THE WHY of

SUPERSTITIONS

By H. IRVING KING

REASSEMBLING SNAKE

A snake" can be cut into pleces,

which pieces will reunite into a living

snake. This belief is general through-

out the United States. In some sec-

tions they have a variation of this

to the effect that if any snake is cut

into two pieces, the part that contains

the head will swallow the tail part

which will grow on again and the

snake be as good as new. Those who

believe in this reassembling snake superstition believe in it very thorough-

but as an accepted fact in natural his-

tory. Question one of these closely,

and while he has never seen the re-

assembling operation himself, he al-

ways knows of some one who has-

sible, proves not really to have wit

stition is evidently an echo of the old

powers of evil. In the Egyptian story

Apepl is the great enemy of Osiris,

the representative of the beneficent

myth in its Egyptian form is varied

and inconsistent in many ways. The

Egyptians in their religion were con-

tent to let contradictions and incon-

sistencies stand calmly side by side.

But the gist of the story appears to

be with regard to the great serpent

that while he was slain by Horus-

cut up, say some of the accounts-he

reassembled and, coming to life again,

renewed the war of evil against right-

eousness. Here is a truth set forth

in fable by Egyptian priests thousands

of years ago and as the conflict of

evil with good still endures, so, in the

guise of a popular superstition, still

lingers the myth in which the priests

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"To judge with candor and speak no

wrong, The feeble to support against the

To soothe the wretched and the poor to feed,

Will cover many an idle, foolish deed."

A SYMPOSIUM OF SALADS

S ALADS may be made from small amounts of various foods, so ar-

ranged and garnished that they are

New Carrot Salad.

Dissolve one-half package of lem-

onade jello and put to cool in shallow

pan, so that it may be cut into small

cubes when thick. Grate a cupful of

fresh carrot, add a tablespoonful of

grated onion and half a cupful of

finely minced celery, mix with a good

salad dressing and let stand in a cool

place an hour to season. When ready

to serve alternate heaps of the cubed

lemon jello with the carrot mixture

on lettuce; heap on a spoonful of

French Dressing.

dressings and the easiest to prepare.

Take good sweet olive oil, three table-

spoonfuls to one of cider vinegar, add

a pinch of salt, a dash of cayenne and

a bit of powdered sugar. Beat with

an egg beater until thick and well-

blended. Adding chopped pepper,

onion and minced parsley to French

dressing makes a seasoning for salads

This is the simplest of all salad

mayonnaise and serve.

which is most tasty.

most inviting in appearance.

of Osiris clothed it.

which some one is generally either

SNAKE known as the "joint

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT By F. . A. WALKER

A VERHAL TRANSMUTATION

WASTING PRECIOUS TIME

THE pleasure-loving young men and women who form the harmful habit of loafing when there is work to be done, or waste precious time in pursuit of vanities, are taking great chances with their future.

Although they may not, in the spring-time of life, be apostles of laxity, there will come a day, if they persist in indifference, when they will be recognized as such, and everywhere shunned.

No man or woman can attain cleverness, alertness and brightness of ly and regard it not as superstition mind while living in a drowsy enervating atmosphere.

· Each day ambition drops a little lower, ideals which were once clear and beautiful, become dim and unin-

You may imagine that there is no particular peril in dropping important duties and sneaking away some- nessed the phenomenon, but has it where to smoke a cigarette, but if "on the best authority." This superon return to your desk you will reflect a moment, and impartially ex- mythological story of that great seramine yourself, you will find that | pent called by the Egyptians Set-or something has been permanently lost. Apepl and by the Greek's Typhon, the

The continuity of thought has been | representative and embodiment of the broken, the threads are awry, frequently very much tangled, and often five, ten or fifteen minutes are required to get the mind going in the powers, and is at war with him. The smooth, easy running gait it was moving when you stepped out to steal

the coveted puff. The youth who, in the beginning, yields somewhat timidly to such temptations, decides after frequent repetitions that he or she is taking no undue liberty. With this thought come the good-by to self-respect, and the proffering of the glad-hand to bad

It is not surprising that such youths make shipwrecks, but that any get to port.

And yet such persons are indigmant if they fail to be promoted, or cannot leap up at one bound to the beights of proficiency. For their own thoughtless, erring

and untrue selves, they blame others. So thinking, they lose their grip on self-respect, become unworthy of trust, sell their birthright for a mess of pottage and drift out to sea hopeless wrecks at a time they should be booming into port under full sail, strong, sunny and prosperous.

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THE YOUNG LADY ACROSS THE WAY



The young lady across the way says the dictionary isn't enough for some of the puzzles and you really need a

plesiosaurus. (by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

A GOOD LITTLE KID

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

S HE makes lots of noise lots of times. At times when you're trying to

read; She asks you for nickels and dimes For things she can't possibly need. She doesn't do things she is told, And does do the things you forbid, And all of the day you must scold-And yet she's a good little kid.

Her noise-well, it's innocent noise, It's healthy, and happy, and glad; She's rough, she's as rough as the boys.

And yet-well, it's nothing that's bad. She doesn't say "Yes, ma'am" and "sir"

The way that you wish that she

You're worried a bit over her-And yet she's a good little kid.

We worry a lot over things

That really don't matter so much; And then ends the day, and it brings The night with its tendered touch. Then down on your knees you will

Forgetting the things that she did-For deep in your heart, after all. You know she's a good little kid. (@ by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

As Told by Irvin S. Cobb

ENOUGH'S ENOUGH

N SEPTEMBER of 1918 Col. Bozeman Bulger, then a major in charge of the press bureau of the A. E. F. was driving in his car up toward the front on the afternoon of a day when there had been hard fighting with the stubborn Germans. Limping down the high road on the way from the forward trenches to rest billets came company of infantry, or what was left of it, just relieved after more than a week of practically continuous

service under fire. The officer in command was a lanky youth of perhaps twenty-two whose face was gray with exhaustion where it was not yellow with streakings of dried mud. He saluted Bulger, asking for something to smoke. He had been without tobacco, he said, for four dead or "moved away," or if accesdays without food too for most of that time; but tobacco was what he mainly craved.

Bulger left his car and he and the youth sat down together in a convenient shell hole to pass the time of day. Between long, grateful puits on a cigarette of Bulger's providing, the youth discoursed of his recent expe- low. riences in the slow drawl of a southwesterner.

"Major," he said, "we've had it pretty toler'ble tough these last few days -the Heinles shelling us day and night, communication interrupted and liaison broken, no chow to speak of, no makin's, no nothing except mud and wet and the chances of being blown into little scraps.

"As a matter of fact, I've had pretty rough sledding ever since I got over here, and that's more than a year ago. I haven't had any leavethey seem to have overlooked me when they were passing out the trips to Paris and other places-and I've been working my head off when I wasn't in the line on active duty. And now, finally, to top off with, we have this week up front."

"Where are you from?" asked Bul-

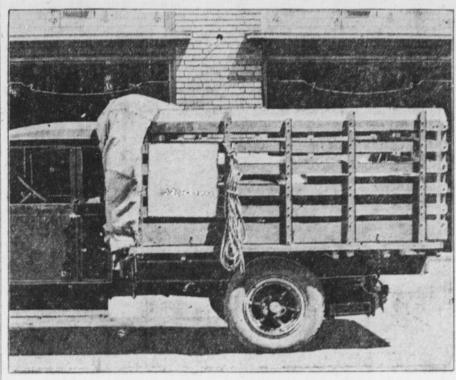
"Texas," replied the youth. "Yes, sir, I was teaching school down there when we got into this war. I had a mother dependent on me, and while I wanted to go and do my bit I thought It better on my mother's account that I should wait until the draft took me. But while I was trying to decide Senator Morris Sheppard of our state came to our town and made a recruiting speech. He said it was high time we were satisfying our national honor. Well, sir, that phrase hit me right where I lived. The next day I went in as a volunteer, and after a spell I got a commission-and here I am, sitting in a mud hole in France.

"Major, I don't regret having done what I did do. If it was to do over again I reckon I wouldn't hesitate. But, major, as I look back on what I've gone through with ever since I landed, and more especially on what's happened to me lately, I don't mind telling you, in strict confidence, that my national honor is dern near satisfled !"

(by the Central Press Association.)



OVERLOADED TRUCK CAUSE OF TIRE WEAR



Truck is Useful Implement on Most Farms

Overloading of trucks is the big | cerning brake adjustments from the cause of excessive tire wear. Perhaps no part of the truck is subjected to greater strain on overloads than

rules of inflation. With regard to the latter subject, the tire manufacturer's instructions on inflation of truck tires should be observed consistently. Overinflation is, in most cases, as dangerous as underinflation. .

Even braking is necessary to obtain maximum wear and tear. Assuming first adjustment is at the brake band mechanism. Regular inspection of brakes is necessary and an even contact of the band at all points is requisite in good adjustment. Uneven con-Operators can obtain full details con- are due to a lack of lubrication,

vehicle manufacturer's book of instructions.

A severe shock, such as results in striking a curb, may spring the Where pneumatics are used this knuckle rod, thus throwing the front practice does as much damage to truck | wheels out of proper adjustment. This tires as a complete disregard of the results in hard steering and excessive wearing of tires, either solid or pneumatics. In a case which recently came to my attention an operator completely ruined a pair of pneumatic tires on a 50-mile drive after a slight accident.

The front wheels should not be lined up exactly parallel. Tie rod adjusteven pull, the proper place to make ments should produce a "toe-in" of one-fourth to one-half of an inch in or shoe, not at any other part of the the front wheels (see manufacturer's instructions for exact dimensions and method of making adjustment).

Lubrication of all steering gear connections, including steering knuckles. tact of brake bands is the cause of at regular intervals, is necessary. The "chattering" when brakes are applied. | majority of "hard steering" complaints

RED TO YELLOW CHANGE FOUGHT

Switch of Tail Light Is Opposed by Majority of A. A. A. Clubs.

ond national conference on street and highway safety, the American Automobile association has conducted a canvass of sentiment among its affiliated clubs as to the proposal made at the conference to change the tall lights of automobiles from red to yel-

It develops, according to A. A. A. headquarters, that the motor clubs already heard from regarding this proposed innovation are against it. and take the position that such a change, applying to 20,000,000 motor vehicles would cause untold confusion on the highways and would inevitably tend to increase the toll of traffic accidents.

Rank and File Oppose. This was practically the one proposition on which the A. A. A. took is sue with the recommendations made by the committees of the Hoover conference and it was at the insistence of club executives that a decision or the tail light was postponed. All developments since the conference indicate, it is stated, that the rank and file of the motoring public stand by the resolution adopted at the time by the A. A. A. as follows:

"That the secretaries of clubs affillated with the American Automobile association in convention assembled hereby condemn the proposed change as being detrimental to public safety and to the best interest of 20,000,000 motor vehicle on the fenders. Bent or broken fendowners."

Railways Want It. Although no mention was made in the resolution of the forces urging the change, it was well known that the railroads and the motor clubs were on different sides of the fence on this | tinuous rubbing on the tires. If a Important matter. Notice has been change is made to oversize tires, be served by the A. A. A. that proper provision must be made for representation of the motorists before any committee that takes up this question for further study, as provided by the safety conference.

Little Gasoline Needed

to Run Baby Automobile A baby automobile, no longer than

a man is high, pulled into Washington recently and sailed up to the capitol, the end of a transcontinental tour from San Francisco, says Popular Science Monthly. Its driver, Gus Petzel of Alameda, Calif., was also the designer of the sturdy little machine that scooted over mountains and deserts that bother cars five times

its size. It has a four-cylinder air-cooled motor, nine speeds, electric lights and starter, and is equipped with airplane tires. The wheel base measures 60 inches, and the car weighs only 560 avoid battery damage. pounds. It can make a speed of 80 miles an hour on the track, it is claimed, and 65 on the road. After reaching Washington the designer demonstrated that his unique little car could travel 52 miles on a gallon of gasoline.

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Projections on Fenders Likely to Injure Tires

Be careful that a sharp turn of the front wheels does not bring the tire in contact with a spring fender or bumper. As the wheel turns this projection will quickly cut through the tread of the tire. When the car is heavily loaded there is danger that in passing over rough roads the tires will be bumped or gouged by projections ers may also be in a position where they will gouge the tires. Inspect beneath the fender and make sure that there are no projections which could strike upon the tire. You may find bolts rubbed smooth and bright by consure that there will be sufficient clearance between tire and fender when the car is loaded to capacity. This is, however, provided by most

Important to Keep Your Automobile at Its Best See that your oil-pressure gauge op-

car manufacturers.

erates at all times. If no pressure is indicated, stop and have your trouble remedied at once. Keep sufficient good cylinder oil in

pan at all times. See that the radiator is kept filled with water. See that front wheels toe-in five-six-

teenths of an inch at front. Wheels should be checked occasionally for alignment to avoid tire wear. Keep your battery filled with dis-

tilled water. See that your generator charges sufficient amperage at all times to

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discover the cause. See that springs are greased occasionally. Before starting set spark lever

about one-fourth up sector.

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Plague of Jellyfish

All is not roses and sweet-scented scenery in the neighborhood of the French Riviera. The little fishing village of Cros-de-Cagnes, just outside Nice, soon will be uninhabitable unless some means is found of destroying the millions of jellyfish which have appeared in the bay. Huge piles of dead fish are nightly thrown up on the beach and the authorities recently were unable to clean them away before they began to rot. Attempts to burn the fish had been unsuccessful.

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