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A MOTHER'S DUTY.

Among the multitudinous duties that fall on the mother of a healthy boy of two, three, four or even eight years is the matter of keeping him away from automobiles and teaching him proper fright of the machine. Every driver of an automobile knows how the cold chills run down his back when some saucy youngster gets out in front of an approaching automobile and defies the driver to run over him. About the time the driver believes the youngster is no bluffer, and turns aside, about that time, the lad's courage fails and he, too, scoots to a side, probably the same one as the driver took. There are a hundred and one contingencies that may arise, and the sure cure is a red hot spanking over mamma's knee. Only yesterday a local driver met two such conditions on the way to Riverside, and he jackknifed his automobile to get out of the way from a boy in the center of the street. The moment he turned the boy fled and the emergency brake alone saved a boy that by rights should be smarting under the sting of some good mother's palm. If boys were taught at home that there is extreme danger in this sort of a thing, relief would immediately exert itself.

OUR WORK HORSES.

It is with pleasure that one reads the news that parades of work horses are becoming a regular festival in

many cities, under the auspices of the Humane societies.

May they awaken interest and sympathy with the willing servant who toils so patiently all day long for his wages of hay and oats and a bed of straw at night, remarks an exchange.

The horse with his speed and style plays quite a role in poetry and fiction. But the aristocratic hysterical beast whose high head you so admire will cast you into the ditch some day merely because he meets a vehicle propelled by gasoline instead of equine legs.

Meanwhile his plebian brother, the truck horse, who drags the wheat from the mill over the dusty roads for your children to eat rarely gets any sugar plums nor does he figure in verse. His gentle nature, his calm philosophy, as he submits to the blundering and jerky driving of the raw farm hand, save many a farmer's freightage from laborious disaster, but they never create him any standing in literature.

The admiration and friendship of humans for the equine world has all gone to speed. The vast machinery of the race course has given as its excuse for being, that it tends to improve the breed of horses. It produces a tribe of speeders, who protect the vanity of the driver "who will take no man's dust." But it offers no help to the farmer or truck man who must have a creature with a calm, unexcitable temperament, that shall not waste its strength by jerky false motions, and its nerve force in balky frenzy.

It is significant of this neglect that a few years ago the New Jersey live stock commission, setting out to improve the breed of draft horses in that state, found that it must go abroad to get the finest strains of blood. They had to import Percherons from Normandy, Clydesdales and English hackneys from Scotland, and coach horses from England.

Too many drivers are careless of the comfort of these great patient ox-like creatures who so cheerfully do the hard toil of the equine world while frisky steeds of more fancy build are pulling little playcars over the smooth roads. How often you see a workman leaving a team of horses tied, out hour after hour in the hot sun! How would you like it?

THIS DATE IN HISTORY
JUNE 26

- 1809—Andrew Gregg of Pennsylvania elected president pro tem of the United States senate.
- 1803—George IV. of England died. Born Aug. 12, 1762
- 1832—Fort of Velasco at the mouth of the Brazos river taken by a force of Texans under John Austin.
- 1839—Col. William Allston, a noted soldier of the Revolution, died in Charleston, S. C. Born in 1757.
- 1849—British parliament repealed the Navigation Act.
- 1857—Two hundred and fifty lives lost by the burning of the steamer "Montreal" in the lower St. Lawrence.
- 1862—Maj. Gen. John Pope appointed to command the army of Virginia.
- 1863—Rear Admiral Andrew H. Foote died in New York City. Born in New Haven, Conn., Sept. 12, 1806.
- 1899—International Council of Women met in London.

"THIS IS MY 83TH BIRTHDAY
Maharaja of Kolhapur

His Highness Sir Shahu Chhatrapati Maharaja of Kolhapur, one of the most liberal and progressive of the potentates of India, was born June 26, 1874, being a direct descendant of the celebrated Shivaji, the founder of the Maratha empire. In early infancy he was adopted by the Kagal Chief's family, being the natural born son of Jayasingrao Chaitre Sarjarao Vazarat Ma-ab, the chief of Kagal. His Highness was educated privately under an European tutor and guardian and also attended the Rajkumar college at Rajkote. Since 1894 he has been administering the affairs of the Kolhapur state. Several years ago the Imperial government decorated the Maharaja for his loyalty and the ability he has displayed in the government of his dominion.

Notice for Bids.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the undersigned for the installing of a telegraph alarm system for the city of La Grande, Oregon, until 5 o'clock p. m., June 26th, 1912, same to conform with the following specifications:
One 2-circuit automatic storage battery controlling switchboard, of the very latest modern improvements,

made of the highest grade of material and workmanship.

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One repeater box with twenty circuit wheels.
One motor generator set.
One punching register.

All of the above apparatus to conform to the functions and flexibility of the specifications on file at the office of the city recorder, but nothing called for in the specifications that cover a patented article not competitive, shall bar anybody from bidding who can furnish apparatus performing the same functions. All of the above apparatus shall be furnished and installed in the city of La Grande, Oregon, in the best manner known to fire alarm practice.

Also bidder to quote price per mile, including all labor and material for outside construction for fire alarm

circuits. All of the above apparatus shall receive the approval of the Underwriters' Inspection Bureau, at Portland, Oregon.

A certified check equal to 5 per cent of the amount bid, drawn on some reputable bank, must accompany each bid as an evidence of good faith.

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By order of the city council, June 19th, 1912.

C. M. HUMPHREYS, City Recorder. 6-21-5t

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