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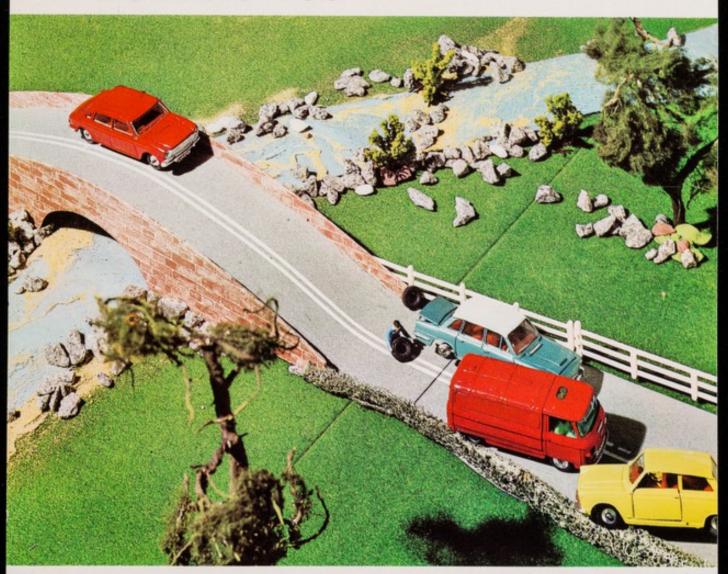


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the anatomy of accidents



No.4 OVER THE HUMP

As you come over the top of the hump-backed bridge in your red 1800 saloon, you see in front of you all the makings of a nasty accident. Asked afterwards which driver you thought most to blame, would you say:—

Mr. George Eyles, Director of Tests at the Institute gives you his verdict overleaf.



- a) The motorist changing his wheel?
- b) The driver of the red van?
- c) The driver of the yellow saloon?

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Driver (b), says Mr. Eyles, is wholly to blame in this case. He should not have assumed that the road ahead, and out of sight on the other side of the hump-backed bridge, was free of traffic. He should have negotiated the bridge at such a speed that he could stop in the distance which he could see to be clear (see Highway Code, Para.19). If his speed had allowed him to give way to the yellow car, he should have done—as the obstruction was on his side of the road.