

Flotsam and Jetsam.

In connection with the recent killing of two men at night by an automobile, the *New York American* printed a little table of automobile happenings in that vicinity during the previous few days. It ran as follows:—

Here is a police list of persons struck and injured within the last few days by automobiles whose occupants drove on without stopping to give aid:—

Thursday.—Harry Flagg, fourteen years old and a paralytic, struck in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street; fractured skull.

Friday.—George Steiner, fourteen years old, struck in front of home, No. 107 Amsterdam avenue; injured internally.

Saturday.—J. E. Smith, Haddon, retired millionaire merchant, struck in front of Stratford House, at Madison avenue and Thirty-second street, where he had apartments; skull fractured and may die.

James V. Van Woert, receiver of Holland Trust Co., struck and killed at Fifth avenue and Twenty-fifth street, near home, at No. 48 East Twenty-fifth street.

Sunday.—William Archer Purdy and William Kramer, killed at Archville, near William Rockefeller's estate.

This is a terrible record and shews the absolute necessity of legally restraining the reckless use of so powerful a machine as an automobile. It is like permitting a steam engine to run down a public street. If it hits anything, death or frightful injury may result. Obviously civilized communities must compel automobiles to keep to a pace which does not make the streets and roads unsafe. There is no limit to this obligation. It must secure the safety of the highways, even if it drives every automobile off them. It is for the automobilists themselves to say whether they can be licensed as free and equal citizens of the road. The safety of the road is a necessity; the presence of the automobile is a desired possibility.—*Montreal Star*.

One day the office boy went to the editor of *The Scoring Eagle* and said:

"There's a tramp at the door, and he says he has had nothing to eat for six days."

"Fetch him in," said the editor. "If we can find how he does it we can run this paper for another week."—*Ex.*