

## The Spark Plug

In which we tell of the big men and the little things we find in Gasoline Alley

### AND HER NAME WAS—

"Hi 'raoyes-yeff"  
"Hear you got a new car, Bob. Does she rattle?"  
"Rattle? I'll say yshe rattles—sounds like a skeleton having a chill on a tin roof."

### DANGER AHEAD

Speaking of white mule, two rustic sports were uncertainly flivvering their way home from a duck hunting expedition.

"Fred," said Ed, "I wancha to be very careful. Firs' thing you know you'll have us in a ditch."

"Me?" said Fred in astonishment. "Why, I thought you was drivin'."

Here lies the body of Jack Lake. Tread softly all who pass. He thought his foot was on the brake but it was on the gas.

### THE SPOON OF TRUE FAITH

A traveler who believed himself to be the sole survivor of a shipwreck on a cannibal isle hid for three days in terror of his life. Finally, driven out by hunger, he discovered a thin wisp of smoke rising from a point inland. Crawling there cautiously on his hands and knees, he arrived just in time to hear a raucous voice demand:

"Why the blinkety-blankety-blank did you play that blank-blanked card?"

"Praise the Lord!" gasped the survivor, kneeling devoutly. "They are Christians."

### HOW TO BE POPULAR—AND WHERE

In New York—Pour something hard out of a bottle. It doesn't make much difference what it is—just so it's hard; i. e., hard to get, hard to drink, and hard to identify.

In Boston—Drop an "r" out of Harvard, and put it on the end of idea; speak of Emerson as intimately as you do of the ice man; go in strong for Boston common and copper preferred.

In Chicago—Mention casually the

number of times you have been held up; take a dose of eye pride before and after every meal; invent a hat that won't blow off.

In San Francisco—Whenever you feel an earthquake shock, rush up to the first person you meet and ask, "Whoer's the fire?"—The Tattler.

### CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

The occupants of the parlor car of the Limited were startled by the abrupt entrance of two masked bandits.

"Trow up yer hands," commanded the bigger of the two. "We're gonna rob all the kents and kesses all the gals."

"No, pardner," remonstrated the smaller one gallantly. "We'll rob the kents but we'll leave the ladies alone."

"Mind your own business, young fellow," snapped a female passenger of uncertain age. "The big mans robbing this train."

An airman had been taking up passengers for short trips, and by the time his last trip came was absolutely fed up by being asked silly questions. He told his passengers, two ladies, that on no account were they to speak to him; that he could not talk and give his attention to his machine, and that they must keep silent. Up they went, and the airman soon quite enjoyed himself. He looped the loop and practiced all sorts of stunts to his own satisfaction with no interruption from his passengers until he felt a touch on his arm. "What is it?" he said impatiently. "I'm sorry to trouble you," said a voice behind, "and I know I oughtn't to speak. I do apologize sincerely, but I can't help it. I thought perhaps you ought to know Annie's gone."—Aeronaut.

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### Fourth Gear Speeds

The gear ratio of high speed of the three-speed transmission is somewhat lower than that of fourth-speed in the transmission which has four forward speeds. In some of the latter the fourth speed is the direct-drive speed, in others direct drive is the third speed, fourth being at a ratio of less than 1 to 1.

### Live Axles Explained

Live axles are axles which revolve with the wheels, used in the rear and as propelling medium of shaft-driven automobiles. The dead axle is a stationary axle, the wheels revolving independently at each end. The term "floating" applied to axles of automobiles means as follows: Semifloating axles are those the inner ends of which are supported by the differential and the outer ends by bearings. Three-quarter floating axles have their inner ends carried by the differential and outer ends by the rear wheels, a bearing being used in each wheel. Full floating axles are mounted similarly to three-fourths floating, but each rear wheel has two bearings, making it independent of the axle shaft for alignment.

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### One Reason of Misfiring

A cylinder which has both good compression and spark can misfire if the carburetor mixture is not operating quickly enough. If they are out of time or if the stem of a valve sticks in its guide in the cylinder. Perhaps the most common trouble lies in the spark plug. The plug may be tested outside of the cylinder and under compression. Wrong distance between electrodes, carbon or oil short circuit or a weak impulse from the source of current either the coil, distributor, timer or battery, may cause the trouble.

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### Connecting Rod Knock

Sometimes a knock is located in a connecting rod even though its bearings are not loose. Among other causes, if the rod was slightly sprung and not running true or not allowing the piston to run true in the cylinder it may result in knocking.

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