

Democratic Watchman

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TIME EXPERT OF READING R.R. GIVES RULES FOR THE CARE OF WATCHES.

Superintendent of Time Service Tells of Part Timepieces Play in Modern Life.

"To most people a watch is just a watch," says Alexander Mueller, superintendent of time service of the Reading Company. "They know little of its development and improvement during the last half century. In a general way they know it must be wound up; that it has a main spring and a hair spring; by some method related to a lot of wheels—and conception they call the 'works.'"

"The part taken by the modern watch or clock in the harmonious working of the great and intricate machinery of modern civilization is not fully understood or appreciated. If millions of time pieces in the pockets of busy men and women, and on the walls of their homes and offices were suddenly and permanently to stop, a demoralization would result that could not be obtained from the removal of any other device of modern civilization—disorder and chaos would reign supreme.

DISTINCTLY AMERICAN.

"The modern locomotive and the modern watch are both distinctly American. Practically, they have been developing within the same period of time—and within the life span of people now living. The mechanism of the one, inducing high speed, has demanded of the mechanism of the other, safety through an exact indication of time. That the watchmaker's efforts have kept pace with the advancement of the locomotive is evidenced by the simple statement that railway travel is safer than ordinary vocations of life. As greater speed and safety have been added to the locomotive achievements by accepted mechanical devices, more weight, an enlarged firebox and a broadened and lengthened boiler, the American watch factories have produced a stronger and more exact watch to accompany it.

17,500 REVOLUTIONS PER HOUR.

"If the engineer had forgotten to oil his locomotive and the express train you were traveling on should stop for half an hour, that an overheated journal bearing might be renewed, you might feel like suing someone for damages. The driving wheels of the class G-1 locomotive makes 17,500 revolutions an hour, and so on an average, are oiled after three or four hours of service—the balance wheel of a watch makes 18,000 revolutions an hour, yet when the watchmaker mildly suggests that your pocket timepiece should be cleaned and oiled after running a year or about 9,000 hours, you call him a legitimate pirate and classify him with 'Jesse James'. A modern watch movement is composed of 150 distinct parts and correct timekeeping depends upon the unity of action of all these parts.

"As gravitation keeps the great machinery of the universe in harmonious working order, without variation, from sunrise to sunset, so the ingenious device of man—the watch and clock—keeps the great business and social systems of the civilized world in one moving unit of order."

GOOD SUGGESTIONS.

Mr. Mueller offers the following timely suggestions on the care of your watch:

Remember to wind the watch up full at least once in every 26 hours. Thus only will the mainspring receive its fullest power.

Always keep the watch in the same position when not in use, as when it is carried. If you carry your watch in the vest pocket, allow it to remain there when you retire, hanging the vest on a clothes pole or back of a chair.

Expecting your watch to give a close rate if hung on hook or nail is erroneous. This causes the watch to oscillate slightly, thereby giving balance wheel a contrary motion.

Don't expect a seven jewel unadjusted movement to last as long or run as accurately as a well-jeweled adjusted standard watch.

Never carry watch in pocket of an unbuttoned coat or jumper. It should be carried in close fitting pocket close to the body.

If your watch is not keeping time do not attempt to regulate it yourself, but call on a man competent in the business. A watch is not always regulated by means of the regulator.

Give your watch to a competent watch repairer to oil and overhaul at least once in every 18 months. After that period all oil has practically evaporated.

Realize that you must treat your watch right. It is the most serviceable machine ever invented, but don't forget that it is governed by natural laws.

U. S. Has 81 Per Cent. of All Cars.

Eighty-one per cent. of the world's motor vehicles are owned in the United States, according to the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, and there are 3,445,642 persons employed in the industry.

Foreign countries bought 536,741 American motor vehicles in 1925. Motor vehicle exports now constitute the third largest of the United States shipments abroad.

Among the activities in the truck and bus field it is noted that there are 14,000 miles of bus routes operated. Thirty-one steam railroads are using motorbuses equipment.

Taxes paid by the motor vehicles totaled \$667,000,000 in 1925. This was close to the total of taxation required for the entire highway bill of the nation. This bill amounted to approximately \$1,000,000,000 of which, however, nearly \$300,000,000 was raised by bonds.

Outdoor Good Manners.

The great mass of cultivated and common sense Americans are probably as free as any people in the world from the kind of caste feeling that springs from birth or money. One test, however, they do apply to those who would share their friendship and have a place in their social life—the test of manners.

No one needs a manual of etiquette to teach him what ordinary good manners are. We learn almost automatically, by contact with one another and with the world. A gentleman does not carry away books or an umbrella from a house in which he is a guest or leave banana skins and orange peel on the sideboard. A lady does not help herself to a handkerchief from her hostess' dressing table, or carry away pieces of bric-a-brac, or cut slips from the potted plants. Indoor manners are a matter of course to everyone who makes any pretense to good breeding.

But outdoor manners are another story. There are campers who think nothing of littering nature's hearthstone with greasy papers, egg shells and melon rinds and her sideboard with empty bottles and discarded luncheon boxes. They plunder her gardens of the arbutus, the dogwood, the holly, the laurel and the black alder. Worst of all, too many of them through carelessness with matches and fires destroy her very domicile and leave the hospitable roof that sheltered them a blackened and smoldering ruin.

Three hostesses there are who entertain more guests than any others, and entertain them more gracefully, because they do it so simply and without display. They are the nation, the state and the community, all of which maintain parks for the health and recreation of their people. With them should be classed, too, the owners of private woodlands who hold them open to the public. To abuse that hospitality by leaving dirty camping places, unextinguished fires and a trail of broken and despoiled woods is to forfeit the society of the well-bred and choose the companionship of bores.

Against those who so choose a tide of public indignation is rising, and through such channels as the Conservation Division of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the National Bureau of Education, the Boy Scout and the Parent Teachers' Association is preparing to exert its influence to create a code of manners that shall respect outdoor no less than indoor hospitality.—Reformatory Record.

Foreign Pilots Enter Altoona Races.

Paris, France, and Melbourne, Australia, are eagerly awaiting the outcome of the motorcycle races in Altoona July 5th.

Both have representatives in the races and both therefore are following the events as all foreign cities do when an international complexion is given to competitive American athletics.

Spencer Stratton will be the Australian representative. He comes from Melbourne, and he holds all track records, both speedway and dirt, for his own country.

"Frenchie" Depollier will be the Parisian representative. He does not come with a long string of victories mainly because he has been riding foreign equipment. But he proposes using American equipment in the July 5th races and may as a consequence return to his own country better known to the sport followers.

Stratton, too, expects to ride American mounts. He is at present in Springfield, Mass., where he is learning all that can be learned in a short stretch of time about his Indian mounts; and he hopes to add some American records to his Australian ones before returning to his native continent.

Both Stratton and Depollier plan reaching Altoona sometime this week in order to have ample time to try out their mounts on what to them is a new type of speedway.

This marks the first time in competitive American motorcycle events that foreign riders have been entered. Stratton, however, is now the Australian champion, and his work of course will be watched with interest.

Forest Service Will Round Up Wild Horses.

Bozeman, Mont.—Last year the forest service initiated the plan of rounding up and disposing of all wild horses within the confines of the national forest and plans to continue the drive this year.

In 1925 there were 300 head captured in the Gallatin national forest alone, and it is estimated that there are 500 of these useless animals still within this forest range. Throughout the national forest of the State there are thousands more.

Some of these animals were at one time domesticated. They were turned out to forage for themselves and those of the least value were not rounded up. In time many of them became wild and the ones that survived the winters and predatory animals bred with other bands and thus herds were formed.

First Fourth Was Solemn.

The first set celebration of the nation's birthday was imbued with a joyous solemnity. It was only one year after the momentous declaration that chronicled the coming to life of the greatest nation on the earth. The glorious destiny of the infant republic was veiled in uncertainty. Both present and future seemed dark and threatening. Our valiant forefathers hoped and dared, resolved to cast off the fetters of tyranny or die in the attempt, but the struggle was still before them and its outcome shrouded in obscurity. Therefore it was meet and right that this first national celebration should partake of a solemn and religious as well as joyous character.—Helen Harcourt in Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

FARM NOTES.

—Clover hay makes an ideal roughage for pregnant sows.

—Hogs following cattle in the feeding lot are generally handled at a profit.

—To preserve a good lawn, mow it once a week with the knives of the machine set high.

—Nothing is more important to successful hog raising than clean, dry quarters for the breeding herd.

—Dairy farming conserves fertility as about three-fourths of the fertilizing elements found in a dairy cow's feed are voided in the solid and liquid manure.

—On short pastures the dairy cow does not get enough feed for both maintenance and milk production. Grain must be fed in addition to keep up the milk flow.

—When spreading manure or other fertilizer around orchard trees, apply it evenly to an area about twice the spread of the branches, which is the feeding of the tree.

—Two or three pounds of corn silage a day makes a good addition to the legume hay for nursing or pregnant ewes. An all-silage ration is poor stuff. Timothy hay is not recommended for sheep.

—Choose a cloudy day, when possible, for cutting the lawn. When the sun is not shining the grass yields more easily to the mower knives. At the same time, it can be cut closely without scorching.

—Charcoal for hogs is one of the essentials in the feed lot, and one of the most neglected. Hogs that are off their feed can usually be brought into condition quickly, with a few chunks of charcoal.

—Thrift strawberry plants, well cared for now, will develop into a full row of runner plants by fall, and the size of the crop next spring will be governed largely by the stand of plants secured this year.

—Keeping the poultry house cool in summer is a problem with many poultrymen. This is just as important as keeping it warm in winter. The poultry house recommended by the Pennsylvania State College specialists provides for plenty of ventilation with practically no draughts.

—Blue ointment mixed with an equal part of vaseline or lard will get rid of lice on chickens if an amount about the size of a pea is rubbed into the feathers just below the vent, poultry specialists of the Pennsylvania State College say. It is important that hens be rid of lice if good records are to be made.

—Experiments at South Dakota State college have shown that lambs do a good job of picking when turned loose in the cornfield. They will not only pick the silks of ears, leaves of corn and shucks on the ear, the parts of the corn plant usually wasted, but they will also find and eat weeds for variety.

—This is the proper time of the year for all shepherds to dip their flocks for ticks or lice. The greatest infestation of ticks in years has been experienced in Pennsylvania this spring. If sheep are not dipped it means the feeding of high-priced grain to ticks. Any of the standard stock dips used according to directions will do the trick.

—Soil must be much richer for successful gardening than for general farming. Liberal application of manure therefore will be beneficial. Stable manure should be applied broadcast at the rate of 40 tons an acre. When the garden is plowed in the fall the manure is more nearly incorporated in the soil, the land can be worked earlier in the spring, the plowing is done and operations may start just as soon as spring opens. The manure adds plant food and organic matter to the soil and thus improves both its chemical and mechanical condition.

When manure is not available, organic matter may be added to the soil by growing and turning under a cover crop. When legumes are used for this, nitrogen also is added to the soil. If the ground is poor, commercial fertilizer may be applied just after working the soil next spring.

—The green cabbage and cauliflower worms that do so much damage to the leaves of these plants come from the eggs laid by the white cabbage butterflies. They are easily destroyed by spraying or dusting with one ounce to two gallons of water, or pyrethrum powder may be dusted on the plants. It is difficult to get the spray to stick to the smooth glossy foliage of any of the cabbage family, but the spray may be greatly improved by adding one-half ounce of soap to each two gallons of the arsenical spray. Dusting early in the morning or after a rain with pyrethrum powder or any of the arsenical poisons is very satisfactory. A useful homemade duster is a cheesecloth bag or sack or one made from any other thin, strong material, and then by going over the plants using a stick to beat the dust from the bag a very satisfactory job can be done.

—The farm horse population of Pennsylvania has decreased considerably during the past few decades in the face of continued industrial expansion. Tabulations just completed from the triennial farm census returns show 397,949 horses and 51,983 mules on the farms of the State. This is a decrease in both horses and mules since the 1920 Federal census. In 1900, there were 589,754 horses in the State. Taking the United States as a whole, the number of horses has decreased from 19,767,000 in 1920 to 17,589,000 in 1924.

Statistics show that but seven per cent of the horses on Pennsylvania farms are under four years of age, 41 per cent. from four to nine years old, and 52 per cent. ten years old or over. Officials of the State Department of Agriculture see an opportunity in this present situation especially for farmers who have no convenient market for their roughage and can breed horses of the right type.

—A movement has been organized in Fort Wayne, Ind., to build a model highway from Lumberlost cabin, on Sylva lake, to Luberlost cabin, near Lake Geneva, as a memorial to Mrs. Gene Stratton-Porter.

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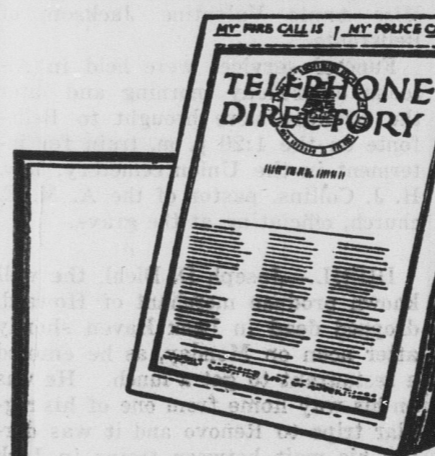
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