Traffic Casualties Double War's Toll

Combined Deaths and Injuries 700,600 in 1923.

Washington,-"There is almost total lack of systematic effort to secure accurate and complete data regarding traffic accidents, their types and causes, and methods of prevention," declares the Committee on Statistics of the Conference on Street and Highway Safety, in a report to Secretary of Commerce Hoover based on a thor ough survey which revealed an annual loss in the United States due to street and highway accidents in 1923 of 22, 600 persons killed, 678,000 serious in juries and an economic loss of \$600, 000,000.

The committee's report shows that there were more than twice as many casualties in street and bighway ac cidents in the United States during 1923 than there were for the United States army at home and abroad in World war. The highway and street casualties include "killed and seriously injured." This takes no account of minor accidents.

The report also shows that there were only 14,216 more of our men killed in action in the World war than in street and highway accidents in

In states where centralized agenattempt a systematic remedy of the conditions. But 34 states have no adequate system for securing such information and in few states is any record kept except where death or se- sick and died. rious personal injury result from accidents.

Committee's Recommendations

quate methods of truffic control, if the present situation is to be improved." And the committee's recommendations provide that:

"Statistics regarding street and highway accidents are so vital to any comprehensive understanding and treatment of the safety problem that their collection and analysis in every state and community is essential.

"Where such do not exist, statutes should be passed in every state which should make it the specific business of some state agency, preferably that clothed with authority to issue and revoke licenses, to receive traffic accident reports and investigate all such accidents, whether occurring within or without the corporate limits of mu-

"It should be made, by law, obligatory for those concerned to report all traffic accidents, and an adequate pensity for failure to report should be provided.

"Reasonable uniformity in reporting and tabulating data is essential, and some competent body should undertake the compliation of standard definitions of terms.

"Sufficiently detailed information should be gathered to indicate clearly whether the accidents occurred because of: Recklessness, carelessness or incapacity of persons; fault of mechanism of vehicle; physical conditions of the locality where the accident occurred.

Urges Spot Maps.

The committee includes 18 items of which lasted through the ages the information which should be ob- rings iny buried in the pueblo ruins. tained to constitute an adequate report.

action, should be maintained.

The experience of the committee led the rubbish. Its members to express the hope that its report "will lead to improvement in the field of truffic accident reporting; that it will stimulate the governmental agencies and the various private organizations interested to a greater efforts,"

In its study of fatal accidents the

the census bureau that highway fatalities are growing at a more rapid rate than accidental deaths from all causes and that automobile fatalities are growing more rapidly than highway fatalities as a whole. For example, the total number of accidental deaths increased 10.7 per cent between 1922 and 1923, whereas the total number of highway familities increased 17.8 per cent, and automobile fatalities increased 20.3 per cent.

Woman 100 Years Old Does Own Housework

Grand Ledge, Mich .- "I came to have glasses fitted, not my age," Mrs. Adella D. Pickens, one hundred years old, told an optometrist recently when she came here from her home near Vermontville to get new glasses.

"I'm too busy to think about my age," she said, "but I want the glasses to read with in my spare moments when I'm not busy with housework."

Mrs. Pickens lives with her only remaining child, a bachelor son, and she does all her own housework. She has had five children, Recently she decided it was cheaper to buy bread than bake it, but feared her friends would think she was getting lazy if she didn't bake, so she continued to make her own, and it's mighty good bread, too, her neigh cles have been created to investigate bors say. Her active life has kept such accidents, it has been possible to wrinkles away and she does not appear more than sixty years old.

She has been a widow since 1861, when her husband went to Kentucky to get a sick brother and himself fell WINS HIGH OFFICE



Mrs. Florence E. Knapp, Republican was elected secretary of state of New York, having the distinction of being the first of her sex to hold that office.

Unbobbed Bride Worth \$30,000 If He Gets Her

Spokane, Wash.-R. H. Le la Cheur. transfer man of this city, will re ceive \$30,000 from the estate of an uncle who died in France recently if he weds a woman with unbobbed hair "who does not seek his money and who has good judgment and pride in He said he expects to qualify for the bequest.

Such facts, the committee says, "are fundamental to the adoption of ade-Ancient America

Pre-Columbian Apartment House Yields Store.

Washington, D. C.-Neil M. Judd, leader of the National Geographic society's expedition to Pueblo Bonito, the pre-Columbian "apartment house" of Chaco canyon, New Mexico, has brought back to Washington an amazing array of exquisite art objects and domestic utensits which shed new light on an early metropolis of Indian

Perhaps the most beautiful piece in the collection is a turquoise necklace of 2,500 pieces and four pendantsthe only complete specimen of such a necklace known. The method by which the Indians ground down the tiny pieces, and bored them out to strung on sinews, has won the admiration of modern jewelers who have seen it. The four pendants are remarkable specimens of turquoise, deep blue, and with them, Mr. Judd sald, he could have purchased every Indian borse in San Juan county.

Jewels Mounted With Pine Gum. Other unique objects d'art are jet rings, perfectly rounded, on which are mounted tiny carved turquoise birds. The mounting was done with pine gum. the adhesive of the American ancients,

To get these, and other tiny pieces, the geographic explorers have sifted Spot maps, to detect danger points tons of debris, after building a miniaand to serve as a basis for remedial ture railroad, and set mule-drawn steel dump cars to work hauling out

Recovered by this tedious process are some of the closest woven and finest specimens of Indian basketry yet discovered. To preserve these required the utmost dexterity, for often upon exposure a zephyritke breeze would more intensive study . . . and dissipate the specimens. The hope of preserving them lay in waxing them which were brought from points as dis

finds is a double busket, the like of which has hitherto been unknown in ruins other than cliff dwellings, and the use of which has not yet been determined. It may furnish another ciue to piece out further the habits, customs and religious beliefs of these aborigines. Although they left no written words, nor even any pictograph records that can be deciphered. they attained a civilization as interesting as the early cultures along the Nile and in Mesopotamia, yet distinctive from all Old World peoples. Already the daily life of the Bonito dwellers has been pieced out patiently in great detail.

"That object looks like a 'vanity box," remarked one geographer who viewed the collections.

"Not only that, but here is a bit of the rouge the Bonitans used," replied Mr. Judd, and he displayed a lump of reddish clay, which still will color the flesh. These "makeup" devices were used by the Bonitan men, however, rather than their women, and they served principally for the beautification of participants in their dramatic religious ceremonies.

Pipes also are in the collection. Some of these were "pleasure pipes" resembling very much the short, large bowl English models. Others resemble eigar holders, with flaring bowls, and these were used to "make clouds" in

Objects which shed light on the economic habits of the Boultans are the fleshers, with jet and turquoise inlays, used to remove flesh from the skins of animals; flint knives, which are chipped down with infinite skill and patience; and bone needles, used in sewing skins.

The broad area of communication of these ancient peoples is disclosed by objects found in their "apartments" tant as the Pacific coast and the vai-

In its study of fatal accidents the immediately upon their exposure. tant as the P committee found from the records of Historically one of the important ley of Mexico.



at a cost of \$2,000,000, and presented to the city as a memorial to its war dead, by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Spreckels. It houses a great art collection. The picture was made during the dedication ceremonies,

Have You This Habit?

By Margaret Morison

A GOOD MIND

A FTER 25 years of married life, it was more fun for Mrs. William to plan and get her husband's present than it had been even the first Christmases. One year she left Billy's book lt was always a book-until last. His own special copy of "Rab-ble Burns" had been lost, and, without saying anything to Billy, she meant if possible to duplicate it. Burns was the poet from whom he loved to quote on all occasions-there was a man, he was wont to say, who really offered one the milk of human kindness. So Mrs. William proceeded first to the library to hunt up the special edition that the lost copy had

The librarian had a straight line between her eyes and the corners of her mouth were drawn down. Mrs. William, who had carefully consulted the card catalogue before applying at the desk, was met with an ley stare. This was Christman week and the Bhrary was short-handed; if she wanted a special edition she'd have to wait until the boy had time to hunt. Mrs. William was perfectly willing to wait-and she did; for three-quar-

ters of an hour. With her glow of pleasure some-what lessened, she continued on her errand. At the book store where she dealt there was a tired and jostling crowd and a corps of Christmas trade clerks-Mrs. William wondered if these were the same "boys" that had made the library short-handed. The employee she accosted was not interested in Robert Burns, and took no pains to conceal his scorn of one so entirely unaware of the "best sellers," Mrs. William was made to feel that it was no time to come asking for a book so out of the holiday line.

As she came out onto the street, she had begun to think that perhaps the Christmas spirit was indeed a thing of slower-moving and lesscrowded generations. It had started to rain and the rising wind whipped the storm round her ankles. A gust eaught her umbrells, and as she struggled to hold it her package with Bil-

ly's poems fell to the wet pavement, 'Some night!" came a childish high-pitched voice at her side, and tooking down she saw a quaint figure in the uniform of a messenger boy picking up her lost book. He was almost a midget and was evidently

man past fifty. His face was adaverous and there were deep lines round his mouth, but in his eyes was the extravagant desire to take him home with her to their warm fire and good supper and Billy and "Rabble

For he had crystallized a thought for her; that the habit of pleasantness means mental fitness; cross-grained person is not a healthy animal. To desire the best, expect the best, demand the best from others, and to acquire the babit of turning a tranquil countenance toward used to mean by "good nature" but what we mean now by a good mind.

HAVE YOU THIS HABIT? (D by Metropolitan Newspaper Service.)

Mother's Cook Book

Out of the night that covers me, Black as the pit from pole to pole, thank whatever gods may be For my unconquerable soul.

COMPANY GOOD THINGS

A CAPON is most delicious eating.

The following recipe may be varied as to stuffing and sauce. Oyster stuffing is especially good:

Roast Capon With Savory Stuffing. Cook the liver of the capon with one or two chicken livers in very little water and press through a colander. Moisten one pint of bread crumbs with the water in which the livers were cooked; press out superfluous moisture, and add while hot, six tablespoon fuls of butter, one tablespoonful of chopped parsley, six chopped mushems, seasoning to taste and lastly bind with one well-beaten egg. Fill the capon, truss for roasting and cook in a hot oven, allowing fifteen to eighteen minutes to a pound for a large capon. Serve with:

Truffle Sauce.

Rub through a colander with two tablespoonfuls of butter, one-fourth of a pound of truffles, heat in a saucepan with one ounce of lean ham finely chopped, and a sprig of parsley minced. Add one and one-half cup fuls of brown stock and thicken with one and one-half tablespoonfuls of arrowroot, blended with cold water,

Mushrooms In Pepper Cups.

Remove the stems from green pep pers, cut a slice from the top and take out seeds and membranes. Parboll, place each pepper on a slice of tonst and fill with mushrooms broken into small bits and pressed firmly into the cups. Place the toast and peppers on a grating or rack in a dripping pan and bake in a hot oven fifteen to twenty minutes. Senson with butter and sait, with a dash of pepper on each

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Old Tablet Records Birth.

QUEEN HATCHERY JAY TO

A tablet recording the birth of a girl, Herrennia Gemella, March 11, 128 A. D., is preserved in the vaults of the the flash of fun and youth. And all University of Michigan. It was found pert mechanics. the time that Mrs. William thanked in Egypt in 1922 and was translated at him s dately, there was in her mind the British museum. The wooden leaves open like a folding slate, teed satisfactory. Though the seals have disappeared the names of the witnesses are read with

Inch in Millionths.

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Heat Simply Regulated.

snow house uniform, the Eskimo keeps changing the thickness of the roof of the house. When it becomes too hot he shaves the snow blocks to let the cold penetrate.

Evil in Emptiness.

Empty hours, empty hands, empty companions, empty words, empty

Ask Yourself. Do you count your birthdays thankfully, forgive your friends, grow gen-

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Shells for Gas Masks.

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