



MIND SAFETY VALVES

STRANGEST of the remedies for the relief of great mental strain is a violent frolic or an escapade. Sedate business men whose labors were long and arduous have been known to do the most ridiculous of things. Their friends even considered their mentality affected, but it wasn't. It was only the popping of the mental safety valve.

It seems an idiotic and purposeless thing to slap a cab driver's face to calm one's feelings, yet this is what a well known actor does, and he does it in such a gentlemanly fashion and pays so liberally that the men seldom take offense.

Curiously enough when he enters a taxi or cab his feelings are of the friendliest toward the driver, but when he reaches his destination and is waiting for his change the man's face invariably acts like a red rag to a bull, and an overmastering desire to smack it comes over him. He does so, apologizes, explains, pays up and all is well.

Only recently a well-known merchant was fined \$100 for spitting on each side of a policeman, a playful practice he was apparently in the habit of indulging in quite regularly.

Another highly placed business man has the curious method of smashing crockery to soothe his

