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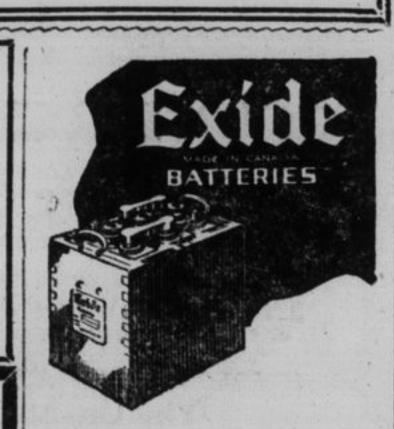
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AFTER AN ENGINE has been running idle for some time or has been throttled down closely and moving its car at very slow speed, it often happens that, when the throttle is suddenly opened to accelerate, there is quite a period of missing, possibly muffler explosions and considerable black smoke in the exhaust. The engine is said to "choke and sputter" and the cause of the trouble is generally that the manifold contains a large quantity of liquid gasoline, which, when the throttle is opened is suddenly sucked into the cylinders, "flooding" them and temporarily producing a mixture too rich to explode-at least regularly, and often fouling the plugs. The reason for this collection of unvaporized gasoline is that, when an engine is closely throttled, the rate of flow of air through the carburetor is so low and the suction on the carburetor-jet is so weak, that there is no actual atomizing of fuel into fine particles and very slight mixing action, due to air motion. Gasoline simply "dribbles" out of the carburetor standpipe and settles upon the walls of the piping, collecting in puddles upon the lower surfaces of the manifold, which is often too cold to evaporate any of the liquid, except its most volatile portions. Upon the opening of the throttle, there is a sudden violent rush of air through the piping, which catches up the collected fuel and sweeps it into the cylinders, producing therein an immense excess of combustible, with results as stated above. When the carburetor is mounted directly upon the cylinder-block, as in most recent engines, the manifold is within the casting, and is heated enough by the surrounding warm jacket water to reduce the loading evil. but in external, exposed manifolds loading takes place, especially when the engine is cold. The hot spot manifold, with a portion of its wall heated by exhaust gas, the combination intake and exhaust manifold, having one hot wall common to both, are expedients for preventing the collection and retention of liquid fuel in the intake. The use of a carburetor so designed that, even when throttled, the air has a high velocity past the jet and the jet has a vigorous spraying action, tends to minimize "loading". The motorist who owns a car, the engine of which suffers from loading after being run throttled, should give the intake more heat and perhaps consider a more modern carbufetor.



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it of the power to supply the im-ROADSIDE RADIATOR REPAIRS ing motor will not crank the engine. It turns until the pinion

that the battery is charged and that the starter drive is all right. What is the matter? Answer: Either the engine turns over abnormally hard, perhaps bestarter circuit, which prevents the Answer: Applying thick white motor from developing the re- lead or red lead freely around the quired torque. If the engine cranks point of escape often works well very hard, by hand, it is not and in the case of honeycomb radstrange that the motor balks at lators, putty pressed into the leakturning it over. Imperfect connec- ing cells from both front and back. tions of the battery cables to the generally proves effective. Plaster battery terminals, to the ground of Paris in the form of a thick

cause some of its moving parts | S. A. W. writes: Twice, when have recently been tightened or my car was on the road the raditrical resistance somewhere in the the best way to stop these leaks? on the frame or to the starter paste can also be used and we have switch, or bad connections in the seen temporary repairs made with switch itself or at the brushes of heavy cup grease,

may have been given the full charge which it will take, dete-

Looping Track Of Fuel Economy

The Economical Car Is Generally The Well Conditioned Car

WITH THE PRESENT high price of gasoline likely to advance still further, there is an added incentive to keep track of a car's gasoline consumption, and the best way to do this is to keep an accurate record of the number of gallons added to fully replenish the tank, at each filling and the edometer reading on each such occasion. To figure the miles per gallon obtained between any two fillings, it is only necessary to divide the difference between the two odometer readings by the number of gallons supplied during the period in question. For example, if on March 1st, the odometer 1 ding was 6,325 and on May 1st 6,802, the car was run 477 miles and, if the tank was completely filled on these two dates and 31 gallons were supplied, including the filling of the last but not of the first date, the average gasoline economy during the period would be 477 divided by 31 or 15.4 miles per gallon. The longer the period of time and the more the car is run, the more accurate the results obtainable in this way, assuming the records are correct. For those motorists who object to keeping such memoranda continuously. gasoline economy can be checked up occasionally in an approximate way as follows: Just before starting upon a fairly long trip, set the car on a level floor, fill the tank exactly full and record the odometer reading and, upon returning, place the car in a level position, fill the tank exactly full, with gasoline handled in an accurate measure, read the edometer and divide the mileage run by the number of gallons required to replenish the tank. The miles per gallon thus obtained will be higher than can be obtained in average service, especially if the trip is a long

TROUBLE IN SHIFTING GEARS!



C. C. writes: I bave some trouble shifting the gears of my car, in meshing with the engine ture? stopped. The former owner of the car says that the trouble is my own profitable to repair armatures, fault. Where is the difficulty? Is which are in serious trouble. Man-Answer: Of course there is a

knack in shifting gears some transmissions and conditions requiring a quick and some more deliberate action to secure the best fective. It is pretty hard to set a with the mechanism it may be that the clutch does not release fully and thus keeps the gears spinning and difficult to mesh smoothly. Possibly the clutch-brake which is enough to be effective or. on the other hand, it may work too harshand not give time enough for shifting. Possibly the lubrication of your transmission may not be such as to promote easy shifting. If some one else can make the shifts all right, you may be to blame for the trouble experienced. but, if not, one of the defects which we mentioned above, probably exists.

LIFE OF GENERATOR ARMATURES

F. W. M. writes: After two years service, the generator of my car ceased to give current, as indicated by no movement of the ammeter. My garage man took the armature and had it tested and was told that a new one was required., One was put in. I still have the old armature, which shows not the slightest not being able to change from low external defect. Will it pay me to to second at all times with the en- have it repaired? What is the gine running. There is no trouble average life of a generator arma-

Answer: It is not considered ufacturing costs are so low that it does not pay. You better take this armature to another electrical service station and get a confirmation of the verdict that it, is delife for these armatures, but 15,-000 miles of service may be as good a guess as any. A great many armature defects would be indicated by outside signs, such as designed to slow down the spin- leads, soaked insulation and the like, but others would not be



Questions of general interest to the motorist will be answered by Mr. Clough in this column, space permitting. If an immediate answer is desired, enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope,

LOON LAKE AS A RESORT

Cottages Are Being Reared - The ber store and ice-cream parlor. The Spot Is Ideal

Loon Lake this spring. E. B. Lan- ar making is in progress and a fairdon is adding a cottage to his camp ly good year is the out-come. motor boat landing.

, Rashotte's stock in their cars. Mrs. S. E. Wise has re-decorated .. | market is steady at : Eggs, 25c; butter, 40c; potatoes, 50c per bag. Sid-Cloyne, April 21.—As the snow ney Hawley finished drawing the is leaving the ground and the birds school wood before the snow went are beginning to sing there will be of. Miss B. Levier left this mornmore than fishing around Cloyne, ing for Uncle Sam's domains. Sug-

Archibald Mrs. J. Clarke and wee Leslie are Meeks, with his guide, made his spending a few days at Tichborne. first trip to inspect his new boat All enjoyed themselves at the party house and camp. Mr. Landon re- at D. McGregor's previous to his ports there are fifteen lots taken sale which is to come off on April Several cottages will be un- 24th. The work on the new road der way as soon as the weather is going on slowly; we hope to see permits. He looks to see Loon Lake it move soon. Mrs. W. Head, we the coming pleasure resort in this are glad to learn, is improving. Ospart of the country. J. Meeks, Bon car Huffman and Mr. Perry are home Echo and S. A. Wheeler each again not having found any work brought home a fine showing of Felix in their travels,

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