

driver's steadiness and judgement at difficult points and also registers the time in fractions of a second that it takes him to move the stylus through the points of difficulty.

An individual's intelligence is no gauge of his success as a driver, Dr. Snow finds, except that very low intelligence is a sure indication of unfitness. Consequently, drivers are given only a simple intelligence test, to test such powers as memory, attention during distractions, and common sense reason. The taxicab applicants are also put through a rigorous physical examination.

A Chicago taxi company which employs 6,000 drivers has rejected 15 per cent. of its applicants since January first, using the new tests as a standard of fitness. The company reports that the reduction of accidents has been substantial.

BRITISH EXPEDITION SEEKS MAYA RUINS

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Mayan ruins on British soil in Central America are the objectives of an expedition under T. A. Joyce, deputy keeper of the Department of Ethnography of the British Museum, London, and F. A. Mitchell-Hedges, now in the field, on a voyage of exploration in British Honduras.

The expedition is an outcome of the interest of the results obtained by Mr. Mitchell-Hedges last year, when he was accompanied by T. W. Gann, the well-known authority on Central American archaeology, and spent some months in exploring the ancient cities of the Maya. One of the most remarkable monuments discovered by him was a vast amphitheatre which is like nothing else known in America.

A great deal of the work done was of a pioneer character, and did little more than clear away the jungle, but it was possible to conclude that the remains belonged to two periods, of which the work of the earlier was of a much higher character than that of the later. In the former were found blocks covered with painted stucco, which evidently had been introduced into the work but belonged to a much earlier period still. The buildings were probably ceremonial. At any rate they showed no sign of military defenses.

It may be expected that the present expedition will obtain much information which should be of value both in itself and in assisting to clear up some of the problems of archaeology and history in the other states of Mexico and Central America.

In a storm on the Atlantic, waves average 40 feet in height.
