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THE GOING NOWHERE LEISURE

Maximum speeds in traffic are fixed by law. There is need also for fixing minimum speeds. The slow-moving road hog is a menace to safety, his own included.

You know the type. He is driving nowhere in particular and taking his time to it. Instead of keeping near the edge where slow traffic belongs, he stays out near the middle of the road and no amount or persuasion from behind makes even a wrinkle on his dull brain.

If the highway has several lanes running in each direction this sloth at the wheel takes the lane supposedly reserved for those who know they are going somewhere. That is bad enough; he becomes a far greater nuisance, however, on roads only two lanes wide. Then he flourishes in all his ingloriousness.

The only way to pass him is to swing into the lane of traffic going in the opposite direction; and that is difficult when traffic is heavy. A driver may have to wait for a mile or several before the opportunity comes to speed by, and by that time there are half a hundred fretting motorists bottled up behind the laggard cursing the fate that set him behind a wheel.

Most drivers, of course, realize that going too slow is about as dangerous and far more exasperating to others than driving too fast. Of road hogs there are several breeds, but the one that gets the blue ribbon for pigheadedness is the one represented by the man or woman who goes to sleep on the highway and forgets he has an accelerator. He should confine his driving to the wood lot.

LIFE IN THE COUNTRY

Considerable discussion is heard these days as to the means that may be adopted to keep folk on the farm. The situation has become serious, for many experienced farmers are moving into the cities, either for the purpose of earning what they consider easy money, or to use their savings in giving their children and themselves the advantage of city life. Whatever the cause, the situation remains, and it constitutes a problem that may well engage the attention of rational and provincial authorities. The fear is expressed that the production of food may become reduced to such an extent that the scarcity will not only greatly increase prices but threaten the welfare of the people.

While the reasoning is purely logical and subject to the views of each individual, it is probably true that the persons who make occasional trips from the rural districts to the larger towns enjoy these visits and the things they see much more than those who see them every day. It is a case where familiarity, some-

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times breeds contempt. In the matter of better school facilities in the towns there is in most cases no place for argument, although some progress has been made in a number of provinces to bring about a centralization of teaching that gives country pupils some of the advantages of the city in a course of study.

There is nothing to justify undue pressure to keep men and women and boys and girls on the farms. Rural life should be so attractive in itself that enough persons will choose the country life to insure crops of grain and quantities of other foodstuffs needed to maintain all the people at a reasonable cost.

THE SEASON OF ROSES

The heavy rains have brought out the roses, lovely symbols of early summer. In hundreds of places throughout the district may be seen splashes of delicate coloring, standing out bravely through the present dry spell. This morning, a single rose lifted her pretty head from stunted bush in our back yard. As we passed, she seemed to nod to us in friendly greeting. Upon closer inspection, we discovered that her pink cheeks were splashed with what looked like tears. They stood in great drops on the petals, catching the light like a myriad of diamonds. They must have been happy tears, if tears they were, for gladness shone through them reflecting the joy of life.

The rose is the most joyous of all blossoms. The fragrance it breathes exalts the senses above the earth and sends the fancy soaring. They are symbolic of the beauty of life as they sway gracefully and majestically on their slender stems. And in death, with fragrance undiminished, they speak of the serene beauty of the life beyond this. Perhaps, by any other name they would smell as sweet; but, somehow, the name we have given them seems just right.

RECORD RAMBLINGS

Optimist—A man who eats early summer apples in the dark.

Add phrases that have become literal—The flying visit.

Forgetting the past is all right, but don't forget the future.

It's about time for something worse to take the place of jazz.

Nothing is harder on a woman's new hat than one of her enemies.

If we get out of life what we put into it some will get out quick.

It is easy to pick important people at the summer resort; they look so unimportant.

Our idea of being out of work is having a job figuring what is made by cussing the weather.

The value of a kiss in a lawsuit brought by a young lady was fixed by the jury at six cents. At that price, will the supply equal the demand?

"For my constituency," admitted the Great Orator in a burst of candor, "I would prefer that dependable little group referred to by the immortal Lincoln when he said, 'You can fool some of the people all of the time.'"

HEALTH SERVICE

of the
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A REAL HOLIDAY

The season has come when many people are preparing for their summer holiday. There is no question but that a rest, a change of environment, a period spent chiefly out of doors at play, and a release from the usual responsibilities and routine of work are all good for everybody. It is not intended to suggest a routine of life for the holiday; in fact, the release from doing things by the clock is, in itself, a relaxation, and this appeals to many as the most desirable part of the holiday. However, it is foolish not to give some consideration to a few things, which, if overlooked, may result in the holiday's developing the aspects of a calamity.

Water in the country, water at summer resorts, if contaminated, spread disease—particularly typhoid fever—just as readily as will water in a town or city. When selecting a summer resort, or when renting a cottage or site for a camp, find out whether or not the water is pure. You

cannot judge as to this from the appearance of the water. Water may be clear, cold and sparkling, and may still be impure and dangerous. The only way to be sure is to have the water examined. Your provincial health department will do this for you. Write and ask them how to take and send in a sample. Do this before you establish yourself at a summer resort.

Milk in the country, despite popular belief, is generally not safe. Do not use milk unless you know that it is safe. Visit the farm from which it comes, see for yourself if the cows are kept in a cleanly way, how the milk is handled, and then decide for yourself if the conditions are satisfactory. We would advise that, at least for children, all milk used be pasteurized. There is no object in taking precautions all the year round, and then allowing children to be exposed to danger during vacation. You cannot tell from their appearance whether or not cows have tuberculosis. You cannot tell from his appearance if the farmer is a disease carrier. You cannot tell from appearance whether or not the farmer's well, the water which he uses, is safe. The most practical safeguard is to boil or pasteurize the milk.

Upon request, instructions as to pasteurization in the home will be supplied.

Questions, concerning Health, addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 184 College St., Toronto, will be answered personally by correspondence.

HEALTH HINTS

By Mrs. C. Erwin

SCARLET FEVER

Scarlet fever is an acute self-limited disease usually occurring in childhood, although adults may contract it. Scarlet fever can be contracted directly from the affected individual or the infection may be carried by an intermediate agent. The micro-organism of scarlet fever is more tenacious of life than that of any other disease unless it be smallpox. Entrance into the system in most cases is by the respiratory tract. The disease has and can be spread by food and milk.

Danger From a Mild Attack

Scarlet fever may be so mild it may be impossible to diagnose the case with a certainty. The person may make no complaint of feeling sick even when the nature of the illness is suspected. The disease in this form is communicable and the patient must be guarded as carefully as though it were a severe type. The commencement of the attack is sudden, usually with a chill often followed by vomiting. With infants and very young children a convulsion may take the place of a chill. Pain and sore throat are early complained of. High fever, pulse rapid and eruption at the end of 24 hours a bright scarlet rash appears on the neck and chest, rapidly spreading over the entire body usually within a few hours. The throat is red and inflamed, head-

ache and restlessness. Delirium is present in severe cases, with diarrhea. Fifth day the fever declines, the eruption commences to fade. Disquamation (shedding of the skin) commences the eighth day if they continue to get better.

Scarlatina Anginosa is a more severe form, is characterized by the

intense inflammation of the throat and adjacent organs, as the swelling of the pharynx, nose, palate, tonsils and glands of the neck which causes trouble in breathing, swallowing, by the pressure of the adjacent parts. The ear usually becomes involved, the patient becomes nervous and their-

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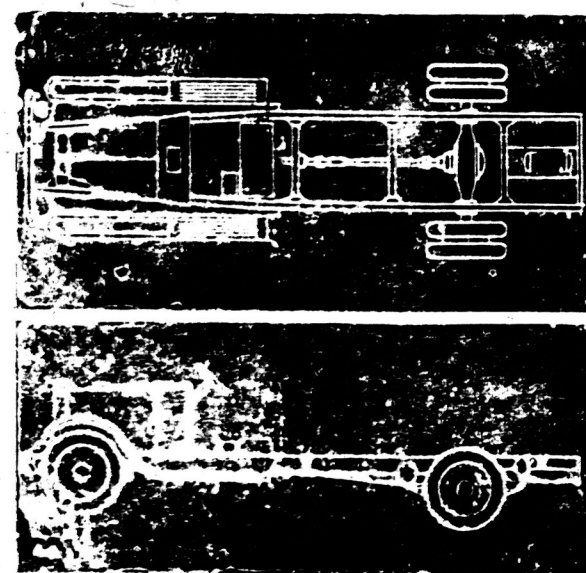
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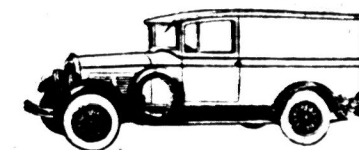
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