



WHERE COURTESY MAY COUNT MOST

Let Good Manners Grow With Use of Motors.

As the number of automobiles increases, so does the opportunity for good manners in motoring.

After all the streets and highways belong to everybody and no one who is at all considerate of others' rights will forget that.

Most lapses from the golden rule of courtesy are due to thoughtlessness rather than deliberate selfishness—but thoughtlessness and automobile driving are a bad combination.

The man whose car waits at an unpolluted intersection for a chance to cut across the traffic wonders why none of the scores of cars will hesitate long enough to make a gap for him, but this same man, were he in the stream of traffic, probably would not stop for another.

Those who expect courtesy should themselves be courteous. Every day every motorist has at least one occasion upon which he could courteously slow down and allow a fellow-motorist to turn his car or could steer to the right or left a little to make it easier for the other man to turn into the main highway from an intersection.

In almost every city there are some streets so frequented during the morning and evening rush hours that the people who live on these streets and own cars can hardly get into or out of their own driveways—because the passing motorist is so supremely indifferent.

The courteous motorist will not weave in and out of traffic or narrow roads and force other motorists to give ground to avoid collision or slip in between two cars so as to compel the man behind to use his brakes for safety.

It isn't courteous to take the corners swiftly and swing wide so that approaching drivers, especially women, are forced to slow down in alarm.

When cars are parked and space is limited, the considerate motorist will give a thought to those who will come after him and will not park carelessly so as to waste space.

A special chapter might be written on the courtesy of the horn. The horn is a safety signal—not a medium for the expression of impatience when traffic is delayed by a stalled motor a few cars ahead. The horn is not a door-bell to summon friends whom one is picking up to go to dinner or for a drive. In every block there are sensitive, nervous and sick people who have a right to more consideration than is shown by repeated full length prolonged soundings of the horn.

The merit of the modern automobile horn is its carrying power and distinct tone. A very gentle touch on the horn button will warn pedestrians quite as effectively as a blast that paralyzes them with fright. Pedestrians have rights, too, the right to cross at intersections without waiting five or ten minutes, the right to be warned courteously, if warning is needed at all.

Some people contend that automobile horns should be prohibited, and the burden of caution be placed on the motorist. This is an extreme view—but the reasons that lead to it are plain enough, the abuse of the horn.

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**PLANTING THE FLOWER GARDEN**

(Experimental Farms Note)  
The annual delight to flower lovers of planting the garden is about to be experienced as spring is here. Often the desire to plant, however, is so strong that certain kinds are set out in the garden long before they should be with the result that many plants are ruined by late spring frosts. There is no advantage, and great danger in planting geraniums, for instance, before the last week of May, and tender plants are almost certain to be killed.

In planting the flower garden it should always be kept in mind that green grass is one of the most pleasing sights about a garden as flowers without grass to set them off may be compared with a picture without a frame. The flower garden then should be planned that the grass will not be much cut up by flower beds. See that the places for flowers are along the boundaries, in corners, or close to the house, leaving as much grass as possible in an unbroken area.

All herbaceous perennials that are going to be planted this spring should be set out as soon as possible now as the more growth they have made before planting the less satisfactory will be the results the first year.

Roses should be planted as early as possible, and if the plants seem dry when they arrive prune severely and bury them in moist soil for a couple of days before planting.

Some of the hardiest annual flowers, the seed of which can be planted outside early in May, are Sweet Alyssum, Calliopsis, Candytuft, Calendula or Pot Marigold, Delphinium, Eschscholtzia, Poppy, Phlox Drummondii, Virginian Stocks, and Verbena, while for best results Sweet Peas should be planted as soon as the ground is dry enough, but good success will be obtained in an average year even if there is delay in planting for a few weeks. Annuals that are affected by very little frost should not be planted before the latter part of May as, in addition to their probably being killed by frost, these tender things do not succeed well until the temperature of the soil is fairly high. This applies also to such tender plants as Cannas and Dahlias. Gladioli may be planted any time in May.

In planting the flower garden it is very desirable to plan it in such a way that there will be a succession of bloom from early in the spring until late in the autumn. Care should be taken also to arrange the plants in such a way that there will be pleasing blending or contrasts in colours and that the lower growing plants will be in the foreground, or, at least, not hidden by the stronger and taller ones.

W. T. MACOUN,  
Dominion Horticulturist.

**MANAGING A HOUSE**  
When you think about the new equipment you will need this spring to operate your business or your farm, do you also consider the new devices which will enable your wife to run the house on a more economical basis and with less expenditure of energy? Managing a house is as much a business as managing a store or farm, and the same care should be taken to secure the best equipment on the market if the most satisfactory results are to be obtained.

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"Mr. Bellew's own observation is inspiring to the man or woman who feels blue with the world's wallops: 'Folks, I'm an old codger and thought life was over for me.' Bless yer hearts, life is only starting! She's sure a good old world when you get to understand her. When y're feeling blue, just remember that war song and 'Turn the Dark Clouds Inside Out'. There's lots of silver ready to be polished up on the other side."

The world is full of Mr. Bellews, although, perhaps, they are not all reduced to the straits of self-destruction. But all the same, Mr. Bellew's little life lesson is well worth remembering. Life's darkest day must have a bright spot somewhere ahead. The law of averages works. The world or life never was supposed to be a place of sheerest joy. We are told that prolonged ecstasies will only reach us in the invisible world. However this may prove, we have still lots of happiness in this old world, if we look for it. But most of it needs uncovering. Anyway, it doesn't pay to revel in an orgy of self pity, it gets us nothing. And that blue feeling never pays. Forget it. Things are probably not so bad after all.

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