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# NOT DARE DEVILS

## DRIVERS TAKE LITTLE CHANCE

**LOUIS STRANG, CHAMPION AUTO DRIVER OF AMERICA, SAYS DRIVERS SHOULD HAVE THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF CARS.**

Louis Strang, champion auto driver of America, says: "Drivers of auto racing cars get a lot more credit for being 'dare-devils' than they deserve. As a matter of fact, a driver takes very little chance for an accident which may put his car out of a race and himself in a hospital, if nothing worse. Human instinct, which guides the cyclist, asserts itself to the same or greater degree with the chauffeur. A wonderfully good pair of eyes have helped in my success as a driver. Judge of speed and the marvelous accuracy in estimating the comparative width of the opening and relative width of the car he is driving will enable the driver to pass through safely when the wheels may graze. Every driver knows almost positively just what his car can safely do on a dangerous turn. Having acquired that knowledge, a careful driver will just hold his car to the minimum, for, in case of a bursting tire, he would be able to retain control of the machine.

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"Fool friends in my car have often asked me to let out a few speed links here on Broadway, which would be the height of foolishness on the part of any sane driver. The violation of the speed ordinance is the least reason for a refusal to grant the request to ride fast, for human lives are intensely sacred to the drivers of racing autos who know what danger means.

### Learns How to Drive Best.

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The unqualified success of the endurance run has practically caused the local enthusiasts to decide to make it an annual feature. The technical committee discussed the advisability yesterday of adding another class next year, so as to give ordinary tourists a chance to make the trip at a less stringent schedule.

The possibility of making it a three-day affair, with one day of rest at French Lick, is also being talked over, and seems to be very popular. At any rate, unless something unforeseen occurs, Indianapolis autoists will have a two or three-day endurance run to French Lick in 1900, and the only hope of the Trade Association is that the event next year will prove as big a success as it did this year.

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The Chalmers-Detroit People Have Received a Total of 756 Actual Orders Since Aug. 1.

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**MOTOCYCLE MAKERS FORM ORGANIZATION**

They Will Exhibit in Body at Madison Square Garden and Other Large Shows.

"Bachelor automobiles," as a sweet girl creature has dubbed motorcycles, have been advancing in popularity and multiplying numerically on the roads during the last two years and the importance to which this phase of motoring has arrived is indicated by the news that the makers of the two-wheelers have organized. There are nearly a score of manufacturers of these lesser motor cars and they have gotten together in a co-operative body under the name of the Motorcycle Manufacturers Association. The president is yet to be elected, and George Hendee of Springfield, Mass., the long-ago champion on the old high wheel, is the likely nominee. The new association anticipates...

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