

ASK PEDESTRIANS TO KEEP TO LEFT

Strollers on Country Roads Urged to Face Oncoming Traffic in Rambles.

PERILS OF NIGHT ARE BARED

Dark Clothing Often Shuts Man on Street From Gaze of Driver in Automobile—International Road Congress to Meet.

New York.—Pedestrians along country roads and those who walk in the streets at night in preference to using the sidewalks can contribute materially toward the reduction of automobile accidents by walking on the left side of the road, facing oncoming traffic, according to D. H. Lewis, acting executive chairman of the American Automobile association.

"Courtesy on the part of the automobile driver demands the use of dimmed lights at night," said Mr. Lewis, "and this factor, while it contributes to the safety of passing motorists, makes it exceedingly difficult for the automobile driver to see a pedestrian walking along the edge of the road in the same direction the car is traveling. This difficulty is increased if the pedestrian happens to be wearing dark clothing. The result is that the driver is practically on top of the pedestrian before the latter becomes visible."

Warning to Pedestrians.
"Walking on the left hand side of the road is just as good for the pedestrian and enables him to see the approaching automobile in time to step aside if the motorist does not see him in time to avert."

"The pedestrian should remember that the rules of the road require the motorist to keep to the right and should contribute to the factor of safety by keeping to that side of the road which best enables him to escape the oncoming car and especially the occasional speed fiend or 'silverboot,' who cares nothing for consequences and speed, regardless of the rights of others, for it has been truly said that whether you were in the fight or not does not matter after you are in the hands of the undertaker."

Roads Congress to Meet.
"A certain indication that after eight years of war and upheaval the world is beginning to return to a normal state is contained in the announcement that the International Road congress, which ceased operations in 1914 because of the European conflict, is to resume its deliberations early next May at Seville, Spain. The program for what promises to be the greatest and most important conference of highway improvement ever held has just been received from the office of the general secretary in Paris.

Thousands of delegates, representing national and state governments and good roads associations in the United States, Belgium, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, France, Great Britain, Italy, Holland, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Argentina, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Portugal, Norway, Germany, Yugo-Slavia, Poland, Austria, Cuba, Chile, Brazil and many other countries, will participate in the congress and exchange views and experiences for mutual benefit. English, French and Spanish have been adopted as the official languages.

UNEARTH COIN OF YEAR 1724

Workmen Excavating Old Headquarters of General Washington Make Interesting Find.

New York.—Workmen engaged in excavating on the site of the mansion in Montclair, N. J., that was used by General Washington as his headquarters in the revolution found several old copper coins, one bearing the inscription, "British North America. 1724." Dr. Maurice Cohen, who now owns the property, obtained some of the coins. The workmen were moving a ten-ton boulder from one corner of the property to the site of the Washington headquarters. The boulder will bear a bronze tablet bearing a picture of the old mansion and a suitable inscription placed there by the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. The old mansion was razed 15 years ago.

Indian Relics Found.
Salina, Kan.—Relics of the days when the Indians roamed the central Kansas prairies are being taken out of the sand pits east of Salina. Bones of large and unnamed animals have heretofore been found in this neighborhood, but these bones that are now being found in the sand pits are unlike anything ever seen here. The most of the specimens have large teeth, well preserved, while others are badly decayed. In addition to the bones many large bullets of lead, fastened by having come in contact with some object are found.

Can't Take Pets to Yosemite.
Yosemite National Park—Visitors to Yosemite hereafter must leave Fido and Abby at home, for no longer will the rangers at the gates be permitted to care for the pets, according to a recent announcement. In years past dogs have been "checked" at the entrance, but this practice became so general that the energies of the rangers were devoted almost exclusively to the dogs and kitties.

TOO PRONE TO EXAGGERATE

Many Figures of Speech Employed in Ordinary Conversation Are Ridiculous When Analyzed.

A judge in the courts the other day objected to a witness who was prone to use exaggeration and employ figures of speech.

The judge remarked that it was absurd to say that "the accused was beside himself with rage" and that "he flew at the other man." He wasn't two people and he hadn't got wings.

When you come to think of it it is absurd. We wallop our children for saying that there are hundreds of dogs in the garden, but then they near us say that we are "driven to death" with work, or that somebody has "set the ocean on fire."

Equally untrue is it when we say that a steak is as "tough as leather," the coffee "as cold as ice," or that the cake is "as heavy as lead." One result of this sort of thing is seen when the child asks his sister's young man if he has any prizes for running, because the child has heard that he's always "running after" Sisiss.

The fact is that we are ever looking for something out of the ordinary.

When hailstones fell during June, they were in a few cases the size of eggs but everybody told everybody else that all of them were as big as footballs.

I's time that we went back to simple description. No day is ever so hot as to be "baking," or we should all be dead. No man drinks "like a fish."

Fishes, anyway, don't drink a lot. They see so much water that they're probably sick of it. And no soprano sings "like a nightingale."—Buffalo Express.

CALLS FOR SOME DISCRETION

Power of Attracting Birds May Be All Right in the Country, but in the City!

One of the best ways of attracting birds, according to the authorities, is to place the lips to the back of the hand and make a violent kissing sound.

Apparently this has some resemblance to the cries of a wounded bird; and, according to one of the bird books, one may enter an apparently deserted thicket and, after a few minutes of this sort of thing, "find oneself surrounded by an anxious or curious group of its feathered inhabitants."

This is valuable information, but to be used with discretion. In Central park, for instance, one is just as likely as not, after trying this little ornithological experiment, to find oneself surrounded by an anxious or curious group of gentlemen with blue coats and brass buttons. Better keep these tactics for the open country.—Frederick L. Allen, in Harper's Magazine.

Medicine Men.
In all times some degree of healing power has been ascribed to the priesthood. Medicine-men, mystery-men, shaman, or by whatever name they might be called, were to be found in every tribe of North American Indians.

Some of these knew the medicinal qualities of roots and herbs and practiced rude surgery, and others were "fakers." A medicine-man of the Walapai, a Yuman tribe on the Colorado river, says John G. Bourke in an article on the Apache medicine-men, would cast a bullet in a mold containing a small piece of paper. The healer would have an Indian fire this bullet at him and the lead, because of the paper, would split into pieces and do him no harm.

Another would secretly fasten the end of a roll of sinew to a twig, swallow the ball and hold the twig between his teeth. After the sinew had softened and expanded "because of the heat and moisture of the stomach" the magician would astound his friends.—Adventure Magazine.

Geography of Planet Venus.
Venus appears to be a mountainous world. Gray shadings may be seen at times in the midst of high pressure areas. Their positions and outlines change with the shifting clouds, but when a composite drawing is made of several observations they appear fixed to the surface of the planet. From the fact that the darkest ones are also the most often visible, it is inferred that the gray spots are the masses of continents dimly visible.

The behavior of Venus' storms also confirms this belief. They actually shun the regions where dark shadings are seen, and mainly keep to the spaces between. Storms on earth find it notoriously hard to cross divides of land. The Venusian seas seem to be hot and steaming, and from their surfaces rolling clouds of vapors arise.

Venus shows phases like the moon. She lies between us and the sun, and so a portion of her night side is almost always turned toward us.

Who First Licked Stamps?
Dispute is being waged as to the earliest postage stamp licker. Claim is put forward for James Chalmers of Arbroath, Scotland, who submitted specimens of adhesive postage stamps to a select committee of the house of commons in 1834. Rowland Hill is also credited with the invention, having experimented with glutinous washes in 1837. As Rowland Hill directed the British postal arrangements, he was probably the first man to lick a genuine postage stamp.

Wills Courteous 'Newsie' \$100.
Boston.—"Jimmie" Caswell, Lynn's sixty-eight-year-old newsboy, will receive \$100 for his unflinching courtesy under the will of the late Dennis F. Reardon, Lynn grocer. "Jimmy" left papers at the Reardon home for 15 years until his health made it impossible for him to deliver papers on a regular "route." But his pleasant smile and courtesy were remembered by the late grocer.

LIQUID OF THE PAST SEEK TOO GREAT ACCURACY

Even Celebrated Engineers Have Been Known to Waste Time on Unnecessary Measurements.

There can be too great accuracy, according to Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering, which says:

"We recall one instance where a celebrated engineer was preparing a set of tables for publication and was using a set of 12-place logarithms. We asked why he used 12-place tables and he replied that they were the best he could find, that he had heard there were 20-place tables but he had been unable to locate them. The interesting thing about this anecdote is that practically all the data which the celebrated engineer was tabulating had an accuracy which was seldom better than 1 per cent, and an ordinary 12-inch slide rule would have been amply accurate for the work."

"Again, when a young engineer is about to make a mathematical calculation, say for example the surface of heating coils necessary to obtain certain results, he will almost invariably sit down and calculate it to an accuracy of a tenth or even a hundredth of 1 per cent, and this in spite of the fact that the constant factor in the equation (the rate of heat transfer) may not be known within 50 per cent.

"Herein lies one excellent reason why many a practical man with good common sense and a wide experience has been able to compete with engineers in many fields."

SPELLS THAT ARE POTENT

Evidently There is Something in the "Medicine" Devised by East African Witch Doctors.

Quite recently a Kikuyu (East African) had a spell put on him by a witch doctor, whereby he was compelled to kill the first man he met. The Kikuyu went to another witch doctor and had the spell removed. But No. 1 was cut. He placed a medicine on the Kikuyu's doorstep so that when the latter stepped over it the spell would be replaced.

The Kikuyu came out of his but shortly afterward, immediately ran amuck, went down the street and killed the first man he met—another Kikuyu. The witch doctor and the murderer both stood their trial and the witch doctor got the longer sentence.

At a place called Kibos where once lived an old gentleman who carried around a monkey's paw strapped to his finger. Whoever he pointed this at immediately fell down stone dead. He caused so many deaths that he ultimately had to be removed from the district by the government.—London Express.

Apples Breathe.
Every living organism, whether animal or vegetable, breathes; that is, it absorbs oxygen and gives off carbonic acid.

Any organism which does not breathe may be considered dead. Now, ripe apples plucked from apple trees are not dead. They are not so vigorously alive as when the sap ran through them, but still they are alive, and so they breathe and absorb oxygen. It is found, too, that apples stored in an atmosphere of oxygen and carbonic acid keep twice as well as apples stored in common air.

No doubt the oxygen stimulates their respiration and increases their vitality, while the carbonic acid serves as food, provided sufficient light reaches the chlorophyll in the skin of the apple.

Watchman Helps Men on Careers.
"I've helped make more big men than most old fellows have, despite my mental fog, and of course I haven't done it through giving young upstarts financial backing," boasts the venerable night watchman for a large downtown corporation.

"You see, people who come and go here after seven o'clock are supposed to sign in and out. Well, a lot of young fellows are in a hurry to get out and oftentimes don't want to sign out. I make them, though, and in that way the big bosses, scanning the time sheets and personal reports, learn that young So and So is an industrious lad, who often works overtime. Christmas presents from them set me a big penny annually, attesting appreciation for what I've done."—New York Sun.

The Philosophy of a Smile.
Of all appearances of the human countenance methinks a smile is the most extraordinary. It plays with a surprising agreeableness in the eye, breaks out with the brightest distinction, and sits like a glory upon the countenance. What sun is there within us that shoots its beams with so sudden a vigor? To see the soul flash in the face at this rate one would think would comfort an athlete; by the way observe that smiles are more becoming than frowns. This seems an actual encouragement to good humor, as much as to say: If people have a mind to be handsome they must not be peevish and untoward.—Jeremy Collier.

Reciprocity Desired.
"Will you marry me?" anxiously asked a swain of the Fiddle Creek region in the Ozarks, addressing the daughter of the proprietor of the crossroads store.

"No!" replied the lass.
"Aw, I think you might! I do all my trading with your paw."—Kansas City Star.

Little Lad A Hero
Only Six Years Old but Proves He Is Made of Real Stuff.

Philadelphia.—"Billy" Corsa is only six years old, and lives on a farm in Bucks county, not far from Perkasie. But he is made of the stuff from which real heroes are made. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Corsa.

Billy rose to the heights when the life of his three-year-old brother, Dick, was endangered by a pair of plunging Percheron horses. Undismayed, the six-year-old stood in the path of the horses protecting his brother with one hand—and turned the steel-shod horses from their path.

With Billy Corsa it was entirely a problem like this—"I'll do what I can—but if Dick is hurt, I'll very likely be hurt—maybe, killed—too." Perhaps young Corsa didn't think in just that form, but the fact remains that he measured up to the highest standard of boyish bravery, and got away with it.

Dick was playing in the yard of the Corsas home. Boylike, he wandered into the roadway. In a nearby field the Percherons were unhitched, preliminary to being housed in the barn after the day's work. Frisky and active, the two big mountains of horse flesh, knowing the evening meal awaited in their stalls, started on a run for the barn—over the roadway where Dick Corsa was playing.

LIQUID OF THE PAST

More Potent Than Modern Whisky, It May Be an Elixir That Was Manufactured by the Mound Builders.

Middleboro, Ky.—Were the mound builders of old the first real distillers in what has become America?

This question is asked following the story brought here by two young men from the Mowus section of Bell county mountains.

They say they were exploring the dense parts of the hill country when they saw the entrance to a cave, whose existence never had been suspected. The youths entered its labyrinthine, and far back in the interior discovered an earthen vessel. They opened it carefully and they are quoted as saying there came forth a most delicious aroma. Investigation proved the existence of a liquid in the vessel, which the explorers tasted.

Both declare, it is said, that they were familiar with the taste and potency of corn whisky, but this liquid in the long-buried vessel surpassed "Kentucky liquor" in strength. They said that after a few minutes their senses became dulled and visions of celestial delight burst upon them.

Finally they recovered and carried the vessel away with them. They are quoted as asserting that there was an inscription on the vessel which no one they have seen can decipher. It is understood the vessel will be sent to experts in ancient languages in the hope that the letters can be made out.

If the mound builders left the jar and its unusual beverage it is believed unlikely that the words can be deciphered, as it is said the writing of the mound builders never has been translated. The youths who found the vessel declare a single drop of the elixir they found possesses the strength of a quart of corn liquor and that dilution with water is all that is necessary to obtain a "real drink."

Just what the attitude of prohibition authorities would be toward this find in the cave has not been made known, nor has it been sought so far. The mound builders, from strange relics, mounds and other marks, long have been thought by some historians to have made their last stand in the Ohio valley. In Kentucky and Tennessee there are numerous traces of a strange people, the secret of whose origin or disappearance has not been learned.

Champion Beach Lifeguard
Here are Bud Wiley and his little mascot, Violet Amico Sileo. Bud is the official lifeguard at Rockaway beach, near New York. He is credited with 200 rescues and attributes part of his success to his baby mascot. She is but sixteen months old, but every pleasant day sees her smiling and happy on the big guard's life raft. Bud's record of rescues covers nine years' duty at Rockaway and so far this season he has saved 29 from a watery finish.

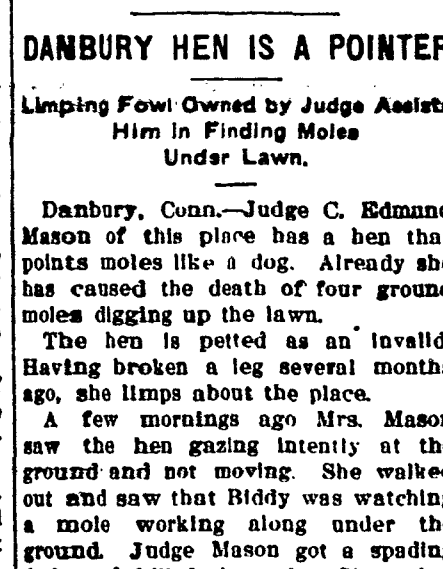
Danbury Hen Is a Pointer
Limping Fowl Owned by Judge Asaletis Him in Finding Mole Under Lawn.

Danbury, Conn.—Judge C. Edmund Mason of this place has a hen that points moles like a dog. Already she has caused the death of four ground moles digging up the lawn.

The hen is petted as an invalid, having broken a leg several months ago, she limps about the place.

A few mornings ago Mrs. Mason saw the hen gazing intently at the ground and not moving. She walked out and saw that Biddy was watching a mole working along under the ground. Judge Mason got a spading fork and killed the mole. Since that time he has killed three other moles with the assistance of the pointing hen.

Models Flowers in Butter
Mrs. Alice M. Cooksley of Oakland, Cal., is the world's greatest "butter sculptress," and is coming to the Central States Fair and Exposition at Aurora to show the dairymen of Illinois what beautiful things can be made of butter. Before her marriage, Mrs. Cooksley specialized in modeling in clay, and being out of clay one day she tried making some flowers of butter. The result was so striking that she has been working in butter exclusively since. The photograph shows a sample of her work.



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