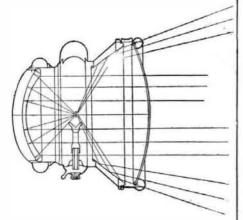
burner is placed at the principal focus of the concave mirror, so that the rays of light after having been reflected will emerge from the lamp in a pencil composed of parallel rays only. The beam of light thus produced brightly illuminates the road, and clearly shows obstacles and depressions. The other beam of light consists of a divergent pencil, and is pro-



A DOUBLE RAY ACETYLENE, WHICH CAN BE SEEN AT A CONSIDERABLE DIS-TANCE AND WHICH ALSO IL-LUMINATES THE ROAD.

duced by first causing the rays from the burner to strike a cylindrical mirror, by which they are reflected through the convex lens at the front of the lamp. As the diagram indicates, the rays are widely scattered, so that they can be seen at a considerable distance.

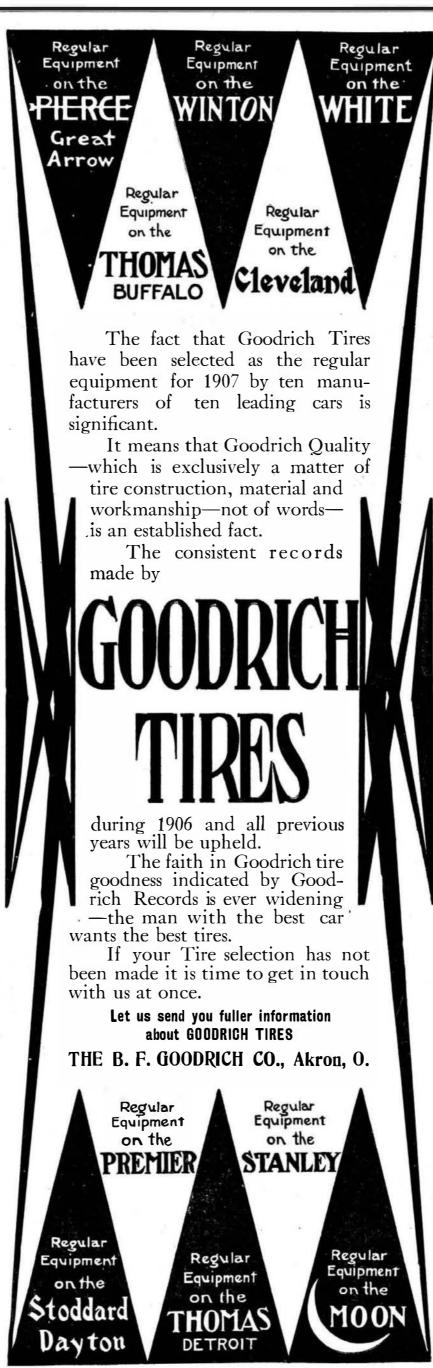
## IMPROVEMENTS IN THE WHITE STEAM TOURING CAR.

The latest model White touring car has been increased in size and power, so that it is now one of the largest and most luxurious automobiles built in America. The increased power of this machine has been obtained both by increasing the size of the engine and generator, and by increasing somewhat the mean steam pressure by means of a thermostatic regulator, which always assures a pressure of 600 pounds. By the addition of a simple feed-water heater, consisting of a short coil of pipe placed between the water tank and generator and surrounded by the exhaust pipe, the efficiency of the power plant has been further increased by about ten per cent. The feed-water heater not only supplies the water to the generator at a higher temperature, but it also increases the efficiency of condensation.

Another radical departure in the new White cars is the location of the gasoline tank in the rear of the car, behind the rear axle. The tank is raised several inches above the axle, so that should the former ever strike obstructions, the tank will be protected. The front axle is of the tubular type, as it is claimed that both theory and practice show that an axle of this type, when properly designed, will best withstand both vertical and horizontal strains. The water tank has been moved to a position under the floor on the left-hand side of the car, where the gasoline tank was formerly located. This tank is provided with a suitable strainer, to stop any oil from passing from the condenser into the tank.

As the new White car is capable of increased speed, and as it is built heavier to withstand the road strains, every part of the frame and running gear has been considerably strengthened. The car is provided with larger and heavier wheels, brakes, and tires, and its every part has been designed upon a new standard of size and strength, which is more than proportionate with the increase in power. A compound steam engine of 3 and 6inch bore by 41/2-inch stroke is used as heretofore. The car is also provided with a disconnecting clutch, so that the engine can be run and warmed while the car is standing. A lower speed can also be thrown in, should the car get stuck in a mudhole, or should there be any occasion for a decided increase in power.

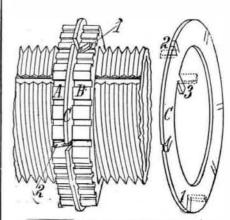
The new touring car can be fitted with



a Pullman type of body, in which there are two revolving chairs in the tonneau (this type is shown in the illustration on page 33), or it can be fitted with a shorter ordinary touring car body, having extra space on the rear of the frame for carrying baggage. The latter body has ample room for carrying three passengers on the rear seat. It is also considerably lighter than the body which we illustrate.

## AN INGENIOUS LOCKING DEVICE.

A locking device that will absolutely preclude the coming loose of nuts is essential for automobile construction. One of the neatest and simplest devices of this kind which we have seen, is found on the Stoddard-Dayton automobile. The arrangement consists of a locking washer, C, having lips such as 1, 2, 3 on its inner and outer surfaces, and which is placed between the usual nut and lock nut that are generally used. The nuts have transverse grooves on their faces for the purpose of receiving the outer lips, such as 1-2, of the washer. After the nut, A, has

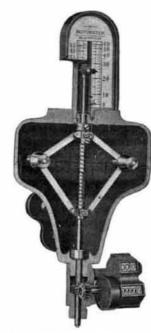


A SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE LOCKING DEVICE.

been set and jammed tightly, the locking washer is slipped on the shaft with its inner lip, 3, in a groove in the latter, and with an outer lip, such as 2, bent over into one of the notches of A. The lock nut, B, is then set up, and another lip of C, such as 1, is bent over into one of the notches of B. The arrangement, as can be seen, makes it impossible for either nut to turn with respect to the other, or to the shaft.

## A SIMPLE TYPE OF AUTOMOBILE SPEED-OMETER.

Among the many kinds of speedometers now on the market, one of the simplest and most positive that we have seen is that made by the R. H. Smith Manufacturing Company, of Springfield, Mass. This motometer, as it is called,



SECTIONAL CUT OF SMITH MOTOMETER.

consists of a vertical spindle driven through a flexible shaft from the wheel of the automobile, and carrying upon it weights similar to those of an ordinary flyball governor, so arranged that the vertical movement secured by the pivoted

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