

Kostumes", and "Sawdust and Shavings", successfully continued the gossip page Bzzz-Bzzz, which was begun last term, and added to the staff a feature editor.

We are proud of the progress our paper has made. We are happy that it has been continued, despite the shortage of necessary materials. It is our belief that The Mountain Trail has succeeded in bringing about a closer co-operation and interest between the parents and the schools with whom we have exchanged copies of our paper. We appreciate the work of our former editors and advisors. We are satisfied that the students have done their work well, and we look forward to a better Mountain Trail.

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THE FIFTH WHEEL

On our Hill of Knowledge, we've seen everything the magazine ads warn against, ranging from dishpan hands and gingivitis to gapolis and coffee nerves; but have you noticed the latest disease that has broken out in alarming numbers--it's that ailment that everyone knows about, but there's little done to prevent it. Perhaps a pioneering spirit will accept the task and send this challenge flying across the nation: "Have you ever been a fifth-wheel?" However, since no modern Joan of Arc has heard the call, I feel it is my duty to discuss as thoroughly as possible the subjects: (1) What is a fifth-wheel, (2) Symptoms of a fifth-wheel, and (3) how to keep from being one.

A fifth-wheel, my dear children, according to Mr. Webster, is a superfluous person or thing; to put it simply, a fifth-wheel is a pest! It is neither needed or wanted and would do well to stay as much out of the way as possible.

I really don't think it's necessary to list the symptoms of that dread disease. A few examples of people with the "fifth wheel" complex should make it

easy for you to spot them yourselves.

Has it ever been your doubtful privilege to know that a group of chums had somebody on the spot and that you were pretty sure that somebody was you? It's a great temptation to idle up, join the gang, and see whether all this chatter is good or bad. Stop, brother, and I don't mean look and listen! Dig down in a book, and forget it. If it was all praise, goody, goody! And if not--well, you'd better wait until everyone cools off. When you push in where you aren't wanted, you're coming dangerously close to being a fifth-wheel, and remember what Webster said!

While on the subject of "pushing in", if a couple are having a tete-a-tete, starry-eyed and soulful looking, that isn't the time to tell them how screamingly funny you were in English Class today. They aren't in the mood to appreciate it, so take your talents elsewhere. Someday, the long-suffering lovesick are going to tell you in no uncertain terms to "scram", "vamoose", and make yourself scarce.

Or there's the time when you see the beginning of the end of a beautiful romance. For months you and what's her name have been dating steady, hearts-a-fluttering, eyelashes-a-fluttering, and your blood-pressure going up and up. It's a great time, until one day you see her with another guy and you recognize the line she's shooting him. Hold it, mon vieux, that ole cave man technique isn't being used this year, so don't rush over. Remember about two being company and three a crowd, there's always a fifth wheel. Dorothy Dix would advise that for you to keep busy with Jane, June, or Joan might bring back your wandering gal, or if it doesn't, Jane, June, or Joan might prove to be a good remedy for a heart broken man.

The fifth-wheel complex is getting acute (in fact it's almost hopeless) in a case like this.

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