

THE VANDERBILT race will demonstrate for the first time in this country the intrinsic value of the new fad of removable rims and tires. At the Paris show these rims were exhibited, but attracted little attention. Since then, however, in the big road races abroad, their value has become obvious, and if the same results are shown here, it will be almost impossible to sell a touring car next season that is not fitted with detachable rims and tires. Out of twenty-one cars starting in the Ardennes race, fifteen had detachable rims. In this race tires were changed at every lap, a lap covering approximately fifty-three miles, and no tire was run longer than one and one-half laps. As showing the wonderful speed with which the tires were replaced, it is said the two rear tires of young Albert Clement's car were replaced by the tire crew in three minutes twenty seconds. Young Clement will be in the Vanderbilt race with his fast car, and the experts have already tipped him off as a sure winner.