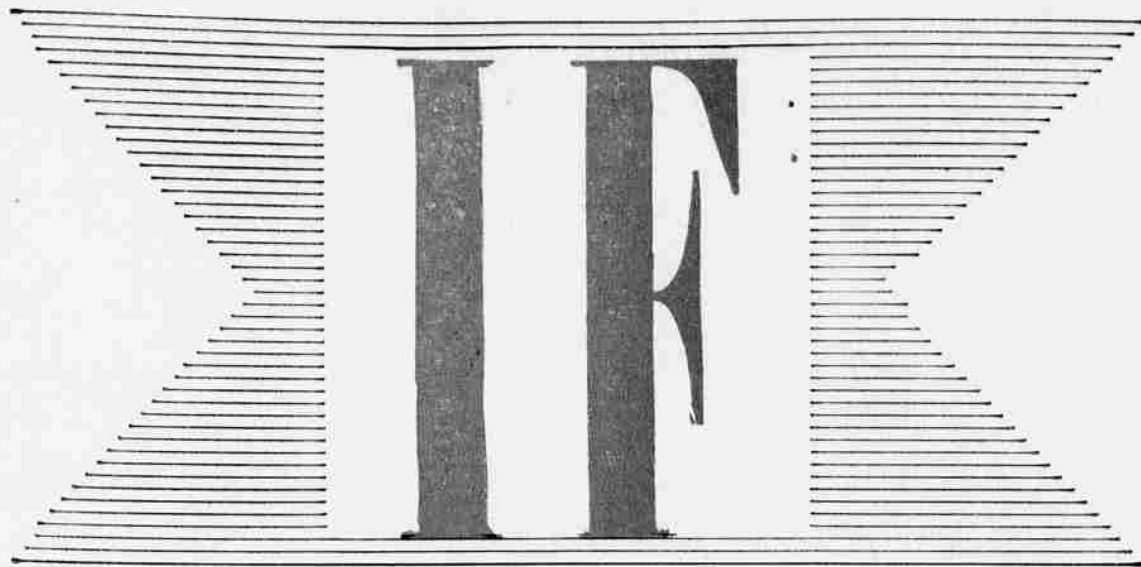




IF

...every one who drives a car could lie a month in bed
With broken bones and stitched-up wounds, or fractures of the head,
And there endure the agonies that many people do;
They'd never need preach safety any more to me or you.

IF

...every one could stand beside the bed of a close friend
And hear the doctor say "no hopes" before that fatal end,
And see him there unconscious, never knowing what took place,
The laws and rules of traffic I am sure we'd soon embrace.

IF

...every one could meet the wife and children left behind,
And step into the darkened home where once the sunlight shined,
And look upon the vacant chair where Daddy used to sit,
I'm sure each reckless driver would be forced to think a bit.

IF

...every one would realize pedestrians on the street
Have just as much the right-of-way as those upon the seat,
And train their eyes for children who run recklessly at play,
This steady toll of human lives would drop from day to day.

IF

...every one who drives a car would heed the danger signs,
Placed by highway engineers who also marked the lines,
To keep the traffic in the lane and give it proper space,
The accidents we read about could not have taken place.

AND

...last—if he who takes the wheel would say a little prayer
And keep in mind those in the car dependent on his care,
And make a vow and pledge himself to never take a chance,
The great crusade for safety then would suddenly advance.



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