

SOME TIMELY HINTS TO AUTOMOBILE DRIVERS: A FEW SIMPLE RULES TO BE OBSERVED

Driving along a well-paved highway, a driver approaches a curve. He slows down to a safe speed for taking the curve and just reaches the sharpest point of it when another car approaches. Then directly in front of him he sees a car standing on the road. There is not room to pass. There is not distance enough to bring the car to a stop and a collision results.

The motorist who stopped his car and caused the collision has endangered the life and safety of others, and for that reason is unfit to drive on the public highway, says a writer in the Montreal Star.

Experience has demonstrated that it is carelessness and thoughtlessness rather than speed that create accident hazards. Accordingly emphasis is now being placed upon recklessness rather than the speed at which the car is driven. Today a person who stops his car in such a manner as to endanger the life and safety of others using the highway is just as liable to arrest and the loss of his drivers license as the person who exceeds the speed limit.

Sometimes it is necessary to stop the car. A flat tire may have to be repaired or changed. It may be necessary to stop to inquire the way from another autoist or a pedestrian. It may be necessary to stop to read road signs. One may find a spot where he is tempted to stop to view the scenery. There is no objection to stopping the car when it seems desirable to do so, but there are decided objections to stopping it where, and in such a manner that it creates an accident hazard.

Simple Rules For Safety.

The observance of a few simple rules when stopping cars on the highway will add immensely to the safety of highways and to the relieving of unnecessary congestion.

The first rule is, never to bring the car to a stop without signalling the car behind that the car is going to be brought to a stop. It is better to rely upon a hand signal. There is always just a chance that the stoplight will not work.

The second rule is to drive completely off the travelled portion of the highway. Make certain that any driver who collides with the car after it is stopped will have to go out of his way to do so.

On practically every highway there are places where there is plenty of room to get entirely off the travelled roadway. Such a place should be found before stopping the car. If it is a case of changing a tire on the left side of the car, the wise thing is to get the car as far off the road that the work of changing that tire can be done without standing where there is any likelihood of any other driver running into the worker. This means getting just as far off the road at the right as it is possible to get, at least having the left wheels two or three feet from the paved portion of the road.

Never Stop on a Curve.

The third rule is, never stop the car under any circumstances on a curve where the view is obstructed to such an extent that drivers approaching in either direction cannot see it far enough away to bring their cars to a full stop before reaching it. This precaution is important because one never knows when one driver will try to pass another. Even though a car is standing still well off the road, but in a position where it cannot be seen from a distance, any bunching up of cars at this point is bound to result in collisions which would not have taken place had there been no car standing there. Therefore, when stopping a car make certain that there is a long clear space, a space of 100 yards, if possible, to the front and to the rear of the car so that drivers of other vehicles can see the standing car and those in the standing car can see the other vehicles.

Do Not Block Road.

The fourth rule is never to stop the car at a point directly across the road from where another car is parked. Let us say the highway is built for a single line of traffic in each direction. A car has been brought to a stop on one side. It has not been possible to get it quite far enough off the road so no part of the vehicle overhangs the paved portion of the highway, or perhaps the driver has been careless. Another car stops directly across the highway. This causes a narrowing down to the roadway at this point to an extent which makes it dangerous for two cars to pass, perhaps it makes it impossible to do so. Unnecessary congestion is caused. Accidents are very likely to happen if a car is parked or stopped on one side of the highway one should drive at least one hundred feet beyond it before he stops his own car. At most roadside stands and filling stations parking space is provided entirely off the highway. The driver should always avail himself of this space and never stop on the travelled highway in front of these places.

It takes time to bring the car to a stop and provision must be made for warning cars to the rear and allowing them to pass. It takes time to gain speed after one has started and getting safely back into the traffic becomes a problem. To stop and start with safety means that there must be a clear view of the roadway, a sufficient distance ahead and to the rear. Therefore, when it becomes necessary to stop, the driver should pick on a level place beside a long, straight stretch of road and gradually slow down as it is approached, at the same time driving off the roadway as much as possible and signalling his intention to the drivers behind.

The potato is said to grow wild in Chile, thus distinguishing Chile from this country, where it is the potato buyer.

Getting Off and On Highway.

RAISING OF H.M.S. GLATTON A SALVAGE FEAT

London, May 18—The raising of H. M. S. Glatton from the bed of Dover

Harbor, just completed, is one of the most remarkable feats in salvage history. The Glatton is heavier than any vessel ever lifted, with the single exception of the Italian battleship Leonardo da Vinci. Then, too, she was carried inshore about 1,400 feet, at an angle of 60 degrees, with her guns and equipment intact. The cheapness with which the work was done is also remarkable, being only \$55,000.

RIGHT NUMBER OR WRONG ONE MUST PAY

Paris, May 18—Even wrong numbers on Paris telephones cost money

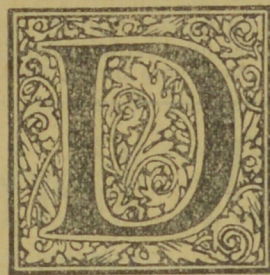
and in big hotels it is as expensive to get a wrong number as the right one. The new rates have done away with free telephoning or even reduced rates for customers in cafes and restaurants. Parisians feel that paying the same sum to talk to an unknown and unusually ill-tempered subscriber as to the person asked for, is a bitter climax to their admittedly poor telephone service.

LONDON AND PARIS SHOPPING DONE BY AIR

Paris, May 14—Handley-Page and Napier airplanes will inaugurate the first "shopping by air" service between London and Paris tomorrow. Special shopping planes will enable London women to leave at 8 o'clock in the morning, spend five hours and all their housekeeping money in the Paris stores and return in time for dinner to London for the inclusive fare of \$50.

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