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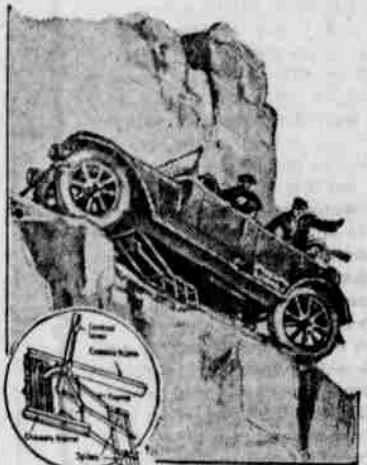
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MOTOR CAR HELD ON STEEP GRADE
Engine Going Dead on Mountain Side Permits Automobile to Slide Backwards.
INVENTION OF OREGON MAN

Sharp, Tooth-Like Points Dig Into Ground and Hold Car in Place Until Engine Can Be Started Again—Danger Eliminated.

Many deaths have occurred in mountain touring due to the engine going dead while on a steep grade because of the driver's attempt to go up in a higher gear than he should. When the engine stops, the car slides backwards and in many cases goes over the edge of the road if the brakes are not in the best possible condition and the driver does not apply them without losing his head.

Built along lines very similar to the harrow used by farmers and drawn over plowed land to level it and break the clods, the novel brake device shown in the accompanying illustration



The Tooth-Like Points of the Harrow Brake Dig Into the Ground and Hold the Car in Place Until the Engine Can Be Started Again.

tion is designed to prevent automobiles used in mountain touring from running backwards down steep roads should anything go wrong with the regular brakes.

It is the invention of George Stickney of Oregon. It consists of a harrow-like frame suspended from a crosswise shaft pivoted to the chassis frame directly back of the engine and lowered into contact with the road by means of a system of levers controlled by a hand lever and notched quadrant in the driver's cab. The sharp, tooth-like points of the harrow dig into the ground and hold the car in place until the engine can be started again and the clutch thrown in. They also serve to hold the car until it gets under way. This eliminates the danger of starting under the same condition without the device, in which case the conventional brakes must be released before the clutch is thrown in. This might allow the car to gain sufficient backward momentum to prevent the engine from starting and permit the car to drop off the road if the brakes cannot hold it.—Popular Science Monthly.

MOTORTRUCKS ON HIGHWAYS

Prospective Operator Should Communicate With Service Commission as to Restrictions.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)
The prospective motortruck operator should communicate with the public service commission or such other body as may have jurisdiction over the operation of trucks in his territory and inform himself in advance as to legal restrictions covering the operation of trucks on the highways.

Finding Trouble.
A great many car owners in searching for trouble create more than they find. By that is meant that indiscriminate changing of adjustments usually gets the operator further away from the real cause of the trouble. The best piece of advice that can be offered the owner is first to be sure what the trouble is and then start to rectify it.

Oiling Out-of-Way Holes.
Frequently it is desired to use an ordinary oil filler can with a metal spout in filling some out-of-the-way oil hole. By slipping a piece of rubber hose over the end of the spout almost any location can be reached.

Shift Cross Links.
It is a very good plan to shift the cross links of the tire chains from time to time. That is, move them so that they do not depend on the same link of the main chain all the time.

To Clean Battery Terminals.
A strong solution of washing soda is the best agent for cleaning battery terminals that have become corroded. After drying the terminals should be coated with vaseline.

Carriage of Farm Products.
The motor truck as a medium for the carriage of farm products is now assuming a permanent place in the general scheme of transportation.

PLANE FOR BUDDING AVIATOR

Well Called the Penguin, Since It Moves Fast on Ground, but Is Unable to Fly.

Do you know what a penguin is? You may have read of it, but probably never have seen one. The penguin is an aquatic bird found in the polar regions. It is remarkable for its peculiar structure. It has only stumps in place of wings and, for that reason, is unable to fly. But it is a good walker and an expert swimmer and diver. The name of "penguin" has also been given to the training apparatus employed to teach prospective aviators the control of the airplane or seaplane. The name is well chosen. The penguin used for training is as unable to fly as its arctic namesake. It consists of an airplane with wings so very small that the power of the motor is unable to lift the airplane off the ground or water. It is supplied with ailerons, elevator, rudder and wheels exceptionally strong for running on the ground. The apprentice is encouraged to run this "penguin" to his heart's content; there is no danger that it will take to the air. In a short time he graduates to a real airplane that can and does fly, and then he can give all his attention to the flying part without having to worry over the handling of the various controls. The sense of safety he enjoys while learning is a great nerve sedative to the inexperienced aviator.

THINK HIGHLY OF LANTERNS

Chinese Make Them in Many Attractive Forms, and Pay Big Prices for Them.

The Chinese of the lantern vendors in the Chinese cities are usually very gay and attractive. All varieties of lanterns are to be seen—the large stikens ones 3 and 4 feet high, gorgeously painted with variegated colors, embossed in gold and silver or decorated with deep fringe of the same material, and common small horn and paper lanterns used by the coolies, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer. The mode of making horn lanterns is very ingenious; the horns are cut into remarkably thin slices, which, by means of heat and pressure, are joined together and formed into various shapes—round, square, hexagon, octagon and some shaped to resemble an hour glass.

It is usual for servants after sunset to carry by their masters large lanterns made either of horn or highly varnished paper, with the name, title and dignities painted in large letters thereon.

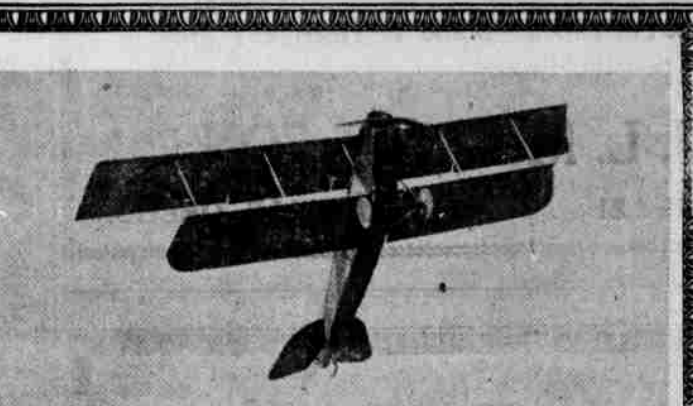
At the Feast of Lanterns, which takes place in the early part of the Chinese New Year, these lantern shop proprietors reap a rich harvest, as it is customary for parents to make presents of lanterns to their children, brother to sister, friend to friend, inferior to superior, and vice versa.

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