

CURSES

There are now 18,000 wheels in the city of Mexico, each subject to an annual tax of \$6, payable in monthly installments.

Comparatively few accidents happen to those who ride a wheel which can be directly attributed to foolhardiness or carelessness.

In the Manhattan Bicycle Club's open all climbing contest on Eagle Rock hill last Labor day no gear lower than 56 inches will be permitted.

A tiny lamp, with a diamond for a lens and pendant from a handle bar of gold, makes an original and expensive brooch for the wealthy and enthusiastic wheelwoman.

Indianapolis has disposed of 11,005 cycle licenses at \$1 each, and the claim made that fully 5,000 riders in the city have yet to step up to the captain's office and pay for the privilege of cycling.

At the recent cycle festivities at Brussels the King was an interested spectator. To prove that he was interested his majesty presented the committee in charge with a check for \$3,000 to help defray the expenses of the affair.

A ten mile road race in Iowa between two wheelmen very properly resulted in a dead heat. Now the rivals do not know whether to bury their animosity or let the memory of the contest forever remain embalmed in their memories.

Payments made of granulated cork mixed with asphalt have proved successful after two years' trial in London and Vienna. They are never slippery, are odorless and do not absorb moisture, besides being clean, elastic and lasting.

Occasionally there appears a tandem on the front seat of which is occupied by two masked women. Over her mask she wears a veil, in order, doubtless, to render her identity more of a puzzle to the curious.—Wheel.

PAPA'S ELOPEMENT FOILED

His Daughter Objected and Bode the Couple Down on Her Wheel. Since the use of the bicycle has become so general it is not surprising that there have been frequent instances in which it has played a leading role in episodes of pure romance.

A happy couple were mated on wheels while admiring Florida's loveliness and the completed to look happy and maintain their equilibrium. A few days before that another couple not so happy perhaps were reported scorching through Indiana, but two miles ahead of an irate parent who sought in vain to stop the elopers, and it has not been recorded since which reached the parent first.

But the first case on record comes from Bensonville, N. Y., in which the irate parent was attempting to play the leading part in the elopement, with a more irate daughter bounding along on a wheel in pursuit. Miss Ella Worth, it appears, was all that a daughter should be in beauty and wisdom and ran the Walworth household with marked success.

Her aged father, however, had let drop frequent hints about her budding second wife and was met by rebuffs so stern that he finally let the subject drop. But a few nights ago she arose when he thought his daughter slept, and stealing forth in the regulation elopement style met his innamorata prepared with two bicycles, and they started out at top speed for the next village.

The daughter, however, was awakened in time to be in the saddle a few minutes after they were off and ran them down before they had gone two miles. The fair eloper and the parents of the irate father pleaded for sympathy and freedom, but pleaded in vain. They were led back to their respective homes in disgrace, and the Walworth establishment is still under the shadow of a daughter with a meek and humble but an irate parent who is not allowed to ride a wheel without a chaperon.—Chicago Tribune.

Two splints—i. e., pieces of thin board—1 1/2 inches long, 3/4 inches wide, one-quarter inch thick (boxwood). Two splints 12 inches long by 8 inches wide. An Emmerich tourniquet—i. e., a strip of rubber 48 inches long, three-quarters inch wide and three-sixteenths inch thick. Four unbleached muslin roller bandages 3 inches by 6 yards. Four triangular bandages, lower border to measure 4 feet, side borders 2 feet 10 inches. Two sponges 2 to 3 inches in diameter. One paper of pins (large ones). Six needles threaded with coarse cotton thread. One yard adhesive plaster (in tin box). Two ounces of lanolin, with label indicating use. Two ounces of whisky, with label indicating use, especially in shock.—Chicago Times-Herald.

It is considered the proper thing among the smart set in London to ride an American wheel. Our wheels are lighter in weight by a number of pounds than the English wheel, and, according to The Court Journal, have "a certain perkiness about their appearance" that is considered "effective."

The devotees of the silent steed who have been wrestling with the problem of a lamp which will stay lighted might do worse than to test the natural lamp which is used by the wheelmen of Mexico. This natural lamp is nothing more nor less than a gigantic firefly. This insect, which has a long Latin name, is an ordinary firefly with an eagle's eye to a humming bird as regards size. Cyclists, taking advantage of the popularity and size of these wonderful fireflies, fasten them on the front of their handle bars and pedal serenely along, with a glowing blue or green light casting a steady glow on the roadway ahead.—Chicago Times-Herald.

There is a suspicion abroad in England that William E. Gladstone, the Grand Old Man, will soon be numbered among the army of bicyclists. He recently remarked to a friend, smiling as he did so, that if he did not speedily learn to ride a bicycle he would be out of the fashion entirely.—Exchange.

India, on account of the splendid condition of the roads, is a paradise for cyclists. The "new wheels" may be ridden from Calcutta to the Khyber pass, 8,000 miles, or from Bombay to Calcutta, the distance of London to Naples, almost without a break or a serious incline.

SLANG OF THE CYCLE.

A "High Wheel," "Geared Too High" and "A Frontie de New." The bicycle has brought in its wake a trail of slang. The trail of the wheel is over the English language of today.

Now the proper way to speak of a man whose habits of life are expensive is not to refer to him as a "rounder," a "bon vivant" or "one of the boys," but "he is simply 'geared too high' or 'geared up to 90.'"

The man who is a little behind the times was formerly a "fossil," a person who had dropped into a rut, an "old fogey." Those who make the boulevard a cloud of wheels by day and a pillar of scorching fire by night refer to such a one as a "high wheel." By that they mean that he is behind the times, for the bicycle with the big high wheels and the little wheel which trundled slowly behind in a frantic effort to keep up with the procession is considered as a vehicle of the past.

Whenever the bicyclist wishes to insinuate that your statements are not as truthful as they might be, he looks at you in a quizzical sort of way, and instead of remarking that "you're off your trolley," he simply says, "My friend, your tire is punctured." If he thinks that your statements are reckless rather than mendacious, he tosses his head knowingly and says, "You're coasting, now, ain't you?"

The term "chestnut," as applied to an ancient story, has passed out of use upon the Boulevard. Suppose, for instance, that you and she are trundling along between the hill lined avenues, and you say that she is the only girl whom you ever loved. She, if she is thoroughly familiar with the language of the wheel, will give the bell of her bicycle a merry tinkle and say, "Oh, Mr. Blank, what a century!"—New York Herald.

WOMAN AND THE WHEEL. Senator Hill says women should ride a wheel and wear bloomers if they wish to do so. Women's wheels have been reduced in weight from 50 to 24 pounds within a few seasons. This is the season of the year when the owner of a new tandem invites the girl who does not know how to ride to accompany him on a trial trip. He never repeats the invitation.

Denver glories in many record breaking wheelmen, and also in one record breaking wheelwoman, Mrs. Rinehart, a society beauty, who recently rode a double century in 20 1/2 hours. Although women's drop frame wheels are of necessity somewhat less rigid and sprung than men's wheels, repairers explain by saying that fewer women's wheels are brought in for repairs than those of men riders.

Miss Maud Riggs, a fair cyclist of 18 summers, reared young Jason Watrous from drowning in a pond near Oakdale, N. Y., recently. She rode to the bank on her wheel, jumped into the water and saved the boy's life. Marie Correll has invented a bicycle skirt which shows that a lady has more imagination than practical experience. It is designed after the fashion of a riding habit, but utterly useless expenditure of time and energy, say all cyclists.

WHIRLS OF THE WHEEL. The Colored League of American wheelmen was organized in September, 1895, and now has a total membership of 3,500. Chief Bendish of the Chicago police department wants a few wheels. He intends to mount 50 of his force of chief takers on bicycles. It is understood that many storage companies will make a bid for the patronage of wheelmen this fall by offering to clean, oil and store wheels during the winter months at a low rate.

A modern simile in a love story says, "A frail young man clung devotedly to Egbert as a sweater clings to a plump person who has been riding a bicycle on a day when the temperature marks 97 degrees."

Un petit roman.

Assommois avec plaisir l'anniversaire de l'hellé, c'est notre journal à nous. Or, il a notre foi, nos croyances et nous parlons cette langue qui n'est autre que le genre de nos pensées. Aussi, bien que nous ne soyons pas de la noblesse, nous sommes de la noblesse, nous sommes de la noblesse, nous sommes de la noblesse.

Le jour où je suis né, il y avait un grand soleil, et le monde était en fête. C'était un jour de fête, un jour de fête, un jour de fête. C'était un jour de fête, un jour de fête, un jour de fête. C'était un jour de fête, un jour de fête, un jour de fête.

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New Orleans Bee TELEPHONE 1381. Advertisement for a telephone service with a large illustration of a man in a suit holding a telephone receiver.

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QUINA-JARROCHÉ. AFFECTIONS D'ESTOMAC, SANG FAUVE, ANÉMIE, MANQUE DE FORCES, FIÈVRES ET SUITES DE FIÈVRES. A large advertisement for a medicinal product with a decorative border and text in French.