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save Medicare costs, when you drop dead, you're dead. A person could not be saved with heroic medical measures. I wouldn't make all the people beautiful, I'd have the full range like today. Skinny ones, corpulent ones, shapely ones ugly ones, forgettable ones, beautiful ones, smart ones and dumb ones. That's what I would do if I were to create the human race over again.

I'd have to add some indicator of age so a seventy year old person who is only a few days from having the sun set on his railroad wouldn't trick a young person into a relationship. Maybe a mole on the hind end would pop out on each birthday. Yeah, that would do it.

This is a good plan. Old people would no longer sit about complaining of the hospital service, their latest operation, and commenting on the sickness of their peers with ill-concealed gratification. They'd stop griping about how young people behave, because they would still be physically young. They could dance to the latest awful music, and wouldn't have to go to bed at ten o-clock. Young people would stop griping about how old people drive, and how we don't understand them.

Well, that's it. A formula for the design of human beings that would solve a lot of problems. With my plan, the only thing that would change would be our minds, and that's probably a good thing.

- George Underhill

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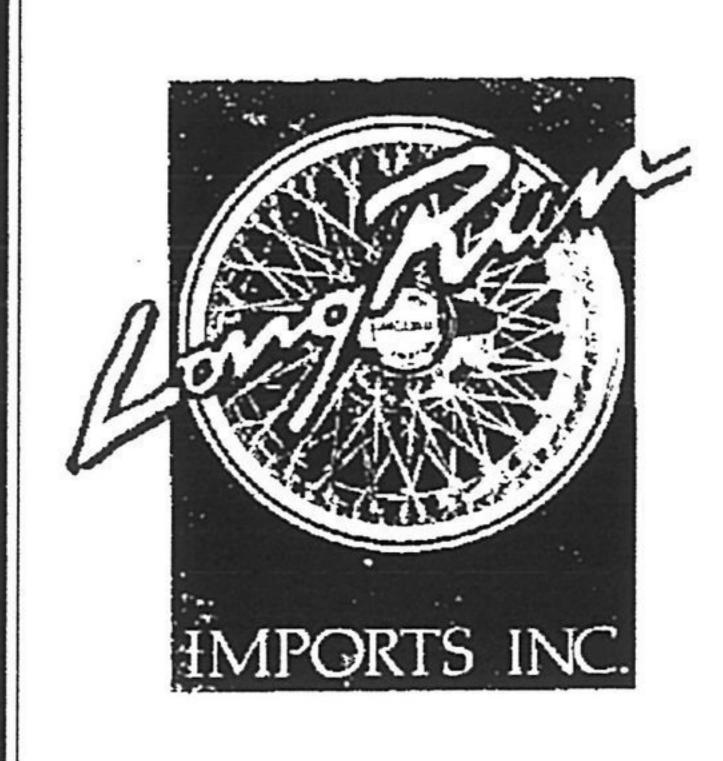
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