

Rays of Auto Light From Show M

There was something refreshing and breezy about the indifferent way some men talked about money at the auto show last night. It reminded one of the famous World's Fair speech of D. R. Franc in which he spoke of the exposition having cost "only a few paltry millions."

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W. E. Metzger of the E. M. F. Company of Detroit is a visitor at the Willis-Holcomb garage.

A vacuum housecleaner mounted on a one-ton rapid truck is attracting considerable attention from show visitors. J. O. Addison of Knightstown is the inventor.

H. E. Elmer of Kokomo is a visitor at the Haynes-Freeman garage.

Mr. Charles Elyea of Atlanta, Ga., was a visitor at the Hearsy-Willis garage yesterday as a guest of Mr. Willis. Mr. Elyea made a special trip to Indianapolis to investigate the idea of local openings for the automobile dealers in Atlanta, the dealers at that point recognizing the value of such openings, as it shows the enthusiasm that the country is giving to the automobile, and he favored such an opening in preference to the local shows.

Among the local buyers of automobiles during the show are Fred B. Smith and George Mull. Mr. Smith purchased a Marmon "Thirty-two" Suburban; Mr. Mull a Marmon "Thirty-two" roadster.

Probably very few of the many people who have seen the Marmon oiling system, so plainly demonstrated at the new Marmon salesroom this week, realize how difficult it is to illustrate such a subject, and that the Marmon exhibit, in this feature, is decidedly unique.

The Marmon people have taken the crank case of their engine, removed the pistons and cylinders and fitted panes of glass in the top where the cylinders should be. Inside, the crank shaft is seen revolving, with oil spurting out of drilled holes at every point where a bearing belongs. Separate piston parts are also exhibited, showing oil arteries running through them to lubricate the piston-pin bearings, one of the many distinctive features of the Marmon system. The oiling exhibit is equipped with hand cranks which turn the crank shaft and work the small oil pump, precisely as the engine would when running. The device shows very clearly that every engine bearing is constantly immersed in oil, flowing under uniform pressure. It is not unusual for a Marmon to travel 800 miles on one gallon of lubricating oil.

Another attractive feature of this oiling system is that it prevents what is commonly called "the smoke nuisance," against which many foreign and American cities have passed laws. It is impossible for a Marmon to leave a trail of smoke behind it when once its oiling system is properly adjusted. It is perhaps not generally known in Indianapolis that this Marmon oiling system has been the inspiration of most of the recent pressure systems in the foreign cars. The system has been in use on Marmon cars for six years, and has been tested by

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- April 5 to 11—So. carnival in New York.
- April 11 to 18—A. Prague, Hill club.
- April 10—Hill club.
- April 10—George Hill, under New York Automobile Club.
- May 18 to 19—Two under the auspices of mobile Club.
- April 22 to 30—Commercial vehicles in France.
- April 26—Powerboat Pearl of the Mediterranean.
- April 26 to May 1—Competition in Greece.
- April 27 to 30—Federation of Automobile Dealers' Association.
- April 29—Voiturette.
- May 1—Endurance pieces of the Automobile Club.
- May 3 to 6—Anniversary of the Harrisburg (Pa.) Automobile Club.
- May 2—Annual Trials of the Automobile Club.
- May 6 to 9—Small trials.
- May 8 to 23—The 10th International Automobile and Aviation Exposition.
- May 10 to 15—Indianapolis, under direction of Sweden.
- May 10—Kilometer work, under direction of Automobile Club.
- May 19 to 22—Spring trials of the Quaker City Automobile Club, to Pittsburgh.
- May 20—International from Berlin, under German Aero Club.
- May 26—Moscow-St. Petersburg, under auspices of the Automobile Club.
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- June 5—Grand international champions starting from Indianapolis, under auspices of the Automobile Club.
- June 10 to 18—Anniversary of Prussia touring car.
- June 11 to 12—Two reliability contest return, under the auspices of the New York Automobile Club.
- June 14 to 19—Anniversary of the Automobile Club.
- June 20—French volée logne-sur-Mer course L'Auto, Paris.
- June 24 to July 5—International, under direction of Sweden.
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The Nordyke & Marmon Company is now making deliveries of its 1909 models. Marmon "Thirty-twos" were delivered this week to the following Indianapolis people: J. R. Barrett, touring-car; George Van Camp, suburban; William Hauelsen, touring car; Dr. H. R. Allen, coupe.

The Premier Motor Manufacturing Company recently entered into a contract with the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company for a number of Premier motors for marine purposes, to be installed in the high-class pleasure and speed-crafts. These motors embody the characteristic features of the motor regularly installed in Premier six-cylinder cars. The Herreshoff Manufacturing Company has been great advocates of steam engines in connection with these crafts until up to a year ago, when Mr. Herreshoff purchased a six-cylinder Premier fitted with the Premier make-and-break ignition with its cushioning device, such as characterizes all Premier motors. This company has done a great deal of experimenting with gas motors in connection with this work, but until the Premier motor, with its low-tension ignition, was tried out in marine service, steam was given the preference. The Premier Company has been advised that included in their orders are a number of boats which have formerly been fitted with motors which rank first among European manufacture.

The Herreshoff brothers, John B. and Nathaniel, represent that branch of the family which have won world-wide fame as constructors of the steamers they have met with in designing and building international cup of America sailing in each message and the international cup against Sir Thomas Lipton. They are engaged in the construction of the world's first motor ship, the Premier Company has been received a Premier motor for a six-cylinder touring car for 1909 in Herreshoff's personal use.

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