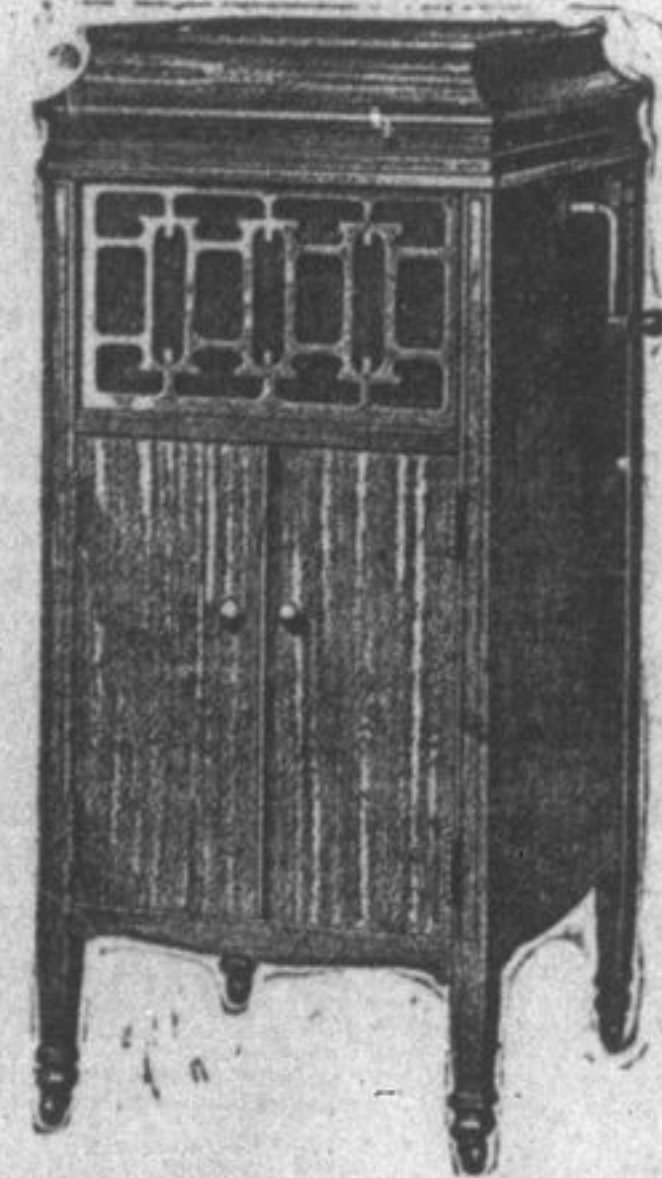


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And should a rabbit start to run From here up to the moon. We'd find the going pretty hard. I'll bet you, mighty soon.



What if an ont should make a vow To lift a Pyramid? I know he'd surly break his back Before he ever did.



I do not think a prudent one, That is if he's a man. Would try to eat a can of peas 'Till he'd removed the can.



And should a camel try to drink His way across the sea. He'd find more water in his path Than he thought there'd be.



And I know the prudent one With nothing but his back. Would never try to stop a train By standing on the track.



Be prudent when you start to boast About what you can do. The other guy might be the one Who's a better man than you.



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THAT MADE HIM WORSE "I'm sick and tired running after you with this bill." "Try walking, old chap."

CHINA HAS ALL OF 400 MOTORS

When the Dowager Empress of China died in 1908 she left forty-eight motor cars (and other things) to her heirs. Most of these had been made especially for her, many were gifts from high Chinese potentates and all were gorgeous, palatial, expensive cars. Her favorite was an eight passenger French machine with its body painted deep orange and its seats upholstered in violet satin brocade edged with round flat blue turquoise stones.

But the Dowager never rode in an automobile in her life and not one of the forty-eight varieties ever left the imperial garage.

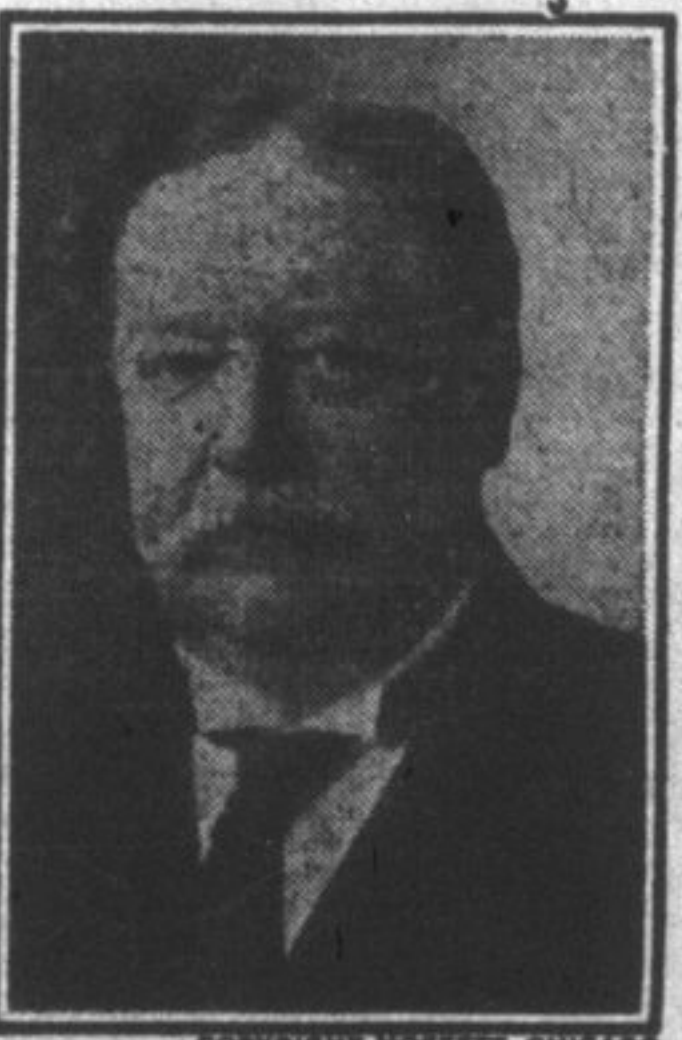
It was not because there were no embryo chauffeurs in China. The young Chinese who had been in England and America imbibing Occidental college educations had learned to joy ride and dozens of them might have qualified as high chancellors of the wheel in the Dowager Empress's buzz wagon.

But—no one may sit down in the presence of a Chinese monarch! And how could any one stand up straight and drive a high power automobile? In 1908 there were not more than a dozen motor cars in all China besides the collection in the imperial garage; to-day there are about 400, at least 60 per cent of which, are driven by Occidental traders, commercial agents and members of the various western legations.

Driving is restricted to a very few of the largest coast cities, where it is rough going at best; and there isn't a road in China fit for a motor ride!

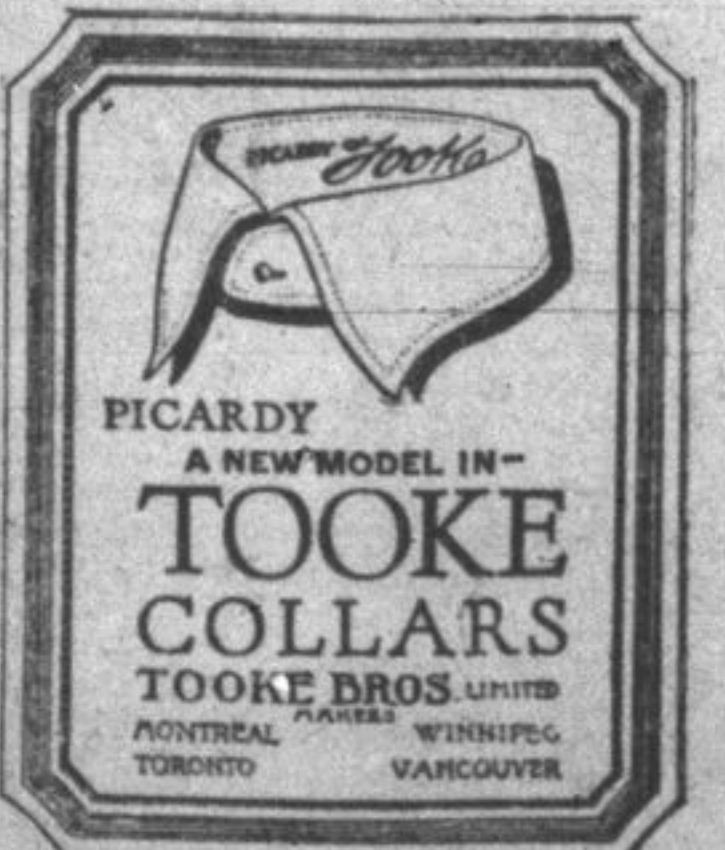
Japan is better, for Japan is more progressive. She has about 2,000 cars in her whole country. Of these 1,900 are found in Tokio, 200 in Yokohama, and 75 or 100 in Kobe. The others are scattered. But in Japan, as in China, the roads are not yet ready for motor touring. One may drive from Tokio to Kobe via Yokohama, a distance of about 250 miles, but it is no venture to recommend.

There has been no Chinese attempt to manufacture a Chinese automobile, but the Japanese have a factory between Kobe and Yokohama.



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Maine Guides Raise Rate. It looks as if the Maine had the "edge" on the munition workers after all. Having caught the war wage fever along with other workers, the visiting hunters for a mere \$7 a day last year for steering them through the dense areas and out again. And they're getting it because when a man comes a long distance to hunt he has to hunt.

Three years ago the wage was \$3.50 a day and everybody was satisfied. Last year guides were scarce because many of them went to wood chopping at \$5 a day. Now the demand for wood choppers is slightly easier and as the huntsmen seem to have the coin, the guiding business again appears to have its attractions.

There isn't much argument about it. The guide just says he "can't take the job for less," and the hunter hesitates, looks peeved—and pays.

To Resume Soccer. With the great war at an end, the English soccer authorities are losing no time in re-establishing league soccer on a pre-war basis. A conference, presided over by J. C. Clegg, chairman of the association council, received suggestions from representatives of the Soccer League, Southern League, London Combination and the county associations as to the changes to be made.

Has Great Record. Directum J. has the most enviable record of the light harness racers of the year. He was started in fourteen races and finished first in eleven, second in two and third in one, a record of never being out of the money. Nearly \$500,000 was distributed in prizes for the two hundred and fifty races that were contested in the seventeen weeks of the Grand Circuit at fifteen meetings.

There were 146 races for trotters and 104 for pacers. In the trots 1,046 started and in the paces 647.

May Skate For Titles. At the annual meeting of the Canadian Amateur Skating Association, held at Montreal, the officers of last season were re-elected. Owing to the fact that the majority of skaters were overseas, no championships were held last season. Holding of championships the coming winter will depend on the return of the men from overseas.

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