

WATCH YOUR TIRES.

No Matter How Good They May Be This Caution Is Necessary.

Many a car is sold on the representation that "the Blankmobile will run from 7,000 to 10,000 miles on a set of tires."

But no one doubts the statement or the maker's good intentions.

A few moments spent in examining, cleaning and plugging the cut or hole will add thousands of miles to the life of the tire.

In a few hundred or thousand miles this tread will be hanging in flapping shreds.

THE DEAD SEA.

Some Interesting Facts About This Curious Body of Water.

For a number of years many persons have declared the Dead sea, in Palestine, is diminishing.

At many points on its southern and eastern borders there are vast forests with large trees becoming submerged.

The sea is about forty miles in length and ten miles wide at the broadest portion.

Mediterranean waters are 1,300 feet higher than the Dead sea level.

A survey of the wonderful region of years ago shows islands that are now gone.

There is so much solid matter in the water that it makes about one-fifth, or 20 per cent, of the matter solid.

The bed of the sea is rich with mineral deposits. Salts, copper, lead and zinc are found in vast quantities.

When a Dog Chokes.

Dogs frequently choke. A bone, a nail or a piece of tin gets in the throat, and there is great danger of death before the arrival of the surgeon.

The Holland Primrose.

There is a plant in Holland known as the evening primrose, which grows to a height of five or six feet and bears a profusion of large yellow flowers.

Mungo Park.

The pioneer white man in Africa was Mungo Park. He began his travels through the dark continent as early as 1796.

An Old Bachelor.

"I'm going to be married soon." "How old are you?" "Eighteen."

The Royal Ailment.

Achilles complained of his heel. "Never mind," we assured him.

ELECTRIC ARC MELTS STEEL.

Most Intense Heat Produced by Man Is From the Carbon Flame.

The most intense heat produced by man is that of the electric arc, and the possibilities of its application in various branches of American industry have only begun to be realized.

Aside from lighting, the most useful purpose to which the electric arc has been put is in the mending of broken or cracked castings and metal parts of all kinds.

Operators are well protected against danger. Due to the intense heat at the point at which the carbon pours its electrical fire upon the metal.

EXHAUSTING A SUBJECT.

A Satirical Hint to Both Young and Old Writers.

Writers should early learn not to try to exhaust a subject. If there is one thing above another thing that a subject will not stand for it is to be exhausted.

If you go at a subject in the right spirit you can say nearly anything you wish about it.

Think of the most uninteresting books you ever read. They were written by men who quite evidently set down with the mental resolution.

The only sure result of trying to exhaust a subject is to prove that it is inexhaustible.—Life.

An Awful Experience.

A native diver descended into the water to see whether one of the piers, then in course of construction, had set.

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Disagreeable Persons.

When I see a disagreeable person approaching I walk away. I don't wait until he gets started.

Her First Victim.

Lonsie, aged two and a fraction, but precocious in all feminine arts, was discovered by her mother standing on a chair before the mirror.

Feminine Confidence.

"I shall never scold my husband again for spending so much time at the club."

They Don't Like Bachelors.

In the Argentine republic if a man engaged to marry hesitates beyond a reasonable time in leading his fiancée to the altar he is heavily fined.

Sandy and the Glass.

Philosophy.

Conscience is the voice of the soul; the passions are the voice of the body.—Bonaparte.

AMERICAN HYMN WRITERS.

John Quincy Adams, Our Sixth President, Was One of Them.

There has been no American hymn writer to compare with Isaac Watts or Charles Wesley, both of whom wrote hundreds of hymns which have become classic.

John Quincy Adams, sixth president of the United States and previously minister to Russia and secretary of state, wrote several hymns which were sung in Congregational churches.

The Longfellow brothers, Henry W. and Stephen, both wrote some good hymns.

Other Americans who have written good hymns were John Pierpont, Charles Beecher, a brother of Henry Ward Beecher, and Mrs. Van Alstyne (Fanny Crosby), who wrote more hymns than any of the others above named.—Philadelphia Press.

EXTRAVAGANT EUGENIE.

The Empress Decried That She Never Wore a Gown Twice.

It is true that the cost of women's dresses has so increased that it is not given to the many to be as truly elegant as their grandmothers were able to be at comparatively small cost.

Empress Eugenie, it is said, declared she never wore the same gown twice. She it was, by the way, who made Worth, the renowned Paris couturier, famous.

There is a tale of the lovely Empress Elisabeth of Austria, which recounts her appearing at a function in a white tulle gown, gowned and simple, decorated with garlands of real camellias.

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Have a Cheery Kitchen.

One should bear in mind that the kitchen is the engine room of the home, and the comfort and happiness of the family depend upon its running smoothly.

Smiling at Breakfast.

One should always wear a smile at breakfast. If you are in a good humor at breakfast you will be merry and bright all day.

Not Good For the Gender.

The following sign is displayed in a certain bathhouse: "This Place Is Closed at 1 p. m. Sunday So We Can Go Home and Take Our Baths."

Near Enough.

Enjoy It Now.

What you said about Jack isn't worth repeating.

The future is purchased by the present.—Johnson.

FATALITY IN A WORD.

Why France Changed the Name of the "Life Saving Belt."

A vivid illustration of the power of mere words over human beings was once brought to the attention of French people by Francaque Sarcey.

After the wreck of the Bourgogne many passengers were found floating drowned with life preservers on. These life preservers were fastened upon the bodies, but round the middle instead of under the arms.

Now it appears that the greater number of the persons so drowned were French. The French term for life preserver is ceinture de sauvetage, or "life saving belt."

The word "belt," therefore, was the cause of the loss of many lives in the Bourgogne disaster.

ANCIENT POSTAL SERVICE.

The Old Persian and Roman System of Couriers on Horseback.

While the Roman postal service of ancient days was, of course, a crude system, yet the mails were forwarded with considerable speed.

These services were intended for the state only, it being imperative to secure the rapid interchange of official communications.

Private citizens were obliged to resort to the services of slaves, and it was not until the end of the third century that there was an establishment of a postal system for private persons.

The supply of horses and their maintenance was compulsory, and only the emperor could grant exemption from it.—Washington Star.

Weakness of the Great.

The two greatest men who appear in "Julius Caesar"—namely, Caesar himself and Cleopatra—are allotted but minor parts in Shakespeare's play.

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SACRED TREE OF SPAIN,

And Its Connection With the Ancient Euskarian Language.

You all know about the Charter oak, that tree that figured in the fight for independence of the American colonies.

Did you ever hear of the sacred tree of Spain and the means by which it is perpetuated? It stands close to the town of Guernica, in Biscay.

In that isolated region a form of speech that is utterly different from both French and Spanish has been maintained since the beginnings of European civilization.

The tree of the Basques is one of the hardest of all the hardy things to be found around the bay of Biscay.

CHINESE LETTER CARRIERS.

Facts They Must Perform Would Tire a Hercules.

How many of our own postmen would care to transfer their services to the Chinese postoffice?

In the first place an applicant must have strength and courage, and in order to gain these he must be prepared to undergo a very queer method of training.

The would-be postman must repeat these trips at night, and if he listens to the bad spirit, thereby failing to appear at the required time at a specified place he is sure to lose his chance of being a postman.

But that is not all, for he is obliged to carry enormous weights for many miles and must return with his burden within a given time.

ANCIENT FOOTBALL.

Philip Stubbes wrote in 1583 in his book on "The Anatomie of Abuses:" "For as concerning football I protest unto you it may rather be called a friendly kinde of fight than a play of recreation."

Beethoven's Fits of Rage.

Beethoven's behavior was often atrocious. In giving lessons to young ladies he would sometimes tear the music to pieces and scatter it about the floor or even smash the furniture.

Horns of a Dilemma.

We apply the term "horns of a dilemma" to a situation in which a person is confronted by two opposite and conflicting lines of conduct.

Humility Not All.

Evidently She Did.

As small letters hurt the sight, so do small matters hurt that is too much intent upon them.—Pitarch.

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