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## *THE LAW AND THE MOTOR CAR.*

Seldom have the British people been so stirred by any question of secondary importance as they have been by the evils resulting from motor traffic. The columns of such papers as the *Times* and *Spectator* are full of correspondence upon the subject, which is not only talked about, and written about, but also has been legislated about. Proceedings are taken in the police courts, an army of policemen are employed in regulating the traffic, fines are imposed, chauffeurs are sent to prison, heavy damages are exacted as the result of accidents, but still the agitation continues, and though the better class of motorists and motor owners, alive to the danger, are doing their best to avoid the evils complained of, more stringent legislation is threatened.

The danger to life and limb resulting from careless and reckless motor driving is the most serious feature of the case, but the damage to property is also a very grave matter. Day after day the papers record an appalling list of accidents, many of them fatal, and all of them serious. It frequently happens that the motorists—both drivers and passengers—are themselves the victims. Motor cars sometimes act like runaway horses; they get out of control, fall over embankments, dash themselves against banks of earth or walls of stone, against rocks, or trees or lamp-posts, and generally some one is killed, and others are dangerously injured. For such sympathy is coldly expressed, they know the danger and they take the chances. It is otherwise with the inoffensive foot passengers, or drivers of ordinary vehicles, who are such frequent sufferers. They are so helpless that they can only seek safety in flight, and let the aggressor rush triumphantly by. The damage to property, and the annoyance to passers-by and dwellers by the roadside, caused by the dust which invades the houses, has rendered some quarters almost