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A SINGULAR VEHICLE

[Original.]
 "Have you seen a white house with green blinds go by here today?"
 Surely there was insanity in his eye. He was a thin little chap with a melancholy look about him. At any rate the man sitting on a wooden armchair before a book and ladder company's station of whom he asked the question thought so.
 "No; I hadn't seen no white house with green blinds go by here today. If I had I'd 'a' stopped it to give it some refreshment."
 The questioner regarded the fireman intently for a moment, as though an idea were being born in his brain. Then he turned away and walked on. He had gone but half a block when out of a fine residence came a young man of rather sporty appearance, smoking a cigarette. The wayfarer addressed him:
 "Have you seen anything of a woman with black hair and eyes and two kids, a boy of five and a girl of three, both looking like me, riding past here today in a white house with green blinds?"
 The sporty young man took his cigarette out of his mouth and looked at the questioner with a blank stare.
 "You mean a white horse and a green buggy?"
 "No; I mean a white house with green blinds."
 "My friend," remarked the sporty man, "I'll just bet you \$100 to \$10 that no family has ridden this way today in any kind of a house, and no family will ride down this street in a house tomorrow or next day."
 So saying he turned on his heel and walked away. The man called after him:
 "Take you."
 Turning, the sporty man saw the other holding a ten dollar bill toward him. The former stood irresolute for a moment, wondering if he had better call an ambulance to take the man to Bedlam, but he was a "dead game sport" and would not go back on his bet even with a lunatic. He went into the house for funds; then as the lunatic proposed that the fireman he had interviewed hold the stakes the sporty man went there with him.
 "This gentleman," said the lunatic, "bets me \$100 to \$10 that a woman and her kids haven't ridden by here today in a white house with green blinds or won't ride by here in a white house with green blinds tomorrow or next day."
 The fireman and the sporty man retired for consultation, then returned, and the fireman agreed to hold the stakes, which were deposited in the chief's locker. The lunatic departed, and the fireman and the sporty man went to the telephone, where they reported the matter to the police station.

The consequence was that after telephoning the various asylums for the insane and not hearing of any escapes the inspector concluded the suspicious person to be a confidence man and sent a policeman to shadow him. The policeman who went on this duty, after seeing the fellow make several bets that a family had ridden or would ride within two days down the street in a white house with green blinds, decided to take him in. The man said that he would make it hot for the police, declaring that his wife would be worried to death about him. Then they asked him where he lived. He said he didn't know. The question seemed to quiet him, and he went to jail peacefully.
 The next morning the prisoner was brought up on a charge of vagrancy. He was not known as a criminal, had done nothing criminal, and there was no other charge to be made.
 "Ten dollars," said the judge, "and in default thirty days."
 The prisoner pulled out \$10 and complacently paid his fine, much to the astonishment of the court, policemen and spectators. Then he went away, while the police authorities debated whether to rearrest him or let him go. They finally decided on the latter course.
 The same afternoon the lunatic collected the persons with whom he had made bets, telling them that his wife and children would ride by in a white house with green blinds. They laughingly followed him, pretending to fall in with his idea, some of them having intended to turn a penny by his folly, others to return him his money eventually. The lunatic posted them on the sidewalk in the middle of a long block and asked them to wait a few minutes. Presently a man emerged from the next side street above and began to plant a windlass.
 The bettors looked at each other, then with one accord started to see what was coming, the lunatic going with them. There on rollers was a white house with green blinds. In an open door was a woman pushing back a boy and girl.
 "Hello, Molly," said the lunatic. "They didn't get you started yesterday, I see."
 "No. But where on earth have you been? Working all night again?"
 "No; in jail. You see, the police thought I was either a lunatic or a confidence man and ran me in. I asked a fireman if he'd seen you pass, and the way he replied gave me the cue how to make some money. I've got \$275 due me in bets or will have after you turn the corner. You see, I took all the money we had while we were moving to carry in my pocket, so I had all I wanted to put up the stakes."
 The accompanying bettors looked at one another again, then quickly separated.
 Some \$200 of the bets was paid. The rest were called off, the stakeholders declaring that the bets were made on a certainty. EDITH F. BAKER.

FLORIDA TOURNAMENT PLANS

Entries Made to January 1st for The Daytona-Ormond Races January 23-28.
 Although entries will not close until Friday next, enough nominations have already been made to insure the greatest automobile racing carnival in the history of the sport.
 So far as those sent to Senator Morgan January 1, went, per Secretary Gillette, of the A. A. A., and Secretary Butler, of the A. C. A., as his associates are also authorized to receive nominations, W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., was the first entrant, with his new 90-horse power Mercedes. Close to the heels of Willie K's entry came those of H. L. Bowden, Barney Oldfield and Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt.
 Mr. Bowden, who scored the 15-mile record at Ormond last year with a 60-horse power Mercedes, has coupled two 60-horse power Mercedes engines and will set them on an in-

cently bought by President Steck, of the Florida East Coast Automobile Association. Major C. J. S. Miller has nominated a 60-horse power Thomas Flyer, and Fred Titus will probably pilot a 40-horse power car of this make for Harry S. Hought, of New York, which the later will enter in the stock car classes. President Budlong, of the Electric Vehicle Co., told the writer that his company would be represented in the stock races by Columbias. Bert Holcomb and Eddie Bald seem likely to be their drivers.
 S. B. Stephens has bought and entered Clarence Gray Dismore's 90-horse power Mercedes, which Warner drove in the Vanderbilt cup race. Isaac E. Emerson, of Baltimore, has named a 40-horse power Bollee, and George Flinn, of Pittsburg, and James S. Breeze, of New York, a 60-horse power Mercedes each.
 B. M. Shanley, Jr., of Newark, has also promised to enter the world mile record Mercedes, the hero of last year.

Gwinner's Fire Escape

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gwinner made successful descents from the tower of the Van Dorn Saturday afternoon before an immense crowd.
 The descent was somewhat delayed on account of there being no floor in the tower, so that a temporary floor had to be put down. Then it was discovered that the ceiling was too low for the apparatus brought along, to work satisfactorily. Finally everything was in readiness and Mr. Gwinner descended, followed in a few moments by his wife.
 The Seaside Inn will be equipped shortly with this fire-escape and, judging by the ease and celerity with which it does the required work, probably others will also be equipped with this device. Notice of another descent will be given soon.

NOW SPEEDING ON THE BEACH.

A Few of the Racers Now Here Being Daily Tried on Daytona Beach. More Arriving Daily.
 A few of the racers are now here, as may be seen by a trip to the beach at low tide. An impromptu race will now be a daily occurrence, which proves exciting to the onlookers. The amateur must not base his opinion of the relative merits of these machines on the outcome of these little spurts.
 The first to arrive was Walter Christie with his 100 h. p. Christie racer, which is easily recognizable. When you see a low-lying, blue colored racer with metal spokes in the front wheels, where all the engine weight and driving gear is located, that is the Christie, which will no doubt lead many of its competitors.
 H. L. Bowden has arrived at Ormond with his 90 h. p. Mercedes, and has tested the racer on the beach.
 A. C. Webb has also arrived at Ormond and has with him two Pope-Toledo racers, one of which is 90 h. p. Louis Ross has brought down a Stanley Steamer, which he will drive for a second time on Daytona's unexcelled beach. Last year Mr. Ross made a mile 55.25 sec., and five miles in 7:53.45, which still stand as world's records for this class of machine.
 Each day from now till the commencement of the races, machines will be arriving with their owners and drivers, to participate in the Daytona Derby.



Louis Ross on his last year's Stanley. Mr. Ross holds the one and five mile world's record and is now at Ormond with a new Stanley.

verted pressed steel frame, just as Louis Mooers did in making the world's record-holding Peerless Green Dragon for Barney Oldfield. Barney will be on hand with the Green Dragon, and with an unbroken string of world's track records behind will be looked to as a standard to sustain American sprint racing supremacy against the foreign cars and drivers.
 Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt has entered the 90-horse power Fiat. Paul Sartori will be its pilot.
 The 90-horse power Napier, which finished second to Rigolly and the Gobron-Brillie in the Gallion hill-climb, has been entered by the Napier Co. of America. Arthur MacDonald of the Napier team, who drove it on that occasion, is on his way across the ocean to pilot it.
 Besides the entry of the 10-horse power steamer, which made the best record of any American machine in the Eagle Rock hill-climb, Windsor T. White will have Webb Jay give a first trial to the new White racer, designed for competition in the Vanderbilt cup race and in the track circuit next season.
 Lewis S. Ross has nominated his special Stanley steamer, which scored world's track records up to 15 miles. Frank Croker has named the 75-horse power Simplex he drove in the Vanderbilt cup race, and F. A. La Roche has entered two Darracqs, one of them the 80-horse power racer re-

A. C. Webb will drive the 90-horse power Pope-Toledo Bennett cup candidate. The Pope Motor Car Co. has wired for entry blanks, which looks like a wholesale Pope invasion of the Florida beach.
 Henry Ford has entered the light weight track record holder, which Frank Kullick will again drive. The Autocar Co. and the Olds Motor Works have made entries in the run-about class. Joe Tracey will drive a 40-horse power Royal, and J. S. Heller has entered a Pope racer.
 A dangerous aspirant for the championship will be W. Gould Brokaw's 90-horse power Renault. It is probable that Wm. Wallace who will be absent in South America at tournament time, will let E. L. Hollander drive his Vanderbilt cup Fiat in the amateur contests.
 Another notable competitor will be Walter Christie, who has coupled two engines, each driving direct on the axle.
 From Daytona the southern circuit chasers will go to Palm Beach for the motor boat carnival, which will begin on Wednesday, February 1, and continue during the week.

Plan to Fleece the South.

A printed circular signed by a Philadelphia physician, says William E. Curtis in the Chicago Record-Herald, has been received by several Senators and has been distributed to all the men in the Southern States charging Theodore Roosevelt, Grover Cleveland, John Hay and other gentlemen who heretofore have borne excellent characters with organizing a "gigantic conspiracy to compel the payment of Confederate bonds and readjusted Southern States bonds under a pretext of promoting international peace."
 "It is to be hoped that sincere, religious American men and women, dreading war and abhorring bloodshed, no longer will permit their sympathies to be played upon by speculators who thus have openly avowed their intention to embroil the Southern States in a legal and financial war with foreign governments."
 C. H. Milburn, representing the International Correspondence School is in the city, a guest of the City Hotel.

The tide table as published in the DAILY NEWS, today, will be found to be correct. It is made from the government table for Fernandina, and the few minutes difference between that place and Daytona will not be perceptible. The table as published last week was wrong, in fact was taken from another paper, but having got the government tide table for the year, this one will be found to be absolutely correct.

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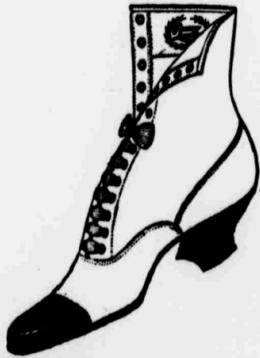
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