

VELOCITY DEVICES FALSE, SAYS EXPERT
Stratton Says Speedometers and Anemometers Register Inaccurately.

That magnetic anemometers, used by the navy to measure the velocity of the wind in firing during target practice, and magnetic speedometers, used by automobiles to register speed, are so inaccurate as to make them practically useless, is demonstrated by an investigation just completed by the Bureau of Standards.

The Bureau of Standards, after a thorough investigation, reports that the magnetic instruments show a variation during hot and cold weather of 28 per cent.

As a result of these tests that have been made on anemometers and speedometers, Dr. Stratton, of the Bureau of Standards, has determined to wage a war on the manufacturers of magnetic instruments generally.

Some time ago he discovered, after an investigation covering many months, that thermometers made in the United States were a huge joke, so far as accuracy in recording temperature was concerned.

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VANDERBILT CUP ROAD WILL HAVE NO BANKS
Turns Will Be Widened When Work Begins Tomorrow. Thirty Cars Expected to Compete—News of Washington Autoists.

Tomorrow the work of preparing the Long Island motor parkway course for the Vanderbilt cup race and the grand prize race will begin in earnest under the supervision of the roadmakers who have prepared the circuits for previous Vanderbilt Cup races.

Every detail in road construction that will insure safety to contestants and to the public will be carefully carried out, and the course will be massaged until it is in perfect form. The turns of the circuit will not be banked this year, as formerly. Instead, several of the turns will be broadened and made flat, so that a wider radius will be possible.

The Splittorf magneto has been in the limelight during the last few weeks on account of the victories of numerous cars in various contests which were equipped with this well-known make of magneto.

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ISSUE 59 LICENSES DURING PAST MONTH
District Automobile Board Grants Large Number in August.

The District automobile board granted fifty-nine licenses to operate automobiles during August, the numbers ranging from 724, granted to Edgar D. Shaw, to 726, which was assigned to Dr. L. L. Friedrich.

Among those to whom licenses were issued are W. B. Moses & Sons, Dr. Z. T. Sowers, Dr. L. W. Glazebrook, and C. E. Hagner, Jr.

The Carter Motor Car Corporation has delivered Washington cars to Thomas F. Murray, C. G. Vaughn, and O. H. Witman, Charles Fisher, 433 placed an order with the company for a Washington roadster.

Did Queer Stunt to Keep Winning
Eddie Collins Had Superstition About Changing Clothes and Shoes.

Do you remember a little yarn a while ago about the various superstitions of the baseball diamond artists, and how baseball players were all gripped by mystic woodcocks, hoodoos, and the like? Well, here's one on Eddie Collins, of the Athletics, that will help some.

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Synopsis of Chapters Already Published
Peter Cadogan, winner of the "Crested" Terry Cragh, aboard the schooner Colleen, is making for New Orleans to pick up Loomis, prior to crossing the Caribbean Sea, when suddenly he is aroused from his slumbers by a cry for "help!"

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Cadogan does not believe that he could have held on much longer. The girl was there in the nick of time—no sooner said than done.

But for all that, soon enough. Without hesitation she bent over the rail and grasped the collar of Cragh's oilskin coat, thus relieving Cadogan of the greater part of his burden.

An instant later, with an envious display of strength, Cadogan lifted his servant bodily over the rail, and all but collapsed beside him.

As for Jane Todd, the ship was in her hands. She had plenty of work to do, and she was not a moment out of her mind.

But now she had the situation in hand, and if she permitted a wave of joy and exultation to well up in her breast, if there was a spark of triumph in her clear eye and a smile of confidence upon her lips, she is to be excused.

The wind moldered her garments tightly about her, and tore at heavy tresses of hair, whipping them across her face, so that now and again she must lift and toss her head to clear her eyes—eyes that shone like stars of darkness.

But dare he trust her? The Colleen's stem was pointing directly for the rocks at the base of the lighthouse. If maintained so two minutes more—there would presently be no Colleen.

He stepped to her side and laid a hand on the wheel.

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