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### By ELMO SCOTT WATSON



NE of the favorite beliefs of the American people - probably because of the subtle flattery of their intelligence which it implies-is that Lincoln once said, "You can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the

tluie, but you can't fool all the people all the time." Although some persons confuse this quotation with P. T. Barnum's "the people like to be fooled." probably ninety-nine out of every hundred who have occasion to quote this epigram believe implicitly that the words are Lincoln's.

But did Lincoln ever really say it? Rev. W. E. Barton, probably the best-



GEN. W. T. SHERMAN "War is hell!"

faformed man on the life of Lincoln today, whose investigations gave to the world last year the truth about Lincoln's famous Bixby letter, recently set out to learn the truth about the "fool the people" quotation, which is said to have been uttered at Clinton, III.. between the second and third joint debates with Douglas. His conclusion in the matter, as given in an article in a recent issue of the Dearborn Independent, is incorporated in the following statement:

To my mind the strongest negative argument is not that so few people remember hearing Lincoln say those words, but that, if he really said them at Clinton when Douglas was not present, he did not repeat so apt a phrase in one or more of the five remaining joint debates. He missed five excellent opportunities to use effectively an undeniably pat expression.

Nevertheless I incline to the belief that Lincoln actually used those words



ABRAHAM LINCOLN "You can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people. all the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time."

late John Dickinson Sherman, feature writer for the Western Newspaper Union until his death in 1925, then Hyde Park correspondent for the Chicago Tribune, and his friend, Clarence P. Dresser, Hyde Park correspondent of the City Press, succeeded in boarding the Vanderbilt special when It stopped at Michigan City, Ind., for water. After the train was on its way they were admitted to Mr. Vanderbilt's private car and granted an interview. In the course of the interview Mr. Sherman put this question to the railroad magnate, "Do your limited express trains pay or do you run them for the accommodation of the public?" "Accommodation of the public !" exclaimed Mr. Vanderbilt, "the public be damned! We run them because we

erate Veterans' camp of New York on January 26, 1903. It has never been found in any of Sherman's sayings

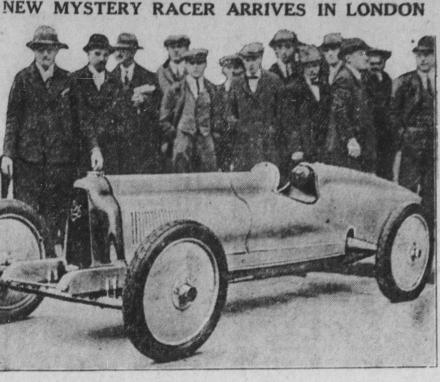
or writings. So there you are! Horace Greeley was not the first to say, "Go West, young man, go West !" although history says that he did. The man who first said it was John L. B. Soule, editor of the Terre Haute (Ind.) Express. In an editorial about the West's opportunities for young men he declared that Horace Greeley could never have given a young men better advice than contained in the words. "Go West, young man." This was stated merely as Soule's opinion of what Greeley might have said, but newspapers all over the country repeated the saying and credited it to Greeley. Finally the famous editor of the New York Tribune reprinted Soule's editorial with this footnote: "The expression of this senti-



ADMIRAL GEORGE DEWEY "You may fire when ready, Gridley!"

ment has been attributed to the editor of the Tribune erroneously. But so fully does he concur in the advice it gives that he indorses most heartily the epigrammatic advice of the Terre Haute Express and joins in saying, 'Go West, young man, go West.' "

Admiral Dewey, standing on the bridge of the Olympia at the battle of Manila bay and watching the oncoming Spanish fleet, remarked quietly. "You may fire when ready, Gridley." So says history, and it has become one of our favorite quotations. But in an interview published in the Chicago Evening Post of October 29. 1899, Dewey is quoted as saying "that the American policy toward Aguinaldo should be 'straight from the shoulder' with plenty of force behind it, that he did not tell Gridley to fire when ready. and that he does not want to be Presi-



The photograph shows the new mystery English racing car which, on a test, easily made 140 miles an hour and has killed its last driver.

SPARK PLUG'S **INSIDE STORY** 

## Sillimanite Used for Cores Found Only After Wearisome Search.

Those small porcelain plugs on which your motor depends for its efficiency and power are the basis of an industry running into the millions in production and value.

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All this care and research and adventure have built up an industry that produces 80,000,000 spark plugs annually, at a value of some \$60,000.-900. The sillimanite that goes into their manufacture is the discovery of Cold Weather Adds to Traffic Hazards Winter weather brings in-

creased traffic hazards, points out Walter G. King, president of the National Safety council, who calls attention to the fact that both motorists and pedestrians should be extremely careful when snow, hall and sleet are likely to obscure the vision of people both afoot and at the steering wheel.

Here are some suggestions: Be sure your auto is equipped with a windshield cleaner. Many drivers prefer the automatic device which permits motorists to keep both hands free for driving and stopping purposes.

Brakes that function efficiently are absolutely essential at all times and especially during this kind of weather. They should be tested frequently and regularly.

Chains shouldn't be left in the garage these days. When the tires are worn, the car is especially liable to skid if the brakes are applied suddenly. With good treads the danger is somewhat minimized.

Have all of your equipment in good condition. Don't ignore the steering gear, headlights and tail-lights, horns, batteries and other apparatus, if you would avoid accidents.

## Luggage Stored on Top of a Closed Automobile



There are no sleeping cars on the road to success.





CORNELIUS VANDERBILT "The public be damned!"

and at Clinton. The evidence is far from conclusive, but it is not lacking in probability. It sounds like Lincoln, and the occasion alleged is one in which the words might appropriately have been used.

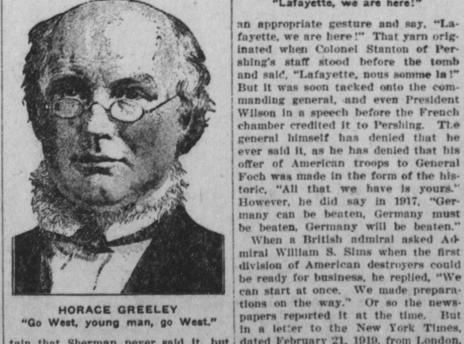
But if Lincoln never spoke this clever apothegm, then it would almost seem possible to fool all the people all the time: for all the people, virtually, believe these words to have been Lincoln's.

If "the people" remember that Lincoin said they couldn't be fooled all the time, because they like to believe that, then "the public" well remembers that it was once damned by a Vanderbilt, probably because of popular prejudice against Wall Street and men of money. The "public be damned" phrase is one over which there has been much dispute. It is usually, and erroneously, ascribed to "Commodore" Cornelius Vanderbilt, and members of the Vanderbilt family have often denied that it was ever uttered by one of their number. There has also been some dispute as to the circumstances under which it was uttered, but the facts in the case are these:

ADMIRAL W. S. SIMS "We can start at once. We made preparations on the way."

have to. They do not pay. We have tried again and again to get the different roads to give them up; but they will run them and, of course, as long as they run them, we must do the same."

Did General Sherman ever say, "War is hell !"? According to one version, he made this historic declaration at a reunion of his brother's brigade at Caldwell, Ohio. Another says that he uttered it at the graduating exercises of the Michigan Military academy at Orchard Lake, Mich., on June 19, 1879. The epigram, say some, is only an abbreviated quotation, the full text of which is, "I am tired and sick of war. Its glory is all moonshine. It is only those who have neither fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded, who cry aloud for blood, more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell !" Others main-



tain that Sherman never said it, but | dated February 21, 1919, from London,

In 1882 William H. Vanderbilt, son that the expression was first used by the admiral denied positively that the of the "Commodore," was on his way Charles Francis Adams at the thirto Chicago on a special train. The teenth annual dinner of the Confed- he ever made that reply.

a single saint. The day belongs to no an early pagan festival that was part fewer than seven persons in the com- of the Roman Lupercalia. The medieprehensive ecclesiastical calendar, and val custom in England and on the n bishop of Umbria and a priest of linked had to make presents to each called "Thamis." The Thames above Rome, both of the Third century, A. D. other and agree to be each other's Oxford often is called "Isis."

tory. The lover's festival is appar-

And it is now known that Pershing did not stand before the tomb, make

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GEN. JOHN J. PERSHING

"Lafayette, we are here!"

one producer, bringing out 50 of the 80 millions of spark plugs annually. But the products of the others may oratory product, or of porcelain com-

pounds.

### Many Other Uses.

Besides being installed in motor ears they're the things that help make all the gasoline-propelled boats. airplanes, tractors and stationary engines go. Of the 80,000,000 output 58,000,000 are used in passenger cars each year, 14,000,000 in trucks and the rest in all other forms of gasoline motors.

A spark plug will last five years and more, but it's the conviction of spark-plug makers that they should be replaced annually if the motorist would economize in gasoline and oil.

### **Regard Railroad Track** as Real Danger Signal

Every motorist on approaching a railroad crossing should look and listen for trains, according to the legal department of the National Automoblie club. The courts have ruled that travelers upon a public highway, in attempting to cross over railroad crossings, must look and listen attentively for the approach of trains. If such a traveler, by the exercise of reasonable care, could have seen the approach of a train by looking in time to have avoided injury, it will be presumed, in case he is injured, that he either did not look or if he did look,

that he did not heed. A railroad track is itself a signal of danger and one attempting to cross it must first look and listen, and, if necessary, stop, look and listen for an approaching train. This rule is only the standard of necessary caution and care.

## **Shattering Glass Cause**

of Motor Car Accidents Sixty-five per cent of the injuries received in automobile accidents are caused by broken and flying glass from windshields and windows, according to the first analysis ever made of the causes of injury to motorists, completed by the Massachusetts Mutual Liability Insurance association.

No figures on this subject have ever been collected before, and the insurance body therefore undertook its own investigation of all accidents on which detailed data were available. The results show that in 1,000 accidents, involving 1,300 motorists, 720 people were injured. Of these, 467, or 65 per cent, were cut by glass fragments. The accidents occurred in 26 states.

to severed jugular veins resulting in death.

As shown, the top of an inclosed auto body can be used as a fine luglage compartment that will hold exbe of the synthetic sillimanite, a tab. | tra coats, blankets or parcels and pre-



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serve them from dirt and rain. It is particularly useful for motor campers and long-distance tourists.

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Of course a luggage compartment of this type is more suitable for such articles as rolled-up blankets, tents or other items that have no hard. sharp corners to scratch the mate rial of the top .-- Popular Science Monthly.

## **AUTOMOBILE NOTES**

Some cars seem to be able to get fifty lies to the gallon of gasoline. . . .

The colleges are serving another great need by concentrating most of the 1920 flivvers in a few places.

The automobile is replacing the railroads in Denmark, says a special government commission report. . . .

The available tonnage capacity of all motor trucks expressed in ton miles is about 1.9 per cent of the railroad capacity. . . .

Boston is rapidly developing an 'automobile truck row" that is rivaling the "automobile row" of the passenger car. . . .

One of the few champions that came through the summer with the title unscathed was the locomotive at the crossing. . . .

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the head of an eighth is venerated at continent was to put the names of invasion of Britain the River Thames this time. They came from France, young men and women in a jar and in England was called "Tamesis." Belgium, Spain and Africa, and the draw them out on Saint Valentine's Other early writers call it "Tamesa."

# Saint Valentine's Day History and legend are vague in recit- valentines for the ensuing year. By and by the women were released from It is a popular error to assume that ently to be connected not with the the men sent presents or missives ex-February 14 is to be associated with birthday of these holy men but with pressive of affectionate sentiment.

Caesar says that at the time of his

Famous English River best-known members of the group were eve. Those whose names were thus In early Saxon times the river was

question was ever asked him or that the obligation to make gifts and only