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It will be remembered that Barney Oldfield was driving Mr. Whipple's car last week in which K. J. Allyn, manager of the Allyn house, was riding at the time of the accident in which he was injured. Mr. Whipple stated that Mr. Allyn is now at his home in Andover and his condition is rapidly improving. He was able to dress yesterday and walk around the house and will be expected in Hartford early in the week.

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Says the Car Skidded.

Oldfield said he was not going at a high rate of speed. The machine skidded to the curbing as he was trying to avoid a large tree in the middle of the road near the entrance to the boulevard, a tire burst and the car was overturned, all the occupants being thrown out.

There were five automobiles in the party, who were inspecting the course laid out for the Fourth of July races. The automobile which was overturned and afterward damaged by fire is said to have been owned by Harlan W.

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Firemen Called Out.

The young men telephoned some relatives at a hotel in Boston about the accident, but denied that they called for any one in the Somerset hotel. They returned to the hospital after getting a telephone message from Boston.

At the junction of Pawtucketville boulevard and Varnum av is one of the largest and oldest shade trees in Lowell. Had Mr Oldfield turned to the right instead of the left it is believed he would have avoided an accident. It is reported that he received a signal from one of the men in the car to turn to the left, as it appeared from a hasty glance to be the wider avenue.

It is not known whether the fast-going automobile touched the roots of the large shade tree, but, according to Mr Oldfield, it skidded and was overturned by the bursting of a tire.

The fire department was summoned to box 37 and they soon extinguished the fire in the automobile.

The report in Pawtucketville is that Mr Oldfield came here at dusk tonight to get a line on the automobile course. The electric light near the entrance to the boulevard it is thought may have confused the occupants of the front seat in the automobile, and the tree was not seen until the car was almost upon it. Pawtucketville residents say the tree in the road is a well-known landmark for many automobilists.

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Robert Allen, of Hartford, Conn., and Dr. Park, of Andover, Mass., who were in the machine, escaped with minor bruises.

Oldfield was making a sharp turn when the wheels skidded in the mud and turned turtle. Mrs. Oldfield was taken to a hospital at Lowell. She was cut over the eye and injured about the spine.

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The Bianchi car, entered by Percy Owen and to be driven by Felix Prossen, drew No. 1 position. The order of start follows:

Start. Car.	Driver.
1. Bianchi	Felix Prossen
2. Fiat	E. Cedrino
3. Apperson	Herbert Lytle
4. Isotta	Louis Strang
5. Stearns	F. W. Leland
6. Fiat	E. H. Parker
7. Lozier	H. McChener
8. Stearns	Guy Vaughn
9. Lozier	Ralph Mulford
10. Mijava	D. S. Murphy
11. Isotta	Al Poole
12. Thomas	M. Roberts
13. Stearns	B. Oldfield
14. Renault	M. Bernin
15. Panhard	G. Robertson
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