The Automobile

REPAIRS MADE IN TIME SAVE EXPENSE.

While the whole fabric of our civilization is built on the faith one human being has in another, in the automobile realm of life there appears to be a severe strain on this faith on the part of the motorist toward the service station. The auto owner goes to his doctor, having faith that his prescription will help. But when his car gets sick he often fails to have confidence in the auto doctor's ability to rectify the trouble.

There are hardly any exceptions to the general rule that the man who owns an automobile has a car that will develop troubles of various kinds sooner or later. Although cars are being made better every year and troubles of all kinds should consequently become less and less, troubles do come. Unless the owner of the machine is an expert automobile mechanic himself, which he is not likely to be, he will do well to visit a reliable repair shop with confidence in the results. This is merely an application of common sense to a motoring experience. Even if he is a fairly competent mechanic, which most folks are not, he will often find it desirable to call on another expert automobile mechanic to get the advantage of his experience. He will do well to take the advice of the man whose business it is to know what is the matter with a car and what ought to be done to it to repair it correctly.

SEEK ADVICE OF EXPERT.

It is also important for the owner to seek the advice of an expert at the first indication of trouble instead of putting off this procedure until the machine has gone into a decline or until it has, in fact, reached a serious state of trouble. When such a policy is followed repair bills are not likely to be larger in the long run.

There is a tendency for an owner ignorantly to complain about the size of his repair bills and to condemn the repair shop owners as pirates. In spite of this feeling on the part of many, as a rule men who run repair shops do not charge excessively, nor do they try to do more work than is necessary. No business could flourish on such practices.

There are owners of a car who some times fail to appreciate the time and material involved in making even minor repairs or what a minor repair may lead to by way of other essential attention.

I recall a man who drove his car into a repair shop and said that the engine occasionally ran irregularly. He thought the spark plugs needed cleaning. The mechanic cleaned the spark plugs. He cleaned and adjusted the interruptor points and drained the carburetor and vacuum tank. He also tested the compression, and in so doing found a valve leaking. Consequently it was necessary for him to remove the cylinder head and grind the valves.

All of this seemed like a lot of work to the owner, but the mechanic operated on the basis of assuring himself that he had removed the cause of the trouble. His idea was to give the owner the satisfaction the mechanic knew he really desired. This is only one illustration of many which might be given to illustrate this point. A minor trouble may result in the necessity of entirely disassembling the engine.

Of course, such unexpected labor involves considerable time and expense. Yet the servicing institution would not give the owner real service if he did not completely repair the car. The expense to the owner doubtless seems large at the time, whereas in the long run to have the complete job done represents an actual saving in the owner's money.

EFFECTIVE SERVICE.

There is increasingly in the automobile industry an appreciation of the need of giving motorists complete and efficient servicing facilities at the most reasonable prices possible. After a car has been properly designed, manufactured in quantity and economically distributed to the buyer, the next essential to the industry's prosperity and to the owner's satisfaction is effective servicing.

Take a prospective owner of car who realizes he can get expert service in all parts of the country on a particular make of machine. This fact is bound to have a bearing on his decision to purchase it. His logical conclusion is that a mechanic who devotes all his time to one kind of car will be more efficient on that particular make than a general mechanic who works on all kinds of machines.

While service stations are constantly improving their services and consequently their chances of securing and holding the good will of the motoring public, it should be said that the motorists' lack of faith in the servicing ability of some stations has not been without considerable reason. Numerous managers in this repair business have failed to appreciate the value of having trained experts in their employ. They can hardly expect car owners to have supreme confidence in their prescriptions unless they insist on employing only those technicians who by their experience and training are worthy of the respect of the automobilist.

Capt. Angus Buchanan, M.C., who recently arrived on this continent. was the first white man to cross the Sahara Desert by camel. He started out with 36 animals, but only one survived the 3,500-mile trip.

Tell-Tale Eyebrows.

What a lot of difference there is in the eyebrows of people! Some are bushy, others almost invisible. Some are straight. others curved. From the variations, it is posible to judge a good deal of the owner's character.

A person whose eyebrows are strongly marked, with long hair of vigorous growth, is usually practical. Well-defined eyebrows denote a strong character—an individual with a good deal of personality. Eyebrows of fine, silky hair suggest that their owner is lacking in force and pushfulness.

Eyebrows that meet in the centre, at the top of the nose, are usually a sign of quick temper. A person with bushy eyebrows will be amiable. Arched and finely-pencilled brows denote an artistic or imaginative temperament.

Eight Little Girls.

They sit like tulips in my class,
A scrubbed and shining seven,
Sundays at half-past three o'clock,
Learning the way to Heaven.
Their hands lie still in starchy laps
Like petals on the ground;
Always they watch me carefully
With eyes grown large and round,
To answer who climbed up a tree
When Christ was walking near,
Or ask why John the Baptist ate
Things that were all so queer.

Then suddenly at four o'clock
The door bursts very wide,
And, lifting dark, unruly face,
My eighth lamb comes inside.
She says she couldn't be on time,
She kisses me instead
She blows like naughty wind across
My proper tulip bed.
They all begin to whisper now
No more with silence shod.
Over my all unanswered talk
She asks me: "Who made God?"

Curious that when I have forgot
My scrubbed and proper seven,
Still comes the thought of one dark face
Learning its way to Heaven!

—Kathdyn Worth.

OWL-LAFFS

BY
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(On With Laughter)

One nice thing about being naturally skinny is that you eat anything you want to without fear of getting any fatter.

Education is almost as expensive as ignorance.

Hello!

He kissed Helen,
Hell ensued;
He left Helen,
Helen sued.

Small Boy—"Say, Ma, did you get the baby where you buy the seedless oranges and boneless condfish? It's a toothless baby!"

Burglar (surprised by house owner)—"Well, if that ain't the limit, What d'yer mean by puttin' a card on your door: 'Out of town till Monday?' "

"Ho, ho, isn't this just killing?" chuckled the wood alcohol as some flavoring was added and a label stuck on the bottle.

"It simply isn't done, you know," quoth Percy, as he cut into the sirloin.

Hope is like the sun, which, as we journey towards it, casts the shadow of our burden behind us.

Most mothers cherish the fond hope a son will grow up to be just a little different from his father, the darn brute.

The most difficult of white collar jobs is to make use of one of those wooden buttons furnished by the laundries.

Busy Magnate (testily) — "Well, what do you want? Be short!"

Prodigal Son (rising to the occasion)—"I will! I am!"

Europe may have finer art galleries, but look at our billboards.

A woman's like a vehicle when she's
a little sulky,
And this applies to all of them, the
lean, or fat, or bulky.
And there's the newly married one,
who calls her husband, "Ducky,"
She too, is like a vehicle; she's just
a little buggy.

It's fair enough. The Reds have too much cheek, and the cheeks have too much red.

"Who was the best man at your wedding?"

Proud Bride—"My husband."

Over in the dental office they used to pull teeth one at a time; now they pull 'em by the acher.

"This is another viewpoint on a subject of interest," thought the keyhole to itself.

Laughter is an excellent means for beginning a friendship, and for ending one it can's be beat.

Superlative Praise: She is attractive even in a boudoir cap.

A lot of us could say all we think and be silent all the time.

Somehow the public announcement of his engagement always make s a man look as foolish and self-conscious as though somebody had handed him a baby to hold.

Back to Methusleh.

Where buttonless pajamas were never known.

Where women were women.

Where there was no halitosis.

Where they did not chew it after every meal.

Where there were no taxicabs.

Where men never wore pants.

Where people never played bridge.

Where there were no 5 10 and 15 cent stores.

Where there was no history to learn.

Where they laughed at the same jokes you're laughing at now.

The boss said he had a cold or something in his head. I didn't say anything but I think it was a cold.

Former deacon takes job as waiter. He must feel right at home in pasing the plate.

The pretty woman owes a debt to Nature, but the dresmaker and the beauty specialist get her money.

Teacher—"In the beginning of time, ages ago, the earth was a steaming molten ball. Then, as it cooled, mountains were torn up on its surface, volcanoes appeared, craters exploded with lava, geysers erupted and the entire world shook."

Little Johnny—"Gee, that must have been almost as bad as the time pa's home brew fermented."

Here's a story about a strong man who raises a car without a jack. But he can't keep up a car without the jack.

Bank Teller—"This check is all right, but you must be introduced. Can't you bring your husband?"

Woman—"Who, Jack? Why, if Jack thought you wanted an introduction to me he'd knock your block off."

A man presented himself at the ticket window and asked the fare to a certain town. He was told it was $3.00. He said he only had a $2.00 bill but could easily raise the other dollar. When he returned with the three dollars and was asked how he got the other dollar, he said: "I went to a pawnbroker and pawned the $2.00 for a dollar and a half. Then sold the pawn ticket for a dollar and a half. While you are making out the ticket kindly tell me who is out the dollar."

A bachelor is a man who has no one to throw his worn-out neckties away for him.

Women are naturally heroic. One can sit and smile at a caller when the cake is burning and she knows it.

Chickens in the car have wrecked a lot more automobiles than chickens in the road.

A Sheaf of Sage Sentences.

There is no folly greater than that which refuses to believe in the possibility of achieving better things.

Beware how you laugh at the man with an idea. You are apt later on to be pained by sitting on the point of your own joke.

The fool who wears cap and bells is less dangerous than he who comes with the pretensions of solemnity.

Many a man has thought he was making a fool of the world, only to awake later and discover that he has made a fool of himself.

Every day is fool's day for the man who has not learned to judge rightly the values of life.

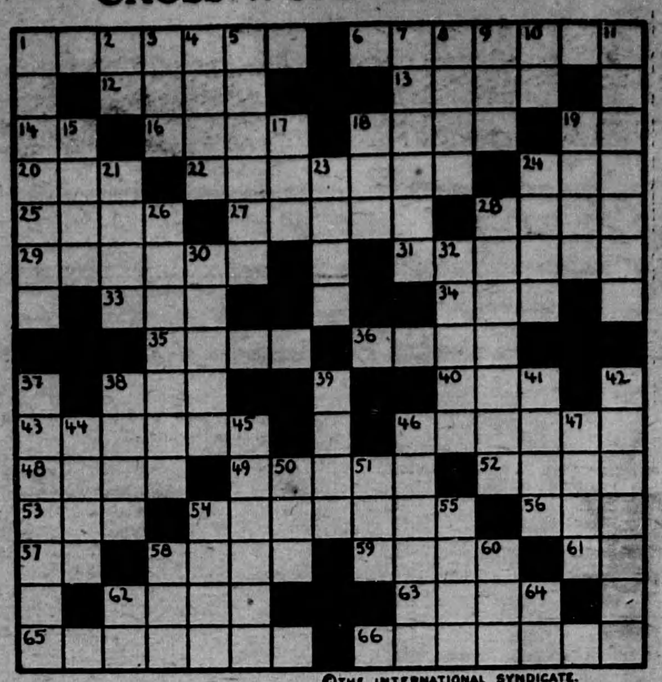
Needed Him.

A farmer sent the following letter to the Admiralty:

"My youngest son has gone away and enlisted in the Navy. I can't get him out. Won't you help me? He is a good boy and I was bringing him up for my own use."

Solution of last week's puzzle.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



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SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

HORIZONTAL

1—To house
6—Burned by water
12—Tidy
13—Eager, greedy
14—Near
16—Roguish; coy
18—Woody plant
19—Toward
20—Tear
22—Less thick
24—Court
25—Change course
27—Gives out
28—Seaweed, source of iodin
29—Mistakes
31—Aged; doting
33—Part of the foot
34—Correlative of neither
35—Sour
36—First book New Testament (abbr.)
38—Couch
40—And so forth (abbr.)
43—An eager longing
46—Anticipates with horror
48—Rodents
49—Hurry
52—Drop
53—Anger
54—Ties
56—Prefix meaning three
57—Abbr. of name of a N. E. State
58—Diseases
59—Willing
61—Famous President (initials)
62—Source of wood
63—Mimics
65—Users of popular weed
66—Changed

VERTICAL

1—Reduced to extreme hunger
2—Half an em
3—Grassy meadow
4—Form of pastry
5—Draws with a dry point
7—Fondle
8—Assert
9—Fib
10—Theological degree (abbr.)
11—Wilted
15—Row
17—Pronoun
18—High explosive (abbr.)
19—A fixed compensation
21—Flippant
23—Eggs of insects
24—A dam
26—Those who cheer for a person or team
28—Tied into knots
30—Peruses
32—Pierce
37—Tries hard
38—To seize with the teeth
39—Latest
41—Two wheeled vehicle
42—Longed for
44—Male red deer
45—Former German unit of money
46—Contradiction
47—Soil
50—Beast of burden
51—Abbr. for means of communication
54—Hasten away
55—A month (abbr.)
58—To afflict with vexation
60—A charge
62—Toward
64—An elder (abbr.)

A Cross-Word Puzzle.

Life itself is the largest of cross-word puzzles, and the prizes, like the visits of angels, often seem few and far between. Our best intentions are misconstrued. Our benevolent designs miscarry. Where we had looked for perceptive comprehension and furtherance we meet with a bewildering rebuff. But all the time we must read a meaning, spell out a riddle, discover and apply a definition, though moving in the dark from the first word, which was with God, unto the last.

Throughout our earthly days, what we call success and what we consider happiness depend a great deal on our putting the right words in the right places. Sometimes, written or spoken, language seems a hopeless misfit, lamentably inadequate to meet the situation. On the other hand, there are fortunately constituted mortals for whom legions of words, at a summons, are ready to arise and obey the bidding, with felicity.

There is in most human beings the ineradicable spirit of curiosity, of exploration and of competition, which the ruling craze for the cross-word puzzle serves to illustrate. We are piqued and spurred by problems set; we are put on our mettle by what at first sight seems insoluble. And our own course across the checkered field of life cannot by any means be laid without reference to the way that is taken by others, with which our own is interlaced.

Lewis Carroll in his immortal stories for children—"Alice in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass"—found analogies at many points between chess or cards and the great game of life that we are bound to play. A wise man of England said very seriously that he found his wartime existence a jigsaw puzzle. There is a closer parallel between the current pastime and the conduct of our lives in their various contacts and implications, which establish the fact that none of us can live for himself alone.

Concerning Study Hour.

When study hour seems a bother
Be calm, don't get into a pother.
A world that never had a history
Would be a most unpleasant mystery.
How inconvenient it would be
If one and two made aught but three.
If nitrogen and oxygen
Should fail to mix, alas, what then?
Such funny facts! But none can doubt them.
It's just as well to know about them.

Tombs of Distant Times.

The world's oldest stone buildings are reported to have been discovered near the famous pyramids of Sakkara, about fifteen miles south of Cairo. They are two royal tomb chapels of the third Egyptian dynasty, about 4000 B.C.

Built in a style differing in almost every respect from what is known as Egyptian architecture, the chapels are believed to have been the burial places of princesses or queens. Fragments of gravestones of royal princesses are said to have been found by archeologists who have been digging on the site.

MUTT AND JEFF—By Bud Fisher.

Yes, Class Will Tell.