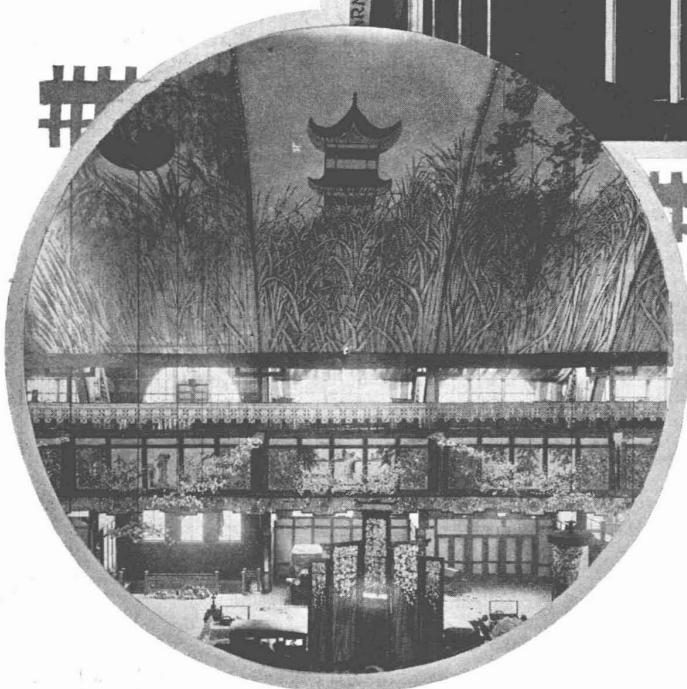


*The Japanese decorations of the Chicago show are carried out with extreme thoroughness and the effect is as handsome as could well be desired. Besides using many pieces of Japanese handicraft of many kinds, there is lavish employment of special paintings on a very large scale. These, combined with hangings and with garlands and sprays of artificial flowers, give the decoration a completeness seldom equalled.*



to 135; and four-cylinder types have dropped from 133 a year ago to 106 at present. So is the trend of events outlined by THE AUTOMOBILE for Dec. 30, a dropping in the number of different makes of fours and the increase going to sixes, eights, and twelves, all gainers.

#### More Polished Chassis Shown

The present show demonstrates that the use of polished chassis as show attractions is on the increase, and that more of these can be used to advantage is indicated by the crowds constantly found around these exhibits, and particularly those where the demonstrator gives periodical lectures on the job. There are fifty-two chassis this year, as compared with forty-four last year and as compared with fifty-six at the New York show this year. The Studebaker gold-plated chassis now making the complete circuit is attracting many, as are such cutaway exhibits as Overland, Cadillac, Hupmobile, Reo, Saxon, Chalmers, Marmon, Stearns, Buick, Chandler and others. A tabulation contrasting the car exhibits of the present show with those of former years shows

those concerns that rely on chassis exhibits.

#### Five-Passenger Bodies Lead

The Chicago show offers interesting contrasts with New York in body exhibits, and, while there are scores of bodies seen at New York and also at Chicago, there are always many different styles seen at the Coliseum. In the high-priced field New York invariably leads Chicago, many of the Chicago jobs savoring more of the utilitarian type. The open five-passenger type is still a leader, with sixty-four different styles shown. It is closely followed by fifty-seven styles of six- and seven-passenger designs. There has been a big gain during the year in the closed types, such as detachable winter tops, touring sedans, etc.

#### Eighteen Demountable Tops

There are eighteen demountable winter top styles as compared with one a year ago, when Kissel, the pioneer in this design, held sole sway. The West is appreciating this type of body, the demand being so great that nearly a dozen Chicago dealers and distributors have added body-building departments for the production of these winter types. The sedan type has increased but little, from seven a year ago to ten this season, these figures, however, not truly representing the increase in these types, as several dealers are exhibiting sedans in their salesrooms, due to lack of space in the exhibit space at the show.

#### Town Cars Gain

The town car following has increased very perceptibly during the year; in fact, Chicago has made rapid strides during the past year as a closed-car town. This closed-car demand is not local to Greater Chicago, but visiting dealers speak generally of the increased use of the automobile throughout the winter and the natural increase in demand for closed types. Limousines are not making gains; in fact, they are a little behind a year ago. Coupés have made little progress. Thirty-two different makes show wire wheels on all or some of their show cars, this being over 40 per cent. Cord tires are on sixteen different makes. In other words,