

## XIX

she being Brand

-new;and you  
know consequently a  
little stiff i was  
careful of her and(having

thoroughly oiled the universal  
joint tested my gas felt of  
her radiator made sure her springs were O.

K.)i went right to it flooded-the-carburetor cranked her

up,slipped the  
clutch(and then somehow got into reverse she  
kicked what  
the hell)next  
minute i was back in neutral tried and

again slo-wly;bare,ly nudg. ing(my

lev-er Right-  
oh and her gears being in  
A 1 shape passed  
from low through  
second-in-to-high like  
greasedlightning)just as we turned the corner of Divinity  
avenue i touched the accelerator and give

her the juice,good

(it

was the first ride and believe i we was  
happy to see how nice she acted right up to  
the last minute coming back down by the Public  
Gardens i slammed on

the  
internalexpanding  
&  
externalcontracting  
brakes Bothatonce and

brought allofher tremB  
-ling  
to a:dead.

stand-  
;Still)