

MOTOR MEN UP IN ARMS

Take Action on James J. Hill's Criticisms.

AUTOS ARE NOT A MERE FAD

Reply to the Railroad Magnate's Cry of Extravagance in Connection with the Automobiles.

Motor car manufacturers and owners resent the remarks of the Hon. James J. Hill, president of the Northern Pacific Railway company, who has publicly criticized automobiling as a pastime and automobile manufacturing as a business.

"Back to the farm" has been the cry of Mr. Hill for some time, the claim being that there were not enough people tilling the soil and increasing the supply of agricultural wealth.

"It is undoubtedly true that there are some people maintaining motor cars who cannot properly afford them, but it is not true in the case of those who speculate in Wall street's stocks, or buy more expensive clothing or homes than their incomes really warrant."

"Better by far that Mr. Hill, and others who have been quoted as being pessimistic on the country's future, and hasten to lay much of the blame on the motor car, should glory in the country that could afford to buy 120,000 automobiles in 1909, costing approximately \$120,000,000, with every prospect of buying more than 200,000 cars this year, retailing at not less than \$250,000,000.

"Let them glory in a business that has almost 100 substantial motor car factories and a number of smaller ones with a total capital of more than \$200,000,000, that has 250 factories making tires, parts and accessories, the capital of almost \$100,000,000; those same factories, making parts and accessories, employing not less than 250,000 men.

"Does Mr. Hill," continued Mr. Reeves, "ever stop to consider the wages earned by the chauffeurs, of whom there are 50,500 registered in New York state alone? Invariably they receive on the average better wages than the men on Mr. Hill's railroad or any other railroad."

HUMORS OF CENSUS TAKING

Strained and Unconscious Humor Mixed with Pathos in the Answers.

That was certainly a proud father, who wrote for his first baby, "3-12," as the age and "Beginner's English," replying to the query, "Do you speak English?" To the later questions, "Do you read and write?" he answered, hopefully, "Not yet, but soon."

To the first question a "lawyer" who gave his age as 23—replied with great confidence, "Plenty"—and I could almost see him, trying his first case, with "spread eagle" oratory, before a judge, who would have to curtail his eloquence from the start.

Another, replying to "Can you read?" wrote: "I read this paper and am writing these answers." The young driver of a milk wagon, evidently content and happy, perhaps with his first "job," printed in capitals, "NO BILK!" in answer to "Where you out of work April, 1909?" while his neighbor, half a block away, and 25 years old, who had probably never had a vacation, wrote "Too much work."

It was a bachelor physician, who said he was "head, feet and the whole thing" in his house, and a man of rare appreciation of his own position, who meekly wrote himself as "My wife's husband."

Another semi-humorist put his "color or race" on record as "white as chalk," using "Ditto" for his wife.

More than one woman might have answered as truthfully as one did to the question: "What is your business, trade, profession or occupation?" "Invalid."

Was it imagination that dictated "Victoria Eugenie Marie Therese Leopold Emanuel George Washington John Adam Thomas Jefferson Lucile and Topsy," as the ten children of John and Mary Smith? I almost thought so, for the man seemed too young—as well as too cheerful, and too prosperous—to have it anything more than a dream. But the details were all there, with each name.

Dignity was in the reply of the man who wrote for wife and children, as to occupation: "None. I support my family"—and he was a street car conductor!

JOKERS WORKED INTO LAWS

Shady Methods of Shifty Lawmakers Usually Discovered Too Late.

A joker in its simplest form consists in a word or a clause, which, introduced into proposed legislation, fishes away from the public its power, either by emasculating an enactment or by perverting the essence and purpose of it.

Sometimes, it is one word, as where the sale of a piece of public property to the lowest bidder was once authorized. Sometimes it may inhere in that elusive character, the comma, as in the case of the tariff clause of an old schedule, providing for the free entry of fruit plants, where somebody carelessly allowed a comma to creep in between "fruit" and "plants," thereby admitting millions of oranges and lemons into the country duty free, and costing the treasury hundreds of thousands of dollars in loss of imports.

be always uppermost in your mind that clothes have no tendency to drag you under water, that they are a help rather than a hindrance if you only know how to take advantage of the assistance they offer.

HE HAD THE GIRLS GOING

Happy Drummer's Generosity Rewarded with Cuffs, Smiles and Blushes.

Through the generosity of a bibulous, well-dressed drummer many shop and factory girls are wearing fluffy lingerie today. The recipients of his bounty were on a Bronx express that left the Fourteenth street station with the drummer about 6 o'clock.

He was about 22, smiling, carried a sample case, stamped "A. C. P. Providence, R. I.," and only a few of the clerks and other men aboard noticed that he was unshaven and had a blue baby ribbon around his neck.

"Ladies," he said, "I am carrying in this sample case the finest lace that there is on the road. You are all good looking and I am going to give each one of you a sample of my line to remember me by."

Then he opened the sample case and began to unstack an especially fine lot of lingerie. It was the finest lot of goods of its kind that any of the girls had ever seen, and it was the first of that kind of wear that some of the men had ever seen.

Some of the maids began to titter, others blushed and others got mad. One girl slapped the drummer in the face as he handed her an especially fine sample of his lingerie. Others, highly insulted, declined to take the presents, but many of them wrapped up what was offered, blushing the while. Every man wore a broad grin.

Over in the corner was a messenger boy. The beneficent drummer saw him. "Here, I mustn't forget you," he remarked. "Take these home with you," and he handed the messenger boy several articles that the said messenger boy never will be persuaded to wear.

The boy took the goods and proceeded to examine them. He held up one affair embroidered and trimmed with blue baby ribbon and looked appealingly to the salesman. "Wottells these?" he asked. Then he wrapped them up.

At the Grand Central station the man got off, having been warned by the guard that if he didn't he would be arrested.—New York World.

Sweet Sets Bone. Patrolman Charles Schiller, whose right cheekbone was broken by a baseball in Riverside park two weeks ago, was to have undergone an operation this morning before the doctors got there. However, the policeman performed an unexpected surgical operation on himself.

His face pained him a good deal, and he sent one of his sons to a drug store to get a patent salve. He got this and applied it to his face, but accidentally got some of it to his nose, and it caused him to sneeze violently several times. The last time he sneezed he felt a sharp pain in his face, and when the doctors got to his house ready to operate they found the sneeze had taken their job from them, and the bone had snapped back into place.—Hartford News.

The Place for Him. That French count the Simmonds girl married is coming over to this country to go in business. He can't live in France—his creditors are so annoying.

Four Aces of Philosophy. Age ten: The baby—The group picture. Age twenty-five: The lover—the dupe picture. Age seventy-five: The best old man—the steep picture.—Judge.

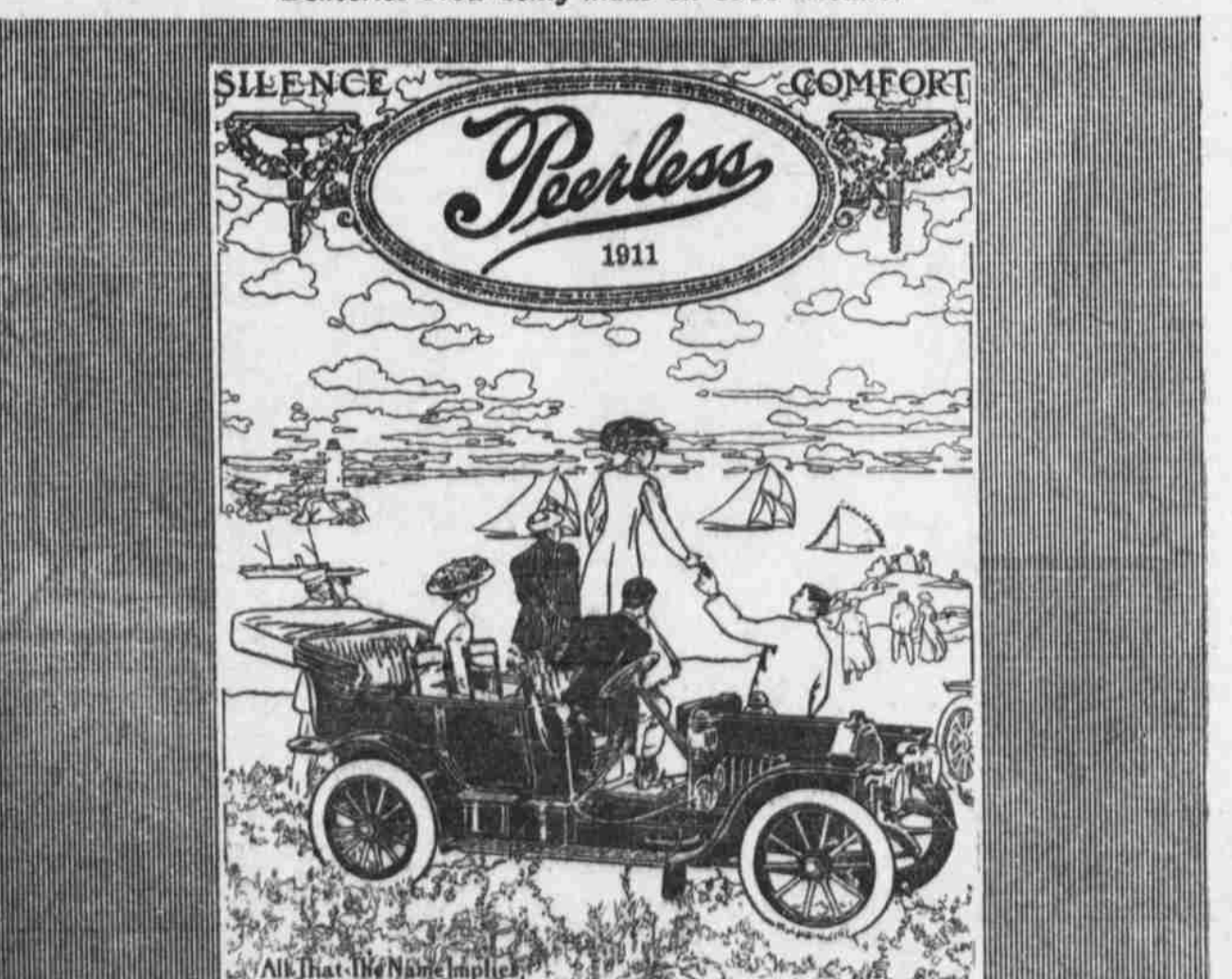
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