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## THE AUTOMOBILE LAW.

### Users of Machines Have Some Rights Others Must Respect—A Plea for Harmony.

Every man who runs an automobile has to pay a license tax of five dollars the first year and a renewal tax of one dollar every year thereafter while running the same car. Automobiles have the same rights—no more and no less—than every other vehicle running over the public roads. The party running a machine and also other parties traveling are expected to exercise due judgment and discretion to prevent accidents. The law provides that when a vehicle is overtaken by an automobile and the driver of the car indicates a desire to pass the driver of the cart, buggy or other vehicle shall turn out and allow it to pass. Failure to do so is a misdemeanor and the party subject to a fine. Yet every person running a car overtakes people every day who drive right along in the middle of the road and refuse to let them pass. People meeting a machine will sit in the buggy or cart when they see the horse is afraid of it and let him turn round or back into the ditch instead of getting out and holding the horse by bit and standing between him and the car. The driver of the car does not know whether the horse will stand or not until he is right near and then to stop will cause a great deal of noise and throw out a much greater gasoline odor which will frighten the horse much worse. The great majority of horses will do better to let the car pass on by at moderate speed. Some people get very mad when you blow your horn when approaching them. The horn is intended to give notice of the approach of the machine and the driver is required to use it. People will often come plowing right down to the road where a car is passing instead of stopping and the horse runs around over the crop and the plow stands there and "cusses" every mobile in the world and the people who run them, while he only is to blame. We find right often horses left tied to the fence right side the road hitched to a plow or some times he is there not tied at all and no one in sight. He begins to rear about the time you get in a hundred yards of him. Should the driver be expected to get down, unhitch him and take him home before he can go on?

People should realize the fact that an automobile is liable to pass any time and there is no use quarreling with your neighbor if he happens to have one for he will stop and help you if he can when your horse is frightened but people touring through the country might not do so, and until your horse gets used to them be careful, exercise good judgment and there will be few accidents.

This article is written in the interest of harmony and with the hope that good feeling may be encouraged between those who do and those who do not run motor vehicles. For some unknown reason some good people are prejudiced against all motor vehicles in general.

But they are coming. The craze, if you choose to so call it, has hit the country and we are to make the best of it.

Of course automobilists should exercise prudence in running their cars and the public should treat them fairly and that is all the law requires. The law burdens the man with

the auto. with tax and other restrictions but, it does allow him some privileges and they should be respected.

### A MAN WHO OCCASIONALLY RUNS ONE.

#### Origin of Artesian Water.

Whence comes artesian water? It is believed by many persons that artesian water is stored up in the depths of the earth in great reservoirs or exists as mysterious underground rivers which eventually find their way to the surface. It is true that the water is stored up in underground reservoirs, but not as popularly supposed. With the exception of a few caverns of comparatively small extent such reservoirs bear no relation to open basins of the surface type, but are as a rule rock strata or masses in which the only openings are spaces between the grains or along lines of solution, planes of jointing, cleavage, or bedding, or other fissures.

The probable source of underground waters has been widely discussed, and while every one would doubtless agree that by far the greater part is derived from rainfall, there is considerable variety of opinion as to the relative importance of the other sources, such as seepage or absorption of water from the ocean, or the release of otherwise unavailable waters in the earth's crust which have been set free by physical or chemical exclusion.

Bulletin 319 of the United States Geological Survey, entitled "Summary of the Controlling Factors of the Artesian Flews," by Myron L. Fuller, discusses the subject of the theory and behavior of artesian wells. A copy may be obtained on application to the Director of the Survey at Washington.

#### Fighting the Fly.

Home and Farm.  
Rules for dealing with the fly nuisance:

Screen all windows and doors, especially the kitchen and dining-room.

Keep the flies away from the sick, especially those ill with contagious diseases. Kill every fly that strays into the sick room. His body is covered with disease germs.

Do not allow decaying material of any sort to accumulate on or near your premises.

All refuse which tends in any way to fermentation, such as bedding, straw, paper waste and vegetable matter, should be disposed of or covered with lime or kerosene oil.

Screen all food.

Keep all receptacles for garbage carefully covered and the cans cleaned or sprinkled with oil or lime.

Keep all stable manure in vault or pit, screened or sprinkled with lime, oil, or other cheap preparation.

Cover food after a meal; burn or bury all table refuse.

Screen all food exposed for sale.

Don't forget, if you see flies, their breeding place is in nearby filth. It may be behind the door, under the table or in the cuspidor.

If there is no dirt and filth, there will be no flies.

Pa Twaddles—"Tommy, if you run away from school today and go to the ball game I'll certainly give you one of the worst thrashings you ever had."

Tommy Twaddles—"Pa, would you just give it to me now, so I won't have nothin' disagreeable to look forward to?"

## CONSERVATION OF YOUTH.

### Judge Fritchard Discusses Evils and Advocates Abundant Amusement of Proper Kind.

Congress has recently passed a bill which has for its object the conservation of our forests and water power. While this is a meritorious law and one which means much for our material development and future prosperity, yet it is vastly more important that we should endeavor to conserve the young manhood of our state. The boys and girls constitute the most valuable asset of a community, but in the mad rush to accumulate wealth we have failed to recognize this truth. There is every reason why we should, above all other things, devote our time and energies in an effort to secure the proper moral and intellectual development of our boys and girls. The individual who recognizes the existence of a Supreme Being and is devoted to his family and his country must, from the very nature of things, appreciate the responsibility that rests upon him in dealing with questions of this character.

In a representative form of government like ours, the individual is a part—an important part—of the government. We are governed "by the consent of the governed," and in the last analysis all the strength, power and majesty of government is derived from and maintained by the people. Therefore, the government can rise no higher than the level of our citizenship.

Public opinion clearly indicates the kind of citizenship that may be found in each community. Show me a community where the people recognize the existence of an Allwise Being and govern themselves accordingly; where they are patriotic and devoted to their flag and their country, and I will show you a community where law and order prevail and where the Church of Christ is supreme. On the other hand if you show me a community where the barroom is present; where gambling and horse racing are prevalent; where all manner of crime is committed; where the public official is unfaithful to his trust; where graft, bribery and all manner of evil prevail, I will show you a community, that is dominated by bad citizenship and where it is impossible to enforce the laws that are intended for our protection.

I feel sure that we sometimes make a mistake in denying to young people proper amusements. There is much in the old saying that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." It is very essential that both young and old should have recreation and amusement, provided the amusement is the proper kind. The modern club where whiskey is drank and gambling is permitted is doing as much as any one agency to corrupt, demoralize and destroy the youth of the land, but if we are wise we will provide some place in every community where the young people may enjoy themselves in innocent pastime and at the same time be afforded an opportunity to take that exercise which is so essential to physical development and without which we cannot hope for a strong, virile race of people in the future. It was to supply this want that the Young Men's Christian Association was established.

No woman wants her daughter to marry for money unless she gets the chance.

## A Southern Mother.

Clarence Poe, in Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer.

In the course of a brief article called forth by the recent death of his own mother, Editor Clarence Poe, of the Progressive Farmer, pays the following deserved tribute to a rapidly-vanishing type, the women of the Old South.

I sometimes wonder if the world ever knew a higher type of womanhood than the Southern women of mother's time. They grew up on the plantations of the Old South in what proved to be the sunset glow of a patriarchal civilization that has vanished as completely as the social order of Homer's time, but whose charm and romance still lure us to dreams of its beauty. They were just budding into womanhood when the fateful war drums sounded in '61, and their young souls were tested in the four years of epic struggle and distress that followed. And then, with spirits made perfect through suffering, with a dignity which poverty had not altered and a courage which defeat had not shaken, they took up life on the small farms of the South and became the inspiration of the best that was wrought by the men in tattered gray in the long ordeal of our rebuilding.

To that generation my mother belonged, and I think her spirit was sweeter for the times through which she had lived.

Before her marriage in 1880 she was a teacher; and not so much to any aid from the schools as to the instruction and inspiration I received from her do I owe whatever material success I have been able to win. Yet I feel, and I know she feels, that this is the smaller part of the debt that I am due her. If I have kept, if I may hope to keep, in Tennyson's fine phrase, my "trust in all things high"; if I may hope that, "though I trip and fall, I shall not blind my soul with clay," I must pay tribute to the influence of a mother and father whose well-lived Faith enabled them to appraise life's values fairly. They fired me with ambition for achievement and success, but they taught first and most of all that the truest victory or defeat is within one's own soul and that the earth knows no more tragic failure than the man who has bought so-called Success at the cost of his only enduring treasures—his manhood and his ideals.

#### Pointed Paragraphs.

Chicago News.  
Every man expects to strike it rich some day.

A married man is lucky if treated as one of the family.

Don't talk about your neighbors; it's a game two can play at.

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and it is payable in advance.

A man is never so willing to do the fair thing as when he gets in a hole.

Yes, Alonzo, there are people who cannot be flattered. Cemeteries are full of 'em.

Many an innocent young man has been misled by the helpless way a summer girl baits a fish hook.

The one thing a man regrets about getting into a foolish flirtation is his inability to get out of it creditably.

Dyspepsia develops a state of mind which causes people to doubt the wisdom of eating certain things, but which seldom prevents their doing so.

## WHERE THREE STATES CORNER.

### United States Geological Survey Issues—Topographic Map of Portions of Va. Tenn and N. C.

One of the most lofty mountain regions of the Appalachian system, recently surveyed by the United States Geological Survey, is depicted in detail in a topographic map which the Survey has just published—the map of the "Abingdon quadrangle." This map is on the scale approximately 2 miles to the inch and shows an area of a little over 1,000 square miles, embracing portions of southwestern Virginia, northeastern Tennessee, and northwestern North Carolina, the three States cornering in the southern part of the quadrangle.

The topographic maps of the Geological Survey portray all the works of man as well as the physical characteristics of the country, and the Abingdon map indicates a region of great diversity. Part of the area is seen to be somewhat thickly dotted with villages, settlements, and individual farm houses; other portions are shown as vast stretches of high mountain regions with many lofty ridges, peaks, and knobs, devoid of habitations. The larger portion of the quadrangle was surveyed by Topographer Duncan Hannegan, but other topographers who worked on the map are J. D. Forster, R. W. Berry, C. C. Gardner, R. A. Kiger and H. W. Peabody. Hundreds of miles of area were tramped over by these surveyors and scores of camps were established, thousands of sights made, and hundreds of miles of level lines run. Thirty-nine indestructible iron bench marks were established, showing the elevations above sea level to the nearest foot.

The line between Virginia and Tennessee, as shown on the map, was the subject of much controversy for many years. Recently, however, it was resurveyed, and it can now be easily followed by the monuments which have been placed at prominent places and by the cutting of the timber a long the line. The line between Virginia and North Carolina, according to Mr. Hannegan, is of ancient date and is very difficult to follow; many of the inhabitants living close to the boundary are in doubt whether they should pay their taxes in one State or the other, as there are no monuments, and marked trees are very scarce.

"The entire country is picturesque, high, and healthy, the lowest elevation found being 1,500 feet. The flora is abundant and luxuriant. Through the thickly settled sections macadam roads are under construction, costing \$5,000 a mile or more; these are paid for by each county, some of them using convict labor."

The Abingdon map can now be obtained from the Director of the Geological Survey at Washington for 5 cents a copy, or \$3 a hundred.

#### A Charming Woman

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