

A rare picture of the first front-drive car in the world-the Chrystie, photographed at the Vanderbilt cup races of 1908.

# BLINDING LIGHTS CAUSE ACCIDENT

### Badly Focused Glims Are Often Result of Carelessness by Motorist.

Who is at fault if an approaching automobile with dazzling headlights temporarily blinds a driver and causes an accident?

This is a much discussed question and one on which there is considerable conflict in legal opinions, according to Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club.

Importance of Lamps.

"Nevertheless," he continued, "It serves to emphasize the importance of properly adjusted headlamps and brings home the fact that blinding or badly focused lights are in most instances the result of carelessness.

"The large number of testing stations, the ease with which adjustment can be made, and the importance of proper headlights in the field of safety serve to make unsafe lights symbolic of neglect."

Pointing to some of the legal opinions on the question, Mr. Hayes said: "In the case of an accident where the driver was blinded by street car lights, the Supreme court of Maine held: 'It is the duty of a driver of an automobile to stop his car when for any reason he cannot see where he is going.' This language was like-

wise quoted by an Ohio court. Was at Driver's Peril.

"In a case in the state of Washington, the Supreme court of that commonwealth held that 'to proceed at all, in the face of those conditions, was at his (driver's) peril.'

"However, the general theory seems to be that whether it is negligence to proceed driving an automobile in the face of blinding lights, depends upon the circumstances, to be decided by a jury, and not by any specific rule of

"Most states have adopted legislation providing for proper lights. The Illinois motor vehicle act provides that drivers approaching each other at night must dim their lights when not less than 250 feet apart; the Indiana statute specifies that drivers must dim the lights when approaching each other, and the Wisconsin code orders lights operated in such a manner that there will be no glare or dazzle, and also provides for official stations where lights shall be tested."

#### Air Cleaners Useful on Practically All Autos

Air cleaners which are used on practically all automobiles prevent dust from entering the engines, minimizing wear on pistons, rings, bearings and other vital parts.

As a rule the oil-wetted type air cleaner will operate without attention for a period of one year. However, when a car is operated under extremely dusty conditions cleaning should be done more often. Cleaning and re-oiling is accomplished in the following manner either by the car owner himsel, or the service man.

Remove the cleaner and wash it thoroughly by moving it up and down in a pail of gasoline. Allow the cleaner to dry for a few minutes and then saturate the filtering material with oil and replace.

It is important and necessary to clean and re-oil the oil-wetted type air cleaner as indicated, in order to maintain its maximum cleaning efficiency, according to H. G. Kamrath, research engineer.

### Discard Old Plugs

Tests show that a motor in which spark plugs had been used for more than 12,000 miles developed 31.2 horse power, when run at an engine speed equivalent to 20 miles an hour. The same motor run at the same speed equipped with a new set of plugs gave a horse power reading of 38.0, an increase of 6.8 horse power.

### THE MOTOR QUIZ

(How Many Can You Answer?) Q. What country leads in road improvement and construction activity?

Ans. United States.

Q. What countries lead in mileage of surfaced highways? Ans. European countries, Their surfaced highways began with the old Romans, and have been kept in good condition throughout the ages. Europe has 639,-000 miles of surfaced roads as compared to 150,000 in the United States.

Q. Is gasoline consumption less on high type roads?

Ans. Yes. Where a vehicle will require a gallon for 15 miles on a high type road it will require 1.2 gallons of gasoline on the intermediate type, and 1.47 on the poor type of road.

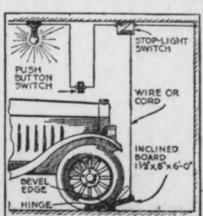
Q. How do different type roads affect maintenance, cost, and depreciation of automobiles? Ans. As a type of road be-

comes poorer maintenance cost and depreciation is somewhat in the same ratio as the increase in gasoline consumption shown &

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## Automatic Garage Light

Is Quite Handy Device A stop-light switch fastened to a beam and connected into the light circult as shown will provide an automatic light for the garage. When car drives into the garage its front wheels switch on the light at the ceiling. A cord to the lever of the stop-light switch should be fastened to a board



When the Car Rolls Into the Garage, the Front Wheels Turn on the Electric Ceiling Light.

hinged to the floor in such a way that the front tires rolling on to it will pull the switch to the on position. A push button switch is included in the circuit, of course, to provide a ready means of turning off the light. If the weight of the board will not allow the spring to pull the switch up to the off position, use a suitable counterweight .- Popular Science Monthly.

#### **AUTOMOBILE FACTS**

"Auto fumes made safe," says scientist. And now if some one will only make them fragrant.

A "puncture" vine, a noxious weed, capable or destroying automobile tires, has been discovered in Hazen, Nev.

An effort is being made by motorists in Ohio for the repeal of the law which requires the display of a white cross at every spot along the traffic highway where there has been a traffic fatality.

During the month of September 91 persons a day were killed by automobiles in this country. When we get the number up to an even hundred we can hold a progress exposition or something.

Two sure ways to injure any automobile engine are to race the motor when the car is standing and to drive at high speeds before the engine has been warmed up to an ef-Fred Barton. ficient temperature.

ABOUT THE BIRDS

"SHALL we join the others?" asked Mr. Yellow-Headed Blackbird, of his mate. "Oh, yes, that would be so nice,"

his mate answered cheerily. "There is such a good crowd near yonder prairie," Mr. Yellow-Headed Blackbird continued. "And I know where there is a good marshy pond.

"Oh, you are very wonderful," said Mrs. Yellow-Headed Blackbird. "What do you say to these plans,

birdlings?" asked Mr. Yellow-Headed Blackbird of the four bird youngsters. "There'd be lots more playmates



Sociable Crowd," Said Mrs. Blackbird.

then, oh, chack, chack, chack," the birdlings answered. "Ah, they take after us," said Mr.

Yellow-Headed Blackbird. The four birdlings had been gray eggs some time before; gray eggs speckled with tan. They had been in a nest of rushes which was safely held by stronger rushes up above the pond. The nest had been warm and deep and comfortable.

So the Yellow-Headed Blackbird family went to join other-yellow-headed blackbird families. There had been some others where they had lived, and these all went along, too.

A good many of them went and joined a huge, huge colony. "Ah," said Mr. Yellow-Headed-Black-

bird, when they arrived at their new home, "we should have come here ear-Her in the season. It's delightful here.

"So many nice families, too." All the others greeted Mr. Yellow-Headed Blackbird and Mrs. Yellow-Headed Blackbird, and the children were greeted, too.

GABBY GERTIE

"The lost compact produces a shin-

Dear Editor:

'M GETTING super-calloused to

stopped at one of these super-filling

stations to get the oil changed in my

A neat lad in a blue kimono greeted

I explained that I wanted to take

the oil with me; not have it cent. Un-

discouraged, he replied that they like

to have my name so they can write

and invite me to call again when in

All this ritual took some time, and

wondered why they don't take care

of today's customers more expeditious-

ly and let tomorrow take care of it-

self. And who wants letters from a

filling station? I get the most inter-

esting mail in the world, and I hate

The next guy who demands my ad-

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dress is going to be surprised to hear

that I live at the county poorhouse .-

me, "Seven quarts? Yes sir. And your

name and address, please?"

automobile.

the neighborhood.

to have it diluted.

super-salesmanship. Yesterday I

ing example of carelessness."

Mr. Yellow-Headed Blackbird looked very handsome with his yellow cap and bright yellow waistcoat and beautiful black suit with white touches to the wings.

Mrs. Yellow-Headed Blackbird wore a brownish suit, and her yellow hat and front feathers were not so bright as Mr. Yellow-Headed Blackbird's were. Her hat, too, was trimmed with brown.

It was unusual for these birds to have joined the others when they did, for usually all the birds are together during the time that they are all setting up nest keeping and attending to the young.

But this family, with a few others, joined the great colony later than they should have done in order to keep up the Yellow-Headed Blackbirds' ways.

"There is no mistake about it, we do love company," said Mr. Yellow-Headed Blackbird, as he began chattering to the old and new friends. "We are a sociable crowd," said Mrs. Yellow-Headed Blackbird, "There

is no mistake about that." "What fun it will be with so many of us," the birdlings said.

They were quite grown-up by now. At least they considered they were, and it was not far from the truth, although their mother and father thought they were still young children. All of the Yellow-Headed Blackbirds chattered and then they gave a concert that evening in honor of the

new arrivals. Had the new arrivals been other than Yellow-Headed Blackbirds, they would not have thought it an honor, for the Yellow-Headed Blackbirds make a very queer noise when they

It sounds more like a squeaking chorus than a singing concert.

They give different sorts of squeaks and feel quite satisfied with themselves and with each other,

At least they do not object to the squeaking sounds, for they gather together in huge crowds, and where you find one you're sure of finding many. They move about in a most curious

way when they make these squeaking sounds, as though it was quite painful, but they keep on doing it, so it cannot be so very painful. Surely, they can't think it so beau-

tiful that at all costs it must be done. "It's fine that we came," said Mr. Yellow-Headed Blackbird.

"Fine," said Mrs. Yellow-Headed Blackbird. "Fine," said the four children.

And all their new friends and neighbors squeaked:

"Fine, fine, fine." (Copyright.)

## THE WHY of SUPERSTITIONS By H. IRVING KING

### THE POOR MAN'S CORE

TF A child in eating an apple merely girdles it-that is, eats around the apple's "equator" and leaves intact its upper and lower zones, it is a sign that he will never be rich. The common saying is that he leaves a "poor man's core." This very common superstition is probably based upon an instinctive and unconscious psychology. The child does not show that natural acquisitiveness of character which is the foundation of wealth. If he had that quality he would eat the apple to a "clean core," and "the child is father of the man."

But there may be lingering in the superstition, also, a remnant of ancient myth and magic. There is an old custom, still said to be practiced in Bohemia, in which the eating of an apple is connected with future abundance, which custom is based on sympathetic magic-a clear survival from primitive times. The first apple that a young tree bears is given to a woman who has borne a large number of children and she must eat it entirely up. By doing this she communicates by sympathetic magic her own fruitfulness to the tree which will, next year, bear an abundant crop. Should she eat the apple only partially the sympathetic magic would not, naturally, be so powerful and the desired abundance might not ensue. It will be seen that there is here the same idea found in the superstition of the boy and the "poor man's core"-viz : that a complete consumption of the apple is necessary to insure future abundance.

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\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Al Jolson 



Al Jolson, starring in "The Jazz Singer," scored his first victory in the "talkies," in fact his first appearance in pictures. He followed with "The Singing Fool," next with "Say It With Song," and later with "Mammy." Jolson was born Asa Yoelson, son of a Jewish cantor, in St. Petersburg, Russia. His climb into stardom on stage and screen was meteoric.

### For Meditation 000000-By LEONARD A. BARRETT

FRAUD

IN THE annual report for 1929 of the state bureau of securities of New York the statement is made that twenty different kinds of financial fraud were perpetrated last year. Most of these frauds dealt with very large sums of money and affected a large number of persons. In spite of the guilibility of the people who became victims of these swindlers, a fairly large percentage doubtless were hoodwinked into shady speculation in order to cash



a condition possible?

in on substantial profits. The sad part of it was that the innocent had to suffer with the guilty. That 20 forms of fraudulent financial

transactions, each different from the other, could be carried out in this day when so many protective measures are engaged in detecting such

schemes, is in itself L. A. Barrett. a cause for grave concern. We naturally ask the question, why is such

In the first place no sane person, however daring in the pursuit of crime he may be, is going to commit a fraud without first studying a way of escape. That is, he must be convinced that there is a chance of considerable proportion that he can get away with his scheme. If this condition exists he is willing to take that chance, otherwise not. Here we find one answer to the question-Why 20 kinds of financial fraud in 1929? Is the law strict enough in its detection as well as in its punishment of crime? Are there not too many technicalities which permit of loopholes for escape, as well as for lawyers of a certain type to argue in favor of acquital for their clients? Too frequently a man who steals nothing more than a loaf of bread is given the full penalty of the law, while the man who steals from a bank, through which act many persons are made to suffer, receives a recommendation for mercy from a con-

victing jury. Another answer to the question is that our legal machinery operates too slowly. Within nine weeks from the time the Hatry swindle in London, Mr. Hatry and all his associates were in prison serving 14-year-sentences. Punishment for crime in England is speedy. No technical delays are permitted. The criminal is guilty until proven innocent, England might teach us a lesson in how to reduce the number of financial swindlers.

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## How It Started By JEAN NEWTON

WHY DO WE CALL IT "BANJO?"

BANJO-how much contumely has been heaped upon your vibrating strings! How you have been maligned, humiliated, laughed at and scorned, while those guilty of such discourtesy were all unknowing of your noble lineage!

Yes, indeed, banjo-noble indeed have been your forbears, however lowly some consider your present estate. Well may you thrum forth triumphantly and proud; for you are come, albeit somewhat altered in form, from Pandoura, the favorite stringed instrument of ancient Greece. and named after the god Pan.

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Don't Overdo It Mr. Van Nagg-Jane, I think you

fib a little occasionally, Mrs. Van Nagg-Well, I think it is a wife's duty, John.

Mr. Van Nagg-A wife's duty? Mrs. Van Nagg-Yes, to speak well of her husband occasionally.



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Nerve is as important as brains in getting you there.-Cincinnati Enquirer.

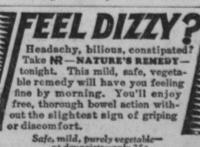
Success Hint



Are You

seek his first position to the end of his business life, his health and personalappearance have a world to do with his success. If you are not physically up to the mark

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