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BY SHERRY WINK

It was springtime in Nebraska, and the Sitzman twins were sitting in a classroom wishing they were anywhere but there. Actually that's not exactly accurate. Richard and Robert were actually wishing they were somewhere specific. Out in the woods, mushroom hunting, that's where they really, really wanted to be!

It was finally that perfect day in the spring when all the signs were just right. After a long cold spell, it had warmed up over the last several days. And yesterday, it had rained. And now, sitting in the school, they were sure they could smell the lilacs opening. That was a sure sign that it was Morel mushroom season!

Morels are a type of mushroom that only grow in the spring and only in the right weather. And they are so delicious that the twins thought about them all year round. It was always a sort of contest in the family to see who could find the most or the largest. Each year, that ended up being Dad Sitzman. But Richard and Robert had spent weeks planning their search, determined to beat Dad this year. They knew that you needed to look on the south side of the valleys and hill, around dead or dying trees with lots of leaves. Elm or ash trees were the best, or apple or cherry.

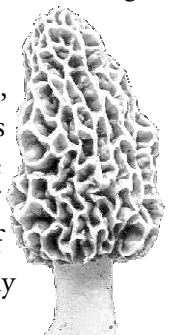
The problem was that Dad Sitzman already knew most

of the good spots. So the challenge was to find new places with those delicious fungi growing. That way there would be even more morels for Mom Sitzman to fry up! Everybody won then!

Finally, after an agonizingly long day, the last bell rang. The twins were out of there like a shot! Of course, they corralled Larry to help them, since he could drive the Model A pickup to help them get further out in the woods where Dad was less likely to go. And Larry was partial to morels too, so it wasn't hard to get him fired up and ready to go too!

So the boys headed home, grabbed some gunny sacks and the Model A and took off for the timber. It was MUSHROOM time, and time was a wasting! Never mind that morning was a better time to search, that wasn't going to stop them. They'd be out searching every day until it dried up anyhow!

They quickly drove the miles to the woods, vividly imaging the smell of mushrooms frying, and the taste of them as they ate plate after plate of them. Mom got tired of cooking them long before the boys got tired of eating them. But with twelve kids in the family



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plus Mom and Dad, they would have to find a lot of mushrooms to eat as many as they dreamed of!

Finally they reached their planned location, ready for their treasure hunt. Over the barbed wire fence they went, not minding that it snagged their jeans. Through the mud patch they waded, not minding the mud up to their knees. Only one thing was on these three boy's minds, and you know what that was!

As they approach the south side of the hill, it was Robert that made the first find. A beautiful 4 inch tall morel, just standing there for the taking! He carefully cut it off at ground level. Everyone knew that if you left the root, more would grow the next year. And then, a wonderful thing happened. Every direction they took, more, and more mushrooms suddenly showed up in the leaves. It was as if they were popping up every time the boys turned their back to a site, and then turned back. Richard and Robert couldn't believe their luck! They filled their sacks, and then Larry had to go back to the truck for more sacks. They had never even in their wildest dreams thought they could find this many.

By the time they finished picking every mushroom they could find, they had over four bushels of them. It was unheard of! It was a miracle of mushrooms, and they planned on eating at least half of them by themselves, just see if they didn't! And home went the triumphant warriors. Just see if Dad Sitzman could beat them this time!

Driving into the driveway, they could see that Dad had beat them home. Leaving the mushrooms in the truck, the boys went into the house to scout out how well Dad had done. After all, maybe it was just a great mushroom year, and Dad had been lucky too.



As they entered the kitchen, they could tell by the wonderful smell that Mom had already started frying up Dad's find. They ran into the room, hoping to snatch up a few hot tidbits straight from the frying pan. But, darn, Mom had just cooked up a few for Dad, and he was just finishing off the last one. Mom looked at their crestfallen faces and laughed at them. She told them "don't worry, Dad didn't find a lot, but we saved enough for everyone to get a taste at supper". Dad sat there nodding, and then showed them the half sack full that he had brought home.

Richard and Robert both hid their smiles, although Larry was less successful. Richard asked Mom, "If we found a few more, will you cook them up too?" "Of course" said

Mom. "Might as well do all of them at the same time. That way they can be shared fairly". Even the twins couldn't hide their grins at that. But Mom just thought they were happy at the idea of eating a few more mushrooms.

The boys quickly went out to the shed, and gathered up some bushel baskets, and transferred their harvest into them. Even then, they couldn't carry all of them by themselves, so they got some of the little boys to help them.

Let me tell you, the look of astonishment on Mom and Dad's faces when they trooped into the kitchen with their bushels of morels was worth seeing. And for once, the twins were able to fill them self up on mushrooms until even they had to cry "Uncle" and stop eating. And they had enough left for a mess of scrambled eggs and mushroom in the morning, before they left again to go hunt the wild mushroom.




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## Rumble Seats

Rumble—Noun -a continuous deep, resonant sound like distant thunder:*the steady rumble of traffic*

**Rumble Seat**—an upholstered exterior seat which hinges or otherwise opens out from the rear deck of a pre-World War II automobile, and seats one or more passengers.



Every wonder why it's called a "Rumble Seat"? In the old days, riding in the back with leaf springs, and unpaved roads, not to mention nothing between you and the outside but very thin cushioning, you really heard (and felt) the rumble!

It was also commonly called a Mother-In-Law seat, supposedly because you couldn't hear her complain from back there, or because it was the worst seat in the vehicle. Jokes have always been made about Mother-In-Laws, even back then. But in England, it was called a Dickie-Seat. I'm not sure why though.

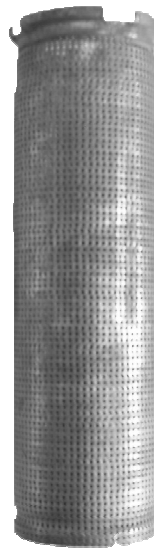
It might surprise you to know that the name Rumble Seat originated much further back than the Model A. An 1899 dictionary described it as "a seat for servants in the rear of a carriage". So I guess the Rumble Seat in a car was a natural progression.

In the Model A, Roadsters, Coupe, and Cabriolet were offered with a rumble seat as an option. Ford actually offered a few models of automobiles with a rumble seat until 1939.



## Model A Safety

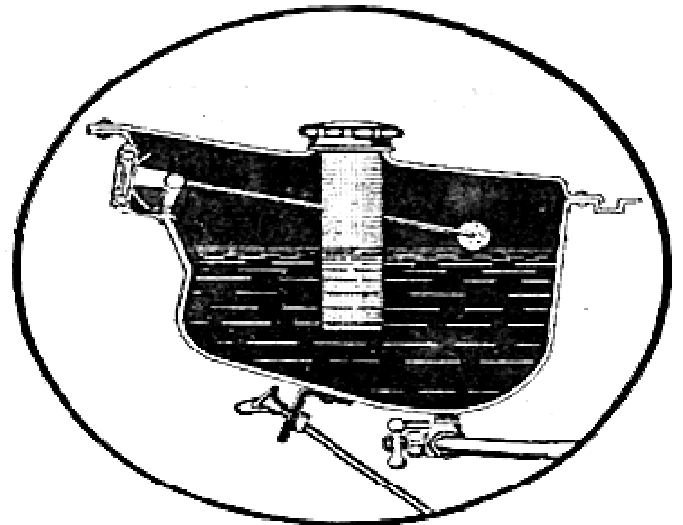
There was a lot of concern when the Model A was released, due to the location of the gas tank! Henry Ford addressed the safety issue about gas vapor by including a "screen assembly" in the tank opening.



Screen Assembly

It is basically a inset tube with lots of little holes punched into it like a screen. The screen helped keep small particles of dirt from getting in the tank, but it's main purpose was to act as a spark arrestor. The holes allowed air to enter the tank, but not enough vapor to escape to support a flame. Or that was the claim any how. Model A salesmen were said to have taken off the gas cap and wave a lit match over the opening to show the tank wouldn't explode. Actually I think it would have taken a very brave or stupid person to do that.

Some drivers today have removed this screen because it slows down filling the tank, but it really is an important safety item with the gas tank that close to the driver. Gas fumes are very flammable. In fact a tank that is almost empty is much more flammable than a full tank due to the vapors. Modern cars have a lot of safety features designed to keep these vapors from building up in the tank, but the Model A only has this. Make sure yours is still intact and in place!



A side diagram of the screen assembly in a Model A gas tank

# Model A Breakfast

Want to eat breakfast like a Model A era kid? You'd be surprised at the breakfast foods still around today that were popular in the 20's and 30's! Processed foods were becoming more available to consumers, and in many cases proved to be an improvement in the quality of previous existing products

Below are a few brands of breakfast cereal that were advertised in several 1931 magazines. How many of them do you recognize? How many have you actually eaten? Next time cereal is on the shopping list, eat like a Model A era kid!

**Believe it or not, you can hear this cereal!**

Kellogg's Rice Krispies are toasted bubbles of golden rice. So crunchy and crisp they actually crackle out loud in milk or cream!

You've never heard such a cereal - or tasted such delicious flavor. The choicest rice. Cooked and toasted. Full of nourishing, wholesome goodness.

Delightful for breakfast or lunch with fruits or honey added. Serve for nursery suppers—so easy to digest. An ideal way to get children to take milk. Try it afternoons when they come home from school.

Use Rice Krispies in cooking too. More economical than oatmeal. Make delicious macaroni, cassies, desserts. Sprinkle into soups.

Order the red-and-green package from your grocer. Made by Kellogg in Battle Creek. *The only cereal so crisp it actually crackles in cream!*

*You'll enjoy Kellogg's Stomach Mastic, broad cast iron wire and associated fixtures of the N. E. C. every Sunday morning at 10:30 P. D. S. T. Also see Los Angeles, Texas South at 10:00, and Sox Dinner at 10:30.*

**Kellogg's RICE KRISPIES**

**Good-bye lazy days!**

**Now's the time for the Wake-up Food**

HERE'S new energy—quick new energy—in delicious form! Post Toasties—the wake-up food! So easy to digest, so quick to release new energy to the body—that's why these golden flakes of toasted corn brisk up big and little folks, despite the warmest days. For a "wake-up" breakfast, a "pick-up" lunch and supper too—serve Post Toasties—the wake-up food. That's economy!

**POST TOASTIES**  
*The Wake-up Food*

A PRODUCT OF GENERAL FOODS CORPORATION

**Post Toasties Double-Cut Corn Flakes**

*A lot for your money!*

**"Twice-crisped"™**  
**more delicious than ever**

And because they're shot from guns, Puffed Grains provide amazingly rich cereal nourishment.

**FLAVOR?** Like that of toasted oat meals! Crisp... with a flaky *frisk* crispness you can't resist. It's the new Quaker Puffed Wheat and Puffed Rice. Made by a special new heat-sealing process that captures and seals in all that just-baked flavor—that toasty crispness.

**Enticement... plus rich substantial nourishment**

Children pass their bowls for these nut-like grains again and again. And with every bowl!

It's so easy... so simple to make breakfast a temptation when you serve the new Puffed Wheat and Puffed Rice. And it's a wonderful way to get children to take more milk! The Quaker Oats Company, Chicago, Illinois.

ful you're giving them wholesome, substantial nourishment. For science has found that shooting grains from guns makes every particle easily—*completely* digestible, thus richly nourishing.

**Quaker Puffed Rice and Puffed Wheat**

**Here is Something New**  
**Something Marvelous**  
**in Whole Wheat**

Whole Wheat with the Gaiety of a French Confection!  
Whole Wheat that Children *Love and Eat* EVERY DAY!

**WHEATIES**  
**WHOLE WHEAT FLAKES**  
**WITH ALL THE BRAN**

Whole Wheat with all the BRAN

**Large Box 15¢**  
at all Grocers

**CREAM OF WHEAT**

**Kellogg's CORN FLAKES**

## 1920's Slang

There is so much slang in today's modern English that many non-native speakers have trouble understanding us at times. And I'm sure each generation thinks theirs is the first to have that unique language. But in reality, one generation's slang often turns in to accepted terms or else fades away. Check out the list below. How many of these popular slang words from the 1920's do you still recognize today?

**All wet:** incorrect; describes an erroneous idea or individual, as in, "he's all wet."

And how!: I strongly agree!

**APPLE SAUCE: AN EXPLETIVE; SAME AS HORSEFEATHERS, AS IN "AH APPLESAUCE!"**

**Attaboy!: well done!; also, Attagirl!**

Beat it: scam, get lost.

**Bee's knee's:** terrific; a fad expression. Dozens of "animal anatomy" variations existed:

**elephant's eyebrows, gnat's whistle, eel's hips, etc.;** an extraordinary person, thing, idea; the ultimate.

**Beeswax:** business, i.e. "None of your beeswax."

**Breezer:** a convertible car

**BUS: ANY OLD OR WORN OUT CAR.**

**Caper:** a criminal act or robbery.

**Carry a Torch:** To have a crush on someone

*Cat's meow:* Something splendid or stylish; similar to bee's knees; the best or greatest; also "cat's pajamas" and "cat's whiskers"

**Cheaters:** eye glasses

**CLAM: A DOLLAR**

**Copacetic:** excellent

**Ducky: very good**

**Fire extinguisher:** a chaperone

**Flivver:** a Model T; after 1928, also could mean any broken down car.

**GET A WIGGLE ON: GET A MOVE ON, GET GOING**

**Hayburner:** a gas guzzling car; a horse one loses money on

*High hat: a snob; to snub*

**HOTSY-TOTSY: PLEASING**

**Iron one's shoelaces:** to go to the restroom

**Jake:** great or okay, i.e. "Everything's Jake."

**JALOPY: A DUMPY OLD CAR**

**Know one's onions:** to know one's business or what one is talking about

**Mind your potatoes: mind your own business**

*Nifty:* great, excellent

**Real McCoy:** a genuine item

**Scram:** ask someone to leave immediately

**So's your old man:** a reply of irritation

*Spiffy:* an elegant appearance

**Teenager:** not a common term until 1930; before then, the term was "young adults."

# SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

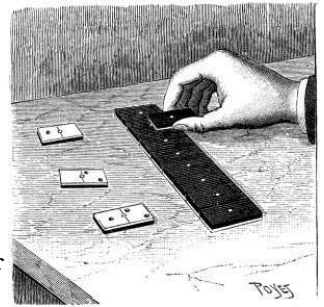
This 1929 Tudor engine is ready to tour! But the bottom picture has lost a few of the important parts it needs to run! Can you find them without looking at the hints?

*The answers are on page 8, but don't peek too soon!*



# Grandpa's Games

Dominos is a game that has been around for centuries. A game very similar to dominos was found in King Tut's tomb in Egypt. The word domino is French for a black and white hood worn by priests, apparently due to the black and white colors of a classic set of domino tiles. Dominos is still a very popular game in many countries, and a lot of dedicated players can be found all over the United States. You can start out with a cheap plastic set, or check out the professional sets that are hundreds of dollars! But they all play the same way. Each set of dominos has 28 pieces or tiles as they are commonly known. They are rectangular, and divided in half, with pips (dots) in a pattern on each half. They are referred to by the number of dots on the two ended tile, for example a 2-5, or a double 6.



Domino is a strategy game, and there are a lot of different versions of the game,. The rules below are just the basics. Once you learn these, check out the rules for other variations of the game, like "Muggins", "Texas 42", "Chicken Foot", "Blind

## Shuffling:

Turn all tiles face down and then shuffle them around, being careful not to flip them over. This is now called "the boneyard". (Probably because originally dominos were made from ivory).

## Drawing:

Each player draws seven dominos at random. Place them on edge in front of you so you can see the pips, but no one else can.

## Laying the First tile:

Whoever have been determined to go first, plays the tile with the highest number of pips. This would be the double six, or the highest one in their hand.

## Playing:

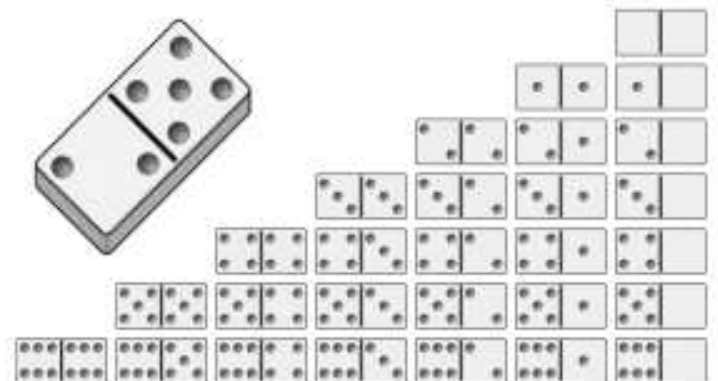
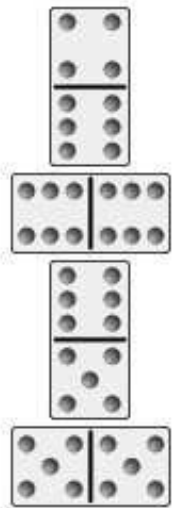
Each player plays one domino in turn by ,matching the open end of a played domino.

If a player cannot play, the player must draw a tile from the boneyard. They can then play it, or pass.

If a double tile is played, it is placed crosswise so both ends can be played.

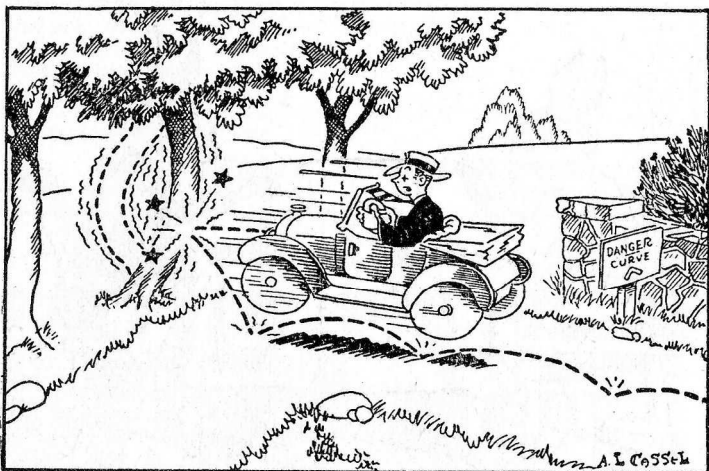
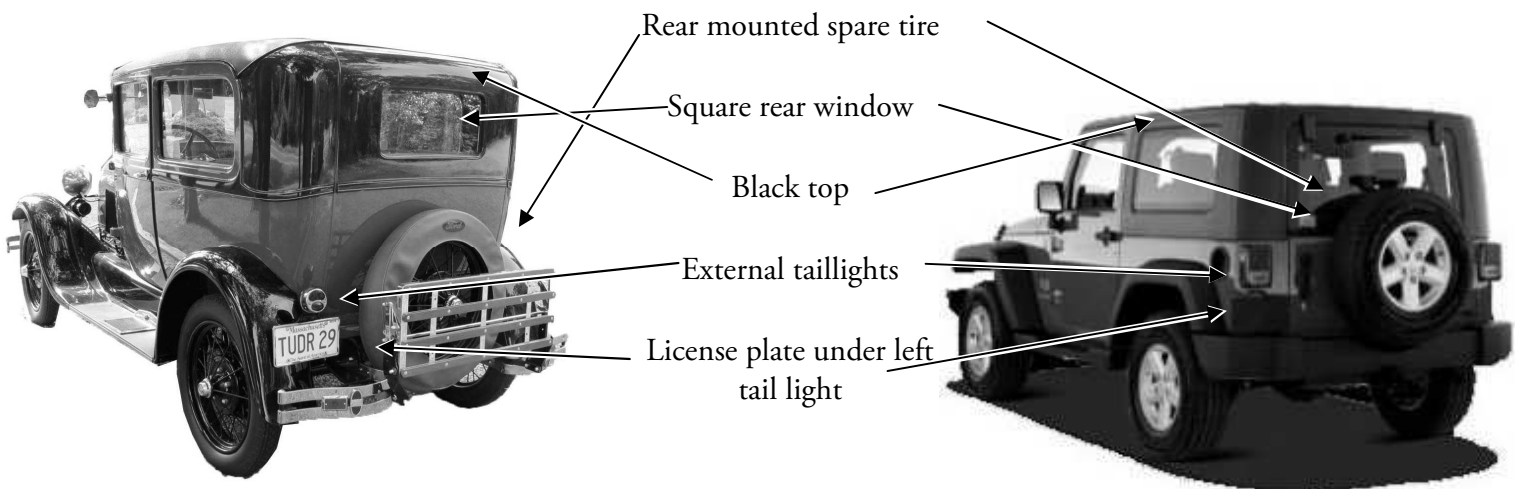
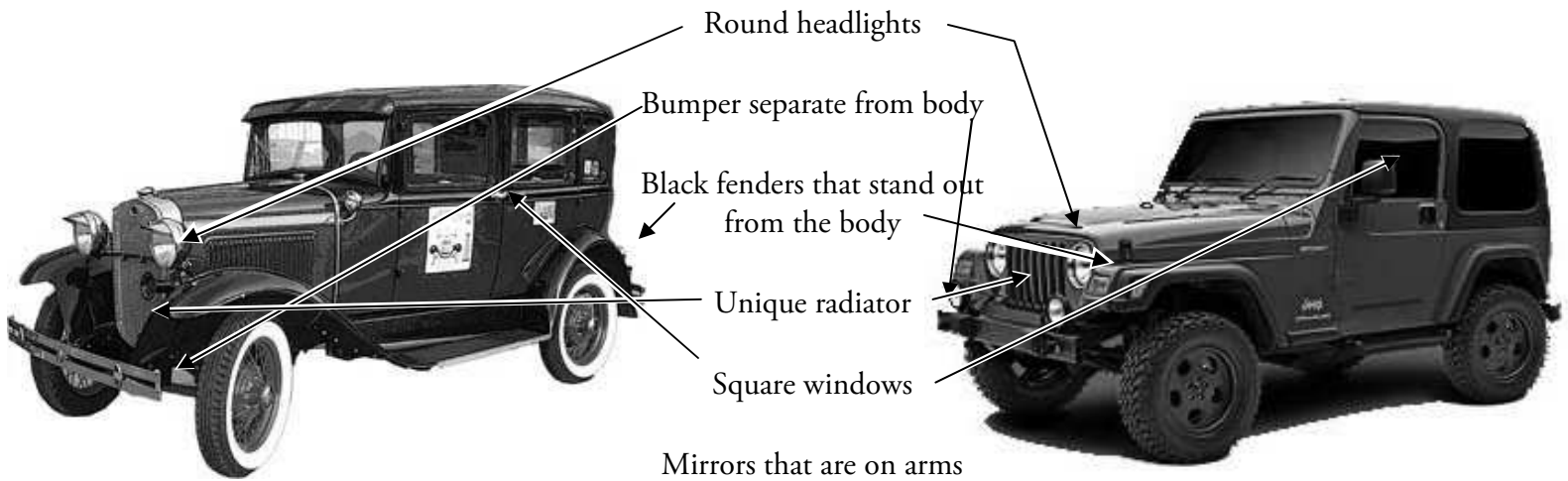
A tile may always be connected at a right angle, creating a turn in the played tiles.

The game ends when the boneyard is empty and one player has played all their dominoes or when both players are blocked. The winner is the one who goes out first



# Model A Envy?

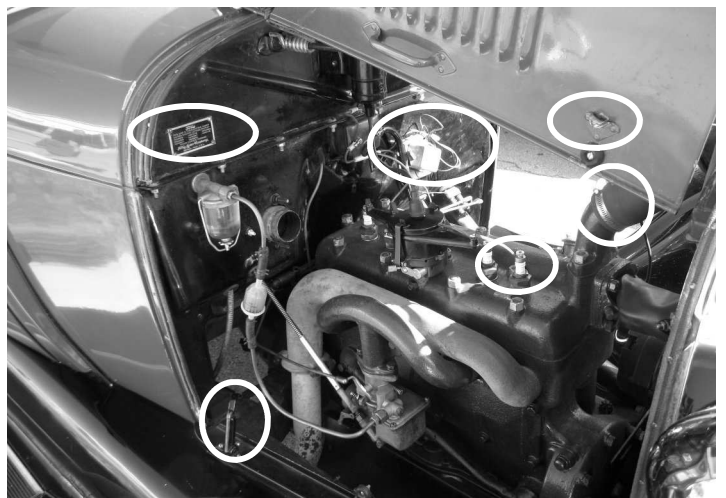
Did you ever notice there is a modern vehicle on the road that seems to have a lot of features in common with our Model A's? The similarities stuck me every time I see a Jeep! Check out the pictures below!



**A thoughtful farmer plants rubber trees at a dangerous curve in the road**

Six different things:

Did you find them all?





## Vintage Model A Advertising

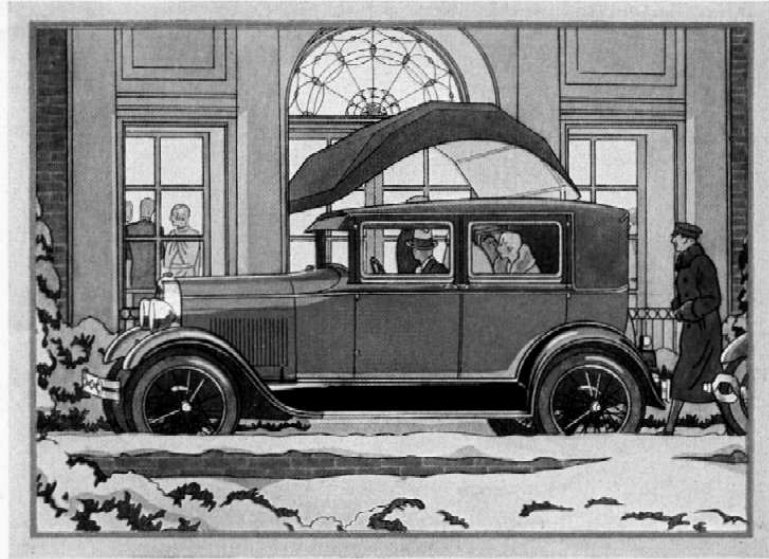
This is an ad from a 1929 era magazine featuring a Fordor Sedan. Notice the woman wearing a fur in the back seat, and what looks like a party inside? This is obviously a very elegant affair they are headed to. Just on the other side of the car, you can barely make out what looks like a doorman or valet getting ready to open the back door to assist her out.

But it is interesting to note that although the picture illustrates a rich party scene, the text of the ad doesn't follow that at all. Instead, it talks about the wonderful service available from Ford dealers!

It details the free inspection service every Model A purchaser was entitled to at 500, 1000, and 1500 miles. This included lubricating, oil change, checking the lights, generator, distributor, carburetor, and steering gear. Sounds like pretty thorough coverage to me!

Of course it does mention that when you get the oil changed, a charge is made for new oil, and for any repairs beyond the service inspection. So just like today, the object was to get you to take the car in to the dealership, and more than likely, you'd end up paying for some essential repair you didn't even know you needed!

I do love the headline—"To help you get many thousands of miles of carefree, economical motoring". I wonder if they had any idea just how many thousands of miles these special cars would actually achieve. Hundreds of Thousands of miles over more than eighty years and still counting!



### To help you get many thousands of miles of carefree, economical motoring

THE new Ford is a remarkably fine car for one that costs so little. It is simple in design, constructed of the finest materials and manufactured with unusual accuracy. These are the reasons it performs so wonderfully. These are also the reasons its service requirements are so few and the up-keep cost so low.

When you receive your new Ford, the dealer will explain the simple little things that should be attended to at regular intervals to insure the best performance. He will also tell you about the Free Inspection Service to which every purchaser of the new Ford is entitled at 500, 1000 and 1500 miles.

This inspection service includes a check-up of the battery, generator charging rate, distributor, carburetor adjustment, lights, brakes, shock absorbers, tire inflation and



steering gear. The engine oil is also changed and the chassis lubricated.

No charge whatever is made for labor or materials incidental to this service except where repairs are necessary because of accident, neglect, or misuse. The labor of changing the engine oil and lubricating the chassis is also free, although a charge is made for new oil.

The above inspection is free for the first 1500 miles only, yet the completeness and watchfulness of Ford Service does not stop there.

Every time you take your car to the Ford dealer for oiling and greasing it will be a good plan to have him check over important points that have a bearing on continuously good performance and tell you exactly what the car needs. You will find him prompt

in his work, fair in his charges, and sincerely eager to do a good and thorough job at all times.

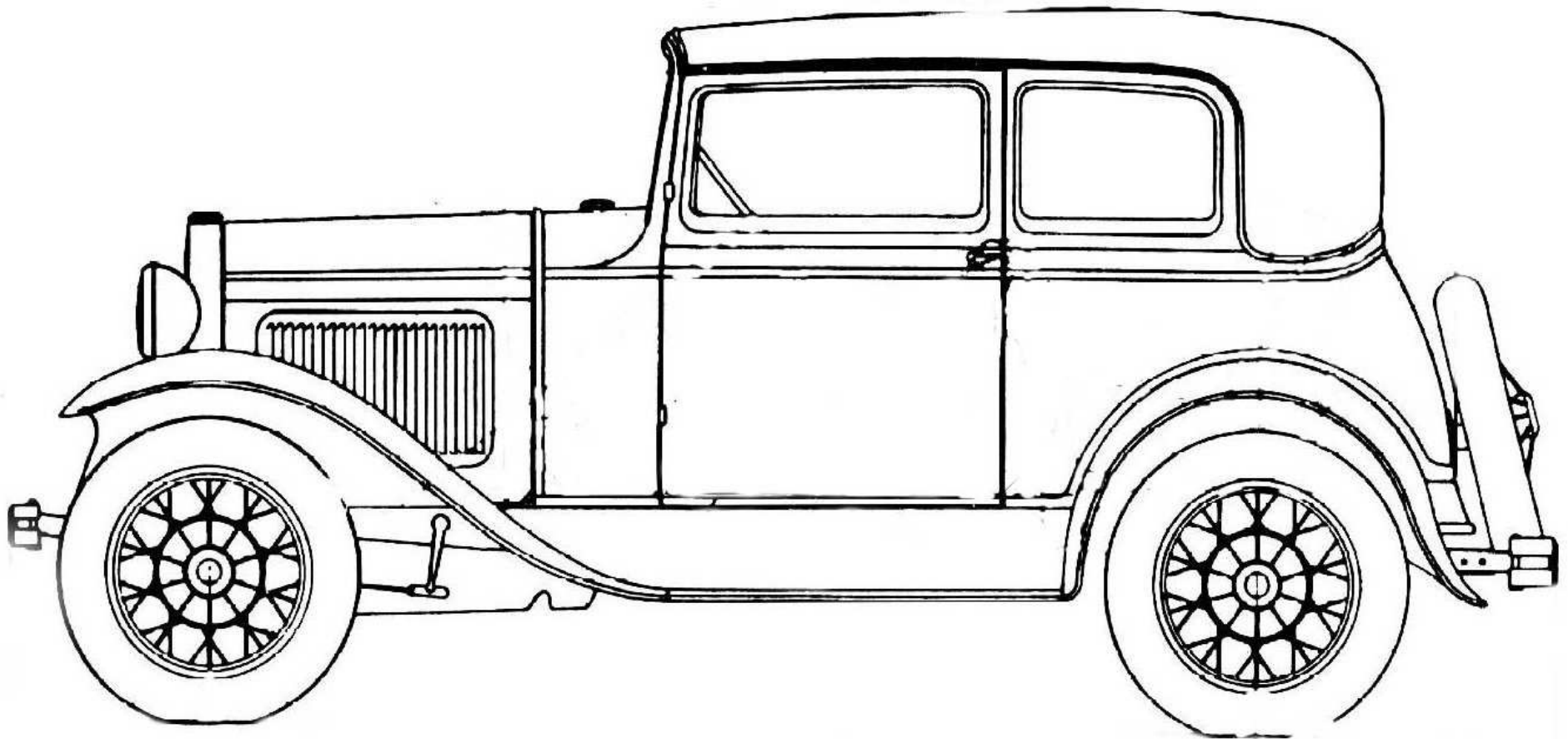
His constant effort is to relieve you of every detail in the care of your car and to help you get thousands upon thousands of miles of low-cost motoring without a care—without even lifting the hood. That is the true purpose and the true meaning of Ford Service.

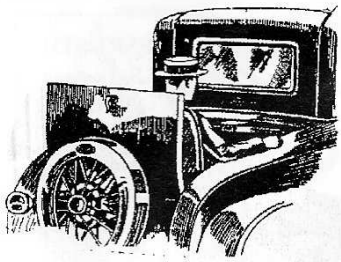


Some of the features of the new Ford are low, trim lines and beautiful colors, 55 to 65 miles an hour, quick acceleration, fully-enclosed, silent six-brake system, Hotchkiss shock absorbers, Triples' shatter-proof windshield.

Here's a 1931 Vickie for you to color!

My favorite color for a Vickie is a deep red that almost looks purple. What's yours?





## Rumble Seat

Sherry Wink

You might have noticed that we missed a winter issue. I apologize for that, the fault is all mine! Since I still work a full time job, and have also been helping with some family health issues, plus a computer crash, time just got away from me. But with this issue, I hope to get back on track, and back to quarterly issues. Keep your fingers crossed!

It should help that by June, I will be retired, and this newsletter is one of the things I'm looking forward to spending my extra time on! Seems like I have so many ideas for articles, but so little time to research!

I'm still hoping to hear from more of you about your Model A adventures! Has anybody gone to a National or Regional convention that they can share their experience with? Or just some local tours that went to new and interesting places? Send an article, send pictures, or send both. I promise, I WILL print them!

Touring season is almost here, and both the Old Lady and I are looking forward to getting back on the road. I had her out a few times this winter, but not near as many times as I would have like to. But warmer weather, and more free time is just around the corner, so I wish it would hurry up and get here!

The first tour I plan on going on is called our "Shakedown Cruise". This is because it is meant to shake down, shake off, or shake open anything that might have loosened up during the winter months, so we have time to fix it before we get serious about our travels! And if anything does break, I know that with all those helping hands that gather around any open hood, it will be fixed and I'll be back on the road in no time! Have you noticed that any time the hood on a Model A gets lifted on the side of the road, there almost isn't any room to squeeze one | more person around it! One of the great benefits of the Model A family.

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## Quiz Time



Take a half sheet of paper. Number 1-10. Name at the top right corner. If you share this A-World with others in your family or friends, make sure you do not write on the newsletter pages. There are two ways to take this quiz: 1) Not looking back 2) Looking back as you take the quiz to find the answers. Try the "not looking" way first!

- 1) What type of mushroom did the Sitzman twins find?  
A) Morel B) Oyster C) Chanterelles
- 2) What modern vehicle was compared to a Model A?  
A) Chevy B) Jeep C) SUV
- 3) A "screen assembly" is an important part of the:  
A) transmission B) valves C) gas tank
- 4) In England, a rumble seat is called a \_\_\_\_\_ Seat:  
A) Richard B) Dickie C) George
- 5) This cereal is not one listed in the Model A breakfast:  
A) Post Toasties B) Corn Flakes C) Fruit Loops
- 6) A "fire extinguisher" is slang for:  
A) a chaperone B) a fireman C) a candle snuffer
- 7) How many domino tiles in a set?  
A) Twenty one B) Twelve C) Twenty-eight
- 8) What type of car is featured in the Model A Ad?  
A) Tudor B) Fordor C) Coupe
- 9) How many bushels did the Sitzman boys find?  
A) one B) two C) four
- 10) What is the editor's first planned tour this year?  
A) Shakedown Cruise B) Open tour C) Old Lady tour

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Answers: 1) A, 2) B, 3) C, 4) B, 5) C, 6) A, 7) C, 8) B, 9) C, 10) A



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