

H. FORD'S FOLLY

Carrie E. Mitchell Gives a Pen Picture of Henry Ford Himself in the New York Sun.

After two men writers had fallen down on the assignment to secure an interview with the great inventor and the most successful business man of the day, for the New York Sun, it fell to Miss Mitchell to secure the pen picture which she did in the following manner. This write up was accompanied with a fine cut of this noted man, which is pronounced by all who know Mr. Ford as perfect.

Eighteen years ago upon the streets of Detroit occurred the first automobile accident in the world. The cause of the mishap was not "joy riding" but the chugging contraption jogglingly called "Ford's Folly" and driven by Henry Ford himself.

At this time Mr. and Mrs. Ford were making their usual evening drive amid hundreds of curious and fascinated citizens. Bicycles were then the latest and most popular mode of traveling and scores of them were constantly "shoveled" away by Ford in order that he might accomplish his feat of turning around. This time something went wrong with the brakes. A bicycle rider was knocked down and the wheels of the mechanical buggy passed half way over the cyclist. Although the cyclist was uninjured he demanded damages for the destruction of his wheel, and Ford, after a long conference, decided all he could afford to pay was \$1.50. Henry Ford, the world's greatest mechanical genius and head of an institution employing 15,350 workers, pays today the three largest income tax of any man in the world.

Born on a farm in Dearborn, Michigan, six miles from Detroit, and receiving only a country school education, Ford early deserted school life and for several years drove a threshing machine. The boy was fond of mechanical "dicks" of all sorts. He built a water wheel for his boy playmates, which was a marvelous construction.

Going to Detroit, owing to the removal of his parents to that city, he was employed as an assistant mechanic at the Edison Illuminating Company. Ford ran a dynamo there and during his leisure time made the first gasoline engine of which he had long dreamed. He was employed as an assistant mechanic at the Detroit Auto Company, famous for the construction of but one automobile, known as "999." This automobile existed but one year and was a complete failure, but Henry Ford built his first car the following year.

Early in life Henry Ford was married to Clara Bryant, a daughter of a farmer of Redford, a hamlet near Detroit, and to his wife Ford gave much of the credit of his success in building the first gasoline engine to take the place of the horse. He speaks of his wife as the "holiest," and she is the one about whose consulted when any new plan is under way.

One Sunday morning 25 years ago Henry Ford announced to his wife that he wanted to draw a plan of a mechanical buggy. Mrs. Ford brought him a sheet of paper, but this proved too small and so on the back of a piece of sheet music Henry Ford sketched almost an "exact" representation of the Ford car on the market today. This was seven years before any auto was built.

The sheet music upon which this ad-dress drawing was made has been lost. Mrs. Ford is constantly searching for it. The dynamo and threshing machine which figured so greatly in Ford's early life have been preserved. The threshing machine was sold for junk by the farmer who owned it, traded in the open market for a new one, and after a long search Ford traced it to a small town in Pennsylvania. To-day he has as a proud possession on his farm on the banks of the River Rouge nearly all parts of the original threshing machine.

Within the last month Ford purchased the dynamo and engine which he ran at the Edison company.

Slight in build, weighing 150 pounds, quiet, active and able to vault a foot like a boy, he has the appearance of being much younger than his fifty years would warrant. Close business associates of Ford maintain that upon the hard, undaunted, stubborn disposition of this man has depended the success of the institution, not yet ten years old which daily turns out 1,000 finished autos.

The Ford plant today includes the largest machine shop in the world. The famous Krupp plant at Essen, Germany, is not so extensive, nor does it employ so many men, although Krupp has most of the Government of Europe as customers. Economy of construction is the main idea. Engine casing are cast into a bed where forty-five holes are bored in the casting at once, the whole operation taking very little more than one minute. The machine cost \$12,000 and the workman receives 21 cents an hour, although one man and one machine are doing the work of 45.

men and doing it with accuracy. There has never been a strike and the demand for work by applicants is constant. In the neighborhood of 17,000 employees are on the Ford payroll. The business is to be more than doubled. Contracts have been let for building two huge additions, each 1,900 feet long and 900 feet wide. The big engine, the largest of its kind in the world, is to have a twin helper, and, the Western Pittsburg will continue to grow until it has passed far beyond the limits of the present steel city "down East."

Henry Ford is a man of very modest desires, so far as living is concerned. Yet those daily associated with him state that he as eager to further the success of the Ford company to-day as when it was started on the Ford car. Henry Ford has written and will often startle his friends by saying, "Do you remember the statement made on page 56 of volume 13?" Next to Burroughs the greatest naturalist the world has ever known. Ford has read everything Burroughs has written and will often startle his friends by saying, "Do you remember the statement made on page 56 of volume 13?" Next to Burroughs the greatest naturalist the world has ever known. Ford has read everything Burroughs has written and will often startle his friends by saying, "Do you remember the statement made on page 56 of volume 13?"

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Last spring Ford had 500 birds of all kinds sent to him from England with the intention of building an immense aviary on his Dearborn farm. When the birds arrived they were what seemed to Ford a homelike look. That night, when the birds, costing between \$3,000 and \$4,000, were held prisoners upon the River Rouge farm, was a night of great excitement. At 10 o'clock in the morning, at sunrise to be exact, Ford arose quietly, slipped out of the house and liberated all the birds. No later than 10 o'clock he was in his English garden, watching a plough tractor march majestically across a field on the 2,000 acre farm, was horrified to see the wheels about to crush a robin's nest containing four blue eggs. With a gasp Ford stopped the machine and there it remained for ten days, until the little birds were hatched and had left the nest. No urging or debating with Ford. He was able to change his mind, for the mother robin had a "squatter's" right and it was going to be respected. Wild animals of all sorts are very welcome on the Ford farm. Two thousand birds have been placed at inviting spots for birds to make themselves at home and great numbers of red, black and flying squirrels are there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford live in a modest bungalow and only recently have had two servants. The other afternoon Mrs. Ford informed a caller that she "had spent the whole afternoon darn- ing."

Ford is always spoken of as a man who "does good that no one ever knows a bit," and as an example is given Valley Farm, a portion of the Dearborn farm, on which living at present three thousand birds. These birds have been taken off the streets of Detroit by Ford. During the winter these birds, ranging in age from 1 to 16, attend the district school and are clothed and fed by Ford. They are in charge of a man and in the summer they are taken off the streets of Detroit by Ford. During the winter these birds, ranging in age from 1 to 16, attend the district school and are clothed and fed by Ford. They are in charge of a man and in the summer they are taken off the streets of Detroit by Ford.

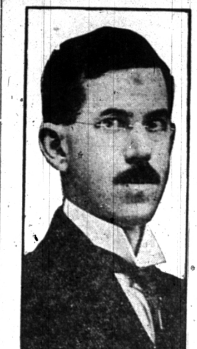
Will he not be sidetracked when he thinks he is right, and to this fact is largely due the success of the Ford machine. He was returning from a trip to Duluth a week or two ago and while in the middle of Lake Erie some- thing happened to the machinery of the boat. Nine expert engineers worked unsuccessfully for forty-five minutes endeavoring to repair the damage. Ford stood silently watching and when it seemed as though nothing else could be done but to send out a wireless call for help Ford stepped up, picked up two pieces of pipe and in fifteen minutes had the repairs made. The chief engineer, standing near, said: "Well, by heck, it's stronger now than it was when it was new."

Henry Ford knows the Ford machine from its birth, and that he knows it is shown by the fact that to-day he always drives his own machine, there being no chauffeur in the Ford house- hold. There is one son, Edsel, 19, who runs the Ford plant as a "Ford's right hand man." Edsel is a very quiet boy, has a desk in his father's office and is familiar with every department in the huge concern.

Ford's latest idea is the installation of a complete moving picture plant direct from Germany for the purpose of perpetuating for all time every process in the making of the Ford car.

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33 YEARS AGO

What Happened in Birmingham as Published in The Eccentric 33 Years Ago this Week.

By E. M. M. Miss Frankie Rainey is visiting her parents. Miss Fannie Pardee visited in Detroit last week. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nichols are visiting friends here. F. H. Goodman travels as salesman for K. C. Barker & Co.

Ira Slade and family occupy Melvin Rose's house near the depot. Mr. and Mrs. C. Ford of Utica visited friends in town last Tuesday.

Our old friend and neighbor A. J. Crosby Esq. has moved to Clarkston, Mich.

Miss Decker is back again with her Uncle Benjamin Thorne after a pleasant visit north.

Mrs. Geo. B. Martin of Flint is visiting with her grand-mother Mrs. Bloom- berg.

Sat. Trovbridge returned to Wash- ington to resume his duties Wednesday last.

Miss Ida Corey is attending the State Normal school at Ypsilanti.

Mr. J. W. Cole and wife of Lakeport paid a flying visit to their parents Mr. and Mrs. M. L. James this week.

Mrs. Draper of Bay City, Miss Lucy Johnston of Flint, and Miss Ella Stan- ley of Pontiac were in town visiting friends the forepart of the week.

Married, at Kankakee, Ill., on Sat- ury September 4, by Rev. A. J. Jut- kins, Mr. Eugene Clift formerly of Pon- tiac to Miss Lydia Jarvis of this vil- lage.

Owen Shadbolt left home last Mon- day to fill a position in E. R. Bloomer's store at Otisville.

Monday, Dan Bassett, Henry Grinn- ell, and J. A. Bigelow all started on their regular annual fishing tour to the Clark Islands.

Will Sartorius has accepted a position as bookkeeper for a large firm in Kan- sas City, Mo., and his brother Frank left last week for San Francisco, Cal.

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WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED IT. The following verse is a surprise to us. We never knew Ex-Pot. Master Henry was so well known. But here is here a verse all his own come to us on a Buffalo souvenir card. Quite rough on boat not a cloud in sky, The waves rolled up from ten to twenty feet high. Got up at one o'clock, could see only waves and stars, And how I longed for Birmingham and the electric car.

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THE BLACK HAND

A Colored Man Slashes into George A. Johnson's Face With a Knife and Gives Him Bad Wound.

Coming down from Pontiac last Monday night three negroes were in the smoker and also George A. Johnson, our restaurant man. In a joking way Mr. Johnson made a remark about Southern drink and one of the trio, a small sized and very black man struck at George with a knife. The next moment the striker was out of business George having closed on him. A bad gash was along the length of Mr. Johnson's nose, with a cut in his hat and coat all in the one slash. George bled freely. The colored man was put off the car. Deputy Sheriff Bray was promptly informed of the affair, from the Power house by phone. He hastily dressed, and caught the colored man on the next car. He passed the night in the village lock up and next morning was before Justice A. W. Campbell who sent him up and one of the trio, a small sized and very black man, to await trial in the Circuit Court.

Mr. F. H. Bollins, manager for the House of George, the furriers of De- troit, gave the black man a good char- acter, saying that he had known him to be in. The negro's name is Frank Jenkins, and his home is in Detroit.

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