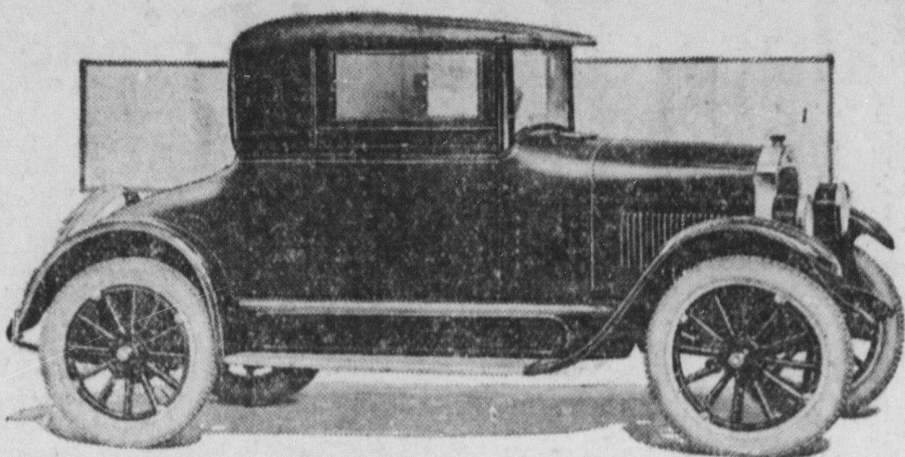


STRIKING FEATURES OF NEW STAR COUPSTER



Flexible door windows that may be lowered or raised like pullman car curtains and that disappear within the top of the body when raised are a striking feature of the new Star coupster.

In reality the coupster is a convertible car, affording all the comforts of closed car transportation, yet convertible into an open car by the simple expedient of raising two disappearing windows—a five-second operation. For all practical purposes it is two cars in one.

EFFICIENCY AND SAFETY OF CARS

Numerous Devices Add to Comfort and Satisfaction of Owner.

It is difficult to believe that the oil pressure gauges and the amperemeters which now appear on the instrument boards of virtually all makes of cars were once regarded by many as unnecessary frills. Today there are a number of accessories being offered which are similarly regarded, which is the same as saying that they would be appreciated if only their advantages were better known.

By equipping a car with some of these fittings, greater satisfaction, efficiency and safety will result. Add front and rear bumpers to the car, attach one of the many rear signaling devices, keep a set of anti-skid chains handy and the car will be enormously benefited in proportion to the cost of the protection. Frequently such safety devices add to the car's appearance and thus not only help protect the owner's original investment, but add to it. A spotlight attached to the windshield and played upon the road may prevent wrecking the car in a ditch.

Take efficiency as another instance. A car that is operated without proper regulation of the cooling system is at all times running inefficiently. This is especially true in winter when the engine is constantly operated at the wrong temperature, either boiling over because the radiator is covered with the lap-robe or running cold because there is no covering at all. The market now offers several radiator covers with openings which can be operated from the dash.

Along the efficiency line are other devices which are destined to enter the gasoline before it is admitted to the carburetor, thus preventing the entrance of dirty or watered gasoline to the carburetor or engine. A device of this character may pay for itself within a month after it is installed.

Then there are shock absorbers, which in addition to giving greater riding comfort, save the springs from breakage on the rebound and thus increase the usefulness of the car by preventing breakdowns. Even cut-outs which were at one time regarded as toys for the speed maniacs are now shown to have a very important use.

Regardless of the selling points of each accessory or all of them as a group, it is a fact that any one of them adds to the second-hand value of a car. So the motorist not only has the use of the accessories with which he equips his car and the savings on insurance, inconvenience, repair bills, etc., but he gets a return premium when he goes to sell the car.

Good Advice Is to Give Machine the Once-Over

There's economy, also satisfaction in giving your car the once-over in the spring, then if it needs replacements or anything else to bring it back to perfect form, have it done as quickly as possible.

Naturally the toll of a year's driving is most severe, and generally there is a reminder or two. Right here the old stfch in time principle works out. When the car is restored to its best shape, almost as good as the day it was bought, riding in it is far more enjoyable, also it will bring a much better price if you care to sell or expect to trade it in on a new car.

Letting your motor car run down is false economy. Eventually it costs you more and in the interim you are not happy when riding along the highways.

Even little things which you may think are of no special consequence develop into big items in repair bills if allowed to run on without interruption.

Windshield Rattle

When the windshield glass becomes loose in its frame, it causes an annoying rattle. It is very difficult to close the frame so that it will grip the glass more securely without the possibility of breaking the latter. If the glass is not too loose the rattle can be eliminated by filling the space in the frame with shellac. This can be applied with a sharp pointed stick or a brush and should be applied slowly so that it will pack tightly in the opening.

WATER INJURY TO TIRES IS SMALL

Running Through Stream Is Not Injurious.

Now and then in the course of an automobile trip a car has to pass through a stream, and the question is sometimes discussed whether the action of the water is harmful to the tires. The same question arises when the car is out in a heavy rain.

Such a wetting is practically nothing at all, either for damage or improvement. At any rate, the effect on the tire is not harmful. Two chief constituents of a tire are rubber and cotton, both vegetable substances, and as a rule water does not injure vegetable matter. As illustrative of this point, there is the old but true story of the farmer who, when one of his rubber boots fell into a well, placed the other on a shelf in a closet. Twelve years later when the well was cleaned the lost boot was found to be in excellent condition, but the boot on the shelf had fallen into ruin.

If running through a brook resulted in cooling a tire the effect would be decidedly beneficial, but a quick dash through the water has little effect on the heated air within the tire and consequently the temperature change in the tire after its bath is negligible.

Water itself apparently does no harm to tires, but the combination of air and moisture commonly known as humidity is very destructive, especially on the cotton in ordinary fabric tires. The moist air works in between the layers of the fabric and rots them out, sometimes even before the tires leave the dealer's storeroom. Cord tires stand humidity better.

The harmful effect of moist air is the chief reason why, when tires are stored, they should be kept in a dry atmosphere. As sunlight is also harmful, the storage place should be darkened.

Shabby Tires Are Not Favored for Any Car

Shabby tires on a good-looking car! Yet stand on any street corner today and count the number of patched-up, dilapidated tires which are being used to the last mile. The cost of keeping these tires running for a few thousand miles would nearly pay for new ones. Mileage such as this comes high.

The conservation does not mean picking up a decrepit tire and putting it back into service at a big repair cost just to save a little rubber left in the tread. It means taking care of the tire from the first so that it will be able to deliver all the mileage built into it by the maker. When tires are so far worn that they are soon to blow, it is poor economy to repair them. Such a course means sacrifice of the inner tube as well.

Cheap, makeshift patches, boots and temporary repairs of all kinds are now being called into use as never before, but patching up an old casing in which separation of fabric plies has already begun, cannot give the freedom from tire trouble on which the pleasure in motoring so largely depends.

Tying in Spring Leaves Will Prevent Spreading

Since the leaves in a spring have a tendency to spread apart, it is often hard to replace the spring tie-bolt in autos or trucks.

The easy way is to grip the head of the tie-bolt in a vise, and put all but the last four leaves one on top of the other. The last four leaves are put on crosswise, or spread around like the ribs of an umbrella, which allows the nut to be easily started on the bolt.

With the nut on the bolt, swing the bottom cross leaf into place. Then each succeeding leaf will slide easily into position. Then tighten the tie-bolt nut. Of course, the clamps on each end will have to be removed until the spring is assembled.

Anything These Days

Running downhill recently a driver found to his utter surprise that a motor truck, supposedly at rest in the downhill position on the right side of the road, was actually going uphill backwards. The driver could not get it through his head for a moment and nearly lost control of his machine trying to dope it out, which showed that he was not prepared to expect most anything nowadays. The truck driver was utilizing the lower gear ratio of reverse in order to enable the engine to pull up an extra heavy load.



MR. FOX AND HIS RIVAL

ONCE there lived in some deep woods a fox who had gathered during his years of roaming about the country a great deal of wisdom. As he was now getting rather old he decided to turn his knowledge to good account.

"Surely all the things I know are worth something," he reasoned. "I have learned many things through experience. Some I paid for by suffering and other things I learned by keeping my ears and eyes alert.

"Therefore I should be paid by those who care to profit by my teachings and I shall today post a sign on my door telling the woodfolk where they can listen each night to words of wisdom."

Mr. Fox was busy all one morning painting a sign and that evening as the woodfolk wandered along they stopped and read, "Words of wisdom spoken each and every night, rain or



Mr. Turtle Left Mr. Fox Wallowing About in the Mud.

moonlight to those who wish to hear them, for a small fee."

Those who first saw the sign ran to tell others and pretty soon a crowd had gathered around the door of Mr. Fox, which made his eye twinkle, for the larger the crowd the more he would get in fees.

Old Mr. Turtle was stretching his neck, but he could not see well enough to read, so he asked Mr. Rabbit, who was nearest to him, to read what was printed on the sign.

The next day the woodfolk saw on Mr. Turtle's door this sign: "Mr. Turtle, who for over a hundred years has been gathering wisdom, will lecture each night to those who care to improve their minds. A collection will be taken to meet expenses."

"A new broom sweeps clean," quoted Mr. Fox when he heard about Mr. Turtle's sign, and then he added "but too many cooks spoil the broth," so I must use my wits to get ahead of my rival, Mr. Turtle."

Mr. Fox was running along when he

happened to see a bed of nice mushrooms; and knowing that Mr. Turtle liked mushrooms, Mr. Fox had an idea.

He turned right about and ran back to the woods, but he did not stop at his own home. Oh, no; he kept right on until he reached the home of Mr. Turtle.

Mr. Fox said: "Mr. Turtle, I saw a bed of fine mushrooms over the hill; I thought you might like to know, as you are fond of them."

Mr. Turtle thanked him and said he would go right over and look at them.

Mr. Turtle had stayed late in the mushroom bed, and when he started for home he knew he would never be able to reach there in time for his lecture unless some one gave him a lift and when he saw Mr. Fox trotting along, he remembered his ancestor who had won that famous race hundreds of years before from Mr. Hare.

Mr. Fox ran over to the farm, got his supper and was running back at a pretty fast rate of speed; so he did not know when Mr. Turtle reached out his hand and grasped the tip of his tail and held fast to it.

Mr. Fox was thinking of getting home, and how Mr. Turtle must be wallowing along somewhere far from home, for he was very certain he went to the mushroom bed. So he was not as careful as he usually was to look where he was going.

Over a stone wall leaped Mr. Fox, and the next thing he knew he was deep in a pond of—mostly mud.

A mud bath to Mr. Turtle was fun, and if he had not been in a hurry to reach home he would have liked nothing better than to stay there; but he crawled out and left Mr. Fox wallowing about in the mud.

Before Mr. Fox had come along Mr. Turtle had had time to think, and it had entered his wise old head that Mr. Fox had reasons for being so kind in telling him about the bed of mush-

rooms, so he called to him as he waddled away: "There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip," Mr. Fox. I shall remember to explain that saying to my audience tonight and tell them, too, how you are unavoidably detained."

Mr. Fox knew that his rival would reach home in time to give his lecture, and he knew, too, that he would be the laughing stock of all the wood folk by morning; so, when he did last get out of the mud he ran for home and pulled down his sign, and then out of the woods he went, to make a home so far away that Mr. Turtle would have to crawl years and years before he found him.

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Robert Agnew



This familiar "movie" actor was born in Kentucky twenty-five years ago. He spent his early boyhood days in Texas. After much experience in vaudeville he entered motion pictures and has been seen with some of the leading players, usually in juvenile leads. He is a relative of the late President McKinley.

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT By F. A. WALKER

UPLAND SOLITUDES

IT IS becoming a mooted question among observing educators as to whether our present-day diversions do not often dwarf the budding intellects of the young and carry them far afield in the wrong direction.

With the possible exception of music, the universal language, our entertainments, as a rule, have become

mere frivolities, appealing to the baser passions, the redeeming features in almost all cases being the superb stage settings.

With their deft brushes the scenery painters seem to be doing more for the elevation of the mind than the wielders of the stage pen.

Without the exquisite scenes many of our popular plays would indeed become miserable makeshifts, incapable of holding the boards a fortnight.

The fine art of acting is being relegated to the past. There is a craving for the gross, glaring, flagrant and thumping, rather than for the refined, uplifting and ennobling, doubtless due to perverted tastes and cravings for sensationalism and excitement.

The intermediate colors and fine shadings of the older school have given way to higher tones whose intensities and limits have about been reached.

Just what will follow cannot be guessed, except to hint in a vague way that this modern tower of Babylon will some day suddenly topple over, tumble noisily at our feet and leave us babbling in strange tongues, wondering what confusion means!

There is in the human heart an everlasting yearning for something new, and no one apparently knows what to suggest.

It is just possible that we need now, more than anything else, the upland solitudes, where we may get in the pure, clear atmosphere and reflect awhile without molestation from the crude scarlet letters and blinding lights which have warped our judgment and dulled our finer sensibilities.

We need these upland solitudes far more often than we may suspect, for it is among them that we gather new strength for the higher duties of life, a keener conception of our infirmities, a deeper realization of our lack of human kindness and a sickening sense at the loss of our faith in the good, the clean, the noble and in humanity itself!

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"What's in a Name?"
By MILDRED MARSHALL
Facts about your name; its history; meaning; whence it was derived; significance; your lucky day, lucky jewel

FAITH
FROM a Biblical source comes the charming Faith, which sprang into popular usage during the vogue of Puritanical names. The prevalence of appellatives which denoted abstract virtues marked the beginning of Puritanism in England, and many such names came under the ban from other classes because of the widespread dislike of the "Round Heads."

THE WHY of SUPERSTITIONS
By H. IRVING KING

THE THRESHOLD
IN a much-talked-about recent novel the doctor of Gopher Prairie says to his bride, "There! I meant to have you lifted over the threshold." Which shows that the old custom of lifting brides over the threshold when they first enter their new home still lingers among us, as it is, also, a feature of rural weddings in England and Scotland. The mixing up in the minds of our remote ancestors of spiritual and material things caused the threshold to be regarded in a peculiarly mystic manner.

A LINE OF CHEER
By John Kendrick Bangs

A WORD FROM SPRING
A GENTLE breeze came whispering by today, and paused a moment on its laughing way.

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HIGHS BE
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