more
Makers' Attitude, than a dozen years, venture to make
one or two somewhat dogmatic state-

ments? In the first place all extra-air devices are a round-about attempt to obtain, either by volitional, automatic or semi-automatic adjustment, that perfect carburation at all engine speeds which the carburetter, if it were a perfect instrument, would achieve.

The use of an extra-air device is like giving a patient morphia to relieve pain. It relieves pain by temporarily lulling the nervous system into a condition of rest, but it does not get at the root of the trouble-nor does an extraair fitment. Not only that, but it upsets carburation by varying the cheke-tube velocity and, consequently, the atomization of petrol from the jets. It is a well-known fact that air leaks upset carburation, make slow-running impossible and generally increase petrol consumption. An extra-air device—if kept open continuously—merely produces this condition of affairs, which means that the hand-operated type must be used by a driver with an intelligent understanding of the requirements of his engine.

At high speeds, an extra-air valve (intelligently operated)

increases the proportion of air to petrol which is drawn into the cylinders, and this is a desirable object, but if the and the cylinders, and this is a desirable object, but it the carburetter were giving a perfect mixture at all speeds the device would not be necessary. It will now be apparent why manufacturers, who claim that their carburetters are perfectly automatic, decry the use of the attachment. I have yet to be convinced, however, that the carburetter which is absolutely and perfectly automatic has arrived, and my experiments cover practically all well-known

In any event, the very fact that discerning motorists on every hand either fit or contemplate some compensating device to assist and improve carburation is, in itself, an

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#### OUR READERS' OPINIONS (contd.).

indication that, while the modern carburetter of recognized make is a wonderfully efficient instrument, the day of the perfect automatic carburetter is not yet. And it will never come until we are supplied with a carburetter which will achieve, of itself, what an intelligent driver can perform NORMAN R. ROLPH. with a two-lever carburetter.

#### The Air-value Controversy.

We have read with interest Messrs. Aldam and Co.'s reply in your issue of May 20th. The writer is not fully conversant with the exact action of the new Mosaire, but

if the suction orifice communicates with the induction behind the throttle, it

Agreed To. should operate and synchronize with the throttle. Unfortunately, however, as a result of many experiments in this direction, no two cars seem alike in this respect and quite a number exist which exert practically the same suction with the throttle open as with it closed. Thus the automatic device would close the valve when most required to be open, that is, when running fast. It would also seem that closing the valve with the throttle prevents it being used as an air brake, one of the most desirable advantages of an extra-air inlet.

We would again repeat that the price of the Arc atomizer was reduced before the Mosaire made its appearance.

Messrs. Aldam and Co.'s reason for the price reduction is
not convincing in view of the statements they made in the
first part of their advertisement. It is impossible to argue

both ways even in print.
It is to try to find out if the Mosaire device does actually spray the air, spirally or otherwise, into the induction pipe, that we proposed a comparative test, as the Arc atomizer certainly does give the spraying effect. We have challenged Messrs. Aldam to a very definite and fair test, to try to find out which air valve atomizes or diffuses the air the find out which air valve atomizes or diffuses the air the better and under conditions which are a duplication of actual working conditions. We are quite prepared that it shall be carried out by the person in question (a technical contributor to The Light Car and Cyclecar) without either party being present, and we are writing Messrs. Aldam and Co. direct regarding the proposed test.

The "Arc" Manufacturing Co.

\* By the same post as the above letter we received the following from Messrs. Aldam and Co., makers of the Mosaire device.—Ed.:—

The Arc company have consented to a test made by the writer of the recent article. The only proviso we suggest is that the method of testing the efficacy of the device as a diffuser must be left entirely to the discretion of the person making the test, because, as you say, he has every facility, and we do not want any amateurish experience, but an upto-date scientific method, ALDAM AND CO.

\* We have put Messrs. Aldam and Co. and Messrs. The Are Manufacturing Co. in touch with our contributor whose report we shall be prepared to publish after the

test has been carried out .- ED.

#### The Cox-Atmos Fuel Cut-off

read with interest the very lucid letter from Mr. J. W. G. Brooker on the subject of extra-air valves. I had a Rover Eight fitted with an Arc atomizer and I found

this very useful, especially when descending hills and in reducing petrol Experiences Wanted. consumption, as I obtained 50 miles to

the gallon on long runs. I now have an 11 h.p. Clyno ear, which has a Cox-Atmos earburetter, model B. The makers of this carburetter do not recommend the type of extra-air valve which admits air on the engine side of the carburetter choke, stating that air admitted at this point seldom, if ever, properly blends with the carburetted mixture delivered from the choke, and tends to set up "stratification."

The Cox people have a fuel cut-off which, they claim, absolutely eliminates any fear of stratification. choke are two double rows of holes, and the fuel cut-off device is in the form of a plug which works inside the choke, enabling one to close the holes entirely, and by opening the throttle fully the fuel is cut off until one reverses the operation, when the engine immediately takes up its work again.

In the case of my Clyno, I found that by replacing the 95-size jet with a size 90 my car would take hills of about 1 in 12 in top gear, which it would not do with the larger jet, but for steeper hills requiring second gear, or for speed on the level, I find the larger jet far more efficient. This apparently proves that an extra-air device has its advantages.

As I have only two years' motoring experience I should like to hear the views of any of your readers who have fitted the Cox fuel cut-off device. I very much appreciate the useful help which I am continually receiving from your interesting paper. CLYNO.

#### Preserving Rural Beauty-Engine Cooling.

#### An Excellent Move.

I was very glad to see in last week's issue of your journal that the British Petroleum Co. has decided to have the petrol pumps under its control repainted in a colour

more in keeping with rural surround-Repainting Petrolings. This should do much to improve

Pumps. the appearance of the quaint old villages which are such a fine feature of the English countryside, and I hope other petrol companies will follow suit so that our villages may be restored,

so far as possible, to their original beauty.

The average country garage, with its conglomeration of multi-coloured signs and advertisements, is unquestionably blot on the landscape, and I am convinced that the untidy splash of discordant colour which characterizes most splash of discordant colour which characterizes most garages is in some measure responsible for the prejudice of anti-motorists, How often does one hear the phrase "these untidy motorists"? Unfortunately, it is a just one

in many respects.

After all, there is no reason why garages should be so objectionally conspicuous. Their proprietors will tell you that if they are not conspicuous they will not attract custom; but is this the case? Country hotels and inns are custom; but is this the case? Country hotels and inns are in exactly the same position as garages, but their walls are not covered with bright yellow and red signs. True, an advertisement for somebody's beer is usually to be found outside, but it is invariably painted in a pleasing shade of green or some other sober colour. Why cannot garages follow suit? I feel sure that they would not lose any custom by it. If a move is made in this direction I, for one, would make a point of patronizing artistic garages so far as possible, and I am convinced that other lovers of rural c60

beauty will do the same. Perhaps some garage proprietors have a few remarks to offer in defence of their untidiness. If so, your readers would probably be glad to hear their arguments; I fear, however, that they will not be very convincing.

H. FISHER. convincing.

#### Cooling Systems of the Future.

I have been interested in reading the opinions of your correspondents on the relative merits of air and water-cooling. After many years satisfactory experience of air-

Neither Air Nor types, including (in America) the sixwater. cylinder Franklin, I am fully alive to
its advantages. Nevertheless, I am
strongly of the opinion that finality of design as regards
the all-important problem of cooling has not yet been reached.

Of the drawbacks of air-cooling every novice is well aware. Water-cooling as now employed does not differ fundamentally from the practice of twenty-five years ago. Even the most modern light car takes two or three miles in which to warm up, and then there is the danger of the cooling water freezing in cold weather.

In my online, the cooling system of the future will be

In my opinion, the cooling system of the future will be of the boiling type, but the liquid employed will not be water. Some liquid will be used (any first-year student of chemistry of the student of t chemistry could suggest several) having a boiling-point around 150 degrees C. and a freezing-point well below the danger mark. Such a system should give ideal results and so far as I can see, would require absolutely no attention.

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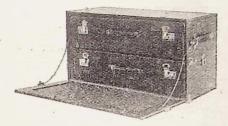
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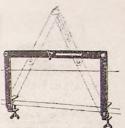
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#### OUR READERS' OPINIONS (contd.).

#### Seeing the Eclipse.

Allow me to thank you for your excellent article last week, entitled "Where to See the Eclipse." The information given should prove most helpful, and I for one hope to obtain a day's leave from business Helpful and to make a night run to a point Information. where the total eclipse will be visible.

As I live in South London it will cer-

tainly be a fairly strenuous trip, but I am not anticipating any difficulty in my sports Lea-Francis, which has a good turn of speed and good headlights—both particularly useful for a fast night run up the Great North Road and a "blind" home the following day.

#### Motorcycles More Comfortable.

As one who has recently changed over from a motor-cycle to a small car on account of the better weather pro-tection and increased comfort (?) I feel I must write to say how disappointed I am with my

Saddle or Seat latest purchase from the latter point of Cushions? With my old motorcycle, which was fitted with a large Terry saddle.

could ride 200 miles a day without feeling in the least bit stiff or cramped, but I cannot say the same for my car.

The seat cushions are hard and, owing to the way the accelerator pedal is placed, it is almost impossible for

me to change my position. If the hand throttle were fitted on the top of the steering wheel, things might be better, for I could then use it instead of the accelerator pedal and thus have a rest on long journeys. As it is, 150 miles is quite enough for me in a day and yet it is said light cars are more comfortable than motorcycles! Perhaps I have been unlucky in my choice of a car, and I should certainly like to hear the views of other ex-motorcyclists who now own a low-priced light car. Ex-Motorcyclist.

#### Poor Delivery "Tune."

"Pocus's" examples of poor delivery tune are serious enough, but I think my case beats them all. I took delivery of a new car just before Easter, and up to the present have

had the following troubles: - (1) Until I A Bad fitted lock-nuts the top bracket of the Case. steering column worked loose every 30

case. steering column worked loose every 30 miles. (2) An air cushion (standard equipment) leaked badly and had to be revulcanized. (3) After 200 miles the ball-race at the front end of the torque tube gave up work altogether. (4) The front-wheel brakes "judder" so badly that they are useless except for holding the car stationary. (5) A hole, through which access should be gained to one of the greasers, is an inch to one side of the nipple, so that it is quite impossible to get the grease and propelly seated. get the grease gun properly seated.

Not a bad record for a car made by one of the biggest and oldest firms in the trade! DUNN-BROWNE.

#### An Amateur-built Trailer Caravan.

A few months ago I wrote you regarding brakes for the trailer caravan which you described and illustrated in The Light Car and Cyclecar for June 25th, 1926. You asked

"The Light Car me to let you know how I got on with building the caravan, so I thought I and Cyclecar" must write to let you know how we Design. fared on its maiden trip. You will see by the enclosed photos what it looks like, and I can assure you of my heartiest thanks for your article, "Building a Trailer on Practical Lines," which gave me the idea.

I recently took the caravan to Southport, where it is going to be our week-end bungalow—for a while at any rate. We had a perfect run without the least trouble; in fact, my Jowett seemed to run sweeter than ever. It is a 1923 two-seater and took a load of three adults, a little boy and a dog, besides the canvas lean-to, deck chairs and various other things, so you can guess we had a fairly good weight for a 7 h.p. engine to pull.

The distance covered was about 75 miles; we were on the road 3 hours 20 minutes and during this time we stopped for lunch and to take some photos. So I recket we averaged

for lunch and to take some photos, so I reckon we averaged

I might add that I have had the car nearly four years, running winter and summer, and it has only been decarbonized once, this being the only time that the valves have been touched. I believe in leaving well alone, and after the car's performance with the trailer I do not think there can be much wrong with it.

The caravan is not made exactly as described and illustrated in your article. I made each side and the top and bottom separate, then bolted them all together. The interior is fitted with folding table, scats and wash-basin, whilst there are separate cupboards for pots, pans and eatables. It is fitted with electric light run from a dry battery, and the equipment includes a Valor Perfection two-burner stove and oven.

If any reader would like information on building a similar trailer I shall be very pleased to do my best, but I am only an amateur (my trade is boot repairing). I have built the caravan in my spare time during the winter.

Whilst I was building it a friend, who owns a big car, said, "Who is going to pull it?" and when I replied, "Why, the Jowett, of course," he said, "And who is going to pull the Jowett?" To which I answered, "Oh, the twins under the bonnet will see to that." Anyhow, after the case with which we got to Southport I should not be afraid of touring anywhere with it. Again thanking you for information and wishing The Light Car and Cyclecar every
G. Keighley.

Two photographs of the trailer caravan referred to in the accompanying letter; it was built largely on the lines suggested in an article published in this journal some months ago.

#### OUR READERS' OPINIONS (contd.).

#### High Mileages in a Day.

In reply to your correspondent, Mr. J. Rodger Brown, I would like to point out that in 1923 I drove a Gwynne Eight car in the London to Edinburgh reliability trial,

arriving in Edinburgh at 9 p.m. on Saturday evening. I left Edinburgh the next morning, Sunday, and drove 527 Miles Claimed. straight through to Bournemouth in a day, a distance of 527 miles. I understand that this distance has often been exceeded by other Gwynne Eight J. DEVERELL.

#### Why Lubricate Springs and then-

It has always been a puzzle to me why car manufacturers carefully enclose the road springs in gaiters and take precautions that they shall be thoroughly lubricated to keep them flexible, when at the

same time shock absorbers are fitted to stiffen up their action. Surely this is Absorbers?

very inconsistent. I have discussed the matter with several of my friends who profess to know a good deal about motoring, but none of them have been able to give me a satisfactory explanation. PUZZLED.

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#### Insurance Companies' Methods.

I was greatly interested in your remarks on motor in-surance in "Topics of the Day" last week. In my own case I had two claims which the "other side" should have

paid. When the time came for the renewal of my policy I was told that the risk had not been satisfactory, but they would be pleased to "consider Harsh Treatment. the renewal" if I agreed to bear £5 of any claim, and if it proved during the year that the insurance was more satisfactory they would revise the arrangement. In other words, I could insure if I had no claim! This was one of the leading companies.

#### Obsolete Cars.

In "Cyclecar Comments" in a recent issue
the inadvisability of buying an obsolete bus. Two years
ago I purchased a three-wheeler which is now obsolete, but
I find that even if spares cannot be
Obtaining Spare obtained from the makers I can get them
Parts. Take gears, for In "Cyclecar Comments" in a recent issue I read of the inadvisability of buying an obsolete bus. Two years from other sources. Take gears, for instance. The Standard Gear Cutting Co., of Halifax, will make a spare at quite as reasonable a figure as would have been charged by the makers. Few jobs are beyond the skill of a local mechanic—or even a private owner—if he would but lose that fear that the parts "will not go back where they came from." I knew nothing about netral engines two years are had in my sucre where about petrol engines two years ago, but in my spare moments I love to meddle, and if only others would feel the same I think repairing and adjusting would become a pleasure rather than an irksome performance which calls for expert aid.

ALWAYS MEDDLING.

Damaging Coachwork.

Calling at a large garage for petrol the other day, I was pleased to notice that a stout rubber shield had been

fitted under the nozzle to prevent it from scratching paint-work when filling up. The filler orifice Petrol Pump on my car is in the scuttle and paint has been scratched off on several occa-Nozzles. sions by careless garage boys. Why cannot every garage proprietor fit a rubber shield round the nozzle, or, better still, fit a light and more businesslike

E. K. HALLIDAY.

#### Service Stations.

The remarks in "Rich Mixture" last week on service stations are very much to the point, particularly the paragraph headed "Contempt of Cars." The first time I called

at a service station for a repair to my "Focus's" car I was moved to very indignant re-Remarks marks by the careless treatment which Endorsed. D) y car received. I suppose most motorists look upon their cars as their most valued possessions and hate to see them treated with anything but the greatest care. After a second call at the service station in question I realized that it was hopeless to expect reasonable treatment and all my repairs are now carried out by my local garage. There, at any rate, I can be sure of courteous treatment from the manager and a job properly done.

H. R. HANDS.

#### The Dazzle Question.

In a recent issue you announced that another anti-dazzle device had just been patented. Why do British motorists not adopt the French system of having one headlamp pointed

slightly to the near side of the road and switching off the other headlamp on An Obvious meeting other traffic? I cannot see the Cure.

need for any other device, and I have used the French system myself for a long time. It is utterly incomprehensible to me that anyone should seek to cure the dazzle problem by changing a narrow beam into a broad one. Surely what is wanted is a beam to miss the approaching ear, and yet to show up cyclists, pedestrians or other traffic with poor or no rear lights. If the light is also slightly depressed, traffic approaching from one's left on a bend need not be inconvenienced. Will someone please inform me why this perfectly good system is not used in HEADLIGHTS. this country?

#### Police Persecution.

From time to time I have been interested in the correspondence which has taken place in these columns on the

pondence which has taken place in these columns on the subject of police persecution. While I am at one with the majority of your correspondents that there may have been occasions upon which the Men in Blue have proved over-zealous in the execution of their duties, have we ever thought of this matter from possibly their and the pedestrians' viewpoint?

For example, a "sporty-boyce" coming home about midnight in his 8 h.p. "Wheezicar," which has an exhaust loud enough to wake up all the ghosts in the neighbourhood, may perchance have a faulty rear light. He passes a policemay perchance have a faulty rear light. He passes a policeman who blows his whistle. Our knut (?) stamps on the gas, drowns the whistling and is off like a hare. Result—a dissatisfied "bobbie," and next day the first innocent motorist is stopped and a summons follows for some minor infraction of our honeless meter laws. Can we wender at infraction of our hopeless motor laws. Can we wonder at anything else?

#### CONDENSED CORRESPONDENCE.

Major H. O. D. Segrave writes stressing the importance of keeping tyres inflated to the pressures specified by the makers, and points out that the only sure method is to test them once a week with a reliable gauge.

If the woman who was driving a new dark blue Standard (?) two-seater up Winchester High Street on Saturday, May 14th, at about 4.45 p.m., and who let her car run backwards into a Singer saloon, will write to BM/BK20. London, W.C.1, the owner will be glad to give her an opportunity of the salout of the salout front the salout salo tunity of paying for the damage done to the near-side front wing and headlamp. He was unable to stop her at the time, as she drove off in another direction before he had an opportunity of ascertaining the extent of the damage.

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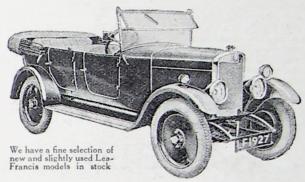
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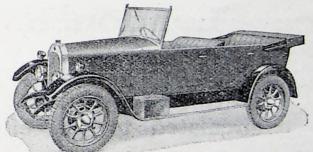
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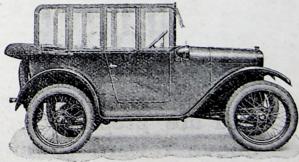
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#### Another Jowett Hint.

The accelerator control on Jowetts consists of a single rod from the pedal which passes through a bush or guide on the engine side of the dash to the carburetter. If the rod is oiled where it passes through the bush, grit and dust are collected in the oil, forming an abrasive which soon wears both rod and bush. If the rod is left dry it has a tendency to stick.

A good method of overcoming these difficulties is to secure a piece of felt against the bush by means of a small tin plate cut and bent as in the accompanying sketch. A longer screw than is normally fitted will be necessary to hold the three components, the bush, felt and plate, to the dash. By oiling the felt occasionally the rod will be kept lubricated and grit automatically wiped off.



How a piece of felt may be used to keep the accelerator rod and bush of a Jowett free from dust and grit.

#### Painting Disc Wheels.

The effect of an otherwise smart-looking car is often spoiled by shabby disc wheels. For various reasons the paint on the wheels does not maintain its pristine condition as long as do the other parts of the car. The edges of the rims suffer every time tyre levers are applied, and the insides especially collect mud and dirt. It is, therefore, a good and economical plan to re-enamel the wheels of a car at least once during the season. At first sight this job looks more complicated than it really is, and apparently involves the dismantling of perhaps six tyres, besides putting the car out of action for too long a period.

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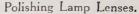
The difficulties, however, can easily be overcome by enamelling one wheel at a time, so that the car has always four, wheels, and if there are two spare wheels, one for emergencies. Tyres need not be removed if a template is cut out of zinc; it should be a plate about 1 ft.

by 6 ins., having one of the longer sides cut in the shape of an arc to fit snugly against the rim, and it should be moved round the tyre when painting so that the enamel is kept off the rubber.

The inside of the rims can be examined whenever a tyre has to be removed for repair or for fitting a new one. When this opportunity occurs enamel should be applied liberally, not forgetting the inner side of the beadededge housing. If treated in this manner the wheels will always have a smart appearance, and the looks of the car will be considerably enhanced, while the owner will have nothing to fear from rust.

#### Longer Life for Tubes.

The life of inner tubes can be considerably lengthened, particularly when they are fitted inside worn covers, in the following manner. An old and worn inner tube should be made to serve as a cover for the tube in position by cutting away the valve and the re-inforcing patch and slitting the rubber all round the inner circumference. This sheath can then be slipped over the "good" tube so that when the two are mounted in the cover there will be a double thickness of soft rubber.



Never in any circumstances uso ordinary metal polish on the reflectors of lamps. Silversmiths' rouge is the proper preparation and it should be applied in small quantities in its dry state on a chamois leather, rubbing lightly and quickly. This will impart a brilliant burnish and will not harm the delicate silvered surface.

#### Repairing Screen Wipers.

The rubber blades of screen wipers sometimes break after continuous service, but it is easy to replace them. Remove the old rubber by gently prising apart the metal sides. Cut a strip of rubber from an old inner tube, making it about an inch wide, and insert it in the groove of the metal holder, which should then be closed up by nipping it in a vice. Finally, cut the rubber to the required width with a sharp knife and a straightedge. A lasting and efficient wiper will result.

#### Removing Radiator Dents.

Dents in the plated parts of the radiator seriously disfigure a car and they are not always easy to remove, particularly if they occur at the top and cannot be reached on the inner side. A cup or V-shaped dent will sometimes spring out again if it is tapped carefully round the edges, but there is a risk of doing further damage by this method.

An almost certain way is to heat the dent with a large soldering iron until a thick stick of soft solder can be joined to its centre. A good stendy pull on the stick of solder will then restore the original contour of the radiator by pulling out the dent. The solder can be removed by applying the hot iron until it melts and then wiping off the remains with a rag.



Queries of general interest will be answered under this heading whenever possible, but a stamped addressed envelope must be enclosed for reply by post. Telephonic inquiries cannot be answered.

W.G. (London, E.C.).—The presence of water in the sump indicates either a faulty gasket or else a cracked casting—probably the former. Lift the cylinder head and investigate. If no crack can be found, refit, using a new cylinder-head gasket and take infinite care to make an absolutely clean joint.

G.G.L. (London, E.C.).—Violent boiling after the engine has been running for a few minutes indicates almost complete obstruction of one of the water pipes, presumably the lower one. Remove the radiator and make sure that the pipes are absolutely clean. If this is not the cause of the trouble, probably the radiator itself is choked, in which case a proprietary scale-dissolving composition should be used.

A.C.D. (Rochdale).—When disposing of a car the seller must hand the registration book to the purchaser with the car and both parties must notify their local authorities of the change of ownership.

J.P. (Folkestone).—A clutch stop is a simple braking device which acts on the driven member of the clutch. Its effect is to check the rapid rotation of the latter when fully disengaged, thereby making gear changing easier.

C.S.A. (Walthamstow).—The Bonniksen time-speedometer has a dial divided into sections showing speeds from 0 to 100, and two hands travel round it. One stays still at a figure showing the speed of the car while the other rotates until it comes to rest at the new reading after 2½ seconds have clapsed. In this way one hand is always still and the speed is easily read. Two smaller dials are provided, one being a clock giving running time and the other a trip mileage counter, while there is also a season's mileage indicator.



Reports and Announcements of Sporting and Social Events.

OXTON M.C.

The annual Wassall Challenge Cup reliability trial was held over an 80-inde course in North Wales on Saturday May 7th, starting from the Welsh Cross Roads and finishing near Queensferry. The challenge cup was you by a motor cyclist, A. H. Reade (Austin) being second.

SOUTHPORT M.C.

Entries for the Southport M.C.'s closed race meeting to be held on the Southport Beach on Juno 4th must reach the hon. sec., Mr. D. Burns, 8, St. Paul's Street, Southport, by the first post on Saturday, May 28th. There will be classes-for touring, sports and racing cars, and the event of the day is the 100-mile race.

#### HUDDERSFIELD AND D. M.S.C.

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For the second of the hill-climbs at Dalton on May 14th the car class was again disappointing. The only two cars which succeeded in completing the climb were J. Hepworth's Jowett and Dr. J. S. Fulton's Frazer-Nash. The hill had been made still more difficult to climb by means of two excavations, and the two successful drivers made good times—18 1-5 secs. and 17 2-5 secs. respectively. The events were witnessed by a largo crowd.

SHEFFIELD M.C.

The reliability trial for the Club Cup was held on May 15th over a sporting course in Derbyshire and there were 22 entrants. The winners were:—1, J. W. Whynlrey (29); 2, J. Outram (52); 5, J. Thackray (35). The figures refer to the number of marks lost. The Club is helding a week-end run to Bridlington for Whitsuntide, when a sea angling match will be one of the events. The next trial is an all-night run on June 18th and 19th for the B.S.A. Cup.

#### SCOTTISH MORGAN CLUB.

A club for Morgan owners in Scotland has been formed, and two social runs have been held, there being on both occasions very gratifying attendances. Several more runs have been arranged, and one of these will be on June 4th to Moliat, when the members hope to welcome the Morgan competitors in the London-to-Edinburgh Trial. A hearty invitation is extended to all Morgan owners, and those interested should communicate with Mr. F. F. Bradshaw, 211, Great Western Road, Glasgow, C.4.

#### R.A.C. YORKSHIRE COMMITTEE.

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The inaugural meeting of the Yorkshire Committee of the R.A.C. was held in leeds on May 12th, when the following automobile clubs were represented—Bradford, Doncaster, Halidax, Iluddersfield, Hull, Leeds and North Yorkshire. The object of the Committee is to co-ordinate the work of the various automobile clubs in Yorkshire so that they may take common action in regard to all road questions; the appointment of hotels, repairers, inns, restaurants, etc., and for the general advancement of the movement in the county. The Committee will consist of ropresentatives from the Yorkshire automobile clubs associated with the R.A.C. and also of individual associate members of the Club: the headquarters will be the R.A.C. Leeds Office. A similar committee has now been functioning in the North of England for over six years and has accomplished a great deal of valuable work.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

May 28.

Blackpool Open Speed Trials.
Surbiton M.C. Maudo's Team Trial postponed.
Huddersfield and D. M.S.C. Paperchase.

Brighton and Hove M.C. Treasure
Hunt.

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Sheffield M.C. Gymkliana.
Leicester and D. M.C. Night Trial
Starts.
Riley Club Rally at Deepdene, Dorking.
Bradford and D. M.C. Freak Hill-

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Ilkley and D. M.C. 24-Hour Trial.
Middlesbrough and D. M.C. Trial.
Hovo M.C. Sporting Trial.
Morgan Club. Run to Wadesmill, Herts.
Leeds M.C. 100 "Cup Trial.
Southern Jowett L.C.C. Challenge Cup
Trial Starts Mitcham, 10.30 a.m.
Portsmouth and D. Jowett L.C.C. Third
Rally.

May 30.

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June 2.

Sunbeam M.C.C. Reliability Trial.

June 3.

M.C.C.'s London-Edinburgh Run Starts.

Sunbeam M.C.C. Trial Finishes.

June 4.

Southport M.C. Open Race Meeting.

Bristol M.C. and L.C.C. Gymkhana.

North Manchester M.C. Hall-day Trial.

West of England M.C. Trial.

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Juno G.

Brooklands Meeting.
Essex County and Southend-on-Sea A.C.
General Efficiency Trial.

Ilkley and D. M.C. Skillul Driving Contest on Rosedalo Abbey Bank.

June 7.

Leeds M.C. Poat Hill Climb.

#### M.C.C. LONDON-LUGANO RUN.

Members intending to take part are asked to notify the hon. see, Mr. J. Van Hooydonk, Oakengates, Broadway, Letchworth, Herts, not later than June 10th.

NORTH LONDON M.C.

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On May 29th a social run will be made to Tankerton, stayting from Finsbury Circus at 9.45 a.m. A picute function will be taken at the destination, and members are expected to turn out in force and complete with sandwiches. Any unattached motorist who cares to attend will be wetcome and without obligation. Any further information may be obtained from the hon. sec., Mr. Atan W. Day, Claremont, Ballards Lane, Finelley, N.S.

R.A.C. PERMITS.

The R.A.C. has issued the following permits:—
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PORTSMOUTH AND D. JOWETT LCC.
The third raily of the season will take place on May 29th, the meeting place being the new Western Road (near Hissen), facing Porchester, at 10.30 a.m., for Franchises Wood (New Forest). Lunch will be taken bere, and there will be a picnic tea after competitions. The committee loopes that all members will turn out for the combined Jowett Club raily on June 26th at Bramshott Common. The provisional date fixed for the Mitchell Bowl reliability trial is August 21st.

ILKLEY AND D. M.C.

The classic skillul-driving test at Rosedale Abbey Bank, near Pickering, Yorks, will be leid on Whit-Monday, June 6th, at 2 p.m., and it is open to all members of the affiliated clubs in the Yorkshire Centre A.-C.U. for motorcycles, sidecars and cars. The premier awards include three Yorkshire Evening Post rose bowls, three Ilkley Club president's rose bowls, and one Ilkley Club members' rose bowl, all to be won outright. There are eight classes and entries close by the first post on Wednesday, June 1st.
Entries should be sent to Mr. W. A. Dovenor, 14, Cornwall Place, Bradford.

All members of the Riley club and owners of Riley cars are invited to take part in the Deepdene rally, which is being held on Saturday, May 28th, at the Deepdene Hotel, Dorking, Surrey, commencing at 3.50 p.m. Tea will be sorved at 4 p.m. in the hotel and on the lawn. During tea dancing will be possible for those who desire it. At 5 p.m. there will be an appearance and condition competition, when the judging will be undertaken by Mr. Victor Riley, assisted by two Riley owners, and this will be followed by a treasure hunt in the hotel grounds. At 6 p.m. the tea dance will be concluded and will be followed by the distribution of prizes. At 7.30 p.m. dinner will be served in the hotel for all who desire to remain and take part in the Cinderella dance which takes place at 9 p.m. (evening dress essential) and continues until midnicht. RILEY M.C

(Above) S.H. Newsome (Lea-Francis) leading C. N. Green (Alvis) in the 50-mile race and (left) a Wolseley on the test hill at the Middlesex County A.C.'s Brooklands meeting.

#### HENLYS BROOKLANDS MEETING.

A full programme has been drawn up for Henlys, Ltd., Brooklands meeting, which will be held on Saturday, June 11th. Admission will be free to all Alvis owners and Henlys customers and the competitions will also be tree. Ten events have been arranged, the first starting at 1.15 p.m., and during the alternoon there will be a special high-speed event in which Alvie racing cars driven by the Earl of Cottenham and Major C. M. Harvey will take part.

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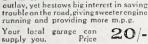
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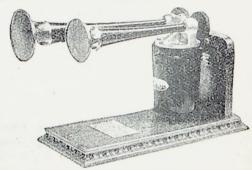
#### AROUND THE TRADE.

We learn that Mr. Jonas G. Mindelsohn, son of Mr. J. Mindelsohn, partner in Messrs. Gordon and Co., motor body builders, has been appointed a director of J. W. Pickavant and Co., Ltd., Lombard Street, Birmingham.

The Vacuum Oil Co., Ltd., have received a unique testimonal which states that their oil has been used by the writer's family in motor engines for the past 50 years. The letter was sent by Mr. George B. Selden, whose father was a pioneer motorist.

Owing to expansion of business, new premises have been taken by H. M. Hobson, Ltd., manufacturers of carburetters, sparking plugs, shock absorbers and other well-known accessories. Their new headquarters are at 47-55, The Vale, Acton, London, W.3.

We have received from Liquid Measurements, Ltd., Bush House, Aldwych, London, W.C.2, a pamphlet describing their latest Model A Hammond 1-gal, twin container visible petrol pump. It should prove very interesting to those in the garage and service station trade.



The new Sparton chime horn, the notes of which were radio-telephoned from America to England.

We are informed that Mr. Fred Rasey, who for a number of years has acted as factory representative in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa for Automobiles M. Berliet, has recently been appointed to the position of manager for Great Britain and the British Dependencies.

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We have received a catalogue describing the Fleming-Williams Streamline Trailer Caravan. This attractive vehicle is sold, completely equipped with pneumatic tyres and automatic brakes, for £137. The concern handling the caravan is L. A. Durant Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Rustic Wells, Leven Roughes. Walk, Lower Bourne, Farnham.

The Liverpool Organization, 3, Lord Street, Liverpool, has issued a booklet giving much useful information about the city and particulars concerning desirable factory sites on the banks of the Mersey. The sites available vary from 5 acres to 6,000 acres in extent. The booklet has been issued in connection with a campaign for the further industrial development of Liverpool.

Barimar, Ltd., 14-18, Lamb's Conduit Street, Theobald's Read, London, W.C.1, inform us that they are still receiving orders for number plates to be made to special sizes and with round corners, and they point out that to fit such plates is illegal. Motorists are advised, therefore, to fit only plates which comply with the regulations, even although they might, in some cases, be a little difficult to accommodate.



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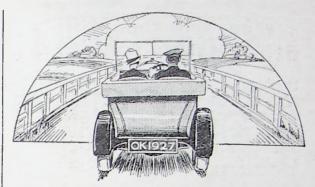
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