what Irvin S. Cobb thinks about:

Making 1937 a Safe Year.

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.—This time last year we were all dedicating ourselves to a crusading campaign to make 1936 a safer year for motorists.

We were going to cut down the volume of traffic disasters, going to reduce the appalling mortality toll which had marked the preceding year.

So what?

Well, here's what. The end of 1936 showed an all-time top for deaths on the public highways—roughly 37,450, or approximately 450 more than in 1935.

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So now we'll piously resolve, all over again, to do something about this hideous destroyer which kills by the thousands and maims by the hundreds of thousands and makes our fatalities and casualties in the world war seem, by comparison, puny.

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The Value of "Experts"

I HEARD a supposed expert advising a director, bound for Africa to shoot a big game picture, that practically everything about his kit was wrong except possibly his rear collar button.

It reminded me of the pampered millionaire's son who was heading for the arctic circle. He called in a veteran of polar expeditions and told about his outfit. All went well until he started describing his parka.

"It's fine," he said, "made of sealskin and the hood all fringed with wolverine and—"

"One moment," said the professional, "is the hairy surface of the pelt worn next to your body?"

"No," said the youth. "The fur is outside, of course."

"All wrong," pronounced the critic. "Thermal demonstration has proved that to conserve the bodily heat the hide should be turned so the fur is used as a lining and the smooth or naked side is exposed, thus cutting the wind."

The youngster burst out laughing.

"Have I said something to excite your mirth?" demanded the specialist.

"Oh, not at all," said the amateur, "I was just thinking what a darned fool a buffalo is."

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Americans in England

RENEWED excitement has been aroused in the British isles by the discovery that yet another member of the royal family—this time it's the young duke of Kent—not only shows a regrettable tendency to enjoy himself as any normal natural, healthy youngster might, but, what is even more distressing, has lately been seen in the company of an American woman.

Oh, these pestiferous Yankee women! In spite of all that can be done, it's almost certain some of them will witness the coronation, and several thousands of them will break their girlish necks trying to do so.

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Militarizing the C. C. C.

REPRESENTATIVE NICHOLS of Oklahoma is trying to accomplish something which should have been done long ago. He's preparing a bill to make military reserve units of the C. C. C. boys, which would mean discipline and morale for thousands of young Americans and, if needed, would provide the nucleus of a trained citizen-army.

Seems to me there is every reason why congress should enact the legislation, not as a warlike gesture, but as a peace-time move for national defense and national protection. But watch the professional pacifists fight it.

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AFFIRMING ALICE

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JACK SEABURY looked at Billie Dorn in knickers cleaning her golf clubs energetically, with stern disapproval. He vigorously disliked the athletic type of girl and Billie was all of that, surely. Sometimes he thought she must be made of steel, the way she swung her tennis racquet and cracked her golf balls across the course. He honestly could not remember ever having heard her say she was tired, or chilly or afraid; you could not protect or take care of a girl like Billie, she stood too firmly on her own feet. She was not the girl he dreamed about, a lovely feminine type of sweet delicate beauty and certainly not named Billie! He rather fancied the name of Alice, it was so distinctly feminine and made him think a little of that old song, Alice, Ben Bolt.

"Say, Billie!" He savagely cut off some leaves with his brassie. "I'm in love!"

"With whom, Jack?" she asked carelessly, but the brown fingers scrubbing the putter were not quite steady.

"With a wonderful girl, Billie, a girl of my dreams. I can see her now, blue eyes gentle and soft, hair that is fluffy and glinty and a skin—the kind that you love to touch!

"And," continued Jack, "she doesn't play golf, nor tennis, nor ride! And she's afraid of snakes and she tires easily. She likes fancy work and to have men wait on her—in other words, a real woman!"

Billie picked up the putter and began to rub and scrape, and then with all the braveness of a hero started to whistle a popular air. "What's her name, Jack?" she asked in a teasing voice, covering up her true feelings.

"I think it's Alice," he answered. "Funny thing but I've never either met or seen her—but I want to—if I only could!"

"Don't despair. Sooner or later you'll meet your Alice if you want to bad enough. Just affirm Alice. Every time you think of this Alice pictured in your mind, say very positively. 'Alice, is. I, Jack Seabury, affirm Alice, the woman I love. Day by day, hour by hour, she is coming nearer to me.' "

"O. K. I'll try your game, Billie, and see how it works."

It was just a week later that Jack discovered a new girl at the club who answered his ideas of Alice—pale gold hair, a white transparent skin and baby blue eyes. Jack immediately sought an introduction and he was overjoyed to find out that she wasn't very strong and that her main sport was knitting and that she had headaches quite frequently. Naturally he was overcome with joy when he discovered her name to be Alice Willard.

It annoyed him exceedingly some time later when he rushed to the coat room, with his mind full of plans for ordering orchids and roses, to have his best friend, Phil Baker, stop him. "I want to say good-by to you, Jack. I'm leaving for the west. No one knows what I've been through married to Emily, living with that pampered girl!"

"Why, Emily was always the sweetest little thing, so frail."

Phil shuddered. "Have you ever lived with anybody who is always getting a headache? The slightest unpleasantness sends her into hysterics? A woman who punishes her husband for every little thing by having a sick spell? Who takes the joy out of everything by being tired, or too weak? Have your vacations just been toting shawls and pillows and finding comfortable seats for somebody who is too lazy and indulgent to exercise and get up a little strength? Have you ever been forced to stick in the house for weeks and when you suggested playing a round of golf have a woman burst into tears?"

It was a very thoughtful, enlightened Jack Seabury who dressed for the country club dance that evening. He found her almost immediately—a woman who suggested strength and glowing health, in her dress of shimmering green, beautiful against the soft tanned skin.

He hurried her out of the clubhouse for a walk over the knoll to the ninth hole, and there in the darkness, without a word of explanation, he drew her close and kissed her warm little mouth.

"I've always loved you, though I did not know it," he said softly, tenderly. "You've been my little pal, always there, always ready for anything. I don't want any wishy-washy delicate girl for my wife, but a real woman like you, Billie."

And as they walked back to the clubhouse, Billie said happily: "It worked after all, affirming Alice. Billie's just a nickname; I was christened Alice, you know."

Champion Liar Tells Her Story

Mrs. Stella Barnhouse, wife of a farmer near Fowlerville, Mich., was named the world's champion liar in the annual contest sponsored by the Liars' club of Burlington, Wis. Her tall story concerned a gargantuan Michigan mosquito that swallowed livestock and it was chosen from amongst thousands submitted. The photo shows Mrs. Barnhouse telling her story to neighborhood children as her husband, Gale, listens to the tale with a rather doubtful expression.

Keeping Up With Science

By Science Service

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Samples of Ocean Bottom Obtained by a New Device

WASHINGTON.— Samples of ocean bottom gouged out of ten feet of solid mud or silt by a new type of apparatus have been undergoing analysis at the Carnegie Institution of Washington. They are expected to tell new stories of the geological and biological history of the depths, hitherto hidden because no previously existing form of apparatus could do more than scoop up a superficial handful of material from the ocean floor.

The device, called a core sampler, has been developed in the laboratories of the Carnegie institution by Dr. Charles A. Piggot of the geophysical laboratory. It consists of a short, thick-walled cylinder with a plunger that can be driven forward by a charge of cannon powder. Attached is a ten-foot tube of tempered steel, which is called the bit. When this sampler comes into contact with the bottom, the powder is exploded and the bit is driven into the ocean floor.

Sample Comes up in Tube.

The bit is lined with a thin brass tube, which is removable. The ocean bottom sample remains in this, to be corked up and filed away for study in the laboratories on shore. A new lining is shoved into the bit, the powder chamber in the gun reloaded, and the sampler is ready to take another bite.

The first real deep-water samples were taken through the co-operation of one of the great commercial cable companies, which had to send out a powerful repair ship, the Lord Kelvin, to mend a break in a trans-Atlantic cable.

Soviet Geologists Find New Mineral Deposits

MOSCOW.—More than 800 geological parties have been in the field exploring Soviet Russia's mineral resources and crustal structure.

Half of them mapped the layers of the earth, while 80 were engaged in exploration. Other parties surveyed deposits already discovered.

Discovery of large deposits of high grade borates in the Lake Inder district is expected to free the Soviet Union from dependence in this respect upon foreign countries. New deposits of coal, lead and zinc ores, rare metal ores and bromine-containing salt were also reported.

Ancient Corpse's Last Meal Under Microscope

BERLIN.—The last meal of a corpse many centuries old, found in a bog where acid water had preserved the body against decay, has been made the subject of scientific examination by Prof. Fritz Netolitzky of the University of Czernowitz, Poland.

A sample of the contents of the digestive tract, on microscopic study, proved to consist mainly of rye and millet, both very badly threshed and ground.

Professor Netolitzky's somewhat macabre research is regarded as of real scientific importance in connection with the history of grain cultivation in northern Europe in prehistoric time.

Household Questions

The corduroy clothes so popular with young people will launder easily, if washed in mild soap and plenty of warm water. Rinse well, shake and hang up to dry.

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Salted peanuts, freshened by heating in oven, are very good served with chocolate sauce on vanilla ice cream. The young people like this combination especially well.

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Stains may be removed from a marble mantelpiece in the following way: First of all, wash with soap and water, then wipe dry, and apply a paste made of finely powdered bathbrick or carbonate of soda, and lemon juice. Rub this well into the discolored parts and rinse off in clean, cold water.

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For white sauce, melt two and a half tablespoonfuls of buter in saucepan. Add five and a half tablespoons flour mixed with one-third teaspoon salt and few grains pepper. Add one cup scalded milk, stirring constantly. Bring to boiling point and beat until smooth and glossy.

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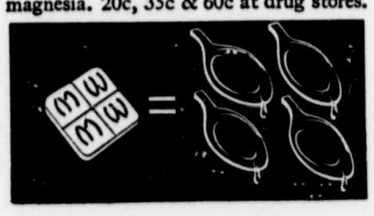

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