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TȞ̌ AUTOMOBLLE qUEGTION Someone has suggested that they call the antomobile the
"autocart" nid its dit er the "autocrat." Fiom the actions of some of those who are meton the road with their autos the
term autocrat is very well de. stived.
The antomobile question has become citical in some sections of the East. Pendleton has only recently introdaced the automobile habit and already it
is causing considerable dis. cussion. Recently an anto mobile while passing Byars' mill in Pendleton caused a riot not only among the four-and six.
horse team but among their horse team but among their
divers as well. When the divers as well. When the
horses commenced rearing and horses commenced rearing and
planging, their drivers ran out and intercepted the chaffeur and were about to make thing interesting for him. The chaffer picked up an iron rod to defend himself and was finally allowed to proceed after he had heard some very strennons opinions
expressed of himself and his machine.

The whole question resolves itself into the fact that both being vehitles have equal rights apon the roads and that neither apon the roads and the rights of
must trespass upon the other. When a chaffeur, or, the other.
to translate the French phrase into its English equivalent, into its Engle
"stoker," in clarge of the antomobile sees that he is frightening a team he is meeting, com ing a team he is meeting, com
mon courtesy requires that he slow dawn, and if a reduction of speed does not serve the purpose he should come to a stop. In many states when a driver of a team holds up his hand as a signal for the driver of the auto to top and the signal is disregarded the chaffeur may be arrested and fined.

All it needs is consideration for the rights of others. The aut, has come to stay.
When the bicycle was first introduced it arottsed violent opposition among farmers opposition among first wheel I bought was a
The Columbia. That was in 1892. When I went out on the country When I went out on the coarses loud
roads I would hear cpren roads I would hear curses
and deep from farmers whom I and deep from farmers whom
met. "Get off the road with that horse-searing contraption Go back to the city where you belong, you city dude," the angry drivers would shout. Once it came to a question of fists against horsewhip and the horsewhip came ont second best. Now the men who were so bit terly opposed to the bicycle are buying them for their sons and daughters and the bieycle has no better friend than the farmer. The man who wanted to banish bicycles from the road now would be thought intolerant and unreasonable. But with the ucorcher on a wheel there is Iftle sympathy. The wheel Hitte sympathy. The wheel men dislike him as he bringe discredit upon their ranks. He is a a menace to his fellow wheelenan as well as to the
pedestrian. The same will alpedestrian. The same will al ways be true and should When of the scorching nutoist. When they die, and the sooner the better, they should go where they can scorch to their heart's
contents. I stopped overnight with a farmeer recently who is very bitter" against the "autocarto" and the "autocrats.
"One of iny men was going into town last week with a six horse team," Ire said. "He meet
on a hill. He saw his bunch-
grass horsee were going to make trouble so he called for the auto
to stop. It came merrily on and the team went over the grade into a wire fence, while stop to see if he had killed the dr'ver. I am carrying a 3030 mew when Igo to town and if
meto and he does not stop when I signal him to du so will take a shot at his tires an wing him. My wife used to drive to town with the children once or twice aweek. Now 1
am afraid to let her drive in by herself for fear of having he meet an automobile and having runaway.'
What the automobilist needs is a greater realization of the other man's rights and a little atter's place will solve the question.
A naval officer from one of the American men-cf-war while in Naga Saki rented a bicycle and was enj ying a spin when he accidently ran into a Jap
knoeking him down. The Jap arose and bowing low said: "I beg your pardon for having gotten ih your honorable way hope I have caused you no harm from my very-much-to-be
regretted carelessness." Can you imagine un American, or for that matter, a person of any other nationality, doing as the Jap did. The chances are he would jomp up and say "Blankety, blank you, you careless chump. Iv'e a good mind tojerk a limb off you and you with the bloody end." In a r ceent conversation with who M. Scott, a wealthy farme he said: "It's all in being used to them. Last winter in Los Angles I noticed that the horses don't mind autos any more than our horses up here mind bicy cles."
As autos become more plenti ul in the West the horses will gradually become accustomed to them; but till that time the man with the auto should us every precaution to preven
cansing accidents and run cansing accidents and
aways on the public roads. When one is in the auto may look very funny to see a horse by the roadside walking along on his hind legs or trying o climb a tree, but when you are the one in the buggy it doesu't seem neariy so laughable. Not long ago my wife was out driving with a horse I suppoted perfectly safe; an auto rapidly turned the corner the hotse ditn't wait for a second look but turned tail instantly, breaking the sliafts. Seeing the hotse's head where his tail ought to be so astonighed my wife that she didn't think to jump out and a moment later the horse and buggy were piled p in the fence.
If the owners of autos were made responsible for what damage they cause you would see that more care and prudence
would be used. Some bright would be used. Some brig
Boston genius has written Boston genius has written
"Otto ought to auto less
"Otto ought to auto less
Then he'd kill less folks I guess."
If Otto and the rest of the autoists were responsible for their breakage fewer accidents would be chronicled. - Fred Lookley, in Pendleton East Oregonian.
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Niller's, four milles south of town;

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