A TOUR OF THE REMARKABLE FORD INDUSTRIES DURING THE DAYS WHEN THE END PRODUCT WAS THE

MATCHLESS MODEL A

WITH 150 PHOTOGRAPHS



INTRODUCTION

THIS book is published as an outline of the Ford Industries; it sets forth some of the outstanding facts about the Ford organization. It is not a history; nor does it pretend to tell the complete story of the Company, for that would take volumes.

So rapidly is the Company expanding and developing that it is not possible to present a picture of its activities which would remain accurate for a period of six months. This book presents a panoramic view of the

organization and its methods at the present time.

Since the last edition of the Ford Industries was published in 1927, the Company has undergone all the monumental changes necessitated by changing from Model T, of which 15,000,000 were made, to the new Model A., a car different in every respect.

Practically every line of activity in which the Company was engaged was affected, by swinging from the model around which all production methods had been evolved to an entirely different type of automobile.

More raw materials were required, more power, more gas for the heattreating furnaces; and the changing over of the machinery on hand, as well as the building of new machinery, was a gigantic task.

The reader's indulgence is asked if superlatives and the phrase "largest in the world" occasionally creep in. When these terms are used it is merely

because no other description is adequate.

The Ford organization is such an amazing thing that even the bald truth about it is apt to seem colored and exaggerated.

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