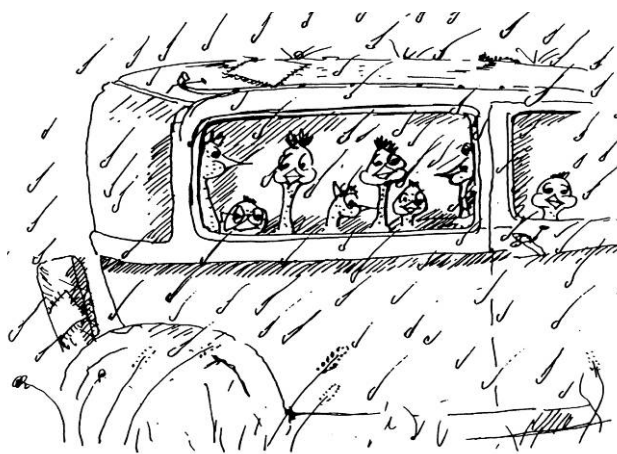


# FLORA the Ford car

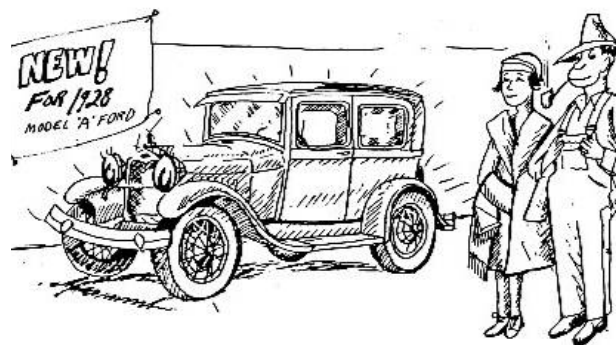
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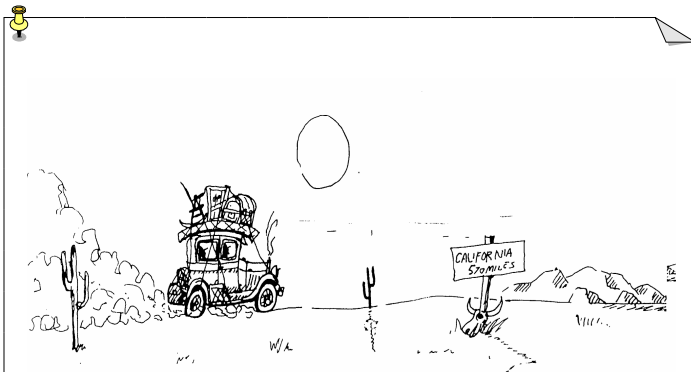
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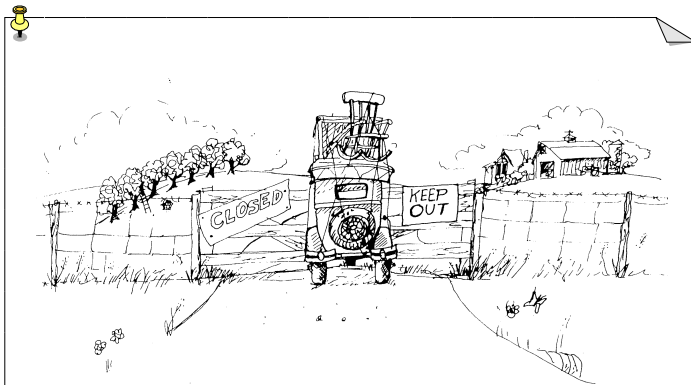
Flora was a car born in 1928. A lot of chickens lived in Flora. They were warm, but Flora sure wasn't. She sat outside in the cold, wet rain.



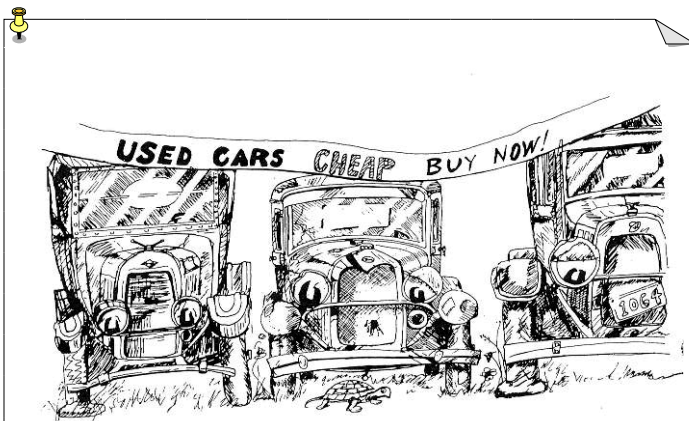
But chickens didn't always live in Flora. Once she was shiny and new.



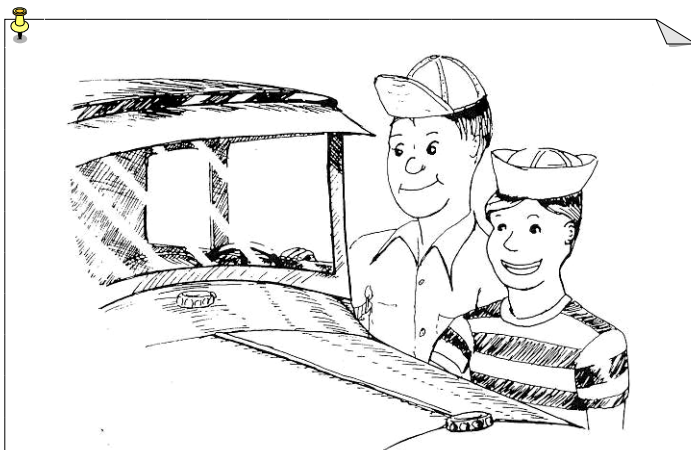
But times got bad. Flora lost her home.  
With all their belongings tied on,  
Flora's owners headed West.



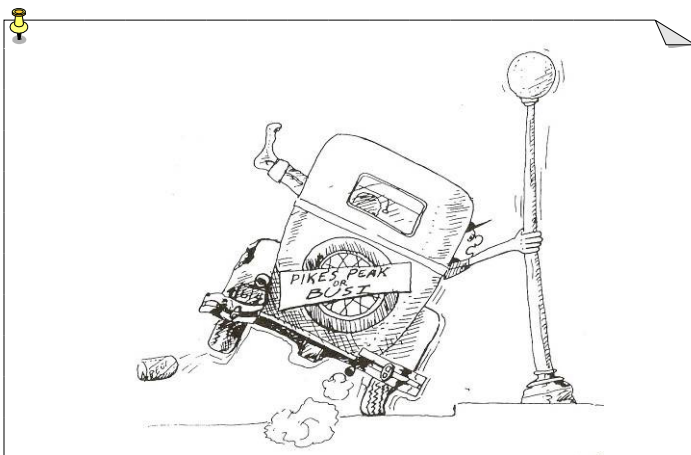
Flora could not find a new home.  
She looked in the city and out in the country.  
No one had a home for Flora.



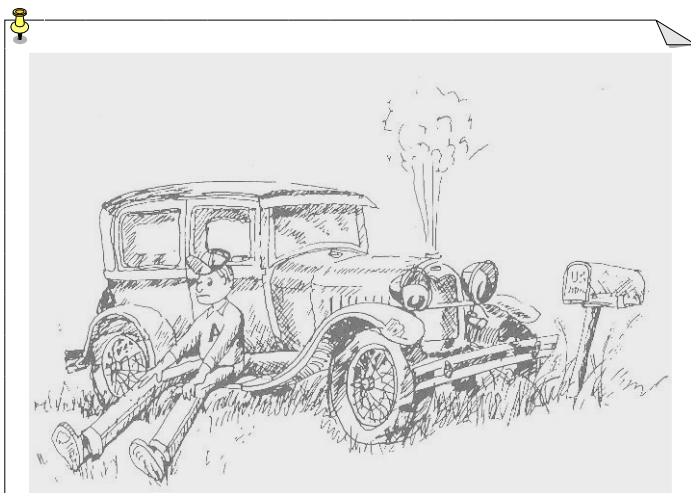
The only home Flora found was  
in a used car lot.



One day two boys saw Flora.  
They liked her very much.  
They saved their money to buy Flora.



But all they wanted was a car to  
go joy-riding in.  
They were mean to Flora.

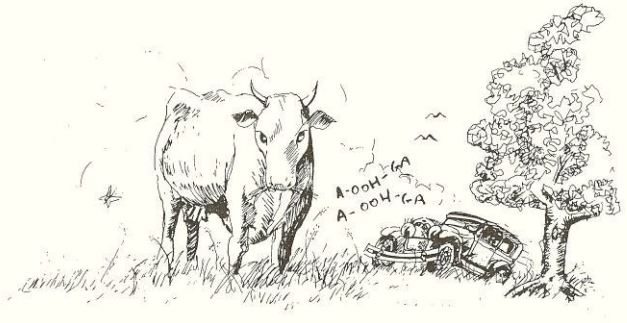


Flora got very mad and  
just quit running.

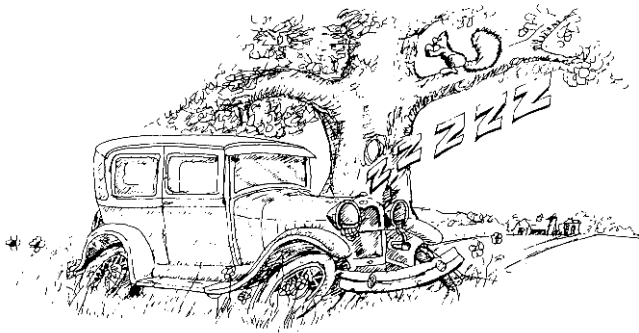




An old farm couple became Flora's new owners.  
Flora was washed, oiled, and polished.



For many years, Flora was very happy  
living on a farm. She would chase the cows  
across the fields.



Best of all, Flora loved to just sleep  
under an old oak tree in the  
lazy summer time.



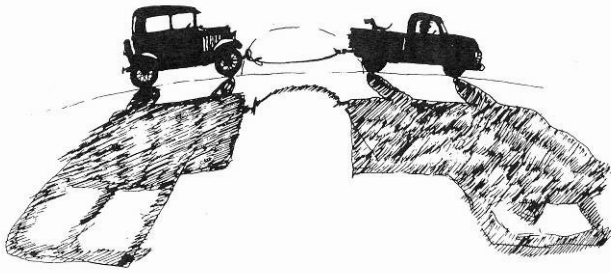
As time passed, Flora was parked behind the barn.  
Forgotten by most, she was laughed at  
by all the barnyard animals.



This is why Flora was very sad.  
Wouldn't you be sad if you were left out in the  
cold rain with only chickens for friends?



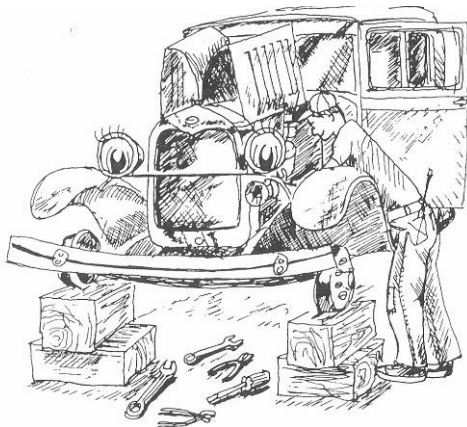
One day she was discovered by Tom.  
Tom came over every day to help do  
farm chores.



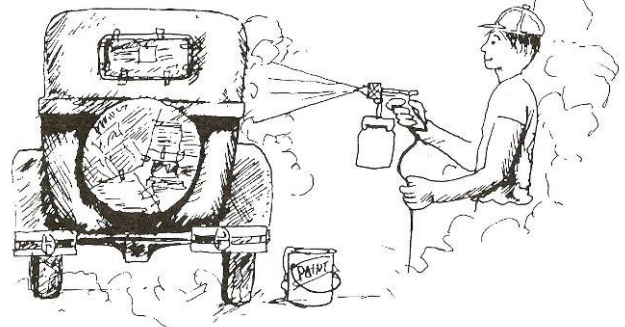
Tom bought Flora by doing work.  
With Flora tied on the back of the truck,  
they all headed for Flora's new home.



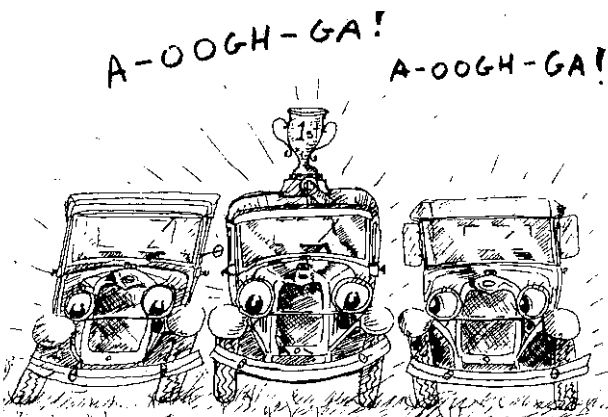
But at Flora's new home, there lived a big,  
mean bully car that just would not move over  
or share any gasoline. Flora was pushed to the  
corner of the garage.



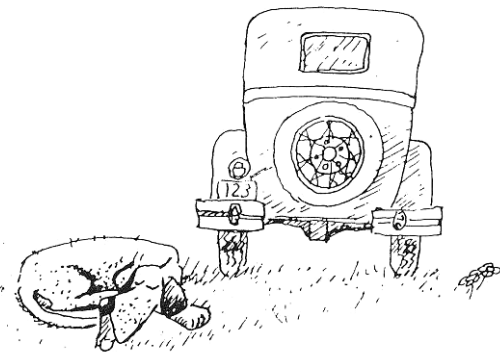
Tom kicked the bully car out.  
Then he started to fix Flora up.  
He wanted her to be just like new.



Tom worked so hard. He put new seat  
covers and tires on Flora. She felt so good  
wearing her new coat of paint.



At the old car meet, Flora met a lot of other  
shiny old cars, just like her! She even won a  
prize for being the best old car there.  
Flora was very happy!



THE END