

intolerable that the many should be terrorized and often mangled to satisfy the whim or pleasure of the few, who thus in defiance at least of the spirit of the law dominate the public highways.

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Legal periodicals in the United States are also taking up t' a discussion of "Reckless Automobilists." *Case & Comment*, in an article under that heading, says that in several cities the authorities have systematically begun to arrest those who violate the law. The same article in discussing the law of the road affecting this subject says: "A supposition that automobiles can run with impunity anywhere up to the limit fixed by statute or ordinance seems to be somewhat common. Of course, it is entirely erroneous. An enactment that the speed shall not exceed a fixed maximum is by no means a license to run at that speed under all circumstances. The general principles of the law of negligence necessarily require that the speed under particular circumstances should be far less than that maximum, or indeed that the machine must be entirely stopped, if common prudence demands it in order to avoid a threatened injury to another person. There is a surprising lack of adjudication in the courts, up to the present time, in respect to the use of these machines, but the principles applicable to the subject are the same as those which govern all vehicles on highways. Outside of specific enactments, the question is simply one of negligence, and in most instances this will, of course, be a matter for the jury;"—and an ordinary jury would not be likely to err in favour of the defendant.

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The writer of the article above referred, deals with the existing evils in the following true and trenchant language: "Many automobiles are operated by gentlemen who run them with due consideration for the rights of other people. Many others are operated by persons who may be fitly described as wealthy hoodlums. These fellows drive their powerful machines with insolent disregard of the rights of other travellers. Women and children who have been accustomed to drive on country roadways have in many instances been practically driven from them because of this new danger. It is the custom of some of these reckless, insolent, and brutal hoodlums, swelled with the sense of their own importance and power, when they have