

AUTO CASUALTIES PERCENTAGE HIGH

PROBLEM IS SERIOUS ONE

Sixth of Nation's Population Affected Directly or Indirectly, Says Report on Subject

Nearly one-sixth of the nation's entire population has directly or indirectly suffered from highway accidents during the past five years, says the American Road Builders' association today in an appeal for the practice of courtesy and caution on the public thoroughfares. The road hog, described as "the most contemptible figure on the highway today," is the center of a vigorous appeal for safe driving.

Cause of Accidents "The road hog is the cause of innumerable accidents, many of which cannot be proven the fault of this dangerous driver. Physical conditions often make it nearly impossible to blame him after the damage has been done."

Lose Courtesy "Often persons who are extremely courteous and cautious in their social or business life will shake off all semblances of these principles behind the wheel of an automobile. It is these persons who become the selfish and dangerous hazards of the highway—the road hogs. The practice of the same courtesy and caution on the street and highway that is used in the office or in the home will do much to reduce the appalling number of casualties each year."

ORIGINAL TELEPHONE INSTRUMENT SIMPLE Scientists Amazed by Fact That Bell's Invention Was Not Complicated

One of the first arguments in favor of the telephone during its early days was its simplicity; yet, strange to state, this very simplicity proved a surprise to scientific men who, on examining it, were surprised to find that it was not more complicated.

"Alexander Graham Bell once said that it was fortunate that he was not a scientifically trained physicist, for if he had been he would probably have thought that an articulating machine of a simple character was an impossibility. Talking-machines had been invented before, but they were very complicated arrangements for producing vowel sounds."

"When Clerk Maxwell first heard of the telephone he pictured it in his mind as some instrument of marvelous ingenuity and constructive skill, as much excelling the siphon recorder as the recorder excelled an electric bell. When it first came over he has described his disappointment at its humble appearance, a disappointment only partly relieved by finding that it was able to talk. In this connection Sir Richard Paget relates how, when Kelvin was staying with Lord Winchelsea, notice arrived that a talking machine, sent by Bell, was coming. Lord Winchelsea dispatched a farm wagon to the station to collect it."

RADIO ADVANCEMENT A home made radio set that was worthy of a free lecture or an amateur orchestra is really not good enough for a program of opera stars whose total incomes may reach a million dollars.—American Magazine.

J. Ogden Armour's estate dwindled from \$200,000,000 to \$1,022,500, and yet most of us would be willing to appear satisfied with what was left.

GREAT NAVY NEEDED TO PROTECT GREAT NATION

Sea Power Must Keep Pace With Moving World Is Belief of Writer

Navy keep pace with the moving world, and in the last analysis our foreign policy depends on the ability of the United States Navy to win the next war, asserts Melvin F. Talbot, lieutenant U. S. Navy, in the October Scribner's Magazine. Lieutenant Talbot, who is attached to the Supply Corps and is stationed on the U. S. S. Memphis, deals with the opinion of the navy held by the younger officers. He says:

"Ours is a crowded and grasping age, in which opposing fleets, despite the bonds by which the statesman would seek to restrain the naval expert's natural enthusiasm, tend to grow more powerful, ship by ship and gun by gun, following the quickening pace of modern life. And many are the hostages we as a nation have given to fortune. Our standard of living is the envy of the world. We have long since announced that the political affairs of the western hemisphere are peculiarly our concern. In forbidding entrance to those from less fortunate lands, who seek only to share our wealth of opportunity, we have used the dangerous formula of race discrimination despite a hint of serious consequences. Yet we demand economic equality in the Orient, and, unbound by military or political alliances, we insist on facing the world from a position of 'glorious isolation.'"

"In the ability to our navy to win the next war, if war there must be, rests the integrity of these basic tenets of our foreign policy. To protect the national greatness which we sincerely believe dependent thereon, that, and that alone, is the central function of the navy."

REDS READ RAPIDLY "Redheads are above the average in intelligence, but too speedy," began an editorial in the Woman's Home Companion. A deluge of protesting letters from red-haired girls followed.

LOOKS LIKE IT The world would be more habitable if vision was as common as eyesight.—Farm and Fireside.

CARBON MONOXIDE DANGER IN WINTER

Menace to Motorist When Car Is In Garage; Motor Should Not Be Operated

"Winter will bring added danger from carbon monoxide," warns Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club. "Motorists should remember that operating a car in a closed garage may mean death; that carbon monoxide is an odorless, invisible gas which causes death without warning."

"There is little warning of the onset of the poisoning, and it may quickly prove fatal. Carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas present in the automobile engine exhaust, and is a product of incomplete combustion. Nausea, headache, dizziness, and drowsiness are symptoms of gas poisoning. Persons overcome by gas should be removed at once to the fresh air and, if breathing has stopped, given artificial respiration. Meanwhile, send for a doctor and an oxygen-carbon dioxide inhaler."

Motor should never be started in a closed garage," concludes Mr. Hayes.

GASOLINE GAUGE IN CAR NEEDS WATCHING

Should Be Checked Often For Accuracy Is Advice of Motor Club

"Motorists should have the gasoline gauge on their cars checked for accuracy, and should then watch the gauge carefully when having gasoline pumped into the tank," says Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club.

"They should watch the indicator on the gasoline pump to see that it registers correctly the number of gallons they have ordered, and should also see that the hose is drained out after the tank is filled. Fortunately, the practice of shore measuring on gasoline is on the rapid decrease, and a little care and caution on the part of the motorist will soon correct it entirely," says Mr. Hayes.

EXPENSIVE CUTTING "Pictures cut from long forgotten books are fine for decorating wastebaskets," says a household advisor in Woman's Home Companion. "Two or three years ago a long forgotten book found near Boston sold for \$16,000," replies a cautious editor.

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