

ROADS AND MOTOR CARS.

Effect of Good Highways as Noted by an Automobileist.

Whatever the reputation for rockiness and disregard for the rights of the road which many automobile drivers or chauffeurs have acquired, the advent of the big car is undoubtedly exerting a strong influence favorable to good roads, an increasing influence which may be exerted powerfully when the time becomes ripe for legislative assistance, says the Auto-Advocate and Country Roads. An interesting experience is related of roads and country ways by Whitman Osgood of Washington, who with his wife, two children and a chauffeur made a round trip to St. Louis in his Oldsmobile. They went by the famous old national



HARD MOTORING ON A BAD ROAD.

road, passing through Hagerstown, Md.; Bedford, Pa.; Pittsburg, Zanesville, Columbus, Indianapolis, Terre Haute, etc.

"The roads in Maryland were very good," said Mr. Osgood, "even in the mountains. In Pennsylvania they were bad and in West Virginia they were bad. In Ohio the roads got better, especially around Columbus, where for seventy miles they are as level and smooth as a floor. In Indiana they were fair, but in Illinois and Missouri—well, the next time I go over those roads it will be with a flying machine. They were simply fearful. We had no bad weather."

"I never knew before what an excellent index to the character of people the roads which cut through the country are. Where there were good roads there were good farms; where the roads were poor the farms were poor and the farmers looked shiftless and devoid of energy and ambition. We found it difficult to get proper food in some of the country districts, the farmers sending all their products immediately to the market."

FRANCE'S FINE ROADS.

Millions of Dollars Spent by the Government Yearly For Highways.

There are some things in the old world from which America should draw instruction and wisdom, says the Kansas City Star. France has the best roads on earth, divided into four classes: First, national; second, departmental; third, military; and fourth, communal. National roads are built and kept up by the national treasury; department roads are a charge upon the departments through which they pass; the military roads are usually kept by the government, but sometimes the government is aided in this work by the departments through which the roads pass. The communal roads, like our civil district and township roads, are kept up by the communes, but even these receive assistance from the government when they pass through thinly populated regions. The departmental roads are thirty-nine feet wide and the other roads vary in width.

Not less than \$7,000,000 is annually expended by the French government in making new roads and repairing old ones. This work gives employment to 35,000 persons, and the total length of the roads is something over 350,000 miles. The roads are so well constructed that one single man can keep ten miles in repair if furnished with piles of broken stone, placed at intervals along the road, and a cart for distributing the stone. Every rut and hole as fast as made is filled.

Broad Use of Soil Surveys.

For several years past the department of agriculture has been operating soil surveys in various parts of the United States for the purpose of determining the value of special crops. More than 60,000 square miles have already been mapped, and records of the surface and subsoil constituents and of drainage have been made. Beyond the value to agriculture the importance of the information thus gathered is being appreciated by the war department in possessing data for military roads in case of necessity, says the Good Roads Magazine. Such information at the time of the Spanish war would have prevented the selection of a pestilential camp like that established at Chickamauga. These surveys will doubtless prove of great value, too, in determining highways for the many uses of peaceful life, and the scope of the undertaking may well be broadened to meet the demand for good roads, both in defining the most favorable location and in discovering the best materials at hand.

Rural Free Delivery Note.

There is a close watch kept over the rural route carriers to see that they strictly observe the orders of the department relative to matter placed in rural delivery boxes with postage stamps not affixed. All articles found that have not the postage prepaid must be carried to the distributing office and held there until the proper amount due is paid. Some of the carriers have discovered such unsuitable matter as beefsteak, bottles of medicine and the like. One farmer instructed a peddler of coffee to leave a pound package for him in the box once a week. One of the packages was carried to the post-office, and the farmer in order to get his pound of twenty-cent coffee had to pay 16 cents postage.

All Run Down

THIS is a common expression we hear on every side. Unless there is some organic trouble, the condition can doubtless be remedied. Your doctor is the best adviser. Do not dose yourself with all kinds of advertised remedies—get his opinion. More than likely you need a concentrated fat food to enrich your blood and tone up the system.

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Youths of Japan and Tobacco.

It is said that in Japan youths under twenty years of age are not allowed to smoke tobacco. Viscount Haydashi has informed the Scottish Anti-tobacco Society that the Japanese police confiscate the "smoking instruments" and the tobacco found in the possession of boys, and that parents and guardians who knowingly permit their boys to use tobacco are liable to a fine of fifty cents, and dealers who sell tobacco to minors are subject to a fine of five dollars under a law enacted in 1900. This will help to explain the secret of the wonderful physical endurance shown by Japanese soldiers in the present war. Which is better—to let young men waste their energies by the use of tobacco and whiskey and other forms of dissipation, rendering them useless to the state in time of war, and largely so in time of peace, as was the case with the Russians, and as unfortunately is the case with many an American, as shown in the war with Spain; or to have these young men conserve their energies by a life of abstinence and temperance, so that they may be prepared for the exigencies of life which may come upon them, whether in war or peace? To ask the question is to answer it. But to answer it is to raise another question: Should the sale of things which undermine the physical constitution of men and weaken their minds and corrupt their morals and damn their souls be permitted? And should places where these things are sold be licensed?—Southern Presbyterian.

Mrs. Pickett's Oratorical Hint.

A big barbecue was on in Pulaski county, Virginia. Senator Daniel and another Senator were to speak, and the people of five counties were there to hear.

Everything was waiting when a boy galloped up with a telegram, saying that the Senators had missed the train.

Hoge Tyler, a farmer and one of the leaders in arranging the festivity but with no political experience or aspirations, was the only possible one in sight to fill the vacancy. He rushed to the carriage where his wife and Mrs. Pickett, wife of the General, were sitting and said: "Do tell me something to say!"

Mrs. Pickett replied: "Begin this way: 'I remind myself of the boy in the Sunday school class prepared for examination, when each was taught the answer he must give. After roll call the boy at the head of the class was taken suddenly ill and went home. The first question was: "Who made you? The second boy replied, "Of the dust of the earth."—"No not!" said the Bishop, "God made you"—"No sir," the boy replied, "the one God made has gone home sick, and I am of the dust of the earth." Now the men and mad, have missed the train and you will have to list-a to the dust of the earth."

The incipient orator followed in-

structions, creating such enthusiasm that day that it landed him in the Governor's chair at the next election.

Duty to Employers.

But a step further: You must not only serve your employer aright during the hours you work for him within the four walls of the store but you must also consecrate to good service the other fourteen hours when you are away from his watching eye. He has a right to expect that you will spend your leisure in a way that will render you most efficient in his service. That means your employer does not hire you for eight or ten or twelve hours' service. He hires you for every twenty-four. He don't say, "Sell me your time from 8 a m until six p m." but he says: "Sell me your time from 12 o'clock noon until 12 o'clock noon. I will then give you fourteen hours of every twenty-four in which to eat and sleep, recreate and improve your mind and body for the duties of the following day."

Some time ago I was talking with a hard headed and yet a clear minded farmer upon this subject. He said: "You are right. I do not hire my farm hands from chores to chores, but I hire them for twenty-four hours out of twenty-four. I expect them at night to take eight hours' sound sleep, so that they are in a fit condition for my work. Some time ago I had a young man working for me who was a fine fellow. But he would go to town every night. After the chores were done he would get with the boys and drink and gamble until 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning. The result was that I have seen that young man actually nodding and sleeping over the plow handle. I had to discharge him. Since then he has deteriorated, until he is now nothing but a drunken loafer." Tell me what a young man eats and drinks, how long he sleeps, how much exercise he takes, with what companions he associates and what are his pleasures and recreations and I will read that young man's character and future success more easily than you can interpret it by observing what he does from 8 a m to six p m, when he is at work in the store.—Talmage.

Mrs. Duke Against Trust Methods.

A friend of Mrs. J. B. Duke, wife of the tobacco multi-millionaire, who is suing for a divorce says the cause of the trouble in the millionaire's family is his wife's opposition to opening up a tobacco shop right beside some poor fellow who earns his meagre living at a cigar stand. Rebuking her husband Mrs. Duke has been heard to say: Probably he has a large family to support and you may have taken the bread out of their mouths. You have money enough. Do give these poor fellows a chance to earn an honest living."

A PRAYER.

Guide and lead me Father, in Thy wondrous love,
Thou, who seest my sorrow and hearest it from above;
Thou, who notest the crying of Thy children, sore distressed,
Give me cheerful comfort, Father, give me rest.
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In Thy light of mercy keep my little bark;
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