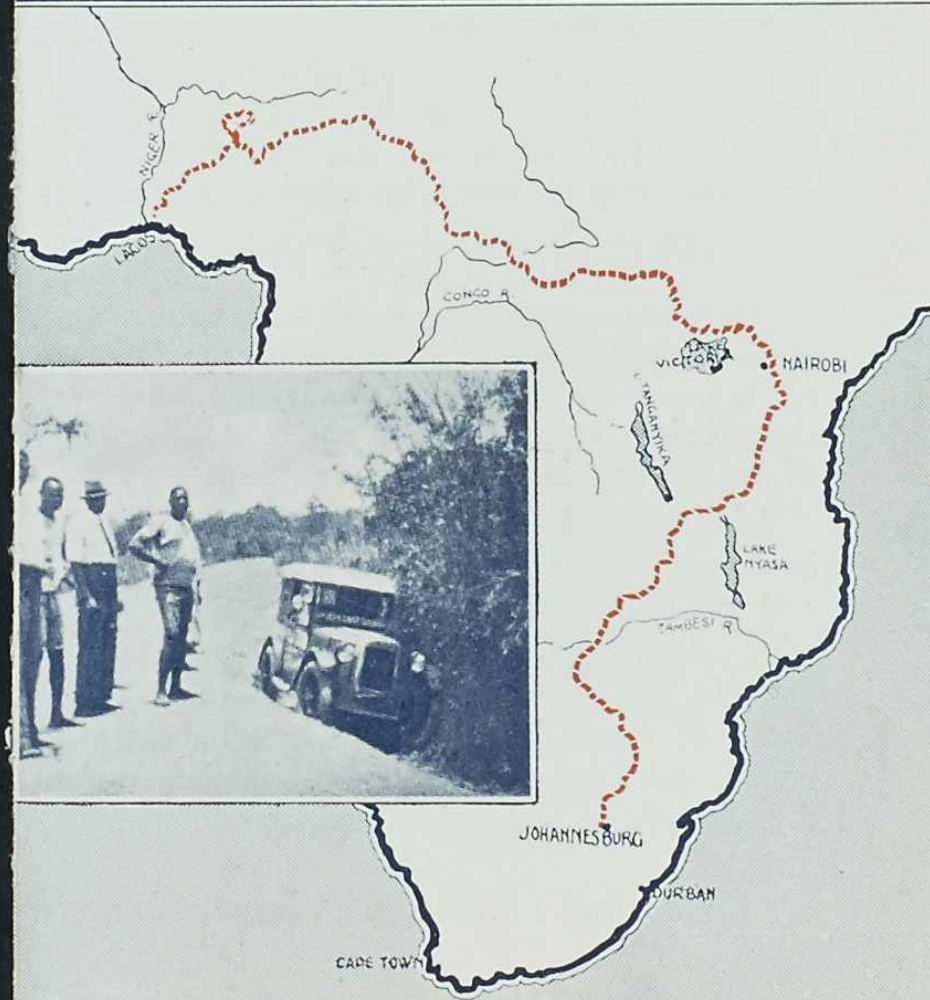


Baby Austin blazes 18,000 Mile Trail



Baby Austin's 18,000-mile Trek through Africa



ONE of the most remarkable car trips ever undertaken was completed not long ago by Mr. F. W. Hockey, a South African motorist. Desiring to see some of the real hinterland of his country, he purchased a baby Austin, and set out on an eleven months' trip, from Johannesburg.

The car was a standard touring model, the only "extras" being a reserve supply of petrol, and a second spare wheel.

Before he reached the end of his journey at Lagos, on the Bight of Benin, Mr. Hockey had travelled 18,726 miles, and had covered a route not previously traversed by a car of any sort.

Wild Country—and Weather

The first part of the journey, to Nairobi, was particularly strenuous by reason of the loose, sandy nature of the tracks—roads, as we know them, being in many places non-existent—and of the terrific wind storms encountered.

After Nairobi, the type of track changed—becoming nothing more than a tangle of ruts and pot-holes. Then rain storms were met with—the heavens opening to such an extent that Mr. Hockey could scarcely see through the sheets of water descending. The wind-shield wiper could not cope with the situation, and the wind-shield had to be tilted back to enable

the driver to see any distance in front of him. Even then, the limit of his vision was but a few yards. So the travelling here was slow.

Thermometers work overtime

After the rain—sunshine. To such effect that, at Fort Lamy, the thermometer registered 130 degrees in the shade—but all the shade was artificial, for it was desert here.

A little later the gallant little engine had a further burden to contend with, in the way of heat—swarms of locusts being so thick that they blocked the air holes in the radiator.

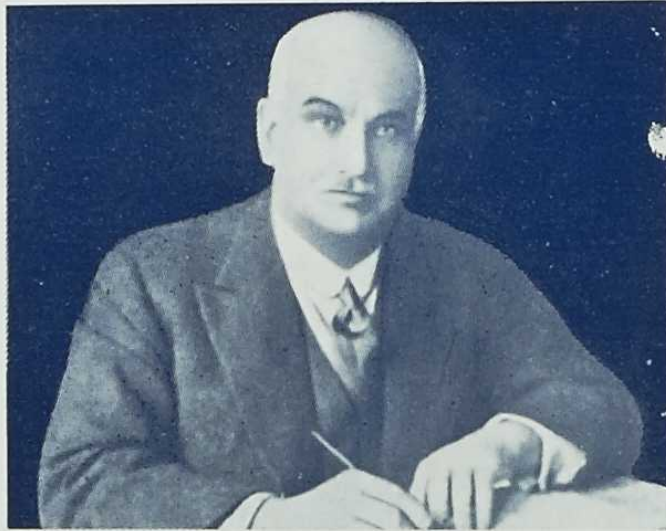
Although Mr. Hockey passed through the territory of many wild tribes, he found in other places the natives useful. In the situation illustrated on the front page, these semi-civilized Matabelians bodily lifted the Austin out of the rut into which it had fallen.

A Story of Reliability.

The full story of the trek is one of reliability, both of a popular British car, and of Mobiloil, which was used throughout this strenuous trip. With the exception of a broken spring, not the slightest mechanical trouble was experienced throughout. Although necessarily much of the journey was done in second gear, oil consumption was commendably low, averaging about 1,000 miles to the gallon.

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