

A Moving Experience

Alex Harvey

Pat Brendel

(In July of 1914, two people went for what they had planned to be a peaceful drive in the country...)

Harvey: I'll never forget that day. It was so perfect...

Brendel: It was!

Harvey: The weather was just lovely.

Brendel. Lovely. Warm. Clear. Not a cloud in the sky.

Harvey: Who could have known that tragedy was waiting for us just around the bend.

Bendel: It was a tragedy!

Harvey: I was so excited! Papa had finally agreed to let me take his new town car for a spin.

Bendel: But you had never driven the Model T car before. You had never driven anything except a HORSE before this!

Harvey: To this very day, I still can't imagine how it could have happened.

Bendel: Really, Alex, what's so difficult? You ran her down, plain and simple.

Harvey: It all happened so quickly. One minute we were tooling merrily down the road. And, suddenly, there she was! Standing there in the middle of the road.

Bendel: I was sure she'd move. But, she didn't! So, you just tooted that silly little horn and kept on driving.

Harvey: Everyone knows what it means when you toot your horn!

Bendel: But, it wasn't a person standing in the middle of the road, Pat. It was a COW! A cow, grazing contentedly on the grass that grew up in the center of the road.

Harvey: I tooted. And tooted.

Bendel: But, she didn't move an inch.

Harvey: And, then...somehow...the car ended up on TOP of the cow.

Bendel: You ran over her.

Harvey: I did not! I simply hit it with Papa's brand new Model T Ford and, perhaps, got stuck on top when the cow fell over.

Bendel: The wheels just kept turning. But we weren't going anywhere.

Harvey: I remember calling for help.

Brendel: You screamed, Pat. And then the cow mooed!

Harvey: So, I screamed again.

Bendel: And the cow mooed. Luckily, there were some people working in the nearby field who came to get us off the top of that poor cow.

Harvey: She wasn't hurt. Just a few bruises and scratches.

Bendel: Yes, but she seemed a little angry. I wouldn't want to cross her path in the future. Or tip her over!

Harvey: No more cow tipping for me!

Bendel: Next time, you might want to practice driving before you take the car out, too!