

## Fact or Fiction? Automobile visits whisker trimmers

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Harry Essex wants everybody to strictly understand that his barber shop is not a garage; neither is it a repair shop for old, run down and discrepit boats. Also, his barbers are not blacksmiths, eager and ready to tear into any old machine that happens to drop into his shop.

His men are all barbers and having worked continually for a number of years—it wouldn't be right to say how long—at the trade they have that lightness of touch "that seals away your whiskers 'ere you are aware" and makes you cough up twenty cents and like it.

The facts of the matter are and the reason for this spasm is that Mr. Drakely backed his car into the Essex barber shop Saturday afternoon—or tried to—during the crush hours and would have succeeded if it had not been for the iron railing surrounding the entrance.

As it was the railing was badly damaged, and the barbers are still trembling from the effects of the threatened, unannounced and attempted entrance.

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