

KING NEBUCHAANEZZAR WAS THE FIRST ROAD BUILDER

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Research has recently disclosed the fact that Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, 694 B. C., was the first to build paved thoroughfares. Nebuchadnezzar built his "Procession Street," of asphalt, beginning at the Tower of Istar Gate, and dedicated it to his beloved gods, Nabu and Maruk, and the memory of Nabopolassar, his father. An ornament on the wall of the tower, still existent, represents Sirrush, the fantastic companion of the god Marduk.

As a cementing medium or mortar, asphalt had been used as far back as the time of the ancient Sumarians, about 2500 B. C., but it remained for discoveries recently made in the asphalt beds of Carpinteria, in Santa Barbara County, California, to disclose that the material used by the Sumarians and by Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon, and now used on the streets and roads of America, must have been formed more than 100,000 years ago, while the eastern part of this country was buried under the great glacial ice sheet. Sealed for ages in these beds of asphalt have been found lately the bones of mastodon, saber-toothed tiger and other mammals that inhabited the United States at that time. As these bones are brought to light they are being deposited in the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History.

There have already been found bones of deer, horses, rabbits and skunks. Beasts of prey were represented by three species of the fox-wolf group. There were fifteen species of birds, including a kind of wild peacock, a species of duck and a pair of very modern crows. There were twenty-eight specimens of one kind of eagle, fifteen of hawks, and several of owls, vultures and condor-like birds. Among the latter was one giant, known as Tereatemis, which was at least as large as the modern condors, the largest birds that fly.

The usually accepted theory is that herbivorous animals trying to cross the asphalt beds were entangled and killed, and that the predatory animals and birds coming to feast on their bodies, were in turn caught. In addition to the animal bones that have been found many pieces of wood, pine cones, and other plant remains. The outstanding trees are two species of pine and two of cypress. Specimens of both of the pines and one of the cypresses have been found embedded in the asphalt.

Romantic achievements in the construction of America's modern hard-surfaced roads are emphasized when it is realized that material from petroleum identical with the one hundred-thousand-year-old road material in the California asphalt beds, and others like them in this and South America, countries, is being utilized today in the construction of asphalt macadam highways, a type evolved from the original macadam roads of crushed stone originated by John Lowden Macadam, the noted highway engineer, born in Ayr, Scotland, in 1756. American macadamized roads originally were named after the canny old Scot and the method of construction now followed is the same as that which he perfected except that the stone is now asphalt-bound instead of water-bound to better withstand the present day motor traffic.

Macadam roads were the first hard-surfaced highways. In this day and age the term of "hard surfaced roads" includes all the paved types such as asphaltic-concrete, brick, cement, and granite block. In our modern hard-surfaced highways that have made possible the great expansion of the motor car industry and the development of the great oil companies, which, curiously enough produce from petroleum the fuel for the motor, the lubricants for the parts, the asphalt for the pavement and for the garage roof, the same material also serving for a glossy black paint, the insulation for the battery and for the filler for the tires. Asphalt has entered so

SIGNS OF SPRING

I know that spring is coming
And is coming very fast
Lodgers in the rooming houses
Have their windows up at last!

FLOWERS FOR EX KAISER

Berlin, March 27—The Lokal Anzeiger today reported that the Junkers airplane "Bremen," on the first leg of a trans-Atlantic flight, went out of its course to fly over Woorn, Holland, where the former Kaiser is in retirement—and that the aviators dropped flowers.

DESERTED BABY IS RECLAIMED BY ITS MOTHER

Moncton, N. B., March 27—Blanche Thompson, a native of Prince Edward Island, returned to Moncton Saturday and took possession of her child, which had been left in the Union Ho-

tel and later placed in the Children's Home, when it was thought the little one had been deserted.

The mother stated that she had gone to the Island to see her parents and did not wish the child with her. While on the Island she saw the report in the papers concerning her child and came back to Moncton.

She took the child from the Home, and, it is believed returned to her former Island home.

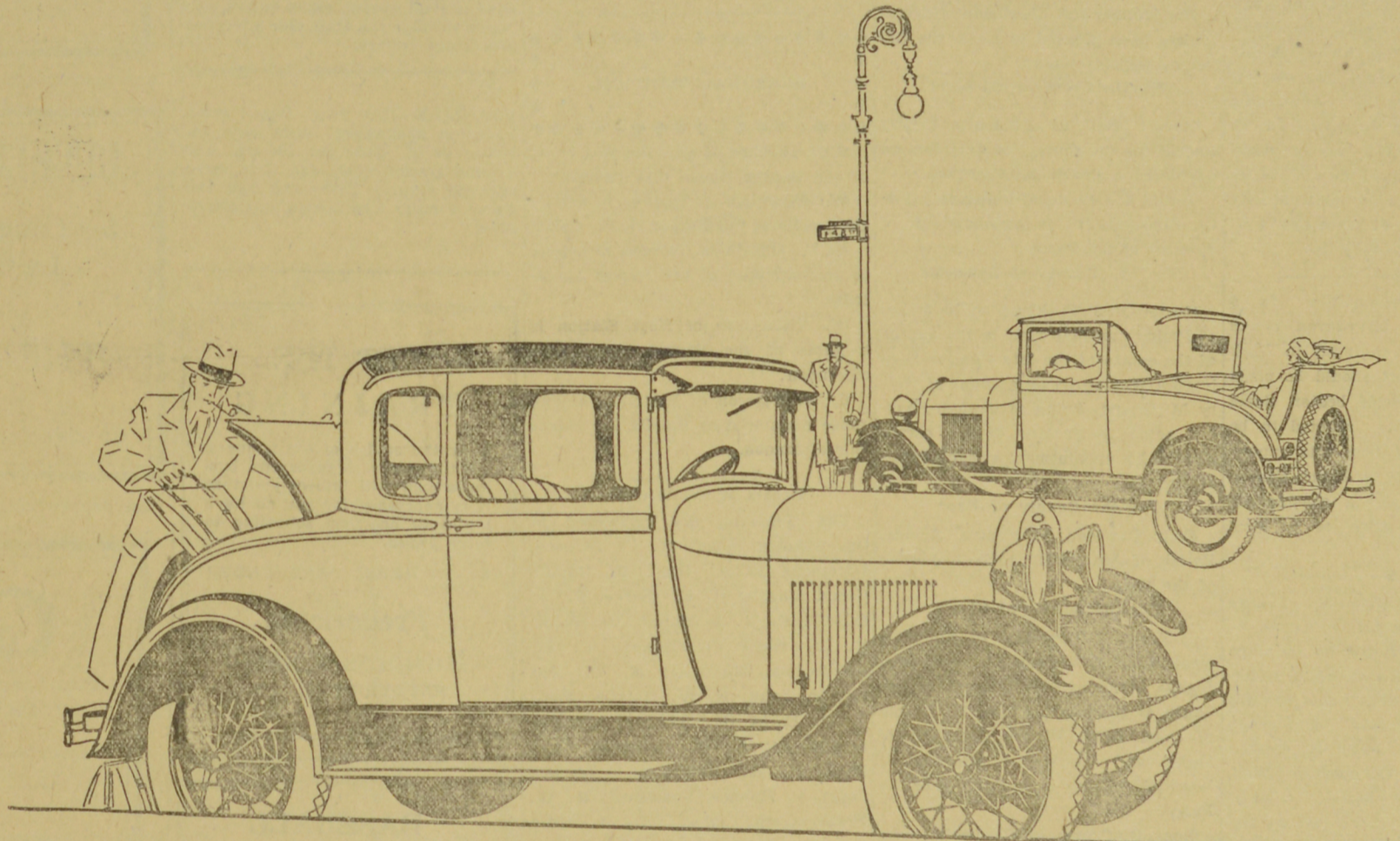
A delver into such matters says there are only seven original jokes the first of which unquestionably is "I am through with girls forever."

A college students has perfected a self lighting cigarette. That ought to reduce materially the burden of the day's task for college students.

If you have done no thinking about it, you will be relieved to know that a scientist says the theory that there is no life on Mars is "unthinkable."

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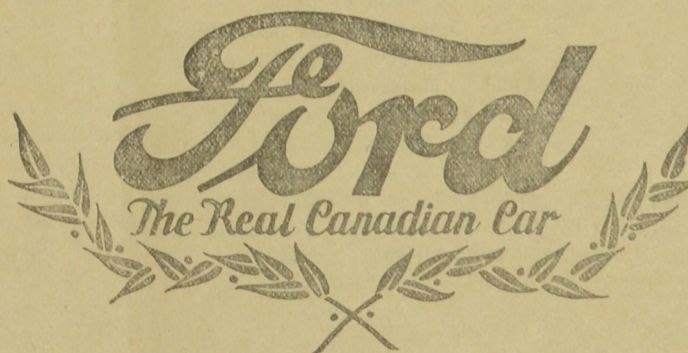


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