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GETTING EVEN WITH THE AUTO.

A cartoon in a St. Louis paper recently suggested a way of protection for pedestrians against motor cars. It consisted chiefly of a full suit of mail, covered with sharp spikes, giving the wearer the general appearance of a horned toad. The suit of mail was to protect the wearer and the spikes were to ruin the \$40 tires.

There can be little doubt that the general adoption of this costume for summer wear would at least cause reckless autoists to pick their victims more discreetly. But not everyone can afford a suit of mail. Those of limited means, however, need not worry, for there are other ways equally effective, and within the reach of everyone. For instance, why not try carrying a few sticks of dynamite in one's pocket?

THE PRICE OF CARELESSNESS.

"It was more than carelessness," said James E. Roderick, state mine inspector for Pennsylvania, in speaking of the causes of the recent disaster in the Finleyville mine in which more than one hundred miners lost their lives. Such is the history of the long list of mine disasters occurring in this country year after year.

Fifteen hundred lives is the enormous toll paid each year in this country for the coal we burn. And of this number far too many are due to lack of precaution on the part of the mine owners or the gross negligence of the mine officials.

The life of the miner at best is a gamble with death. Each mine owner's general adoption of this costume for the attitude that by an act of providence a disaster will be averted.

If all of the mine operators would unite in demanding better protection and greater vigilance on the part of the overseers the danger of such catastrophes might at least be materially lessened.

Judging by the silence of the newspapers on the subject, perhaps we are to have an insane Fourth of July this year.

THE SIGN NUISANCE.

Artists have written their stories of the picturesque life in the Ozarks; they have shown us that the snow on the peaks of the mountains, with the blue sky and rolling clouds as a background. Far in the valley below we can see the silvery stream winding its way through the rainbow covering of daisies, wild roses and buttercups. Or perhaps we see rolling hills, robbed of their bareness by the waving blue grass which covers them. A large old-fashioned farm house, with the tall, brick chimney, surrounded by fields of ripening corn and golden grain, adds a touch of beauty to the scheme.

These pictures made so beautiful to us by the artist would be as worthless as hook and line without bait, had the artist dotted the mountain sides, the hills and valleys, with unsightly advertisements of "Owl Cigars," "Ralston Health Food" or "Gold Dust Twins."

As there must be something inviting on the hook to attract the fish, there also must be a natural beauty to the artist's picture if he would attract and please the public. We love to see the reproduction of nature, but we do not admire the mixture of the unnatural with the natural. It is the same way when we travel through a country which possesses all the qualities that go toward making it beautiful. If signs, advertising a certain brand of beer, cigar or breakfast food, constantly greet us instead of green foliage, ragged cliffs and rolling prairies, we are annoyed and displeased. True, it takes everlasting vigilance

to keep down the highway sign nuisance, but we could see it gradually disappearing if we would pass a law like that of the state of New York, which makes it a misdemeanor to place advertisements in such places.

A society for the suppression of vice has been organized in Columbia. Now it may be ambiguously asked who is vice-president.

NOT NOW.

Would a commission form of government help Columbia now? Hardly. It is claimed that the law recently passed is unconstitutional. The Missouri Municipal League is to have some town make a test case of the law. If this case shows that the law is constitutional, then it might be well for Columbia to try that form of government.

The present unrest in the council can be settled. Probably it will not be settled to the satisfaction of everyone but, at any rate, the city's business can be carried on. Since six of the councilmen have resigned, it will be necessary to elect six more. If the right kind of men are elected, all will be well.

A DAUGHTER'S TRIBUTE.

Just before she departed on a trip to Europe recently Miss Genevieve Clark, daughter of Speaker Champ Clark, was asked by a New York reporter to describe her conception of the ideal man. Miss Clark quickly replied: "My father is my ideal of a man." When asked why her father was her ideal she answered:

"It's because he is so intensely human; because he has such a sure vision; because he knows people so well and because he is kind. Nobody in the world has a kinder heart than my daddy. He has always been my 'pal' and all I know has been made real through him."

What a noble attitude and loyal tribute for a daughter to express regarding her father! There is cause for optimism concerning the spirit of American girls when one of them expresses such ideals. Surely no other tribute from any source could so cheer a father's heart as the one paid to Champ Clark by his charming daughter.

CONGRESSIONAL ORATORY.

Soon the thoughtful congressman will send the "dear peepul" copies of speeches reputed to have been delivered by him in Congress. Long and eloquent appeals they are. The folks back home will read them if they have time. Usually they haven't time. But the oratory thrills just the same, for there it is all printed, the same words which fell from the congressman's lips and reverberated through the historic legislative chamber at Washington.

The fond constituent regrets that such good speeches were not printed in the daily papers, so that all the world might know the splendid ability of his congressman. Were some one to say that this oratory had never been "orated" and was only imaginary, such disillusioning would be cruel.

But the facts are out. The speeches never have been heard. If time were taken for the delivery of all the eloquence contained in the dozen or more volumes of the Congressional Record, no laws could be made. Congress long ago found it necessary to curb the flow of oratory. In 1841, the floor privilege of any member was limited to one hour. Now, however, congressmen are allowed only about five minutes to discuss legislative measures.

Thus, a member of Congress may speak a few paragraphs and then ask permission to "extend his remarks in the Record." The request is granted. Then, the whole disquisition is printed in the record. The congressman then has the government printing office turn out thousands of pamphlet copies which he franks through the mails to his constituents.

**Farm Management Assistants Move.**  
R. S. Besse and W. E. Foard of the farm management department have moved from Room 202 to Room 102 in the Agricultural Building. D. H. Doane and O. R. Johnson will remain in Room 202.

THE NEW BOOKS

The Way of a Man.

Plain facts about the way a man should live—this sums up the book written by Charles Bayard Mitchell, called "The Way of a Man." He tells the facts, then gives a little story to show that he is right.

The style is pleasing. The sentences are short and words strong and well chosen. First he tells of that something about a man that we call his "style." Then he tells about man's body, mind, heart, soul, temptations and on up to man's eternity. Finally he asks, "Where will you spend eternity?" (Jennings and Graham, Cincinnati; 226 pages, cloth, \$1 net.)

The Judgment House.

Movements in the drama of world diplomacy and finance, the pioneer days of the British invasion of South Africa, the Boer war, all are woven into a story of love by Gilbert Parker in his latest book, "The Judgment House." It is a conflict of powerful and ambitious characters in which appear the high intellectual nature and the primitive instincts of man. The writer has developed his plot with an almost perplexing fullness. The characters are sharply drawn. A sustaining interest carries the reader through the last line. (Harper and Brothers, publishers, New York and London; price \$1.35 net.)

Macaulay's Life of Johnson.

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Perhaps no biography was ever written with such sparkling and interesting style as this essay by Macaulay. Combined with these important factors, there are history and many pleasing illustrations by the editor.

It is a valuable book for any one to have upon his shelf. (American Book Company, New York; 157 pages; 35 cents net.)

MAGAZINE REVIEWS

McCall's Magazine.

McCall's Magazine for May ought to please the women readers, for it has nearly thirty pages devoted exclusively to styles in women's dresses, for the home, street and party, and frocks for the little folks, too. All of the new styles are illustrated and there are also many color plates. In addition to fashions there are several good stories and many suggestions for menus and for making the house beautiful. (The McCall Company, New York City; 5 cents a copy.)

The American City.

Even though the commission form of government for cities is unheeded in some places and untried in most others, students of municipal government have carried this plan a step further and have evolved what is known as the city manager plan. In this the commissioners, instead of de-

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Now, in The American City, a magazine devoted to municipal affairs, C. G. Hoag, the secretary for the American Proportional Representation League, explains an improved form of the manager plan which he calls the representative council plan. (Publication Office, 93 Nassau street, New York City; 25 cents.)

National Food Magazine.

Boiled shark's fins, jet-black crackers, bird's-nest soup, tea-leaf salad, eggs half a century old, roast monkey, potted alligator, boiled dog and stewed cat sounds like a menu got up by a cubist, doesn't it? It is merely a description of some Chinese delicacies taken from the National Food Magazine for April.

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