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THE HIGH GREEN HILLS OF ALIX & TEES

Pay close attention  
to the beautiful  
new Fisher bodies!

— General Motors' advertisement, 1929

West of Mirror in springtime

*Drive the new  
Chevrolet six,  
26 horsepower  
means higher speed  
& faster acceleration*

past brimful reservoir &  
flat green pastures  
dappled with cattle  
the high green hills  
of Alix & Tees

rose up before us

*Whether rolling along  
at 25 miles an hour  
or climbing the longest  
hardest hill*

beckoning our green '29 Chev  
with May leaves  
buffeting us as we  
wormed upwards  
through ruts & mudholes.

*the power is delivered  
freely & easily  
without annoying vibration*

How the brown water flew  
over hood  
roof  
& fenders  
as we rocked & bucked  
past bush & slough

*The frame is stronger  
& steering has been made easier*

Grinding along in low gear

*transmission & axle gears  
are stronger &  
made of nickel steel.*

we became a small green turtle  
plunging deeper into mud  
until the engine died.

*Its new six-cylinder  
valve-in-head engine  
is a brilliant example  
of modern engineering.*

O twenty-six green horses  
brought us to that quagmire  
and two black horses  
from an Alix hill-farm  
hauled us out  
without a backward glance  
at our once beautiful Fisher body.

*Its outstanding feature  
is a degree of smoothness  
never before achieved  
in any low-priced automobile.*

locked in deepening ruts  
to avoid deeper ditches  
father wrestling the wheel  
to track us through.