

What You Want to Know About Your Auto and How To Drive It and Keep It

Expert Advice How to Keep Automobiles Running Smoothly and the Best Way to Remedy Machine Troubles—Traffic Suggestions and Pleasure Routes for Escaping World Readers.

By GEORGE H. ROBERTSON.

CAREFUL motorist will always have the safety of other users of the highway in mind and he will always operate his car at moderate speed so that it is fully under his control at all times.

During this season of the year the pavements are very treacherous and great care should be exercised in the handling of the car. The four wheels should be equipped either with chains or good non-skid tires, whenever the streets are wet or slippery, and the courtesies of the road extended to a vehicle which is hard to control.

Sufficient warning by means of the horn should always be given before attempting to turn past another vehicle, the car speed should always be slackened in passing a pedestrian or a horse-drawn vehicle and sufficient warning given in order to prevent confusion.

The driver of a vehicle should realize that because of the heavy weather-traffic conditions are not in their normal state, and in order to aid in safe operation he should give and take more at this time than he would usually. The horse-drawn vehicles unfortunately have been the cause of many traffic tie-ups for the past few days, due to the fact that the animals are unable to keep their footing. It might facilitate traffic movements if the drivers of the hold-up vehicles get out and lend a hand toward getting the horse on its feet. It is these little courtesies that are given during such weather as we have at present that help the traffic authorities cope with the situation.

Will the insurance company be responsible if the owner's son, sixteen years old, meets with an accident while driving the car alone? JOE SCHMIDT.

The insurance company, I believe, is liable if the person operating the car is recognized by the motor vehicle law or if the wording of the policy covers this. GEORGE KAHN.

Can a man owning a commercial car operate the machine without a license? GEORGE KAHN.

If the machine is registered in your name and you are the owner and operator you do not need a chauffeur's license. WILLIAM HOEFER.

I have a Ford automobile which is very hard starting in cold weather and I can hardly crank it. I always put warm water in it to heat the cylinders, but this does not remedy the trouble. I am using a medium grade of oil. I have to turn the crank about one hour and a half before it works and the car starts. Can you advise me what to do? WILLIAM HOEFER.

Examine all the clutch bands and make sure they do not drag. If they do you will find that the heavy oil and grease in the transmission drums will offer considerable resistance when the car is cranked. GEORGE KAHN.

How can I make a non-freezing mixture for my radiator? Is denatured or wood alcohol used? G. M.

Would suggest that you use denatured alcohol, one part of alcohol to three parts of water. GEORGE KAHN.

I have sold automobile parts and supplies for a motorist who owns an automobile, the license is in his name and I am unable to collect the amount of my bill. Will it be possible to hold the father responsible for this? I think that the father would be responsible for the debts of a minor. However, as I am not a lawyer, I cannot give you positive information. If I were you I would go and see some good lawyer. GEORGE KAHN.

I have a 1915 Ford touring car which seems to jerk along whenever I put her in high speed. Can you tell me the cause and a remedy for this? J. KENNEDY.

Look over the ignition and see that the plugs are in good condition and then adjust the carburetor properly after it has been thoroughly cleaned of dirt and water. GEORGE KAHN.

Is it safe to use kerosene in place of water for cooling a motor in a Ford in cold weather? J. A. E.

The use of kerosene in place of water for the circulating system is not very good practice, as the former has not the cooling qualities of the latter. Because of this the motor would run hot, which is the most important of several objections. GEORGE KAHN.

Would you suggest the use of hard grease in the transmission of my Mitchell? If not, why? GEO. T. BROWNWELL.

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By Marguerite Mooers Marshall.

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"There are only a few of the articles I can mention that I have bought much cheaper by just going around like a business manager and finding out the cost of living. 'Coke such as raisins, &c., when bought in boxes, is 10 cents a half pound; bought in the department store, it is 15 cents a pound. I use legs and shoulders of mutton, not lamb; smoked tenderloins, not smoked ham; sliced fresh tenderloins instead of pork trimmings—much cheaper than pork chops, no waste, bone or fat; flank steak, not porterhouse, spread a thin layer of chicken stuffing on steak, roll up and tie, then roast; it is delicious.

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SOLDIER-POET OF 70 HELD AS KIDNAPPER OF TWO PET KIDDIES

Like Gypsy Wanderers, Trio Left Lowell, Mass., to See the World.

"Grandpa" Gilson has gotten into trouble because his heart is too big and he lets it rule him. "Grandpa" is seventy years old, and when one reaches that age one may be pardoned for letting sentimentality master one occasionally. Every one in Yorkville Police Court felt kindly toward "Grandpa" when he was arraigned there to-day on a charge of kidnaping.

"Grandpa" Gilson has two obsessions. He is very fond of little children—and he has the wanderlust, acquired, perhaps, during the years when he served the Union from Petersburg to Spottsylvania. In his blue uniform of the G. A. R., its faded breast adorned with a medal, the old man bowed his white head and wept as he told Magistrate Koenig the story of how from Lowell, Mass., he set out with little Effie and Vivian James, eleven and nine years old respectively, to seek what adventures might befall them.

How was "Grandpa" to know that his wanderlust and love for kiddies would lead him and them into imprisonment in New York as the end of their adventure? "Grandpa" hadn't looked that far ahead, he told the Magistrate.

"Grandpa" is a poet, too. If you have ever read "The Old Soldier's Poem" that "Grandpa" Gilson wrote you may understand the sentimental spirit that moved him.

For years "Grandpa" Gilson has made a living by selling his verses on the streets in Lowell. That is how he first met little Effie and Vivian James. A crowd of boys was teasing them. "Grandpa" met their mother, Mrs. Alice James, and took the children to their home at No. 139 Wilson Street. There "Grandpa" met their mother, Mrs. Alice James. As a result he went to board at the James home—and the kiddies became his steadfast friends.

Mrs. James and her daughter, Katherine, sixteen years old, work in a Lowell factory, and much of the care of the younger children fell to "Grandpa." Effie and Vivian often went with him through the streets as he sold his verses.

Effie and Vivian were not happy at home, "Grandpa" says, and the kiddies, weeping in the rooms of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, bore him out in that today.

Eight days ago the longing for the open road filled "Grandpa's" aged soul, sounding an imperative call. He announced to Effie and Vivian that he was going to leave them. They begged to be taken with him, he says. And that day the kiddies' mother whipped them both, "Grandpa" and they declare. That rounded the chivalrous Don Quixote spirit in the old man's breast—and together he and the kiddies wandered forth.

They took the trolley and for a whole day they rode, stopping en route at North Chelmsford, Ayer and Fitchburg, where the old man pointed out the sights of the villages and now and then paused to sell "The Old Soldier's Poem."

They spent the night at North Adams, where "Grandpa" obtained two furnished rooms, one for himself and one for the two little sisters. In the morning "Grandpa" bought them each a bag of candy, bought Vivian a doll and Effie a toy printing press—and told them they were going for a long ride. When for several hours the eyes of the children had gazed with unalloyed delight at the sights that flashed past their flying car window, they found themselves in Troy. The next day they were in Albany.

It was all very wonderful—not only for the kiddies of eleven and nine, but for the kiddie of seventy as well. Why not go on to Florida? That was a destined Rhodes scholar, so it was decided—and as the first step all boarded a train for New York yesterday afternoon.

On the train "Grandpa" sold his poems. But the conductor was a gruff, suspicious person in whose soul years of railroading had left little room for sentiment. He wired to the New York police an account of the G. A. R. veteran and the two little girls who were travelling together. And when their train reached Grand Central Station last night the errand three found Detective Kalbfleisch awaiting them.

Magistrate Koenig to-day held "Grandpa" Gilson for extradition to Massachusetts.

CITY EMPLOYEE ARRESTED.

Caught in Store and Held on Charge of Burglary.

Max Cohen, who described himself as a clerk in the Tenement House Department, was held in \$1,500 bail by Magistrate Murphy in Morrisania Court today charged with burglary.

Policeman Treasurer of the Central Street Station found him in the furnishing store of Abraham Kavner at No. 128 W. 42nd St. last night. The glass of the door had been broken and the lock turned from the inside.

Sister-Heroines of "Kidnapping" Adventure With Aged Veteran



VIVIAN JAMES EFFIE JAMES

HE WANTED A DOCTOR, GOT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mistaken Call for Assistance From Family in Danger From Coal Gas.

It was only a doctor Samuel Meyerfeld wanted at No. 86 Second Avenue, early to-day, but this is what he got: Three fire engines. Two hook and ladder trucks. Two battalion chiefs. The police reserves. An ambulance.

Meyerfeld lives with his wife, Fanny, and William and Jennie Weinberg, brother and sister, on the second floor of the house. At 6 o'clock Meyerfeld awoke choking, and found the room full of coal gas from the dining room heater.

Without waiting to see the others' condition he smashed a front window with his fist and shouted: "Doctor! Doctor!" A newsboy at Fifth Street thought he said "Fire" and sent in an alarm. There was much excitement as the apparatus rolled up in the fog and nobody could point out the fire.

Meyerfeld found the other three members of his household had been overcome by the gas, but by the time Dr. Falliser came from Bellevue all were out of danger.

BOY SHOT COMPANION; "MEANT TO SCARE HIM"

Bay Ridge Victim, 14 Years Old, Is in Critical Condition at Hospital.

Norman Anderson, fourteen years old, a student in the Bay Ridge High School, was shot in the back by a companion, John Peacock, thirteen years old, in front of the latter's home at No. 339 Seventy-second Street this afternoon. He is in the Norwegian Hospital in a critical condition and Peacock has been arrested. Peacock claims he merely wanted to frighten Anderson.

A week ago the boy came into possession of a twenty-two calibre rifle. He was shooting at a target in the basement of his home when he saw Anderson passing and he has admitted to the police that he pushed the barrel of the rifle through a basement window, aimed at Anderson, who was going to his home next door, and fired.

WINS RHODES SCHOLARSHIP.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 15.—Robert M. Stephenson of Rockford, Ill., has been awarded the Rhodes scholarship for Indiana. It was learned to-day. Stephenson was given the scholarship for work he did three years ago while a student at Depauw University. He is now teaching in a private school in San Francisco.

Mr. Steele offered to pay part of the girls' wages as a maid, the persons who were robbed. The Magistrate wrote him the case was now in the hands of District Attorney Crosby.

HAS PLACE IN HIS HOME FOR ALLEGED GIRL THIEF

Business Man Would Save Erring One From Prison and Asks Why State Didn't?

Rather than see a young girl sent to prison as a thief on the eve of Christmas, Charles R. Steele, an insurance man of No. 209 Fifth Avenue, has written to Magistrate Naumer of the Adams Street Court, Brooklyn, and offered to take her into his home.

Edna Mewbatt, twenty-two years old, was held for the Grand Jury Wednesday on a charge of stealing articles valued at \$200 from the rooms of girls living in the Harriet Judson Memorial rooming house at No. 50 Nevins Street, Brooklyn. The girl is now in Raymond Street Jail.

"If the State can afford to feed and shelter this young girl who has committed a theft," Mr. Steele wrote Magistrate Naumer, "why could it not have assisted her before she committed the act? I believe I would steal before I would starve and I think you would, too. It would seem a pity, in this Christmas season, to send a young woman to prison, where she would be morally worse off when released."

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