The Automobile

AUTO BECOMES GREAT FACTOR IN SOCIAL LIFE.

The auto as an effective medium in war had many medals pinned on it. As an asset to business in peace times it has also received no little recognition. Practically all authorities admit that the motor car meets an economic need.

The stories, however, which have been written about the motor car as a social medium have been in numerous instances far from picturing this modern product as a social asset. They have been articles which tend to make the superficial thinker believe the auto had been invented for the prime purpose of giving wider scope to the wine, women and song idea of life. In spite of these over-advertised social uses to which the automobile may be put once in a while, there is a vast constructive contribution which the automobile is making to the social life of Canada.

USES FOR AUTOMOBILE.

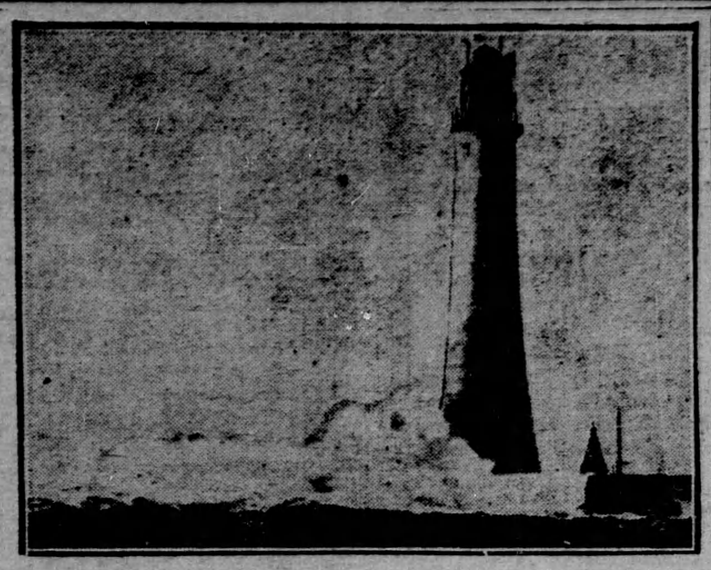
While many people buy a car and use as an argument the idea that they need it in their business or that the wife can use to save money in her shopping or that the owner needs it to convey him to his employment whereby he saves carfare and nervous energy in getting to his day's work, in not a few instances, these are merely excuses for getting a vehicle to use socially. Some have not yet arrived at the stage where they will admit to others what they know themselves, namely, that it is legitimate to buy a car solely for social uses. It is especially true of the folks who live in the country that the automobile meets many very definite social needs in a remarkable way.

The social life of the farmer demands easy and fairly rapid transportation. He often lives in an isolated place a considerable distance from even the nearest neighbors and several miles from the most accessible village. His social life and that of his family depends on his being able to get without great inconvenience to the farmers' club meetings, to church events, to the "movies," to lodge sessions, to dances and other social events.

CHANGES COME WITH CARS.

In the pre-automobile days he had to resort to the horse and buggy method and travel for the most part via poor roads. The result was that he often stayed at home. The work involved in getting to an event and back was not worth the pleasure derived while there. Now the automobile has changed all this. It has redeemed the social life of the ruralists. Now in all seasons of the year, even in winter, in some parts of the country, he finds himself able to visit with those friends whose presence he enjoys. Consequently country life in Canada is becoming increasingly attractive and urban youngsters are now beginning to aspire to like in the country instead of making fun at the idea.

Folks from both the city and country make great use of the auto as a recreation and vacation medium of enjoying the wonderful out of doors. And, after all, a vacation is mostly a social event. So, too, are many events which are connected with church membership.



On Wolf Rock is said to be the most dangerously situated lighthouse in the world. Without a moment's warning, a huge sea, sufficient to wash away three tons of supplies, as once happened, will sweep across the landing.

A Curious Custom.

The South African natives in Boerland still preserve their old customs and one of the most curious is that of carrying off a girl for a wife. This custom is called "ukutwala," and the girl, though not indisposed to accept the man, causes every obstacle to be placed in his way. The suitor watches his opportunity (after first placing so many head of cattle in the kraal of the girl's father) and eventually carries away the girl by main force. The heart-rending cries of the bride, as she is carried away, are something pitiful—a cry that pierces the heart of a Christian, but his pity subsides when he learns that in native language it means: "Don't take me, but don't let any one help me, because I want to go!"

He—"They say George Washington never told a lie."

She—"Don't you suppose he ever 'phoned to Martha Washington and told her he was detained at a Cabinet meeting?"

He Had.

The boy had been fishing on the river's bank for quite four hours, when an inquisitive man came along and inquired what he was doing.

"Fishing," replied the boy tersely.

"Got anything?" asked the man.

"Yes," came the reply.

'What?" queried the stranger.

"Patience," said the angler, still more tersely.

Oil the Cricket.

A little three-year-old girl, while her mother was trying to get her to sleep, became interested in some outside noise. She was told that it was caused by a cricket, when she sagely observed:

"Mother, I think he ought to be oiled."

Saved in Vain.

"Woman," said the dejected young man, "is a disappointment and a fraud."

"Indeed?" said his friend.

"Yes, I saved up all my tobacco money and lived on porridge for two weeks to take Miss Truelove to the opera and a supper. Then I asked her to marry me and she said she was afraid I was too extravagant to make a good husband!"

Conservation Again.

"You waste too much paper," said the editor.

"But how can I economize?"

"By writing on both sides."

"But you won't accept stories written on both sides of the sheet."

"I know, but you'd save paper just the same."

Hot Water Lake.

A second hot water lake, 50 acres in extent, has been discovered in the Mount Baker national forest in northwest Washington. The other lake of hot water in the Mount Baker preserve is about 30 acres in size.

The new lake is at an altitude of about 5,000 feet, and the temperature of its waters is 112 degrees Fahrenheit.

Pointers on Small Fruits in the Home Garden

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Every home garden should grow some small fruits to keep the table supplied with a fresh product. Strawberries, raspberries, currants and gooseberries are easily grown and the quantity to be planted can be judged from the yields they generally give. For instance, a thirty-foot row of strawberries will produce from twenty-five to forty quarts of fruit if well cared for, raspberries about half that amount, while two or three bushes of currants will yield enough for an average family of five and the same number of gooseberries will supply the gooseberry jam for the season.

All fruits may be planted in early spring, and all except strawberries may be also planted in the fall. If the plants are in good condition when set out the transplanting will not, if done early enough, cause any set back.

The selection of varieties is most important. In strawberries make certain that one of the varieties produces both male and female flower parts, otherwise disappointment will follow. Parson's Beauty, a perfect variety, and Portia, an imperfect, make two good sorts, the latter being especially fine for canning purposes.

In raspberries the Herbert and Newman No. 23 are two of the best. For home use, unless a canning berry is desired, probably the Herbert is the best selection.

In currants, for a red try Red Cross, Perfection or Fay's Prolific, while in the blacks the Saunders hybrids have proved the best. These are Climax, Kerry, Saunders, Magnus.

In gooseberries one must confine oneself to the American sorts like Downing or Pearl. Silvia and Charles, two new introductions, will soon be available and are much better in size and quality.

In growing fruits plenty of manure is an essential, and in the first year of the strawberry bed a little nitrate of soda applied about a month after setting the plants, hastens early runner formation, which means a bigger crop the following year.

Don't neglect to protect the strawberry bed in fall by an application of straw. There are many disappointed people this spring who neglected that precaution last autumn.

One of the greatest present difficulties in successful raspberry culture is the control of a disease called mosaic. This is quite readily recognized by the mottled appearance of the leaves and, as the plant gets older, by the yellowing of the foliage and the stunted, unthrifty appearance. The only control is to remove all affected plants and destroy. If this is not done the whole patch is liable to succumb to the trouble.

Keep Flowers Fresh.

Flowers cut early in the morning will last much longer than if cut later in the day, while those taken before they are in full blossom will out-live either. On the other hand, a little powdered charcoal placed in the bottom of the vase will successfully revive the faded ones.

The water should, of course, be changed each day, and it will add much to their lives if the stems of the flowers are wiped before replacing.

Silver vases, it will be found, are apt to make roses fade very quickly, and it is a good idea to use a little mortar in the water. A much more satisfactory method, however, is to use wet sand in place of water. Where vases or bowls, other than glass ones, are used, it not only keeps the flowers fresh longer than water, but has an additional advantage in keeping the container stable and less easy to knock over.

The idea of keeping cut flowers has, by the way, been taken much further. A friend of mine dipped the blooms of her favorite flower in a solution of gum arabiv. They were then hung down to dry, and, after three such coatings I am told that the blooms kept fresh for months. The gum does not spoil their beauty in the least, and, owing to being transparent, is hardly noticeable.

Needs Inoculation.

Two children were at a tea-party. It was evident from the tears of one of them that something was wrong.

"What is it, Margaret, dear?" asked her mother ,anxiously.

"I don't want to sit next to Mary," wailed Margaret.

"But why not, dear?"

"Well," said Margaret, "she's got freckles, an' I might catch them."

$30 to Wire a Photo.

The cost of transmitting a picture from London to New York by radio is between $30 and $40. The computation is based on the number of words that could be sent at toll dates during the thirty minutes required for he transmission of the picure.

France's National Flower.

The lily of fleur-de-lis is the national flower of France.

Sheffield Plate.

Sheffield plate is a combination of silver and copper.

Bell the Cat.

A very funny little fable comes down from the remote past, the story of "Bell the Cat."

It seems that the mice were kept pretty busy escaping from cats and they knew not what to do. The cats could creep up very silently and as the mice could not hear their footsteps, it was a dangerous thing for any mouse to do much else but keep his eyes open for cats.

One day the king of the mice called a general meeting of mice and there were millions at the place when the time came.

After a great deal of talking and fighting it was decided that the best thing to do would be to make a large number of bells and fasten a bell to every cat so the mice could always hear the cats when they were after them.

After a great deal of labor metals were procured and everything was ready to cast a great number of bells.

Just as they were about to pour the metal a wise little mouse jumped into the place and said:

"Who will bell the cats?"

All the mice scratched their heads for this was a very strange problem. They thought about the matter for a long time and then every mouse went home and forgot all about the bells.

Old Mothers.

I love old mothers—mothers with white hair.
And kindly eyes, and lips grown softly sweet
With murmured blessings over sleeping babes.
There is something in their quiet grace
That speaks the calm of Sabbath afternoons;
A knowledge in their deep, unfaltering eyes
That far outreaches all philosophy.
Time, with caressing touch, about them weaves
The silver-threaded fairy shawl of age,
While all the echoes of forgotten songs
Seem joined to lend a sweetness to their speech.
Old mothers—as they pass with slow-timed step,
Their trembling hands cling gently to youth's strength;
Sweet mothers—as they pass, one sees again
Old garden walks, old roses and old loves. —Charles S. Ross.

Faithful Organist 60 Years.

Although Miss Cope has played the organ in a London church for sixty years, she has only missed a Sunday service four times.

The Jonquil.

Through the brown and withered bulb,
How the white germ felt the sun
In the dark mould gently stirring
His spring children one by one!

Thrilled with heat, it split the husk,
Shot a green blade up to light,
And unfurled its orange petals
In the old enchanter's sight.

One step more and it had floated
On the palpitating noon,
Winged and free, a butterfly
Soaring from the rent cocoon.

But it could not leave its earth,
And the May-dew's tender tears,
So it wavers there forever
'Twixt the green and azure spheres.
—C. G. D. Roberts.

How Bees Embalm.

Bees can embalm as successfully as could the ancient Egyptians. It often happens in damp weather that a slug or snail will enter a beehive. This is, of course, to the unprotected slug a case of sudden death. The bees fall upon him and sting him to death at once. But what to do with the carcass becomes a vital question. If left where it is it will breed a regular pestilence. Now comes in the cleverness of the insects. They set to work and cover it with wax. and there you may see it lying embalmed just as the nations of old embalmed their dead. When it is a snail that is the intruder, he is, of course, impenetrable to their sting; so they calmly cement his shell with wax to the bottom of the hive. Imprisonment for life, with no hope of pardon.

His Line of Reasoning.

A father persuaded the village clergyman to speak to his indolent son, and try to get that lazy person to do some work.

"But why should I work " enquired the lazy fellow.

,'In order to make money," replied the thrifty vicar.

"But what do I want with money?" persisted the idle one.

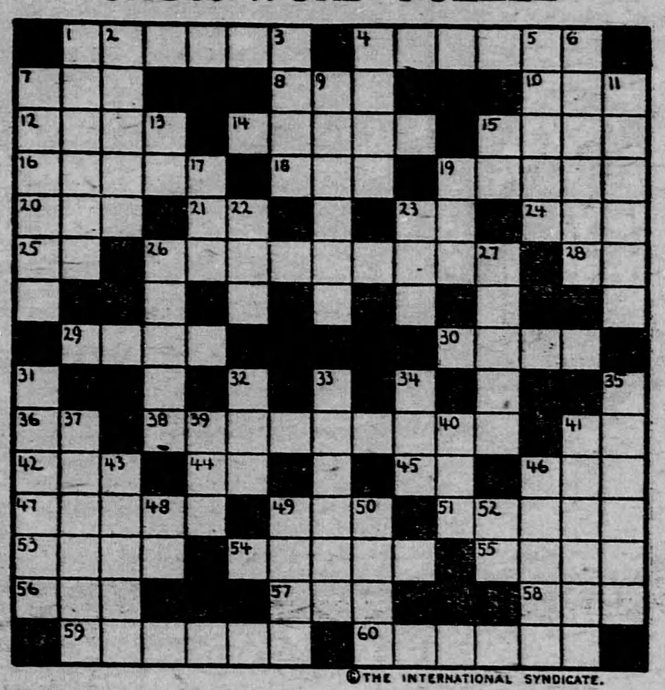
"Why, when you get plenty of money you will be independent, and will not have to work any more," replied the clergyman.

"I don't have to work now," the other answered—and the pastor gave the task up in despair.

Norway's Coast Line.

Norway's coast line—1,700 miles in a straight line—becomes over 12,600 miles if followed round the fjords. In these fjords are over 150,000 islands.

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 trade
4—To make a great show of
7—To poke sharply
8—To imitate
10—Man's name (abbr.)
12—A musical medley
14—Active
15—What mammals are usually covered with
16—To distil, as dew, upon
18—Suffix used to form superlatives
19—Disloyal
20—The busy insect
21—Honey-eating bird (Hawaiian)
23—An island possession of U. S. (abbr.)
24—A measure of weight
25—Prefix, same as "in"
26—Interpretation
28—A South Atlantic State (abbr.)
29—Porkers
30—Jacob's brother (Bible)
36—Interjection
38—Knowledge
41—Preposition
42—Funny word for "head"
44—Prefix meaning "not"
45—A measure of capacity (abbr.)
46—Part of the body
47—Sharp sounds of a horn
49—Request
51—Familiar flower
53—English river, flows by birthplace of Shakespeare
54—To cook over the coals
55—To make a shrill sound
56—Human beings
57—A sum total (abbr.)
58—Measure of length
59—To sell in small quantities
60—Pertaining to the horse

VERTICAL

1—Whalebone
2—Stay, remain
3—Anger
4—An animal's skin
5—Did business, traded
6—A great American inventor
7—A middleman
9—A part of a flower
11—To twist violently
13—Old English (abbr.)
15—Interjection
17—Sorrow
19—Away from
22—Single
23—Disease of chickens
26—Knave
27—Month of Jewish calendar
31—A small breed of chickens
32—Bull, dark-brown color
33—Lithesome
34—A mild falsehood
35—To force
37—A cabinet member
39—A country of Europe (abbr.)
40—Not in
41—Threefold
43—A famous American pioneer
46—Foreign
48—A weight (abbr.)
49—A salt inland sea in Russian Turkestan
50—A hawk-like bird
52—Aloft

Solution of last week's puzzle.

MUTT AND JEFF—By Bud Fisher.

It Looked Like a Case of "Please Omit Flowers."