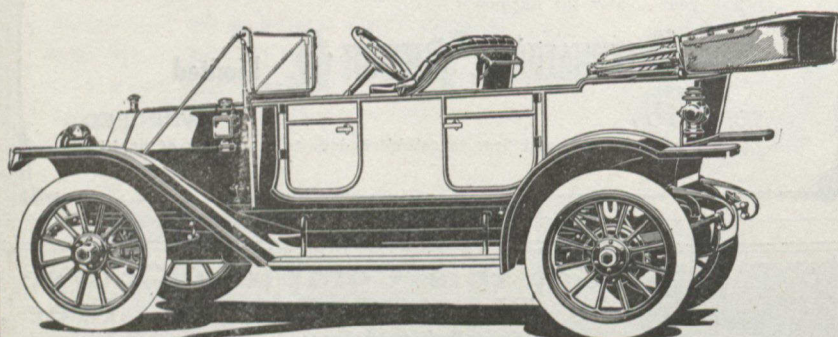


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"But you?" he asked, bending down. "Have no fear, Senor," laughed Luis Alvarado. "They know me. They will not hurt me. Ride straight for them," he added, hurriedly; "and, once through, head for the pointed mountain. That will bring you to within a mile of the hacienda. And take this"—he held up his revolver, which he had rapidly reloaded. "You may need it if you should meet with Don Ramon. A word to the wise, Senor Englishman!"

"The villain killed my horse," the Englishman said. Then bent down and reached out his hand, which the vacquero gripped. "But I cannot leave you," he said. "Mount behind me."

"Impossible, Senor! He shot my horse, too, but only to wound it. Yet it could not bear us both, and I swore to her to save you."

"Her? Miss Carmichael?"

"Si, Senor! And Don Ramon goes to woo her. You must save yourself to save her!"

It was as if he had hit the man with a whip. The Englishman struck the bronco with his heels. It shot forward, and the next instant was amongst the advancing cattle.

Even then the rider reined it back again, and would have returned, but saw the vacquero running rapidly towards the rise, and the next instant the whole line of the crescent broke into a clumsy trot.

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