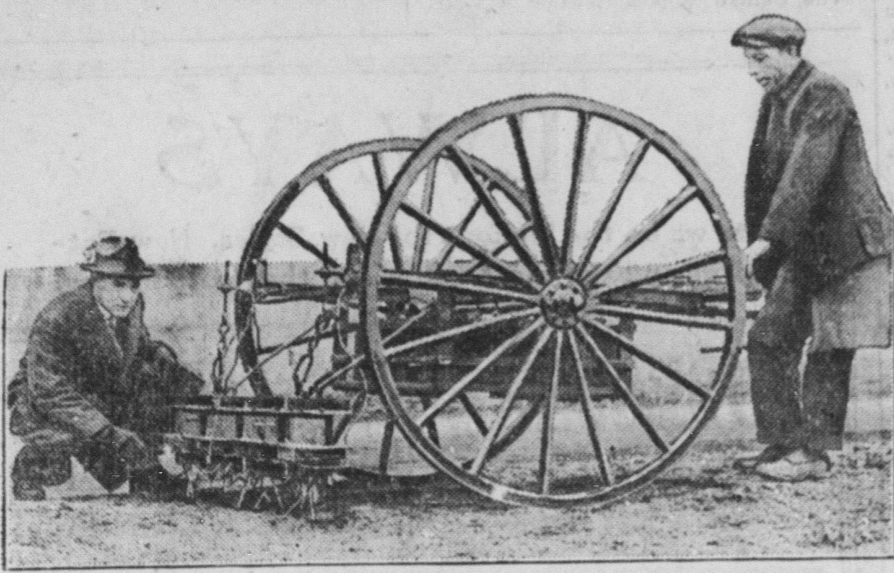


MAGNETIC ROLLER PICKS UP STRAY NAILS



To pick up nails and other stray pieces of metal from bridge paths and motor roads in the District of Columbia the bureau of public buildings and grounds in Washington has devised this magnetic roller. The big roller is energized by a series of storage batteries and has a string of magnets to attract the bothersome nails buried in the bridge path cinders or lying in the road, and readily picks them up as it is rolled or pulled along.

CAR HEADLIGHTS DENOTE FUNERAL

Important Traffic Problem May Be Solved by Washington Official.

The solution of an important traffic problem seems at hand with granting of permission by Director Eldridge to Washington morticians to use headlights on cars in funeral processions to indicate to other traffic that the cortege has the right of way.

Action of the traffic director followed a suggestion written to him by a Washington mortician, who emphasized the need of making known to all motorists when a funeral procession is a part of a traffic stream.

Has Right of Way.

Under the regulation, a funeral cortege has the right of way under all conditions, but, as the writer pointed out:

"There never has been any means by which a funeral procession is recognized. This is true especially under present conditions, when, in slow-moving traffic, a funeral procession hardly is distinguishable from any other line of cars.

"The modern limousine casket coach is unlike the old-style carved hearse, and the passenger cars which make up many corteges are furnished by friends of the deceased and may be of any style or color; therefore, such a procession is not easily recognizable as one having right of way.

"Several years ago we adopted the use of a sticker for the windshields of cars, the use of which was approved by the then head of the traffic department. These were discarded for the reason that the majority of drivers of privately-driven cars objected to having them attached to the windshield; the same objection applies to any type of insignia that must be attached for the occasion and be removed as soon as the procession is disbanded."

Other Cities Follow.

The mortician submitted statements to the traffic director from Pittsburgh and Minneapolis authorities. The practice of burning the headlights is in force at these places and with no small measure of success.

In his letter to the director, he pointed out that he believed the following amendment to the existing regulations would be of inestimable value in clearing up a rather tangled situation:

"Amplify paragraph (c) of section 2, Article II, by adding the words 'provided funeral processions are made recognizable by all motor vehicles in said processions displaying headlights of a type approved by the director.'"

Removing Lamp Rims

Removing the rims from barrel headlights is a puzzle to many owners who are accustomed to the old-fashioned rim that you turned, if you could. In the barrel type you will find a screw on the under side of the lamp rim. Remove this and the rim that holds the lens in place will come loose at the bottom. Now press the lens in at the sides near the top. The inside of the lamp is slotted at the points to catch the two flanges in the rim.

Don't Drain

When scraping out carbon do not drain off all the water until the job is finished and the head has been put on again. Here is the reason:

If some water is allowed to remain in the cylinder jackets it will catch any particles of carbon that fall through the water passages. These will drain out, but if the jackets are dry when the system is filled up again, the particles of carbon may be washed around and cause trouble.

Treat Motorists Alike

The president of France observes all the regulations to which motorists are subjected. On entering a town in France the amount of gasoline in the tank must be declared and noted on a ticket which is collected when the car re-enters the town, and if a supply has been bought meanwhile a city tax is collected. When the presidential automobile reaches the city duty limits it stops, just as all other cars do.

Spray Pump Useful for Painting Auto Springs

Usually a good brush is used for painting the body and fenders of a car, as these surfaces are smooth and can be thoroughly cleaned before applying the paint. However, it is quite a difficult matter to clean the springs and other parts under the car and by painting them with a brush one always picks up dirt out of the cracks and corners, which covers the brush and spoils the painted surface. By doing the painting with a spray pump,



Using a Spray Pump for Painting Springs and Other Parts.

as shown in the drawing, this trouble is avoided. If ordinary rust-proof paint is used no thinner is necessary, but auto enamel should be diluted with about 10 per cent of turpentine. The spray enters the cracks and crevices, and places which are inaccessible with a brush.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Crowder Is Menace

The crowder—the driver who persists in forcing another driver over toward the curb—is fast developing into a real menace. He is dangerous to both life and machine. This type of driver, selfish at all times on highway or byway, thinking only of himself, brings unnecessary damage upon many a car, with injuries especially to the fenders and body of the machine. Keep a close watch for the crowder and give him "plenty of air."

One Guess Removed

Much "trouble shooting" about a car is guessing. One often has to experiment quite a bit before stumbling over the right answer. But you can save one guess if the dimmers or headlights of both lamps go dead at the same time. Don't bother to see whether the lights are burned out. The trouble is due to a short somewhere along the line, to poor switch contacts, blown fuses or to interruption of the current by reason of the circuit breaker.

AUTOMOBILE FACTS

- Keep sufficient good cylinder oil in pan at all times.
- It pays to believe in signs, especially at railroad crossings.
- One person in every six now has an automobile, and the factory output exceeds the grade-crossing toll.
- One trouble with this world is that there are too many folks who use their horn when they see a pedestrian instead of their brakes.
- Motorists should be especially watchful these snowy days lest they run over children who are coasting, says the National Safety Council.
- The Ozark mountains are celebrated for their natural beauty. Motorists may camp, hunt, fish, swim and hike in the seclusion of the mountains if they desire.
- American motorists are saving \$2,500,000,000 a year on gasoline, tires, parts, upkeep, renewals and all phases of operation, due to the improved highways of the country.
- Another reason for not putting up crosses to mark the number of fatal accidents at each grade crossing is that the crossings should be kept clear of obstructions to the view.

The Sandman Story
by Martha Martin

ABOUT SWANS

"OF COURSE," said the Trumpeter Swan, "my voice is interesting. Though I am in the zoo now I cannot say that I have traveled very far in order to reach this spot.

"Of course I belong to a very, very old family. Trumpeter Swans have been in existence for years and years and years and years and even then a few more years!

"I am very tame because I was brought here when I was young, and if one is brought up among people when one is young, then one is not afraid.

"Of course, that is provided the people are good to you. They were



"I Am Very Tame," Said the Trumpeter Swan.

all good and kind and nice to me and so I became very tame.

And then the Trumpeter Swan gave a loud, trumpelike call, which showed how well named he was.

"We have a cousin here who is the opposite to us," Trumpeter Swan continued. "Cousin Mute Swan is very quiet, and Cousin Mute Swan is well named. Cousin Mute doesn't believe in noise. No indeed.

"But I'll tell you that you may always tell Cousin Mute because he has a black knob at the bottom or lower part of his bill.

"Cousin Mrs. Mute has lovely little babies—cygnets—they're called.

"Their feathers are dirty looking now, but soon beautiful white feathers will come in place of the dirty ones.

THE WHY OF SUPERSTITIONS

By H. IRVING KING

THIMBLE AT THE TABLE

IF AN unmarried woman places her thimble on the table when she sits down to eat it is a sign that she will be a widow if she marries. Some have it "she will be an old maid."

The thimble was anciently worn on the thumb and from the thumb it takes its name. Also the mystic qualities attached to it are due to its connection with the thumb in former times. Add the mystic qualities of the thumb belong to the ancient "science" of chiromancy—palmistry is the common name for it—as practiced by the Chaldeans, the Egyptians, in fact all the early races of civilization as well as by the Romans. The idea of life and death also appears to have attached to the thumb for the "line of life" has its origin in the "mount of Venus" at the base of the thumb. Also there was the well-known signal of the Roman amphitheater; thumbs up for life and thumbs down for death, in the case of the vanquished gladiator. From the dedication of the thumb to Venus we get the idea of love as connected with the thimble of the unmarried woman and the idea that if she brings her thimble to the table she will be a widow, has evidently to do with the thumb's connection with human life. Bringing the thimble to the table is evidently a "thumbs down" signal for the future husband. Just why is not so evident unless we may suppose that removing the thimble and placing it on the table is symbolic of separation or sacrifice; or, perhaps, a part of some forgotten ritual having to do with the thumb. The old maid superstition with regard to the thimble has a like origin with the widow superstition of which it is merely a variant.

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Public Utilities

Waterworks lead public utilities in the percentage of plants under municipal ownership. All of the ten largest cities in the United States own their works. In the second group of ten all but San Francisco and Indianapolis, and every one of the third group of ten have them under public ownership. Next to waterworks in public ownership in the United States stand electric light and power stations.

"I suppose Mother Mute thinks it is as well not to dress up the little ones too much.

"Little ones are not apt to take such good care of their finery. And then she knows they will be beautifully dressed later on.

"Ah, yes, she is wise with her children.

"And she likes to have them here with her in the zoo."

Trumpeter made a few more loud sounds and then he went on talking.

"Shocking housekeepers are the Cousin Mutes. They build such care-less nests on the ground near the water and the nests are so badly looked after as far as neatness and beauty is concerned.

"But still, what does it matter if one's home is not beautiful when one is so beautiful one's self?"

"I am sure that is the way the Cousin Mutes think about it. Of course, others may feel differently upon this subject."

"Now, I'm not a bad-looking swan," said the Black Swan. "If you're talking about looks you should both look at me and mention me.

"I am from southern Australia," continued Black Swan, "and I have a cousin from Tasmania, which happens to be near Australia, too. You thought for a moment perhaps that it was in another part of the world, eh, Trumpeter? Wasn't that what you thought?"

"No," said Trumpeter. "I hadn't thought that because I never do think a great deal of geography anyway.

"I don't like geography much. I don't like to try to think whether one place is nearer to another than the next place.

"That is queerly worded, but you see the minute I talk about anything that has any suggestion of geography about it I don't speak well, nor do I feel at ease.

"But you asked me to admire your looks. And that I will gladly do. For you are very large and very magnificent and your shiny black feathers are gorgeous and look so differently from those of other swans.

"Of course, I think it is nice most swans prefer white, but you're fine to have by way of contrast—opposite from the rest of us, I mean.

"And you're always much admired.

"Yes, Black Swan, I must say you have many friends and every one likes to see you and gaze upon you. So I will give you both attention and mention on account of your looks for you deserve both, most assuredly you do."

And Black Swan was very grateful as Trumpeter gave a long call of congratulations.

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How It Started

By JEAN NEWTON

SOFTLY NOW THE LIGHT OF DAY

THIS hymn, which for over three-quarters of a century has been sung all over the English-speaking world and is known affectionately as the "Even-Song," may be said to be a product of contrasts.

The author, George Washington Doane, said of his ancestors that "My forbears were men of war from their youth up and I am strictly in line with them." Being a bishop, however, his fighting was along theological lines. Being also a high churchman during the early Eighteenth century, there was always plenty of fighting at hand!

It was during the height of a battle royal with the broader faction of the church that the bishop returned late one day to his study. Opening the Bible, as he later told of it, in the light of the setting sun, his eyes chanced upon the words: "Let my prayer be set before thee as incense and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice."

The contrast between the erstwhile conflict and the peaceful evening hour, between the calm words in the good book and the turmoil in his own mind impressed him so deeply that he was inspired at that moment to the writing of the immortal hymn:

"Softly now the light of day
Fades upon my sight away."

Before long these words were known wherever English is spoken. And though it was in the '50s that Bishop Doane passed to his rest, they are still sung every Wednesday evening during chapel services at St. Mary's Hall, the well-known school for girls which was founded by their author.

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Sally O'Neil



Handsome Sally O'Neil, young and popular, noted for her splendid work in girl parts in motion pictures, has another flapper role in "Slide, Kelly, Slide!"

For Meditation

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

ACTIVE IGNORANCE

THE proprietor of a large furniture establishment recently related the conversation he had with a representative of a concern, one of whose chief merchandising products is their famous bookcases. "Bookcases do not sell very well these days," said he. "It is impossible to move large portions of the stock. People are not buying bookcases as they did 15 or 20 years ago."

The reason advanced for this was that there was less reading of books by the average family today than in former years. Instead of purchasing books which cost on the average of from one dollar to two dollars and a half, people were buying magazines which they can get for five cents to fifty cents. Some of these magazines of course are good, others are not worth the time spent in reading them.

The tendency to substitute the magazines for books is indicative of a pernicious decline in the appreciation of good and wholesome literature. The danger resulting from this condition is that ignorance may run rampant with things. Someone has said that only one person out of a hundred thinks, the other ninety-nine blindly and thoughtlessly follow a leader.

This may be an exaggerated statement, but it is certain that magazines substituted for books is not likely to contribute to the increase of either knowledge or wisdom. The problem is to get the average person to think and to reason. If stupidity could be silenced the problem would not be so difficult, but the voice of stupidity is determined to be heard. The more shallow the water the more noise it makes. So with human brains. The most dangerous social problem confronting America to day is ACTIVE IGNORANCE.

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SAWS

By Viola Brothers Shore

FOR THE GOOSE—

LAUGHIN' at a fresh kid is makin' yourself his partner.

It ain't good salesmanship to show a woman too many hats.

Anybody can be a mother. All you gotta be is a cook, a nurse, a judge, a hairdresser, a minister, a chiroprapist, a queen, a laundress, a story-teller, a decorator, a doctor, a sleepwalker, an actress, a clairvoyant, God and an encyclopedia. That's all.

FOR THE GANDER—

Calamity hits you from the outside but worry is in your own mind.

You might stay an optimist through a run of bad breaks. But who ever stays a pessimist when Lady Luck smiles?

He who laughs last can never be sure of it.

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Hercules Man of Strength

Whenever the Greek gods of Mount Olympus were confronted with a hard task, they sent for Hercules, whose mighty strength could be depended upon to accomplish anything.

Hercules would find little to do in modern times, when machinery accomplishes our herculean tasks. The demand of modern times is not for strength, but for energy with which to keep up the swift pace of our day. Corn is an excellent energy food.

Diagnosis

Johnson—So your baby is ill? What's his ailment?
Jackson—The doctor said it was rickets, but from the noise it makes I'm pretty sure it's rackets.

Drink Water to Help Wash Out Kidney Poison

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