

### QUEER TAXES LEVIED ON PEOPLE OF WORLD

**Humorous Levies Relic of Feudal Times.**

Washington.—A delegation from the Virgin Islands recently appeared before a congressional committee and appealed for the removal of the export tax on sugar.

"That an export tax is unconstitutional is a matter of common knowledge to American news readers, and since the Virgin Islands belong to the United States, some may question why the delegation should peacefully plead for the removal of the levy when it could be attacked as unconstitutional from the time of its imposition," says a bulletin from the headquarters of the National Geographic society in this city.

"But the Constitution does not say that there shall be no tax on articles exported from the United States and its possessions. It declares that 'No tax or duty shall be laid on articles exported from any state.' And, according to the courts, state in this case, means a state, not a possession.

**Export Tax Odd to Us.**

"While an export tax seems odd to a citizen of the United States, it cannot compare with some of the humorous levies in foreign countries," continues the bulletin.

"Since feudal times the kings of England have received miscellaneous articles as taxes on valuable property.

"Two knives, six horseshoes and sixty-one nails are sent to the king's court by the city of London each year for the use of a parcel of land near the famous Strand, while a school occupying a piece of property near the Tower bridge, sends a bunch of roses. The land is worth \$10,000, but as long as the roses are 'paid,' the school is permitted to continue in peaceful possession. Peppercorns (pepper berries) are paid by the Royal Academy for its London site.

"To hold his land the owner of Aylesbury manor provides three geese if the king visits Aylesbury in the summer and three live eels if he goes there in the winter. The owner is also bound to put clean straw on the king's bedroom floor three times a year if the sovereign stops there. Straw on the bedroom floor was one of the luxuries of feudal times.

"The tenant of Copeland manor is required to hold the king's head should he get seasick while crossing the stormy waters of the English channel from Dover to Whitland hay.

"A crossbow is contributed by the ancient city of Chichester, while the lord of Brydon, Dorset county, is bound to make a yearly presentation of a stringless bow and an unfeathered arrow for his majesty's use should he decide to war with Wales.

"Instead of paying an assessment in money, knights, to whom large parcels of feudal land were granted, were bound to perform 40 days' service in the king's military establishment and to equip themselves for duty.

"Property owners in England a few hundred years ago also accounted for the number of hearths and chimneys in their buildings, for each one of them was levied upon. Windows also were taxed and today one occasionally sees evidence of the evasion of this levy where old windows have been bricked up.

**Blocks of Salt Paid Taxes.**

"For centuries blocks of salt were sent to the rulers of China from the provinces bordering the sea to pay taxes. Rice and silk vied with salt in importance. Today, in some parts of the republic, rice supplements silver in payment of levies. In ancient times some tribes sent elephants' teeth while the Cantonese, it is related, made payment in crabs, frogs, snakes and crickets.

"Travelers from one city to another in China soon became familiar with other ways of raising revenue, than that collected from land owners. Likin or 'squeeze' stations, which might be compared with our nearly obsolete toll gates, are met with at frequent intervals along the highways. Eight of these stations are encountered during the 84-mile trip from Shanghai to Soochow. At each station one's effects are ransacked and, while every article is not taxed at each station, before the traveler reaches his destination at least three levies have been paid on each article.

"Tibetan taxes are usually paid in goods. Sheep, wool, meal and native cloth are principally used. In one section of the hilly country, the grass and water the Tibetan cattle consume are taxed, but not the cattle."

**Plan Statue of Miles Standish at Plymouth**

Plymouth, Mass.—Transfigured into bronze, Capt. Miles Standish, first soldier of the Pilgrim colony, may soon return to this little town, the birthplace of America.

Plans are under way here for the erection of a monument of the military leader of the early settlement. A site on the grounds of the Plymouth Memorial building is being considered.

In Duxbury, where Captain Standish once lived, a granite shaft already stands in his memory.

**A Hefty Bride**

Los Angeles, Calif.—Jolly Josephine, twenty-two and 250 (age and weight), is a bride. Her husband, Karl Otto Klein, twenty-four and 110, is to give up painting autos and manage her circus sideshow career.

### FIRST YOUTH TO WIN A. A. A. MEDAL



Raymond Clark, ten, of Washington, is the first schoolboy traffic policeman to win a medal from the American Automobile Association for exceptional service. He saved the life of Betty Griffith, seven (left), by pushing her out of the way of a speeding motor car which had failed to obey signals.

### ROAD COURTESY USUALLY SHOWN

#### General Attitude Appears to Be Prevailing Good-Natured Civility.

Courtesy of the road is fairly well observed by drivers of motor vehicles in general.

Occasionally one motorist may meet with discourtesy and an exhibition of boorish manners from another driver, and of course the "road hog" is ever with us. This, however, appears to be the exception.

Courtesy and a prevailing good-natured civility appear to be the general attitude of motorists toward each other.

But are we as motorists observing the same courtesy and thoughtful consideration toward the man and woman who walks that we observe toward each other?

**Help Pedestrians.**

Are we trying to make the way of the pedestrian less difficult in crossing less busy thoroughfares and congested city streets?

Of course it is taken for granted that every right-minded driver of a motor vehicle is trying to observe the laws governing traffic regulation and to avoid accidents in every way possible. This he is bound to do, not only out of regard for the laws of the land, and the protection of his fellow citizens, but as a self-protective measure as well.

But are we as careful in the lesser things as we might be?

Many motorists are in the habit of rounding corners at a fast rate of speed. In doing this they may be obeying the law if the traffic signals are set for them to go forward. But surely good breeding and courtesy require that they drive a little more slowly in order to allow the pedestrians who are crossing the street at the signal of the traffic officer an opportunity to get across without any mishap.

**Unnecessary Honking.**

Again, in the matter of blowing horns unnecessarily, the motorist often shows a lack of consideration toward those who are walking. How often we notice a driver noiselessly approach a person on foot and then suddenly emit a hoarse "honk," causing that person to jump nervously. This, in itself, is a small matter, but in the case of an old person it is very confusing, and might even lead to disastrous results in the case of a man or woman suffering from a heart or nervous disorder.

When stopping at boulevards a motorist may greatly assist a pedestrian by making his intentions plain and signaling the person crossing the streets whether to stop or proceed.

**Solve Vexed Problem of Glaring Car Headlights**

A novel solution of the vexed problem of nonglaring headlamp illumination was described on June 2 at the summer meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers by K. D. Chambers, scientific research engineer, in an address on complimentary color headlighting.

Briefly, the proposed system consists in the use of oval headlamps each of which has two paraboloid reflectors, the upper one fitted with an orange-colored glass and the lower one with blue glass, and of a color filter box just inside the windshield of the automobile in which are a sheet of plain transparent glass that filters out the orange rays and another that filters out the blue rays. These filters are connected electrically with the bulbs in the lamps so that when the orange filter is drawn down into the line of vision of the driver the blue light is turned off and the orange light turned on automatically, and when the blue filter is drawn down the orange light is shut off and the blue light turned on.

Each viewing filter is transparent to light of the same color and so the driver can see practically the same as if he were driving with white light.

**AUTOMOBILE ITEMS**

Keep battery filled with distilled water.

See that springs are greased occasionally.

See that the radiator is kept filled with water.

A nice time for a pedestrian to cross a street is about three or four o'clock in the morning.

If the engine does not start promptly when starter is pressed, get out and discover the cause.

See that the front wheels toe in five-sixteenths of an inch at front. Wheels should be checked occasionally for alignment to avoid tire wear.

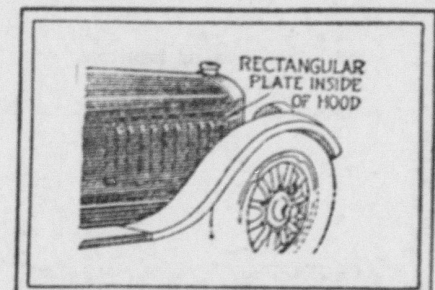
The new trend in automobile trucks, according to displays at the New York show, is toward lightness and speed. Anything so they don't make them wider.

A runaway horse that stopped when a red light was turned against him, as was reported, demonstrates again that horse sense is greater in many instances than driver sense.

The auto coming from the right has the right of way at an intersection, but it is well to remember that a locomotive has the right of way, whether coming from the right or left.

### Radiator Cover Useful in Keeping Motor Warm

A radiator cover of the conventional type serves to regulate the amount of air that flows through the radiator while the car is in motion, but it cannot keep the motor warm for very long when the car is standing, owing to loss of heat through the openings in the side of the hood which permit



Metal or Plywood Plates Fastened to the Inside of Your Hood as Shown Will Help Keep the Motor Warm When the Car is Left Standing.

the air to circulate freely. Metal or plywood plates bolted on the inside of the hood as shown in the illustration will stop this waste and also help to keep your feet warm by driving the heated air back through the openings in the floor boards.—Popular Science Monthly.

### Persons Who Drive Take Good Care of Themselves

Persons who drive automobiles take better care of themselves while walking than do those who do not drive cars, according to recent research work looking into the causes of traffic accidents.

It is said that few motor-car drivers are caught off their guard when walking. The records show that the majority of accidents to pedestrians involve persons who have had no experience in handling cars.

The reasons for this are that in motoring the driver gets a perfect picture of what he faces as a pedestrian, and when he walks he conducts himself accordingly. He walks in a confident manner, and when he crosses the streets at intersections he makes allowances for the inability of the traffic officers to look out for everyone. He knows the approximate distance in which a car can stop. He is able to observe whether the drivers are keeping their eyes on the road or not. He is trained to take no chances and watch signals, so that from his general experience as a driver he is trained automatically as a pedestrian.

It would appear that the moral from this is that every person should learn to drive a car at the earliest possible moment.

### LIFE'S LITTLE JESTS



#### NOTHING TO FEAR

"John," whispered his wife, shaking him awake, "there's a burglar trying to get into the flat."

"Eh!" said her husband. "Where? I'll get up and give him the fight of his life."

"Aren't you afraid?"

"Not a bit. Any burglar who thinks this flat can hold all three of us must be a little bit of a fellow."—Boston Transcript.

#### TRY AGAIN, DAD



Dad (severely)—Ethel, I certainly smell cigarette smoke on your breath.

Daughter (sly as they make 'em)—Now, father, if you think I've been kissing George, why don't you come right out and say so.

#### These Days

"Her countenance fell."

Writes an author gifted. No doubt she went And had it lifted.

#### His Name in Full

Census Taker—Your husband's name, please?

Mrs. Grogan—Pat.

Census Taker—I want his name in full.

Mrs. Grogan—Well, sir, when he's full he thinks he's Jack Dempsey, but when Ol lays his hands on 'im he's just plain Pat again.—Capper's Weekly.

#### Mother to the Rescue

Three-year-old Danny had been given his first peanut.

He struggled with it for awhile, trying to break the shell, but found his small thumb and finger unequal to the task. So he brought it to his mother.

"Will you unbutton it, please, mother?" he asked.

#### Similarity Found

"The hairs of our head are all numbered."

"So are the motor cars, but that doesn't prevent either from going fast."

#### CHERCHEZ LA FEMME



Manager—"There's a man employed in this store who's stealing money. We've got to find him." Assistant Manager—"Well, look for the woman."

#### His Trousseau Maid

The poet, going forth to woo, Writes verses to his maid so true, And trusts Dan Cupid's arts to aid In making her his troussseau maid.

#### Finding Joy in Everything

"There's one consolation in being in jail."

"What is that?"

"There's nobody to wake you up in the middle of the night to tell you to go down and be sure the back door's locked."—Stray Stories.

#### Family Athletics

"Hasn't Mrs. De Style a vaulting social ambition?"

"Yes, and she keeps her poor husband on the jump."

#### A Talkproof Career

"You have done a great deal of talking all these years."

"Yes," answered Senator Sorghum. "I take pride in the fact that I have been able to entertain so many audiences without saying anything to interfere with my political position."

#### True Friendship

Jane—Do you think that awful story about Ethel is true?

Jenn—It must be. I heard it from her dearest friend.

# Tune in on HEALTH SHREDDED WHEAT

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#### Between Friends

Ida—It's no sign because I am engaged to Jack that I'm going to marry him.

Iris—No, dear, of course not—he may back out.

#### An Honest Pug

Terry—He's a good boxer but he's he's too honest.

Jim—How's that?

Terry—He won't take a sock on the jaw without returning it.

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#### Close Your Windows

"Is your daughter musical?"

"Well, you'd get the impression from her conversation, but when she sings opinions differ."—Boston Transcript.

#### Good Shot

Hiram—Well, sir, my shotgun let out a roar, and there lay a dead wolf ahead of us!

Eored Boarder—How long had it been dead?

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