

uninhabitable, besides being destructive to clothing. The smell, also, which follows in the track of the motor is equally objectionable. This is a serious indictment, and there is besides the humiliation to one's self-respect in the insolence of the motorist, as, with his resistless force, he compels you to get out of his way, looks in scorn upon your inferior power of movement, and glorifies in your inability to resist his violence, or punish his aggression. But the motorist is not content with proving his superiority in all these various ways. He destroys the roads which centuries of careful industry have created, and renders them unfit for the purpose for which they were made, and finally makes them useless for even his own enjoyment.

With such a condition of affairs the law and its myrmidons have so far vainly endeavoured to cope. It is admitted that, to use a common phrase, the motor car has come to stay, and all that can be done is so to regulate it as to reduce as far as possible the evils which it causes. As a matter of necessity the owners and users of motor cars must be people of wealth who will not be deterred by the imposition of a fine from any indulgence in the use of their motors, any more than they will be from a sense of the dangers and annoyances they cause to others.

The main object of legislation both in England and this country has been to regulate speed so as to avoid the dangers arising from too great rapidity of motion. There are two principles upon which this may be accomplished—one is by fixing a maximum rate not to be exceeded under any circumstances, and reduced in certain places, where the condition of the roads or streets require extra precaution. Judging from the reports in the English papers this method is not found to be satisfactory. When the motorist sees a clear road before him he will not be restrained by fear of the police who are watching for him, or by dread of a fine, from trying the speed of his machine, and enjoying the delight of rapidity of motion which is to many people a most exhilarating sensation. At the same time he feels justified in going as fast as the law will allow him, even when the speed permitted is too great for the safety of the public.