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MOTORING NEWS:

In America's Motor Show at the New York Coliseum, they have just the job for the busy executive - with built-in secretary, typewriter, filing system, and everything. Less practical, but decorative, is this mascot on the De Soto stand.

A Ford with a retractable hard top is a popular exhibit. Other eye-catchers are the Buick and the Corvette. Easy to see why Britain has to fight for these export markets!

Revolutionary new measures are announced to cope with London's parking problem - and this is one of them, the two-hour parking meter. It's no good smiling sweetly at a police constable - these things are glamour-proof and quite infallible. A factory on the Kingston By-Pass is turning them out in hundreds. A coin starts the meter working, and when your time's up, it says so.

The meters are immune to weather, thieves, fiddlers, or counterfeit coins, and both the time and the charge can be adjusted (not, of course, by the motorist) according to local circumstances. In fact, the darn things just aren't human!