be practically stationary. He thought, perhaps, if the price of coal keeps going skyward it might make a cent or two difference in the price, but with a manufacturing cost of 2½ cents per gallon, not including overhead charges, it will be possible to sell the nuoline at 10 cents a gallon

and leave a fair margin of profit. Mr. Grogan said that a road test of 415 miles had just been concluded, a Mitchell car having been run to Albany on the east side of the Hudson, and then to Schenectady and Utica, returning via the west side of the river via Newburg, Tuxedo and the Fort Lee ferry. The average was 11 miles per gallon of nuoline and the performance was said to be perfect for the entire trip. Mr. Grogan announced that a company is being incorporated to manufacture nuoline commercially. The president will be Senator Robert Lawson, of Brooklyn. Associated with him will be Mr. Grogan, M. Clemont, the inventor; Dr. H. O. Lehman and H. Roes, and some others probably will be included in the corporation

Mr. Brokaw thought the test was hardly exhaustive enough for him to give unqualified approva! of it, but said it appeared to do the work of gasoline. The color is about the same as gasoline, but it feels a little more oily, and it seems to run the engine more evenly than gasoline, the explosions apparently being quite as powerful, so that the evenness was not due to lessened propulsing force in the cylinders. He is hoping for further and more exhaustive tests, for he feels that if nuoline really will do the work of gasoline it will solve the most in portant tactor in the high cost of expense of auto operation.

Wasn't a Ford, Anyhow

"What kind of a model is your automobile?"

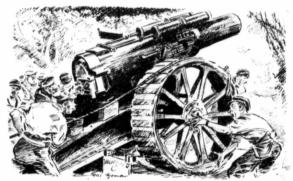
"It isn't any kind of a model," replied Mr. Chuggins, gloomily. "It's a horrible example."

HEAT INSULATING EFFICIENCY OF MATERIALS

Study of the results of an investigation of the heat-insulating efficiency of various materials has been made by the United States Bureau of Standards, and although absolute statements would not be warranted at the present stage, certain preliminary conclusions have been stated. In general, it appears that gypsum shows a greater efficiency as a fire-insulating material. Concrete and clay vary somewhat, depending upon their porosity. The denser clays conduct the heat a little more rapidly than concrete. The more porous clays, however, conduct heat somewhat less rapidly than the concrete. The effect of the aggregates on the concrete is not very marked in changing the relative conductivity. There is little difference in this respect between gravel, trap rock, slag, and soft-coal cinder aggregate. Limestone concretes, however, seem to stand out as giving a much lower conductivity. There was found to be but little difference between the behavior of the gypsum specimens furnished by different manufacturers. The dense high-plaster mixtures give much better results than the porous low-plaster, highwater mixtures

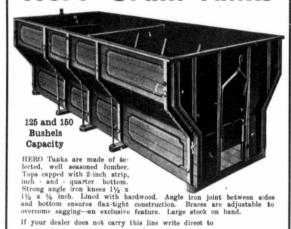
Many a man has been surprised to be told that he saws his whiskers off. Yet this is exactly what he does when he shaves. Examination of the edge of a well sharpened razor, under the microsope, shows not a smooth edge, as was once supposed, but a series of more or less regular teeth. This sawtooth edge, says E. R. Gross, of the Colorado Agricultural College, is the junction between the two surfaces of the blade and cannot be avoided.

If this is the condition on a highly polished razor blade, continues Mr. Gross, what enormous hills and valleys must one expect to find on the surface of the ordinary polished bearings used in machinery and motors. These



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