

CLEAR VISION AID TO WINTER DRIVING

Body Designs of Whippet Cars Permit Clear View Side and Front.

Increasing use of automobiles in winter when treacherous road conditions require the utmost caution on the part of the driver, has made consideration of the driver's vision a matter of major importance. Especially is this true in some cities where the usual congested traffic conditions are made even more difficult by snow and ice on the pavements.

Willis-Overland has met this problem in the construction of Whippet models, which show by the design of the front body posts the extent to which the body engineers have gone to afford clear view on all sides of the driver.

The posts, which are exceptionally narrow, are so placed that they afford no obstruction to the

driver's sight, eliminating the "blind spot" in the road which is encountered in the enclosed car using wide posts.

The proper size for these posts has been determined by scientific experiments which show that posts no wider than the distance between the eyes of the driver do not obstruct or blind the view at any point ahead of the car.

While the front posts have been made narrower, the bodies have been strengthened by improved designing of all sections where strain is encountered.

The Whippet has been designed throughout to provide the utmost safety and ease of handling in traffic and where road conditions are bad. Necessity of removing a hand from the steering wheel in traffic has been eliminated by "finger-tip control," which permits the driver to start his engine, operate the lights and sound the horn by a simple manipulation of the buttons on the steering wheel.

The speed and power of the Whippet engine provide the rapid acceleration desirable in city traffic, while improved four-wheel brakes and over-sized tires assure the positive and rapid deceleration necessary for safety in city traffic and on the highway.

KEEP YOUR CAR IN CONSTANT CONTROL

Some Timely Advice That May Save a Bad Accident if Heeded.

"Beware of the 'skid demon' after the first rains."

This warning is being broadcast by the public safety department of the Oregon State Motor association to motorists and pedestrians alike. The danger of accidents on slippery street and roadway surfaces is immeasurably greater during and after the first rains, the association points out, than later in the season of wet weather.

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The Masked Hostess

By Blair Stephenson

CHAPTER XXXIII

Nathalie dreamed that she was somewhere at the core of a huge opaque ball which was whirling around in space.

Next she was in a long tunnel with a dim light at the far end. She began to walk toward this light, which receded at first. Then, as it seemed, the mouth of the tunnel rushed toward her and she awakened.

But she could not see, for a dark bandage was bound about her eyes. Still, she knew she was awake, for she remembered that she was still in an automobile and that the road it was traveling was uneven and the car not going very fast. The voice which next spoke was a real voice, too, not a dream voice. A woman was saying:

"If you'll be good, dearie, and don't make no row, I'll be good too and not ask you to smell no more of the smelling salts. That be all right with you?"

Nathalie nodded and lifted her hands to pull at the bandage which covered her eyes.

"Listen, dearie," said the woman beside her as she drew her hands down from the bandage. "That ain't in order."

"Shut up, Queenie," said the man on Nathalie's other side. "Keep your jaw shut. You ain't been asked to make a speech. Gimme that bottle again."

The woman answered him scornfully:

"You don't get no bottle, hop-head. She ain't to go back to sleep again. Didn't you hear her say she'd be good?"

"Not me," said the man. "It was you said it."

"That was good enough for you, then," said the woman and spoke to Nathalie again.

"If I was to say to him that you was a lady and had give your word he wouldn't understand me. No more than if I was talking Chinese. He ain't got no class at all!"

The man spoke once more, saying that the bandage about Nathalie's eyes would attract attention and that it was still his belief that chloroform was better.

The woman laughed. "I said you hadn't no class. This here we're in need to belong to a big

movie actor who killed himself with dope just like you're doing. He had it built special to take his secrets out in and it don't tell no secrets from the street."

However, the possibility of her being investigated seemed to find a place in her reflections for presently she inquired:

"Listen, dearie. If a hick cap stops the car and asks why the face maff, will you stand for it if I tell him you've just been operated on by a eye doctor and are on your way home? If I give you my solemn oath there ain't nothing wrong goin' to be done to you, will you?"

Nathalie nodded and asked the woman why she was a passenger in the car and what was going to be done to her.

"Not a thing," assured the woman, "except that you and me is going to take the real cure. I'll get farther orders, and then you're going to be put back in a nice big boat like this and drove home."

"Aren't you arresting me or something?" Nathalie asked in surprise at the information given. "I thought we were on our way to visit a judge."

The man on Nathalie's other side crossed shrilly at this. "Certain other blunders will have to talk to one. He then sighed deeply. "But I won't be in court. From the time I step out of this car I keep right on goin'. Frontways—not back."

"His nerves is all shot," explained the woman to Nathalie. "What he means is that that fake bank hold-up a little while ago was the rottenest job ever and that all he wants is to get far away from Brookville. He's half right at that."

"It was terrible," growled the man, and the woman did some more explaining to Nathalie.

"Yes, it was awful ray. You see, dearie, a certain party that figured you was in the bank to do business with uptown Pound wouldn't go into the bank to boss his own job and scare you out of it by making you think there was a on-the-level hold-up. An' because he stayed out, one of the boneheads that was working for him let a bul-

let fly for good luck just before he left the bank an' it was heard by a traffic cop down the street. The hick cop blew his whistle an' then there was hell to pay."

"Damn lucky for a certain party," put in the man's voice, "that his bonehead didn't hit nobody. Take it from me, I'm through working for him. If a hick is afraid to go near guns himself then he can't live me to go near them."

Their talk was utterly confusing to Nathalie. She had no notion of any reason why anyone should take the pains to stage a pretend hold-up of a bank just because she was in it talking to its president. Nor did she know enough about Ferris to have ever heard that he was gun shy, and had so stayed out of the bank himself.

The car this time was in a hummer along what she knew must be little used roads and the air which came into it was full of the scent of trees. She