

GOING FLAT OUT - BY BIKE

Something new on the road. From Paris comes the umbrella bike. With a cover made of light waterproof, it's designed to keep the rain out of your eyes and the wind from revealing your anatomy.

New bike No. 2 comes from Signor Sala of Milan. It's another way of cutting out wind resistance and claims speeds of 40 miles an hour. Now we know what cyclists mean when they go "flat out."

From New York comes another transport device - this time, one for the car. It's a gadget for fitting big autos into tiny spaces. First, you nose into a place where normally you couldn't get with a sheehorn. Then pull the vital lever and hey presto a pair of rollers appear that lift the rear end into the air. Stepping on the accelerator makes them roll - and you slip into the place side-saddle.

By shifting into reverse, you get out as easily as you came in. The trouble is that you must buy two of these gadgets - one for the man parked behind you.

To round off this transport parade, back to Paris for a peep at a newly-designed mechanical bird. Driven by a mixture of compressed air and paraffin (helped by a 140 horse-power motor) it is the first jet-propelled helicopter.

To try out this French designed Ariel comes famed test pilot Georges Dolly. In his hands rests the fate of an exciting experiment. For no-one has ever before flown a helicopter with jets in the rotor blades.

It flies! Slowly rising off the ground, the Ariel sets up an aviation record.

After 15 minutes in the air, the helicopter jet turns back to land. In an age, where new planes come out every day, test pilot Dolly has shown an air-minded world something that's unique.