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### CARE OF BRAKES PROLONGS AUTOS

Quick Steps Sure to Injure Tires and Mechanism—Some Timely Advice

"Use your brakes intelligently and only when absolutely necessary is an excellent motto to have printed on the instrument board of every car," says William H. Stewart, Jr., president of the Stewart Automobile School, Brooklyn. "The average operator, yes, the average skilled driver, uses his brakes too much. This wears the brakes, racks the mechanism of the car and injures the tires. Learn to stop your car by coasting to the point where you wish to stop. This may be learned with a little practice and should always be done on a level road. If you find you are going a little too far, a light pressure on the pedal will stop you. This is better than dashing up to a place and then jamming on both brakes to make a spectacular stop. Besides wearing the brake lining and attachments, it racks the tires severely, sometimes making the wheels lock and the tires slide. This wears away the tread in one spot. If this is done frequently the tread will be ruined and the fabric exposed. A tire worn away in this manner cannot be returned for adjustment as it has been ruined by abuse.

"When coasting down a hill use the brakes alternately. By changing from service brake to the emergency brake the first is allowed to cool, prolonging its life. The longer it is used the less it cools for repairs and so the total upkeep is reduced. Some cars for mountainous tourists have an attachment which ejects water on the brakes every time they are applied. It consists of a water tank which must be filled regularly, as it is separate from the cooling system, and a pump which is fastened to a brake rod and so throws water every time the brake is used. But changing from one brake to the other does not cool the drums on the wheels as one brake operates on the outside and the other on the inside of each drum. So it is advisable to relieve the brakes as much as possible.

"This is accomplished by using the chain as a brake. On a gentle slope stay in high gear with engine throttled down, and do without the brakes. On a steeper grade use the second gear or the first if the car is a heavy one.

"When the emergency brake is used on a hill it must be applied with caution or the brake rod will be broken. The brake is set and the hand removed it cannot be used when the car passes over water bars, etc. At this time the rear axle moves backward owing to the flattening of the springs and if the brake rods are drawn tight the strain comes on them, stretching or breaking some part. While using the foot brake the foot automatically yields to the strain, but if the emergency brake is set, it cannot yield.

"Where one brake rod passes through a tube carrying the other they may become frozen, that is stuck together, if they are not properly lubricated. Be sure that the grease cups are turned down at least one turn a day. If they do become seized, remove the lower part of the grease cup and force kerosene into the hole with an oil gun, working the brakes meanwhile to loosen them.

"Look over the equalizers, if they are provided, and adjust the rods to the same length to insure best action. If brake lining is badly worn, watch the workman while he replaces it, and perhaps the next time you can do it yourself.

"When the brakes occasionally by speeding up and then applying. If the car keeps on or swerves to one side, the brakes needs adjusting. The better way to test them is to jack up both rear wheels and apply the emergency brake a few notches, enough to grip the wheels firmly. Try both wheels to see if they turn easily. If one turns more readily than the other, that one must be tightened. To test the foot brake, a jack may be applied to hold it in position, but it will be better to have a helper if one is available.

### Poor Stupid Russians Have Protested in Vain Against Cruel Massacres

THE Russian protest to Germany against the massacre of the Transcaucasian region comes late in the course of the negotiations that gave this territory to Germany and her Turkish ally. They have already been in occupation of the land for about two months, which is a much longer time than in the past has been necessary to secure the results that are stated in the Russian protest.

"Following upon the withdrawal of the Russian troops, Turkish troops have already invaded the undefended country, and are not only killing every Turkish Armenian, but also every Russian in Armenia."

When the Russians surrendered this region they could scarcely have expected that anything else than such a wholesale slaughter would result. They must have known that the Turks were determined to exterminate the Armenians and all other Christian races, to possess their land, their stocks and all their property and their churches. They had every evidence of this intention in the fact that up to that time the Turks had slain at least 100,000 Armenians, and that they were threatening to wipe out every Christian village in Eastern Asia Minor. There is no indication, though, that the Bolsheviki delegates made the least effort to provide for the protection of this land. They merely quit, turning the defenceless inhabitants over to the savagery of a merciless enemy already bent on their destruction.

In their protest they state that the peace treaty of Brest-Litovsk left the determination of the future destiny of the people of Ardahan, Kars and Batumi to themselves. Enver Pasha and his able assistant Talaat Bey especially approved this most excellent provision and began immediately to put it into execution. As the Turkish army advanced to destroy their stocks and all their property and their churches. They had every evidence of this intention in the fact that up to that time the Turks had slain at least 100,000 Armenians, and that they were threatening to wipe out every Christian village in Eastern Asia Minor. There is no indication, though, that the Bolsheviki delegates made the least effort to provide for the protection of this land. They merely quit, turning the defenceless inhabitants over to the savagery of a merciless enemy already bent on their destruction.

The acting commanding general of the Sixth Army Corps in Breslau in an order now made public has forbidden the keeping of horses for pleasure. The order forbids, for the territory in which the corps is located, the possession of all horses which are not actually needed in connection with war industries, in trade, business, manufactures, or farming, and especially those which are kept merely for convenience or pleasure. The order does not apply to horses under four years of age, however, because their front teeth have not begun to rub together; it does not apply to horses used exclusively for breeding purposes, to riding school horses, which are used as a means of live instruction, or to race horses whose worth in times of peace is entirely beyond the price possible to allow for them. Deutsche Tageszeitung, Nov. 23, 1917.

**The Beer of Borneo.** Beer as made by the natives of Sarawak, in the northwestern region of Borneo, varies in its ingredients according to the different tribes who make it, the most intoxicating being that made by the Bisayahs of Limbank. These people make their beer by boiling rice in a large pot, crushing wild chili, and a large lump of wood-ash. This is all put into a jar till the jar is two-thirds full, and covered over with leaves which are held down with bamboo strips. Water is poured on till the jar is full, and the beer is then ready for drinking. The drinking is performed by pushing bamboo tubes down to the bottom of the jar and sucking up the liquid. So that no one shall be more than his fair proportion at a time, a system of floats is arranged whereby the amount of drink consumed by each man is registered.

**Against Games.** The man who deliberately takes unnecessary exercise wastes an equivalent of food, according to Dr. Robert Hutchison, a dietetic expert at West London Hospital, and, on this assumption, he strongly objects to athletics at the present time. He believes Britons can suffer 10 per cent. reduction in weight without endangering their health. Other dietitians express the opinion that the recent enormous consumption of fat and rubbish in Great Britain is reducing the British waistline, but so far is making people healthier. Less exercise and more sleep is advocated by Dr. Hutchison to retard loss of weight.

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### FINED FOR SENDING PANICKY TELEGRAM

English Noblewoman Took Rumors of German Advance Too Seriously

A statement made in a telegram handed in at a post office that the Germans were marching on Calais led Lady Rossmore, of St. John House, Hampton Court, being summoned at Marlborough Street Police Court.

The summons was "for on 14th April, at South Audley street W., unlawfully making a false statement contrary to regulation 27 (a) of the Defense of the Realm Regulations."

Sir Archibald Bodkin for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that Lady Rossmore's telegram ran: "Cowdroy, Rossmore, Monaghan, Germans marching on Calais, Dover and Folkestone to be cleared."

The assistant asked her if the statements in it were true, and she said that they were, and she handed the stamps to affix to it before it was sent. Fortunately, it was stopped, the matter was brought to the notice of the authorities at Scotland Yard, and Lady Rossmore was requested to call there. This she did, and made an explanation.

The contents of the telegram were not true, added Sir Archibald, and there was no order about Dover and Folkestone. If the telegram had been forwarded serious mischief would have been caused, and it was felt in the interests of the public that these regulations should be enforced, and that the matter could not be allowed to pass.

Lady Rossmore was the wife of Lord Rossmore who was living in Ireland, and after she had been in Scotland Yard she wrote a letter on April 17 to the Secretary of the War Office, which contained the following passages: "I am in a most awful state. I have done the most dreadful thing possible to do, and I don't know what to do for the best. My eldest son is in the midst of a France, and I am nearly out of my mind with anxiety, and Saturday afternoon I was told the Germans were marching on Calais, and that they had orders to clear Dover and Folkestone, on account of the big German gun and as Lord Rossmore is in Ireland, and I am terribly upset about our boy in a moment of excitement wrote a telegram to my mother, only that it was not true, and she could breathe the news to Rossmore before he saw the news in the papers, as his heart is so bad. I put in the telegram, as far as I can remember, the following: 'Cowdroy, Calais, Dover and Folkestone to be cleared' and signed my name at the back."

I have nothing more to say. I would sooner have died than done any harm, and this is the truth."

Sir Archibald said he believed the letter was a truthful and natural explanation of the circumstances in which the telegram was sought to be circulated.

Mr. Mead, for the defence, stated that Lady Rossmore was most patriotic, and was connected with the Red Cross and other societies both in England and Ireland. She was English by birth, and her husband was a retired army officer. Her eldest son was fighting in France and her other son was physically unfit to serve in the army of navy, but was doing national service in Ireland.

Mr. Mead asked where the rumor came from.

Mr. Mead said he believed Lady Rossmore received it from her sister. Continuing Mr. Mead said Lady Rossmore regretted what had happened, and now recognized the importance of these regulations being adhered to by everyone, high and low.

Mr. Mead: With regard to this case I yield to the representatives from both sides, and I inflict the nominal penalty of £10, with £5 costs.

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