

THE WORLD OF THE AUTOMOBILISTS

The armories yard is a popular practice ground for novices in steering...

It may be a few years yet before we get a section of the horse show devoted to the automobile...

There is, after all, much in common between the horse and the motor. Both are in the world to stay...

Meanwhile, the automobilists of Toronto will not be backward in extending a practical and hearty welcome to the horsemen of Canada...

Dest, as everyone knows, is peculiarly on the rampage just now. We have had but one spring rain...

Some people fancy that the automobilist is a modernized autocrat. This is more apparent than real...

So far from developing the autocrat, we believe that the sport of motoring in towns and cities is a real movement in the direction of democracy...

What Being in Style Cost a Toronto Enthusiast. New Jerseyites may kick on a toll road tax of a cent a mile...

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It was the automobile, which first came to Canada in the fall of 1900. The first one that ever went in Toronto belonged to John Eaton...

This shuffling of last season's cars to be in the style for '05 is a marked feature at all the supply houses...

The history of one of these old cars ten years hence will make spicy reading. The writer once knew a bronchobuster out at Edmonton who made a business of swapping horses...

"Say," said the buster, as he surveyed his bad penny, "how much do you s'pose I've made on that old sucker since I first heard him roar?"

We begin our series of weekly automobilist character sketches with the well-known president of the club, Dr. Doolittle.

On the wooden "bone-jigger" in '68, the ordinary home-made high bike in '79, the safety in '91, the motor-bike in 1900 and the automobile in the fall of that year...

"No," said he to The World representative, "I wasn't the first man to ride a velocipede in this country. I wasn't born soon enough."

Once down, however, the doctor never got up again, in happy contradiction to the good old adage, "You can never keep a good man down."

In 1900 the motor bicycle came to Canada. The first one of these awe-inspiring go-devils ever ridden in Toronto had Dr. Doolittle in the saddle.

He rigged it himself with a two-inch Dunlop tire, and steel rims on the wheels. It weighed 130 lbs...

He is not a stylist, and not a scorcher; just a healthy, sensible man with a fund of everlasting good spirits and a genius for mechanism.

And now in all the manifold improvements of the automobile the practical enthusiast at the head of the T. A. C. takes both a scientific and poetic interest.

"The last heard of the machine was in 1872, when it was brought to the Winthrop County Fair in this city, where it was housed in a shed and a small admission charged to witness its workings.

"The automobile in question was the invention of a Methodist minister by the name of F. B. Carhart. It is believed that he now lives somewhere in the south.

All the symptoms but one. Pedestrians who have occasion to pass the new building here erected by Howland, Sons & Co. on Front street, may behold a species of machine that, for a combination of antiquity and modernity, beats the Oshkosh thing.

The Oshkosh enterprise also ignores the fact that an enterprising Klondiker up at Edmonton in '98 contrived a juggernaut that looked like a pioneer automobile...

Between the common automobile and the locomotive, its basal principle was an ordinary threshing engine rigged up as a traction engine...

Motor veils are said to be growing. Some this season are to be ten yards long. This is thirty feet. Let us see the average length of a car is sixteen feet.

Readers who would get the absolutely poetic and spectacular humor of the automobile by the hand of a master in description will do well to read the automobile story in the Pycroft series of "Traffic and Discoveries," by one Rudyard Kipling—his latest work.

Massachusetts has 7000 cars, an increase of 563 since last year. Minnesota is figuring on a bill which, if it becomes law, will require every motorist to carry a magic-lantern set of slides by which to register his speed.

New York municipality now owns eleven motor cars—six in the department of street cleaning, docks and ferries, two, fire department two, and public works one.

The motor car as an immigration agent is the latest advertising scheme mooted by the Canadian government. An automobile twenty feet long, ten feet high, and riven by four electric motors, will go on the grand tour thru Great Britain at a maximum rate of twelve miles an hour.

The motor-bus movement in England seems to be reaching the dimensions of a craze, which some fear may yet develop into a boom.

Oldmotor buses will be put into service immediately between Pittsburg and the Country Club. It is understood that this well-known Detroit firm will establish a plant at St. Catharines, where they expect to be in running order by early summer.

Premier Balfour has engaged an American chauffeur. That's nothing. Mr. Chamberlain, his preferential tariff partner, married an American wife. We trust that both these eminent statesmen are in safe hands.

A car was recently shipped from Toronto to Wetaskiwin, Alta. This is the first to that wooden little town on the road up from Calgary...

A hill-climbing contest will take place on May 11 at Worcester, Mass. We would respectfully suggest that members of the Worcester Club who get prizes come over and try a whirl at some of our little cradle-knolls up the Dor, Valley.

Victoria, B. C. now has an automobile club. The officers are: President, Captain J. W. Troup; vice-president, A. Todd; secretary-treasurer, Dr. Garesche; committee of management, D. R. Ker, F. Moore, Dr. Hart and P. R. Butchart.

Great Britain's Supply of Peat. In the United Kingdom it is estimated that peat covers some 6,000,000 acres. Most of this is in Ireland, but there are great tracts of peatland in Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cheshire, Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire.

Protests are being made in Australia against the wholesale destruction of kangaroos and opossums that is going on. Leading firms of skin dealers in London and New York are mainly responsible.

A Modern Proposal. He: "Darling, would you be content with a poor man's alimony?" She: "Of course, George, dear: I'd go home to mother."

Henrietta Crossman is playing "tress Nell" in the west. Margaret Anglin has scored a hit in San Francisco with Mrs. Leslie Carter's celebration performance of "Adrea" at the Belasco Theatre on Tuesday, April 19.



Ben Greet's players gave a performance of "Hamlet" on the "Parlor" in Chicago recently. The first began at three o'clock, and at the conclusion of the third act, there was an intermission until eight o'clock evening, when the balance of the play was offered.

The following attractions, Mr. Stair announces, have to appear at Star Theatre before the close of the season: "The World-Beaters," "Runaway Girls," "Miner's Amen," "Blue Ribbon Girls," "Robbie's erobbers" and the "Bowery crooks."

Fanny Brough, who has been John Drew all the season in Duke of Killarney, has been engaged by Liebler & Co. as chief actress in Arnold Daly next season.

Mme. Modjeska is booked for a performance at the Metropolitan Opera May 2. It would be interesting to know upon what ground this is to the public is based, asks I. Richardson.

Ida Conquest will succeed Haswell as leading woman at the Metropolitan Opera. Her quest will make her first appearance tomorrow, when she will appear as Viola in "Twelfth Night."

Paula Edwards, star of "Winnie," recently visited an artist in which hung a painting of a Muse.

During Ralph Stuart's recital in St. Louis, where appearing in "By Light of Swallowing" incident occurred. In the act of the play Mr. Stuart read a letter. He opens it and reads: "My God!"

Mrs. Fiske's season in New York closing with striking effect, the nation Theatre being literally full at every performance of "Lea"



Mme. Hanna Mara, as Kundry—2nd Act "Parsifal."

Reuben Fax as "Pos"