

ployed. The cashier was murdered and of course the other man was suspected. Time brought acquittal and promotion to the place left vacant by the murdered man. "Acquitted" is the title which has been given to the production which was made in the Fine Arts studios under the supervision of D. W. Griffith, dean of motion picture directors. Wilfred Lucas whose work in "The Lily and the Rose" with Lillian Gish and Rozsika Dolly, and with Marie Doro in "The Wood Nymph," is well known to Triangle audiences, is given the stellar hours. Prominent in his support are Mary Alden and Spottiswoode Aitken, both of whom have principal roles in "The Birth of the Nation"; Bessie Love, Elmer Clifton, Sam DeGrasse and little Carmen de Rue. The combination of Mrs. Rinehart's gift for story-telling, the artistry of the film production and the capable cast, is one which insures the high quality of "Acquitted."

For the Tuesday-Wednesday bill at the American there will be shown "A Precious Packet," a tale of British diplomatic service with Lois Meredith and Ralph Kellard in the leading roles. The story has to do with the operation of an organization known as "The Younger Sons," a sort of society welded together by love of country and working in the interests of but independent of authority from the English diplomatic department. Many of the scenes are laid in England with others located in the various larger cities of Canada and several in the Canadian north woods. A steeplechase and a startling automobile accident furnish unusual thrills.

Edison, in a recent interview, says he owes all to his wife. Imagine a man's wife inspiring him to invent a talking machine.—New York Morning Telegraph.

Fond Mother—Improvise? Why, my daughter can improvise any piece of music you put before her!—Judge.

### MOTOR MOTIONS

STATISTICS, showing the length and breadth as well as the height and depth of the automobile industry of the country, have been compiled from latest reports by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, in preparation for the campaign against a federal tax on motor vehicles and gasoline. It is one of the most comprehensive reports ever compiled on the automobile industry. Some of the figures follow:

Motor vehicles sold during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915.....	793,500
Increase over preceding fiscal year....	198,400
Retail value of cars sold in last fiscal year .....	\$625,000,000
Increase over preceding fiscal year....	\$ 43,000,000
Passenger cars sold in the last fiscal year .....	665,826
Retail value of the passenger cars sold in the last fiscal year.....	\$540,000,000
Average retail value of passenger automobiles in 1915.....	\$811
Motor vehicles registered in U. S. July 1, 1915 .....	2,070,900
Registered in New York state at end of September, 1915.....	222,000
Registered in leading ten grain states	677,000
Motor vehicle fees collected in 27 out of 49 states .....	\$13,259,000
Passenger car manufacturers.....	236
Commercial vehicle manufacturers..	257
Total manufacturers of passenger and commercial cars .....	493
States in which automobile factories are located .....	34
Proportion motor vehicles to population of U. S. ....	1 to 48
Mileage public roads in United States	2,273,000
Proportion motor vehicles to miles of road, nearly.....	1 to 1
Proportion automobiles to area of U. S. (per square mile).....	1 to 1½
Estimated total value of motor vehicles registered during 12 months ended December, 1915.....	\$100,000,000
Increase over previous 12 months....	250 per ct.
Estimated value exports of commercial	

vehicles during 12 months ended December, 1915 .....	\$63,000,000
Increase over previous 12 months....	623 per ct.
Estimated value exports of passenger cars during 12 months ended December, 1915 .....	\$37,000,000
Increase over previous 12 months....	90 per ct.
Freight car loads of automobiles shipped during first 10 months of 1915 .....	142,983
Miles traveled annually by motor vehicles .....	10 billion
Gasoline consumed annually by automobiles (barrels) .....	13,000,000
Lubricating oil consumed annually (gallons) .....	20,000,000
Tires used annually on motor cars....	8,000,000
Wage earners employed by sixty Michigan automobile factories .....	51,000

Persons interested in the automobile industry declare that 2,000,000 new cars of all shapes and types will be manufactured this year and in all probability they will all be sold. This is a great expectation, but in view of the wonderful sales of the past few years and the marvelous growth of the industry, the expectation is likely to be fulfilled.

Yet the million mark has been passed and 2,000,000 cars are to be turned out this year.

It is recalled in this connection that in the year 1908 a certain automobile manufacturer announced that he was going to turn out 50,000 new cars the next year. This created consternation among other manufacturers who feared that the market would be glutted. A conference was called with the view of restricting production. It was ascertained at this conference that all the manufacturers in the United States put together were planning to turn out 150,000 machines the coming year, which was 1909. The manufacturer who was planning to produce 50,000 machines declared that there would not be enough to supply the market and he prophesied that in 10 years from that time a million machines a year would be manufactured and sold.

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