

SOARING PRICES OF GASOLINE

Possible Solution of Fuel Problem in Development of Benzol or Alcohol.

SQUEEZE ON AUTO OWNERS

By far the greatest problem that has confronted the automobile owner since the advent of the motor vehicle is the present soaring prices of gasoline—the necessary fuel for the internal combustion engine.

At present gasoline is selling for from 27 to 29 cents a gallon to the consumer in Boston, and the garage men have issued a warning that the high-water retail mark may be 30 cents before long.

That the question of obtaining an adequate supply of fuel at a reasonable price is a matter which is receiving the serious attention of the motorist—the man who pays the price, but, in this case, does not call the tune—is unquestioned.

Available Supply. "Although there are no exact figures showing actual gasoline consumption, an indication of the quantity available for domestic use may be obtained by taking the total production and deducting the exports, and on this basis the official calculations will help the gasoline user to realize just where he stands.

In round figures there are 2,500,000 automobiles in use at present in the United States, and as the total domestic production of gasoline, less the quantity exported, was 5,100,000 barrels in 1915, a simple calculation gives the number of gallons available for each car as approximately 200—perhaps enough for 2,500 miles, perhaps not. Fifteen months ago there was a reservation of about 3,000,000 barrels of gasoline, and three months ago this had been exhausted, so that there is no reserve to draw upon.

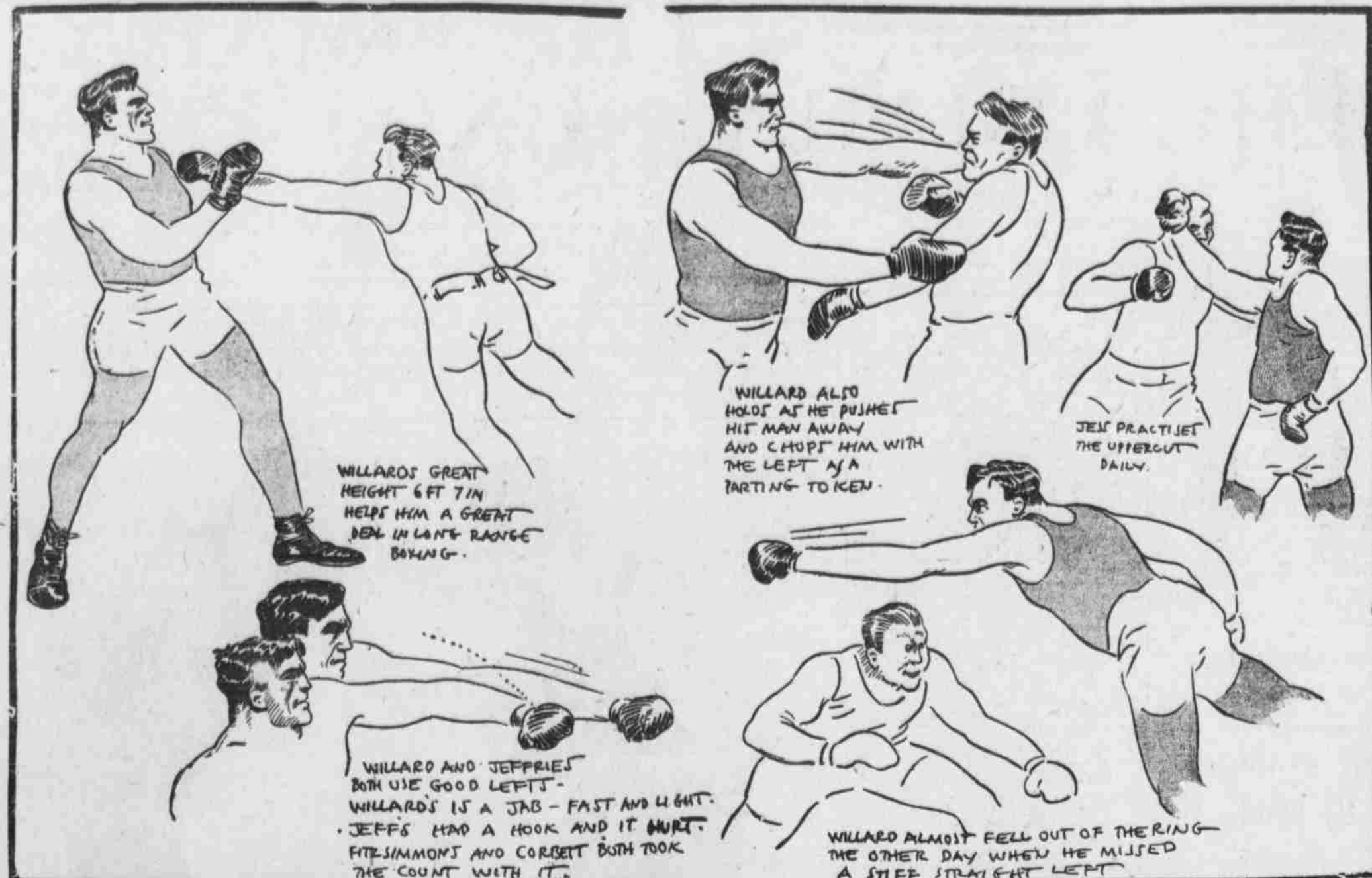
The foregoing calculations take account only of gasoline in relation to automobiles, but as they ignore the 300,000 motor boats at present in service and also the 20,000 farm tractors operating in different agricultural districts, a glance will show that the motorist is in an even more desperate predicament than would seem to be the case to the casual inquirer.

Chemical Process. "It seems that the production in the known fields of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas is limited because of deficiencies in public land laws, and the secretary of the Interior estimates that approximately 60,000,000 barrels of oil are under lands now in public ownership and barred from the active production of oil.

Various processes for producing gasoline from the less valuable petroleum oils are being developed, and may at a future time prove of sufficient worth to relieve the fuel tensions. In this connection it should not be forgotten that there seems to be a present disinclination to endeavor to increase the production of crude, as by so doing the output of distillates for which there is only a nominal market would also be correspondingly increased.

Benzol as a Substitute. "Benzol, a by-product in the manufacture of coke, is in general use in Europe, particularly in those countries which are unable at present to import gasoline from America or other producing countries.

Tad Shows How Jess Willard Picked Up Johnson's Tactics



Willard's Great Height 6 FT 7 IN HELPS HIM A GREAT DEAL IN LONG RANGE BOXING.

Willard and Jeffries both use good lefts. Willard is a jab - fast and light. Jeff's had a hook and it hurt. Fitzsimmons and Corbett both took the count with it.

Willard also holds as he punts his man away and chops him with the left as a parting to Ken.

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DO YOU KNOW HOW A FELT HAT IS MADE?

And if you do know, do you know the difference between a soft hat and a stiff one? BOTH STYLES MADE FROM FUR. WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—All of us wear hats, and many of us, what are known as felt hats, but how many know that they are made of fur, or the difference between a soft felt and a stiff one?

One of the latest exhibits in the division of textiles of the National museum at Washington shows clearly just how such hats are made—from the raw material to the finished product—and includes many of the latest and most popular styles ready to wear, as well as special shapes manufactured for particular foreign markets. The exhibit is accompanied with photographs illustrating scenes in the factory of one of the largest and best-known American hat manufacturers. These enable the observer to connect the materials, apparatus and finished products shown, into a tangible story.

In the manufacture of one of the most popular brands of American hats, the North American beaver, South American nutria, Saxony hare and English and Scotch cone are used. When the pelts of these animals are received at the factory they are first washed with whale oil soap, after which the long, coarse hairs are removed, since they would tend to make the felt too rough. The skins are then treated with nitrate of mercury, a process called "carroting," which gives the fur its "felting properties," making it knit together when hot water and pressure are applied.

Although it is now cleaned, carroted, and sorted, the fur is by no means ready for use; it has to be seasoned, just like lumber, and is stored until ready for use. Some manufacturers have a million or two dollars' worth of fur seasoning in storage. When the fur is properly seasoned, it is mixed in certain proportions to produce the desired texture and color, and from here on the work is not done mechanically but by hand, being mainly a question of art and skill.

Harley-Davidson advertisement: Spring will soon be here, so place your order now for a 1916 HARLEY-DAVIDSON. The Machine Built for the Riders' Satisfaction. Victor H. Roos. 2703 Leavenworth St. OMAHA, NEB.

Overland Auditorium Tonight advertisement: Roller Skating Auditorium Tonight. Overland Omaha Company. J. R. Jamison, President. AUTOMOBILES. 2047 Farnam Street. Willys Knight Sleeve-Valve Motor.