

THE OPEN ROAD

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If Your Touring by Automobile Has Not Been All It Should Be,
Read the First Yarn This Month, and "Touring
Lighter," in April. They May Help.

Do You Know What the Middle West is Doing For Motorboating?
There's a Bit of It Here.

"Ten Pounds of Booklets," Should Take You Back to School-
days. The Ancients Knew Woods—Do We?

Touring "Light" by Auto

THERE are two ways of touring by automobile: the new and the old, the satisfactory and the unsatisfactory, the comfortable and the uncomfortable.

The old, sketched in outline, was that you chose your route according to hotels and roads, hoping you would reach the hotel at the proper time and that you would not be fleeced when you got there. You went feverishly and with trembling to a fitting-out store and bought largely of whatever the salesman said "You really ought to have." Then you started away, packed like the proverbial little fish in cans, resembling a home-tied laundry bundle of a Monday morning.

In the new way of auto-touring (Why not call it **AUTOURING?**), you make an initial outlay slightly larger perhaps,

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pack your necessities into convenient places provided for them, and roll down the long, open road, practically free from care and worry.

Dividing the subject matter still farther, there are two ways of touring satisfactorily: with a trailer or

with a bed and tent. For reasons of space (the age-long editorial cry!) the automobile bed and tent must wait until next month. Following are some of the various types and makes of automobile trailers proper.

A Trailer is just what the name implies: a vehicle on wheels which follows the automobile and carries all the necessary paraphernalia ordinarily roped to the running board or piled high about the occupants of the tonneau. Last season was the first in



All the comforts of home plus the joys of outdoors

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A trailer satisfies all needs—winter or summer

which it assumed important proportions, but its success was such that practically all manufacturers have greatly increased their production for this year as well as making all the little refinements which a year's experience proved wise.

Surely I need not argue about the convenience and satisfaction to be obtained by having full freedom in the car, eliminating practically all dependence upon hotels and road-houses, and being able to pitch camp whenever and wherever fancy dictates. Nor is there call for further comment upon being able to throw a tent over all or part of the car, to set up your bed, and fall to the delicious task of cooking in the open even if the weather is not kind. As to making repairs on the automobile—well, even the best of plebeian or aristocratic automobiles do sometimes show signs of ill-temper unbecoming to their race.

What You Get For \$150—\$200

A closed box on wheels, convertible into a kitchen-tent on wheels in from five to ten minutes, depending largely upon your skill.

A complete kitchen outfit, usually including an ice box, as well as all the kitchen utensils needed by a car-full of tourists. Real beds, "built-in" as part of the trailer.

Dust-proof cabinets throughout. Solid or pneumatic tires capable of making speed up to the most generous limit set by authorities, or by common-sense.

Real mattresses, sheets, blankets, electric lighting outfit, stove, etc. Adjustable legs for the beds, making them level even if you are forced to stop on a hillside.

Rain-proof tent material. An un-noticeable increase in strain upon your engine and in amount of gasoline used.

Above all, the real joy of touring to your heart's content, and as the lovable vagabond within you dictates.

The list above is a composite one made up from several trailers. Each of the manufacturers mentioned below, however, meets each situation in his own way and the prospective buyer will find that each has taken great care for his wants as well as his necessities in detail. The Auto-Kamp Trailer, for instance, may be bought at less than the list price if you are a hardened tourist with adequate supplies. Those may be omitted so that you make up your own outfit from your own experience without duplicating any article.

Figures compiled from actual Trailer experience prove that four persons can travel and live almost lavishly at an expense of fifty cents each per day. If you are a hunter or a fisherman, your opportunities are limited only by the time that you have for your vacation and the territory your machine will cover. If game is not here, it may be there, and getting from HERE to THERE is a very simple matter.

If you are looking for health in the open air and a new acquaintance with the land in which you live, the wise and convenient way of doing it lies at your command. Or if, like Topsy who "jes' growed," you are "just touring," go prepared to enjoy it, and then you can't help being satisfied.

Dana Burnet was singing about walking, but the spirit is the same:

Time has turned his pockets out
And here's a golden day.
And if I spend it foolishly
There's none to say me nay!

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Tramping down the highroad,
 Spending as I go,
 Sleeping in the shadowed dales
 Where the daisies blow,
 Waking with the meadow larks,
 When the world's aglow!

These makers of trailers may not be able to sing about them, but they know how to give the feeling of song:

Auto-Kamp Equipment Company.
 Cozy Camp and Auto-Trailer Company.
 The Portable Camp Company.
 Twin Bed Outing Trailer Co.
 Warner Manufacturing Company.

Next Month—"Touring Lighter"

When You Travel In Strange Lands

UNFORTUNATELY, cleanliness does not always guarantee freedom from fleas and other vermin that work in the dark, even in the best of families out of doors. Upon the advice of a famous American physician, several of us took a quantity of carbolic soap to Serbia in 1915.

Although we slept for weeks in a sheep pasture, and at other times in the typical Macedonian rooms above the stable, we managed to keep clear of fleas and the typhus louse. The method was simply lathering our bodies with carbolic soap at night and removing it in the morning. Contrary to the general expectation of continuous nightly discomfort, we did not realize the presence of the lather except by the rarity of little black visitors.

We found, too, that carbolic soap has a very beneficial effect upon the face when one is continuously exposed to the weather.

Middle West Power Cruisers

By Rex. W. Wadman



Senator Geo. F. Harding, Jr.'s "Monser II," an Express Runabout. Has 400 H. P.

THE Yachtsmen of the Middle West have been setting a fast pace for the East during the last couple of years. A large number of exceptionally fine boats have been designed, built and launched in the Middle West during the past two years that compare favorably in all points with boats of a similar nature designed in the East. The Yachtsman of the Middle West demands comfort, even luxury, in his

motor boat; he furthermore insists on speed and seaworthiness and, on top of all that, he wants lots of accommodations, wants to be able to take a real party for a cruise when the spirit so moves, AND he wants all this in ONE boat of quite modest dimensions.

These demands have given rise to efficient boat building concerns in the Middle West with an intimate

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"Marquerite II," H. C. Good, Moine, Ill. Type of Commodious power cruiser demanded on the Mississippi