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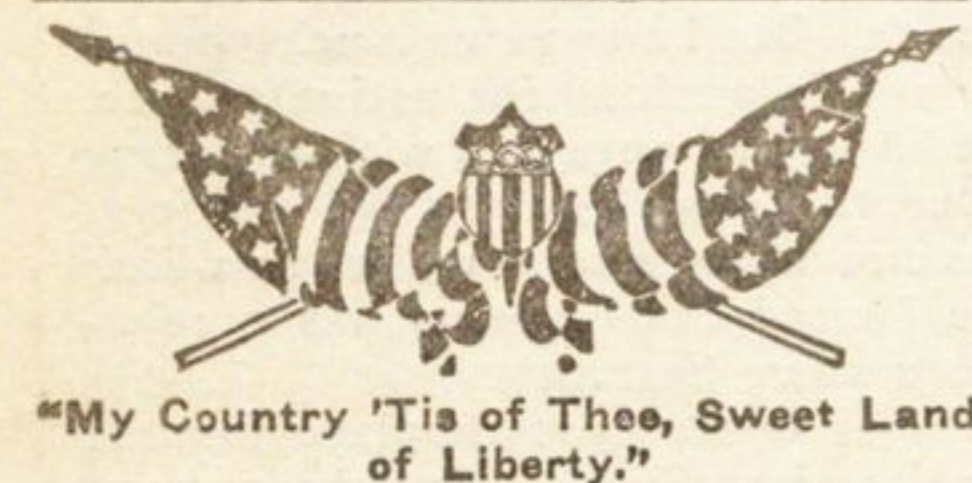
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NOVICE DRIVERS

With the great increase in the number of automobiles, a large percentage of the drivers are green at this game. The freshmen at the wheel should realize that he is up against a serious proposition.

People's temperament soon reveals itself when they get behind an automobile steering wheel. There are some who will take long drives, passing through busy towns with busy streets, the moment they can seem to keep the car from running into the fences. They run at high speed, wobbling from side to side, with a blind sort of faith that if they get into trouble other people will look out for themselves.

Automobile dealers, in their efforts to persuade timid people to learn, argue that it is not the beginners who make the accidents. They say it is the experienced men who grow overconfident and careless. There may be something in this, yet the beginner needs to remember that he is in control of a high power machine the force of which he has not begun to realize.

Garage instructors are frequently young fellows with little idea of caution. They are skillful enough to avoid accidents themselves. But they are venturesome and they don't warn inexpert novices of the perils of the road.

They frequently encourage beginners to go through crowded streets with gear in high speed, of course throttled down as low as it will go. But the beginner and, in fact, most drivers would better realize that low speed gears were made for operation in crowded streets and should be used. They take a little more gasoline, which makes them unpopular. But using them gives the driver a more complete control and he can run at a minimum of speed. Beginners should realize that when trouble comes it comes all in a flash, and one moment's carelessness may bring about a collision that will cause them a lifelong grief.

ARMY DISCIPLINE

An officer in an army training camp remarks that one of the worst difficulties the army meets is the American boy's lack of training in obedience. Our young recruits are splendid fellows, as alert and clean as those of any race on earth. But American family discipline is loose.

Plenty of orders are issued to the young folks, but in comparatively few families are these orders followed up and obedience insisted upon. The American boy listens amiably, and then goes and does as he pleases. We are a good natured people and punishment goes against our grain. The American boy comes out of it self-reliant, but without much recognition of authority. It will go hard with boys developed in this atmosphere to submit to the strict regime of army life.

Many of the regulations will seem arbitrary and without any basis in reason to the boys. They will want to stop and argue, and may land in the guard house for disrespect. Yet army life is built on the idea of instant obedience. Only thus can a group of men acquire the habit of action as a unit. The soldier who is allowed to use his own discretion in one thing will try to use it at the wrong time in the moment of conflict. He may then endanger his own life and those of others by his indi-

vidual action.

It is the unity of the military force that gives it its striking power. The doing of things all in one second, the exact precision of action, makes a company of men formidable and multiplies many times the effect of individual action. To secure that unity the habit of instant obedience must be acquired until it becomes involuntary.

"Their's not to reason why," is the motto. The private soldier must assume that his officers have had a better training, and that they are in possession of wider information than he is, and that there is a good reason for every order. As a matter of fact, discipline is a great safeguard. Every time insubordination is quelled and irregular action avoided, a body of men are enabled to protect themselves to the best advantage.

CONSCRIPTION

The United States is a great big country and, like other large bodies, its government runs slowly. The army conscription bill has gone along through congress with perhaps a little delay as could be anticipated. Now it remains to create and put in motion the machinery for carrying it into effect.

If it takes as long to operate this machinery as it does other governmental functions, it will be quite a number of weeks or months before any sizable body of our young men is drawn ready for training. But delay is not necessary. There is everywhere the machinery with which the work of conscription can be done readily. Every election district has its boards, whose duty it is to make up voting lists, and, with county and township and other local officers, there is plenty of official organization to put through a rush job and do it right.

It is the duty of every official who is called upon to assist in completing the roll of names, to act promptly. He should subordinate his other business to doing this work. If every man hangs off a few days before attending to whatever duty he is called on to perform, the aggregate of delay will be considerable.

Whatever method is chosen, there will be some men who will not promptly respond to the call for registration. Officials will hesitate to close up their lists until they get them complete, and there are chances for very considerable delay at every stage of the game.

It is the duty of every young man between the ages fixed by congress to attend promptly to the matter and give in his name at the proper time. Those who neglect to do so assume serious chances of penalty. This is a life and death matter, and the authorities should not tolerate any disposition to evade service. It is a patriotic duty to complete the lists at the earliest possible moment, and that can be done only by prompt action by all concerned.

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VETERANS

For many years on the Memorial Day anniversary, May 30, the Veterans of the Civil war have been preaching patriotism. Many times their words attracted little attention. It usually proves very difficult to get a crowd out to Memorial Day exercises. The people are busy with their outings and sports and will not give up an hour for a patriotic purpose.

The Memorial Day orator frequently had to talk to audiences composed of the families and intimate friends of the veterans and small boys drawn in by the beat of the drum.

As the veterans have grown old and their numbers have diminished, they have still kept up their patriotic task in spite of the infirmities of age. They have trudged around to the public schools to give talks, hoping to stir patriotic feeling in young hearts. Sometimes the public may have seemed indifferent, yet all this work has had its effect. Recent events have proved that the old fire still burns. Our people have finally cast aside their ease and comfort, and have pledged themselves to a war that means infinite sacrifices. It could not have done this unless there had been a ceaseless effort to keep alive the American feeling.

This is a year when all exercises held in behalf of the dead soldier should be greeted with a great outpouring of the people. An impressive popular observance of Memorial Day will arouse still further our feeling of American pride, and our willingness to labor and sacrifice for it. It is our country that gives us our blessings, and unless the country is safe and secure, our whole future is unstable and hazardous.

The pathetic remnant of remaining veterans, both those who wore the Blue and the Gray, should be honored as men who exemplified the spirit of sacrifice without which no country can endure.


Stocks being dead low, the public is selling out and preparing to buy in when they get up twenty points.

After condemning the slackers who won't enlist, some men will refuse to buy a Liberty bond because it pays one per cent less than their other investments.

The people who plan to destroy the German corps by fireballs have thoughtfully given the Germans 90 days' notice of their plans.

Much instruction is given about the art of marketing now, but the principal art seems to be to have a little more money in your purse than you did the day before.

It is surprising what a respectable hearing a newspaper publisher gets at Washington on the paper question, if he lives in a doubtful district.



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