

OWL LAFFS



BY A WISE OWL

Automobiles wouldn't be dangerous if the horse-power of the engine was proportionate to the horse sense of the driver.

Have you heard about the fellow on East Donegal Street who cut down his drinking 50 per cent?

"He has eliminated the chasers."

A group of kiddies from a neighboring town grade school were being taken for a tour of the Phila. mint.

"Why is it," asked one, "that they stamp 'In God We Trust' on the pennies?"

"That," explained the guide, "is for the benefit of people who use them for fuses."

Intuition is the strange instinct that tells a woman she is right, whether she is or not.

"Red" Metzler says it isn't much different between love and marriage. He explained: "Before I was married, I used to walk back and forth in the front yard, lookin' at her shadow on the window shade, and wonderin' what she was thinking about me, and I was kinda scared to go in . . . it's the same way now."

The day will come when a tax return may contain only these three questions:

How much money have you got?

Where is it?

How soon can you get at it?

A Manheim Street lady wanted to buy some grapes at Ma-teers Grocery Store. She told "Busty" her husband was fond of them, and wanted to know if they have been sprayed with any kind of poison.

"Busty" replied: "No, ma'am; you'll have to get that at the drugstore."

"Now children," said a local elementary school teacher, trying to encourage the care of class photographs, "just think how you'll enjoy looking at the pictures when you grow up. You'll be able to say to yourself, 'There's Tom, he's a doctor.' There's Jean, she's a nurse. There's Michel, he's a butcher. There's . . ."

"There's the teacher," cut in little Joe, "she's dead."

Then there was the absent minded doctor who said, "Let me feel your pulse."

After many years of hounding my wife to balance her checkbook carefully and correctly, I was surprised and gratified to see her finally making a real effort. After working an entire evening she handed me several sheets of figures with items and costs neatly inscribed in their respective columns. I looked them over carefully: Milkman, \$12.40; Cleaners, 5.60 etc. Everything was clear except one item reading, ESP 54.59.

When I asked what ESP means, she explained, "Error some place!"

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Home Checkups Urged By State Fire Police

Fire strikes American homes at the rate of one every 90 seconds. According to statistics for 1954, fires caused property loss estimated at \$870,984,000 and took 11,000 lives.

Here are some suggestions for householders to follow in an effort to remove fire hazards.

First of course, is that perennial bugaboo of rubbish and litter which today cause relatively as many fires as they did ten years ago. Go through your attic, garage, cellar and closets and get rid of anything you're not going to use, particularly old papers, rags, paint-soiled clothing and oily rags.

Check Heating System
Next, take close look at your heating system. Defective heating systems cause 10 percent of the total fire loss. Replace broken parts, tighten loose joints, check the hinges and fittings on the furnace door; have a repairman check over your complete system for the winter season. He'll know how to clean, adjust and lubricate the working parts.

Misuse of electricity causes one out of every eight fires. Do you have cords strung over hooks or under rugs where they'll get excessive wear? Make certain the wiring is professionally done. Check your fuses; make sure they are the right amperage for your circuits. If you've installed a number of new appliances including a television set, you probably need new wiring. Check on it with your electrician. The motor on your older appliances may be wearing out. This too needs investigating to be safe.

If you keep the grease accumulating in your stove, you won't have to worry about grease fires. But also make sure the curtains can't blow over the flames.

A sturdy flush-type door at the head of the cellar stairs will hold basement fires in check.

Other Hazards
As for the remainder of house the big hazard is carelessness: Smoking in bed unscreened fireplaces, com-

bustible materials near hot sources and a host of other home-owned-created hazards.

Since many firemen say that in the advent of fire "the first five minutes are worse than the next five hours," installation of a home fire alarm is advised.

One model recently developed uses 30 temperature-sensitive button-like elements strategically placed throughout the house, attic and garage. These sensing units, which can detect an abnormal temperature over an area of 200 square feet, are linked to a centrally located alarm panel. If an unsafe condition arises the panel "sounds off" and also lights a button showing approximate trouble.

Finally, if a fire does start despite all of your precautions, make sure you know how to call the proper authorities (and if you have a

baby sitter make certain she knows what to do in a fire emergency; to get the child out of the house, where to call the fire department and where to notify you) and that everyone concerned knows where the nearest fire alarm box is located.

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Carnation "Cover Up" For Christmas Nylons

By Betty Barclay

FROM the wrapping to the upkeep—a gift of glamorous nylons deserves special attention. Here's an idea for both!

With every nylon Christmas gift, include a box of Carnation Blue.

Simply mix together 1 cup head-lighting with ¼ cup of water . . . and you're ready to "paint!"

Now cover the package (holding nylons and a box of nylon brightener) with silver or other plain paper. The package with blue and white ribbon, using narrow white ribbon over the wide blue for a delightful accent and top with a frothy carnation.

To make the carnation: (1) Measure about 2 yards of Sashen ribbon. Make a 2" loop and fasten end with cellophane tape. Wind rest of ribbon around loop. (2) Fold ribbon roll at center with ends together. Cut a triangular piece from each side, leaving about ¼ inch at center. Tie at center with bit of ribbon. (3) Starting with inside loops, pull out a loop at a time, alternating from left to right. Cut off end of each loop . . . and brush tips lightly with head-lighting mixture. Let dry and insert 2 wired red Christmas balls. Cut 2 green leaves from ribbon and tuck firmly under carnation.

THE MOUNT JOY COMMUNITY Ambulance took one trip during the week. Mrs. Alice Shank, 113 West Main Street, was taken to the St. Joseph's Hospital, by nurse Mrs. Joseph Gerner and drivers George Copenhauer and John Myers.

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