

Mrs. JAMES MELTON

ONE BAYSIDE TERRACE, RIVERSIDE, CONNECTICUT

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My dear Mr. Marshall;

It has been my sad assignment to dispose for the estate of Jim's beloved collection of vehicles. I have two pieces remaining and it has been suggested by some of the car collectors that I should write you about them.

One of them is our little narrow gauge steam train which ran happily for several years around our orchard in Weston, Conn. This little beauty has kerosene flame and Jim put in new copper tubing a few years ago, so that it was a faithful performer. It has about 600 feet of track, a tender and caboose and eight little two-seater passenger cars. I am asking \$1500.00 for it, which I am told is a low price. Jim shared your enthusiasm for steam vehicles, and this piece delighted him particularly.

I believe Jim got the Packard Twin Six Cloverleaf from you. He loved that car, and we were planning to take it on the next Glidden Tour...but for him there were no more. I wonder if you know that the car was sold at auction recently, and brought \$8000.00. Everyone was astonished, but there was one man who had to have it. Someone else got Jim's Mercer by paying \$20,000.00. Such fantastic prices must have developed because they were Jim's cars, and therefore the purchasers knew they were in good condition.

The other item I have for sale is a miniature carousel. It was in the Autorama, and perhaps you saw it there. It is very charming; the figures move as it goes round and round, and with the mirror trim and gay colors, and music it is very attractive. It stands on a box cover that houses the mechanism and has a glass cover over the merry-go-round at top. It is about four feet square in all. This piece is now in storage in Florida. I am asking \$750.00 F.O.B.

I shall look forward to hearing from you. With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Mayorie M. Melton*