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By THAYER WALDO
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DOWN through a vale of verdure-studded hills the flawless highway wound. Along its edge walked a boy, satchel in hand. Occasionally he glanced behind, but no disappointment showed at constant sight of a road without cars. It was, after all, still early morning, and three days of this informal traveling had taught him not to expect bounty before nine.

As it neared level once more, the road did a near-right-angle bend. Rounding this, the boy saw, just off the pavement a hundred yards ahead, a coupe of familiar make but questionable vintage. Upon its roadside running board sat a girl in sports skirt and gay-hued sweater.

Approaching, he crossed the concrete diagonally toward her. When she looked up, he smiled and called: "Having some trouble?"

"Well, I'm not just taking a rest cure."

The tone's banter forestalled any hint of sarcasm.

She gazed at him with frank appraisal and asked:

"Are you hitch-hiking?"

He reached her side and put the bag down.

"Uh-huh—with emphasis on the 'hike' just now. This is the first car I've seen today, and it doesn't look very promising. What's the matter?"

"Well, it might be one of several things, but I'm afraid it's all."

With a chuckle the boy creaked up the battered engine hood.

"Looks pretty bad, all right," he admitted after a moment's inspection. "You've got two cracked spark plugs and a blown head gasket, to start with. How far'd you say you were going?"

"Hollywood, I hope."

He spun quickly around, displaying new bright-eyed interest.

"No—honest? Say that's funny; I am too!"

"Oh, really? Do you live there?"

"No, but I'm going to—for a while, anyway. Perhaps later I'll move to Beverly Hills."

"Why, that's just what I planned, as soon as I get my contract."

He perched on the sagging front fender and grinned down at her.

"So that's it! Well, this sure is a coincidence. Here we meet up in the middle of Oregon, both going to the same place for the same thing. What studio will you be with?"

The girl patted her hair and shrugged archly.

"I'm not sure yet. Whichever one offers me the best opportunity. You see, I have letters of introduction to several influential people."

He nodded judicious approval and said:

"That's fine. All anyone with your looks needs in Hollywood is a little pull."

"Thank you; but I don't expect to depend on either. I want to make my way quite independently, and by talent rather than mere beauty."

"Oh, sure; it's merit that counts, all right. I just meant that a nice start helps. Take me: everyone up in Seattle said I ought to go in the movies after I won three first prizes on amateur nights at the Bijou. But do you think I'd be trying it if the way wasn't greased? Not much. My uncle's an assistant director at Zenith. That'll make a cinch for me."

"I should say so. You're very fortunate. I just finished at Portland Junior college. We did 'Twelfth Night' for the senior play; I was 'Viola.' A great many people thought my performance quite fine, so now I'm driving—"

She broke off, a sudden small form appearing, and added ruefully: "I mean, I was driving. Gee, only 85 miles from home, and stranded already."

The boy looked thoughtfully for an instant. Then he slid down the fender to a seat beside her, exclaiming:

"I know what! You come with me."

"You mean," she asked, gazing at him in astonishment, "flagging rides?"

He affirmed it and went on to embellish the picture.

A little urging won her over; it was agreed that they should hitch-hike on together.

From the driver's rear deck the boy took her two grips and stood them beside his own.

Then both sat down again, and now two faces were turned northward to watch for the cars which he assured her would soon be coming.

They chatted of this and that, exchanging confident predictions for the Hollywood future. At last he questioned:

"Who's your favorite star?"

"Homer Austin," she told him without hesitation. "He does dramatic parts so wonderfully. Did you see him with Sonya Ruskin in 'Romance and Juliet'?"

Enthusiastically the boy responded:

"I'll say! Sat through it twice and went back again the next week. Now there's a man who sure worked his way up without any soft breaks. Just an extra five years ago, and now look at him. Why, nobody in pictures has as big a following. He'll be popular for years."

"By the way, did you know he's up here somewhere on location right now? I was dying to find out just where, but they keep those things terribly secret."

"Sure—they have to, especially when it's somebody like Austin." Looking at his wrist watch, he add-

ed: "Well, just about time for the traffic to begin."

Her hand touched his sleeve.

"Look! You're a good guesser."

Around the curve above them had shot a big, high-powered phaeton. Its driver was a man and alone.

Bounding up, the boy signalled vigorously.

The car was almost abreast before the man at the wheel noticed him. There came a screech of rubber on pavement and it halted a hundred feet beyond.

"Quick!" the boy cried, seizing the luggage: "come—our luck's starting already!"

"Wait—did you see that man?"

"Yeah; what's wrong with him?"

"Why, nothing, only—it's Homer Austin!"

He stopped dead, eyes wide; then: "Aw—you must be mistaken."

"All right; look now."

He did. The driver had alighted and was strolling toward them. Grotesquely large goggles masked his upper face, but there was no mistaking its identity; she had been right.

"Golly!" the boy whispered. "Is this a thrill!"

Austin approached, asking: "Need some help?"

"Why—why, no, sir—nothing but a lift, that is. The car's a wreck; we're leaving it."

"Oh, I see." The actor laughed. "Well, pile in, then. I'll be glad for the company."

In eager silence the pair obeyed. A moment more and they were spinning southward.

"Just where are you nomads going?" Austin queried after a little.

"Hollywood, Mr. Austin, are you?"

He gave her an odd glance and said: "So I'm still recognized, anyway. Yes, I'm driving straight through."

"We're going down to work in pictures," the boy stated in a tone meant to be casual. "Are they finishing with the one you came up to make?"

"None," the actor told him tersely; "but I am."

"Oh. You mean they took all your scenes first?"

The famous star smiled a smile that was wholly lacking in humor.

"Not exactly. They just decided to put another actor in the part. My fan mail fell off about 2,000 letters last week; his gained twice that much. So now I'm going back to hunt a new job. That, my boy, is Hollywood."

Astronomical Almanac

Published to Aid Flyers

The first astronomical almanac compiled in Great Britain for the use of airmen, has been published under the title "The Air Almanac."

It was prepared by H. M. Nautical Almanac office on behalf of the Air Ministry, says the London Sunday Observer.

Astronomical observation is constantly used by airmen and the first class air navigator's license is issued for proficiency in this department among other subjects.

Instruction in astronomical navigation is also given in the air force.

In an airplane, however, conditions for making elaborate calculations are unfavorable, while the speed impairs the value of calculations, which take many minutes to complete.

In simplifying the procedure, the compilers of the air almanac have succeeded admirably. Accuracy within five miles, and more usually within five miles, is secured, provided a normal sight has been taken.

In place of declination and right ascension (the celestial equivalents of latitude and longitude) declination and the Greenwich hour angle are used. The tables are for sun, moon, the four brighter planets and 50 fixed stars.

The almanac is in two portions. Each leaf covers two days only, and as the leaves are detachable a pilot need only take with him such pages as will be needed on any particular journey. Calculations from the observations made are merely a matter of simple arithmetic.

"Dead reckoning" in air navigation cannot be relied upon for a very short period during which no landmark is visible often results in serious deviation from the right course. Changes of direction and strength of the wind cannot be detected without reference to actual position in relation to landmarks, and there may be unnoticed variations in the air speed of the machine, and errors in the compass bearing.

Directional wireless has done much to remedy this handicap, and it is used increasingly, not only in air, but in marine navigation. But directional wireless service is not always and everywhere available, and is, moreover, subject to errors.

Labrador Tea

Labrador tea is the popular name for a small evergreen shrub of the heath family which grows in bogs and swamps in Greenland, Canada and the more northern parts of the United States. The leaves are tough, densely covered with a brown wool on the under face. They are fragrant and when crushed have been used as a substitute for tea.

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Barometric Pressure

Affects Man's Health

Your general well-being as well as the weather may be signaled by the barometer, according to Dr. William F. Petersen, pathologist and bacteriologist at the University of Illinois.

The next time you feel a grouch coming on consult the barometer. It is ten to one, says Dr. Petersen, that the barometric pressure will be going up.

The doctor asserted that air pressure plays an important role in health. Sudden death and even spring fever are some of its effects, he contended.

Pain in an abscessed tooth may be caused in some degree by high atmospheric pressure; the ability of an athlete to perspire and the tone of his muscles vary with the air pressure; the nervous, mental and even digestive systems react to the stimulus of air pressure.

In normal persons, Dr. Petersen said, high barometric pressure increases the blood pressure and you feel full of pep. However, when the pressure makes the blood sluggish the effect is to put you in the dumps.

Changes in atmospheric pressure work the hardest suffering on the young, old and sick. Ordinarily healthy persons, the doctor explained, can readily adjust their bodies to outside influences.

Dr. Petersen said that changes in the barometer should serve as a warning to physicians to be especially watchful over their patients.

On the basis of a survey the doctor concluded that the death rate is in direct proportion to the ups and downs of the atmospheric pressure. Sudden increases or decreases in the pressure, he declared, often will show an adverse effect on patients who appeared to be on the road to recovery and sometimes the shock is so great it causes death.

Special Driving Tests

Reduce Accident Cases

In a special automobile driving test based on psychological lines given by a group of the 97 of California's worst traffic violators, the result showed a drop of 63 per cent in major and 40.6 per cent in minor violations for the group.

A similar select group of chronic and dangerous violators remained untested. These untested drivers experienced a rise in violations after the testing date. For the two years after the tests the untested group had 557 convictions for traffic law violations as against 164 convictions for the tested drivers.

Similar tests were made on a group of good drivers, represented by the track drivers of a certain corporation. Variations in their driving efficiency were measured in terms of accident frequency before and after testing. Following the administration of special tests, the records of the tested drivers improved even more. A group of untested drivers from the same company, used as a control, experienced more accidents after the testing dates; although all of the drivers concerned, both tested and untested, were considered safe, cautious and capable.

The only conclusion that can be drawn, according to the authors of the tests, were that the tests in question made better drivers out of good ones and materially improved both the driving technique and the caution of the poor drivers.

Windows Are Important

In Appearance of Home

Windows are all-important in controlling the outside appearance of a home and its inside decorative effects, as well as contributing to the comfort and happiness of the occupants, according to a recent issue of a leading builders magazine.

Some of the newest home building ideas for cutting costs and increasing quality apply to windows. And that is fortunate since the public taste seems to be more and more toward glass, cheerful interiors and sunshine. Analyzing the work of some of the country's most successful operative builders brings out the fact that they are practically designing their best selling houses around its windows. In their most profitable homes the windows are something more than mere openings in the wall. They have a far greater role than that of letting light in and keeping out wind and rain and snow.

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Lusty Klondike Is Stilled

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