

SUGGESTIONS TO AVOID ACCIDENTS

Seasoned Drivers Fail to Make Allowance for Faults of Novice.

As a result of several recent investigations into accident causes in which it was shown that collisions often result from the inability of seasoned drivers to make allowances for the shortcomings of beginners, the accident prevention department of the Chicago Motor club has outlined for motorists some suggestions as to safeguarding car users through better understanding between drivers.

Special Recommendations.

The recommendations of especial importance are as follows: "Whenever a driver seems to be usurping the right of way at an intersection when he is not entitled to do so it is safer to assume that he is inexperienced and not willfully disrespectful of law and order. Too many motorists seek to 'teach others a lesson' at the wrong time, and the inevitable result is an accident.

"The proper time to teach the new driver the rules of the game is before he has to apply them. The experienced driver who leads the beginner into believing that the only way to learn to drive is to enter heavy traffic and 'sink or swim' is only encouraging the worst form of recklessness.

Willfully Reckless Driver. "The willfully reckless driver may change his mind at the last moment and avoid trouble simply because he drives well enough to know how to avoid it, but the inexperienced driver has no such advantage.

"There will be about 1,000,000 new drivers this year if car sales continue at the present rate. Although skill in operation of the car is an easier matter to acquire by reason of the great improvement in controls, traffic conditions are more complicated than at any time in the history of the automobile and knowledge of rules of driving and courtesy has never been more important. In view of present conditions the experienced motorist cannot afford to mistake ordinary inexperience for willful recklessness."

Proper Tire Equipment for the Vacation Trip

The motorist who starts on a vacation trip without proper tire equipment is likely to find that he has been penny wise and pound foolish. Nothing so quickly ruins the pleasure of a vacation trip as tire trouble. Repairing tires out in a broiling sun is anything but fun, and, besides this, it causes delay which many times upsets schedules and definite plans.

If a motorist has to purchase tires at some mountain or canyon resort he usually finds that freight and extra profit have been tacked on, so that the price is extremely high.

By carrying two or three spare tires, depending, of course, upon the length of the trip, the vacationist is prepared in case of punctures or blowouts to quickly change and proceed on his way. The safest course of all is to put the new tires on the wheels and use the old tires as spares. There is much less likelihood of puncture in a fresh new casing than there is in a thin, worn tire.

Tube Vulcanizing

It often happens that in vulcanizing a tube, particularly in the open air, the rubber is burned. This may be obviated by making a collar about four inches high to fit around the vulcanizer, using several thicknesses of ordinary wire mosquito netting, fastened together with a couple of rivets of wire run through. This should be placed over the vulcanizer just before lighting the gasoline.

Constant Driving Will Keep Car in Good Trim

"I don't believe I can drive that far in a day," says the typical motorist, contemplating a 300-mile jump. "I'm not in trim."

And yet this same motorist will expect his car to take him any distance any time regardless of whether it is in trim.

The car that is going day and night always is ready for the long trip, or the hard trip, because it has to be in good condition to stand the daily grind. The car that is never really ready is the one that stands in the garage all week. It may have a water leak, or its carburetor may not be adjusted for the change in the weather. Cars are like their drivers in a great many respects, and the matter of being in trim is one of them. Exercise is vitally essential to good service from a car.

This is clearly demonstrated when a car has been in storage for a long period. Everything is stiff when the car starts. Things do not work at their best. Tires are low, springs are rusty, even the stale gas in the tank makes the engine lumpy. The car that is in trim never acts this way. It is always ready, always capable of meeting the demands.

Emergency Filler Very Handy Automobile Tool

When one is in the country and discovers that the radiator has to be filled with water, but is handicapped by not having a pail or similar receptacle, the rubber floor mat will be



Handy Emergency Filler.

found quite serviceable. By folding it, as shown in the detail, and holding the edges together firmly water can easily be carried in it and poured through the radiator opening.—Joseph A. Moffitt, Phoenix, Ariz., in Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Accidents Prevented by Proper Control of Horn

The inexperienced "Sunday driver" type of motorist thinks the only thing the horn is for is to play a never-ending concert in the ears of pedestrians. Horn control is a fine art and its proper use can prevent accidents.

Excessive use of the horn indicates a novice driver, but its proper use shows the veteran. The novice relies upon his horn to keep others out of danger. The veteran relies upon his control of the car. He slows down for people crossing the streets. He doesn't toot his horn and force them to jump. The novice has to rely upon his noise maker because in nine cases out of ten he is outriding his brakes.

Watch the novice as he approaches a corner. He doesn't slow down, figuring another car may be coming at the rate of 25 feet a second. No, no—nothing like that. He starts "squawking" 25 feet from the corner depending upon his noise to get him through. The veteran driver slows down and uses the horn less in all instances.

A really good driver can do without a horn in most instances. The novice seems to feel he could do better with a steam calliope.

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Of Course
Celia—Did the justice of the peace offer to kiss the bride?
Agnes—No; a woman justice performed the ceremony. She kissed the bridegroom.

Progress
Ambition of 1870—A gig and a gal.
Ambition of 1920—A flivver and a flapper.
Ambition of 1950—A plane and a Jane.—Boston Transcript.

Thomas Gray and Sir Walter Scott declined the poet laureateship of England. Wordsworth also refused, but changed his mind.

Whale Meat Sent to Feed African Natives

In his annual report the chief sanitary inspector of Inverness, Scotland, after an investigation at the request of a large number of taxpayers who had complained of disagreeable odors, says the curing of whale flesh for human consumption has been carried on by residents of the Island of Harris for some time.

It appears, says the inspector, that the industry was inaugurated by the late Lord Leverhulme, of Lever Bros., which firm has fishing and other interests in many parts of the world.

The inspector's report explains that the work is done at the herring curing station at Leverburgh, where the meat is cut into small pieces, washed and pickled, afterward being hung on frames and dried by mechanical power.

When thoroughly dry the whale meat is packed under pressure in kegs and exported to the Congo for feeding natives working for the Lever company.

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So That All May Hear

A Lutheran pastor in Emden, Germany, tired of preaching in a church whose acoustic qualities were so bad that not more than a third of his flock could hear his inspired words, has had amplifiers installed. As a result churchgoing has again become popular in the town and the attendance is two or three times greater than ever before.—Chicago News.

Planes May Replace Ships

The present type of ship will eventually be replaced by giant hydroplanes that will skim along the surface of the water at a tremendous speed, according to the prediction of a British scientist.

A Perennial One

"Pa, what's a valedictorian?"
"A valedictorian, my son, is the one who speaks last."
"Then ma is a valedictorian, isn't she, pa?"

The more noise a theory makes when it explodes the less dangerous it is.

Rabbits and Frogs "Game"

For the first time in history cotton-tail rabbits and frogs are to receive protection in Washington, the commission having fixed an open and closed season for each.

Rabbits are now considered as game in most states, and some eastern states annually purchase thousands of them for stocking purposes. Frogs are of great commercial value as a food product, for bait and are useful as insect consumers.

Classes in Churchyards

In London the vogue of open-air classrooms has become so prominent that secluded corners in parks, abandoned churchyards and all manner of available open spaces are being used for the 137 open-air classes that the London county council plans to operate during the summer. The council provided about \$25,000 for this work this season.

Moon Lopsided

Prof. E. W. Brown, of Yale university has, after many calculations, come to the conclusion that the moon is lopsided with quite a pronounced bulge at the top. He explains the irregularity by saying that the heavier materials of its substance are what appear to the eye at the bottom and that a bulging of the upper surface is required if the moon is to balance itself in space.

Restoring Old Fort

Restoration of old Fort McHenry at Baltimore, where Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star Spangled Banner," has been started and work is progressing. The old fort will be restored to its condition and appearance during the War of 1812, when its bombardment by the British ships inspired the national anthem.

Unfortunate Affability

"What did you say to the judge?"
"I said 'Good morning.'"
"He couldn't take offense at that."
"He did. It sounded so genial and familiar that he took it for granted I was an old offender."

Tangible Results

"What did Blanks get out of college?"
"Three sweaters and a movie contract."

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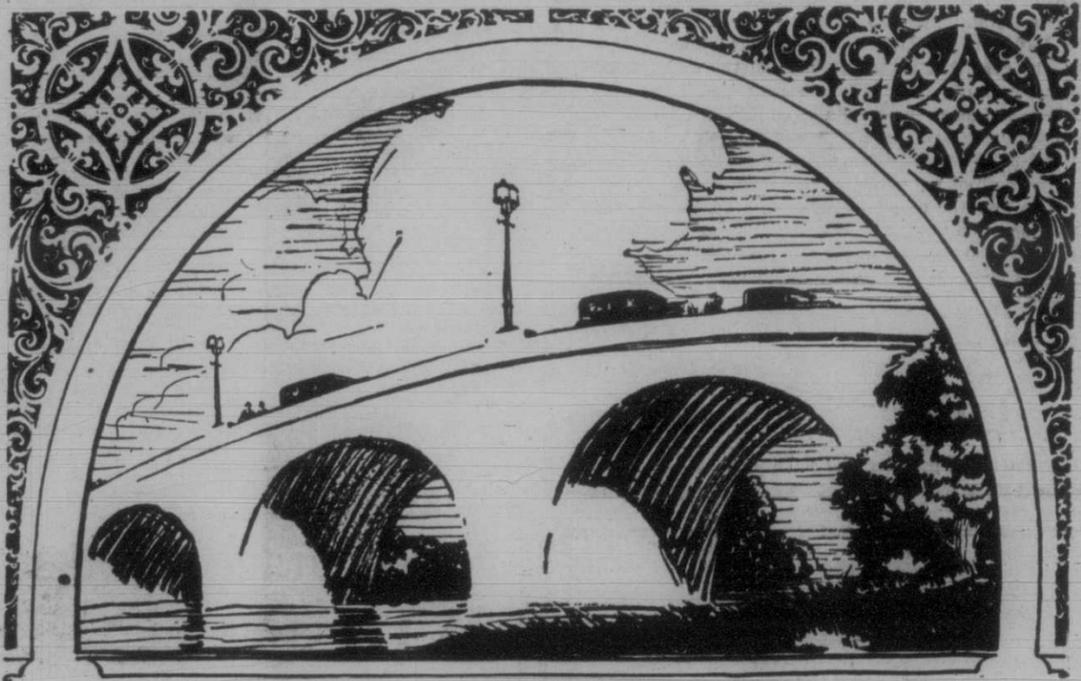
Restoring Old Writing

When writing on old manuscripts has become faded and illegible it can frequently be restored by the following method: The effect on parchment is usually of a lasting nature but fresh applications are necessary on ordinary writing paper. Lay the paper as flat as possible and dampen it evenly with clean, cold water. Brush over the writing with a flat camel-hair brush dipped in a solution of sulphide of ammonium, when the writing will immediately appear plain and readable.

Toys Beat Big Balloons

In a balloon race between toy and real gas bags, held at Paris, the toy balloons greatly outdistanced the larger craft.

Professors of physical culture lack the nerve to recommend the washboard and the woodsaw.



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The increased use of busses in this country is causing a noticeable jump in annual gasoline consumption.

One bus in constant operation consumes from ten to twenty times as much gasoline a year as the average passenger car.

The 70,000 busses in operation in the United States last year used 271,000,000 gallons of gasoline, a supply sufficient for 700,000 pleasure cars.

The busses covered a total distance of 1,900,000,000 miles and the gasoline consumption for each vehicle has been estimated at from 4,000 to 10,000 gallons.

The rapid expansion of bus lines is expected to show a greater increase in gasoline consumption during this year.