

KEEP KEEN WATCH ON DISTRIBUTOR

Remember Self-Starter is Not Supposed to Crank Engine Indefinitely

Keep careful watch on your distributor. In case of a leak in the high-tension wires, a spark will jump and you can see it. But the spark may be jumping inside and you not know anything about it. So remove the cover occasionally and wipe out the dust. By this means trouble is avoided long before it can occur.

Starting and electric lighting systems require efficient batteries. For this reason the battery should receive careful attention. It should be inspected frequently and the plates of the cells kept covered with electrolyte. A little distilled water added at frequent intervals may obviate the necessity of a new battery.

If your car is equipped with the battery ignition system, always remember that the distributor points need cleaning frequently. Carefully follow the maker's instructions and you will enjoy a smooth-running engine.

Most self-starting systems have a fuse-box installed at an accessible point. The purchaser of a new car should acquaint himself with this as quickly as possible. Very often considerable trouble can be eliminated by the installation of a new fuse. This is a simple matter, but if not known may cause a lot of trouble and unnecessary expense.

When the self-starting device fails to start the engine after reasonable trial, the trouble should be located without delay. One cannot expect too much from a small battery. The self-starter is not supposed to crank the engine indefinitely. Bear this in mind and you will prolong the life of your battery.

THE PATCHES

One reason, perhaps, why a great many roadside and amateur tire patches do not hold when the tube is assembled into the shoe is that rubber cement is used which is not up to the mark. Usually the cement has been reposing in the car's tire repair kit for quite a time, and it is therefore not so fresh and active as it once was. Be sure to get the best materials you can in the first place, and, further, before going on a long trip examine the tire repair kit to make sure everything in it is in good condition.

Spring Weather Hard On Baby

The Canadian spring weather—one day mild and bright; the next raw and blustery—is extremely hard on the baby. Conditions are such that the mother cannot take the little one out for the fresh air so much to be desired. He is confined to the house which is so often over-heated and badly ventilated. He catches cold; his stomach and bowels become disordered and the mother soon has a sick baby to look after. To prevent this an occasional dose of Baby's Own Tablets should be given. They regulate the stomach and bowels, thus preventing or banishing colds, simple fevers, colic or any other of the many minor ailments of childhood. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville Ont.

THE PSALM OF THE STORAGE BATTERY

I have strength and power at your disposal; your obedient servant; I am your light; I lead the way in the darkness; your friend in need, but you are my enemy; I give you your start, but you forget me; I am strong for my size and you need me, use me, abuse me and kill me.

You overload me with work and don't feed me; you overfeed me and let me remain idle; you raise my temperature from your ill-treatment until I die.

The opposite side of my constitution rebels; my positive sides ache until they break; you cause me to conflict with my negative side and ruin me; you let me go weeks without water until I die of thirst; you borrow and you do not pay back; you charge me and do not let me balance the account.

With you as my master, my days are numbered. I cannot and will not stand it; I will die first.

Yet there is lots of good in me, if you will try and understand me. Study my requirements or pay for your ignorance. When I am full, I refuse to take more. My life circuit is complete, yet you spoil its contact; you let me get dirty and dusty, even my face cracks from your mistreatment.

I AM YOUR STORAGE BATTERY.

DON'T

Don't drive away from the curb or roadside without holding out your signal arm.

Don't depend upon "the other fellow" to stop and give you right of way. He may look at it in the same way.

Don't get sarcastic with the traffic officer, even if you are in the right.

Don't let your motor run when standing idle. It isn't for that purpose.

Don't speed through the small towns. Have respect for the children, dogs and chickens.

Don't open your cutout or blow your horn just to attract attention. The impression you give other people is usually different from what you think.

Don't drive fast on a wet road or street. A sudden use of the brake on a slippery surface is only a skidding device.

Don't fail, before starting on a drive, to see if you have enough gasoline, oil, grease, water and air.

Don't get the impression that "my car" is the best made. If we all thought the same way, there would only be one kind manufactured. Then remember that "pride goes before a fall".

ACTION OF FLOAT INDICATES 'GAS' LEVEL

The simplest form of gauge for indicating the level of fluids in a tank consists of a cork float to which is attached a brass strip slotted for the guides and also for the twisted propeller strip. The whole is secured to the filler of the tank. The action is: when the tank is empty the float is at the bottom of the guides. The indicating pointer is at the empty position on the outside of the cap, and as the float rises the propeller strip is rotated, causing the pointer to move around to the full position. The friction should be reduced to a minimum and a glass bead is fitted as a bottom bearing to assist in overcoming this.

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RADIATOR REQUIRES CAREFUL CLEANSING

Household washing soda, commonly known as sal soda, is the best thing to use to clean the radiator and other components of the cooling system of a motor car.

Dissolve the soda in clean water which is reasonably free from minerals; one teaspoon of soda to each two gallons of water.

Fill the radiator with this solution, then start the engine and run it 15 to 20 minutes with the spark retarded so the solution becomes hot as it circulates through the cooling system. Then drain off the solution and flush the system thoroughly with clean water. It is perhaps best to use a hose for this.

Remember this: Don't leave the soda solution in the radiator longer than an hour. Also, be very careful not to spill any of the solution on a painted or varnished surface.

Here are some pointers on radiator care:

Drain and refill the radiator at least every two or three weeks. And get into the habit of regularly inspecting the hose connections to see that they neither leak nor impede the free circulation of the water. When filling the radiators see that the screen is in place, and that the water used is clean.

If your radiator springs a leak it is perhaps wisest and cheapest in the end to have a competent person repair it. The use of meal, bran and such to stop leaks is not recommended. Permanent repairs should be made as soon as possible after the leak is noticed.

Car owners should remember that a new radiator should always be flushed out before it is put into service.

HELP IN CHANGING TIRES

A light coating of graphite and shellac rubbed over the rim every time a tire is changed will make the process of changing much easier. If time allows, remove all rust patches with a file or sandpaper, but in any case do not neglect the graphite. You will be well repaid.

At the present time when there seems to be so many things to make one glum, it's a treat to get away from one's worries and laugh. Laugh long and loud and without restraint. It's a wonderful tonic too, and tends to make our little troubles disappear and our bigger ones diminish.

Mr. Stuart-Whyte has found a sure cure for the blues in "The Girl from Nowhere", a real Musical Comedy, chock-full of laugh-making material. The show is replete with humorous situations and the comedy is in the capable hands of Billy Oswald ("Is that a fact") and J. V. Borrett-Lennard ("Shush") aided by a bunch of clever comedians. Miss Zara Clinton in the title-role is the personification of charm and cleverness, and has a number of her own particular style of songs. The singing is far above the average with Miss Beatrice Carman and I. Warren Lawler.

In the book, there's a bit of mystery, a bit of pathos, and the rest is pure unadulterated fun. Laughter makes the world better and brighter, so let's all laugh together. "The Girl from Nowhere" will be at the Opera House, Saturday, March 26th.

There's only one individual who can slap his fellowmen in the face and get away with it, and that's the barber.

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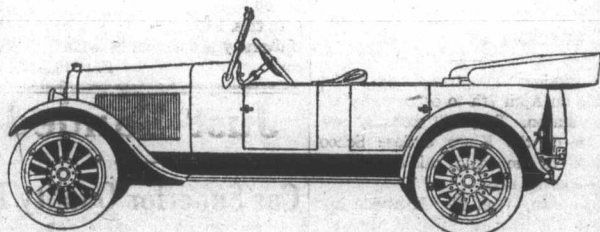
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