A Hasty Review of Western Association Teams,

COMING REGATTA AT HENLEY-ON-THAMES

Palaver with the Ball Players-Whisperings of the Wheel-Army Athletics and the Customary Weekly sporting Roundup.

Now that the Western association is rounding into the last half of the pennant race a brief review of the different teams may prove interesting. In the first place, in a league controlled by a low salary limit like the Western, it is almost a certainty that the teams will be more evenly balanced than those where money will get the best playing ability in the market. On even terms financially the team's complexion depends largely upon the manager's knowledge of the strength of available players' ability and his success in signing them. After that the management and conduct of the team is the most potent factor in their success.

As the Omaha team originally stood it was considered very strong in this class, yet a very problematical quantity, inasmuch as but little was known of the real worth of a number of the men signed, and it all depende on how they would pan out. That they have succeeded as well as could be reasonably excted under the circumstances is attested by the fact that they are in third p sition, and are liable to even better this. Still, there can be no loafing from this on down to the wire. That the team is one of the greatest "in and outers" of the eight there is no denying. They have won and lost during the greater part of the season with a regularity that has been remarkable and to some of the incon-siderate fans highly exasperating. The team has struck no marvelous winning or losing streak, no period of great ball playing, no period of poor ball playing, but persisten There has been a noticeable alternating. lack of team work which has materially militated against their accomplishing the former, and too much individual strength to prevent them from falling into the latter The team is in better shape just now than at any time during the season and should give a first class account of itself from this

The Lincoln team, in point of ability, looked way above the average on paper be-fore the season began, but their disastrous exhibition experience put the fans all at sea. There are no stars on the Capital City list, but as a whole they have been made to shine like a luminary of the first magnitude. This has been accomplished by superior management on and off the field. Buckerino Ebright, like Rowe is an old player and Ebright, like Rowe, is an old player, and a man well up in the business, and he has devoted his knowledge exclusively to the improvement of his man. The discipline of the Lincoln team is something to be emu-lated, and since the flag fell for the start in the championship trip it has been at, or near, the top, and is quite likely to remain

Billy Traffley's Des Moines outfit has, in way, been a disappointment, but there is plenty of time remaining for the Prohibi ionists to bring about a reversal of opinion Traffley has a roster of strong players, the Old Hoss himself not being the least conspicuous of the lot. He has had a long and meritorious career, and in the Western as-sociation, like Anse in the league, is well entitled to the honor of being a grand old man. Just what the team has been shy in is a conundrum. It has not been individual playing strength or hard luck, and this leaves but one inference, the Pie Eating Hing's inability to get just exactly out of his aggregation what he should get out. Therhas been some internal contention, a case of two of swelled head, which has hampered the team's march to victory.

Perhaps the best balanced team, the most effective and symmetrical in its work, is the sucker pers in the first and second hole—Peoria Manager Dugdale has displayed rare talent in his management of the Blackbirds, and is deserving of all the success that comes his way. Outside of his pitching corps, un-doubtedly the best in the association, the team is composed of a lot of mediocre men, all of which shows the potency and effective ness of thorough team work, and that especially in an organization of equally matched teams. There is strength in union. The Peorias play like the several component parts of a well-oiled and perfectly working piece of machinery. Of course they make errors, but they are seldom errors of the It is blunders with hands and with them, but it is blindness of the brain that works disaster in a game of ball. If Dugdale maintains his present lick, the championship flag for 1896 will surely wave over the classic precincts of the Illinois metropolis of booze.

The Rockford team has been a disappoint ment. Before the season opened they were rated very high, but as has been the case in so many instances before, this ante-season estimate failed to pan out. Hugh Nicol is a splendid captain and manager, well up in all the intricacies of the game, and it was naturally expected that he would gather a great team about him. This, however, is his first season in this association, and it can be depended on he will be on hand next year with an aggregation that will be heard from

George Brackett's Quincy team is another of the same sort, only not so much so. It was almost a unanimous thing that Quincy would chase all the other clubs to the woods during the exhibition season, but it has failed to verify expectations. The absence of the Quincys' excellent manager by reason of sickness has had much to do with Onincy's backset. With Mr. Brackett on the sench all the time the team would now be

Not very much was expected of the Jack conville team at any time and there has been no disappointment from this source. There are good players on the team and just what the difficulty has been is hard to tell, unless has been a lack of proper management. During the team's recent visit here it gave an exhibition of as slovenly and indiffeball as was ever seen on any grounds. Cap tain Carruthers was the only man in the game, and of course his individual counted for little against the combined efforts

The St. Joe team started under doubtfu conditions, of which boozing and insubordinate players were not the least. The first month was a continual wrangle and victories were of such rare occurrence that the tan was plunged hopelessly in the hole. No until Gus Alberts assumed control did the given any evidence of strength, but his advent it has been steadily on the climb and may yet get within hailing

Palaver with the Fans.

Eddia Boyle is doing great work behind the bat for the St. Pauls. Captain Comiskey would like to have Charlie Shaffer for his St. Paul team. Pat Tebeau says that the majority of fines in the league are imposed by the new men. Now Dahlen is said to be dissatisfied with Chicago and wants his release. Who next? Manager Alberts of the St. Joes has signed

Harry Gatewood has been made high mucky-muck of the Topekas, and now they

new catcher, Mike Johnson, from Du-

Talking about pitchers, by the way, that lad McGreevy, with the Quincys, is some pumpkins himself. The Omahas have not been running bases

recently with anything like the vim with George Carrish, who is a Nebraska boy, by

the way, in without a doubt the best pitcher in the Western association. Maybe Arthur Twineham wouldn't fit nicely on the St. Louis team just now—or Dick Buckley, ch, Chris? In Pittaburg they accuse Fred Ely of b

the best shortstop in the league. in der Ahe wouldn't do that. President Freedman refuses to entertain the proposition to secure John Ward for the Giants. And New York howls.

SPORTS FOR THE DOG DAYS with more league clubs in a shorter period noon at 3 o'clock, and would be pleased to m. than any man in the profession.

Jimmy Bannon has fallen off greatly his batting. He is below the 400 ma but still leads Boston in stick work. Danny Boland, the peer of any of the catchers in this association, has been dubbed "Pork Chops" by his running mates. Ginger is one of the ingredients lacking in

the makeup of the Jacksonvilles. As a jollier Parisian Bob is a dead fatlure. Tom Hickey of Lincoln is one of the most genial base ball men in the business. He and George Brackett make a pretty strong pair. Pitcher McDougal, who officiated in only a of a game with the team, has been released by Brooklyn and picked up by St.

Manager Mack has accused several of his Pirates of being "quitters." That sort of material in a team will never win a cham-

Umpire Emsile has fined less players this season than any man on the league staff. Latham was the first player fined by him his season George Danby is again getting into some

thing like good shape and he will doubtless keep a lot of the big hitters guessing from

Von der Ahe is accused of a desire to ell his tried players and filling in with oungsters. He is said to be tired of base youngsters. ball, and vice versa. It is claimed that the first ten games played Philadelphia this season averaged 11,000 r game. And the man who read off the

fgures said he was sober. Chrysanthemum Von der Ahe, he of the flowery face and speech, says that Pitcher McDougal will be carried as an extra man and that Billy Traffley will not get him. Old Billy Van Dyke, who has been pere grinating up and down the base ball world since the landing of the pilgrims, has a wife and eight little Van Dykes over in Farragut,

My old side pard, Bill Traffley, the Der Moines manager, has made Louisville an offer for Preston. Just what Willie offered to offer late advices fall to state. Probably a piece

The fact that Kansas City made twenty hits off his phenom does not discourage Man-ager Barnes of Minneapolis. He has pinned his faith on one Carney, who hails from The umpires are "getting next" to Tommy

g. He was ordered to the bench twice a recent game at Boston for violating the oaching rules. Nine ex-Pittsburg twirlers have faced the Pirates this season and only two—Stratton and Terry—have won their games. The losers were Ehret, Gumbert, Knell, Phillips,

Fucker, and he will have to curtail his coach-

Esper, Maul and Staley. Ninety per cent of the fans in the stands Ninety per cent of the fans in the stands thought that Inks was robbed of his home run the other day when McGreevy called him out for cutting second. But he wasn't. McGreevy's decision was correct.

Petie Lohman would grow too fat to play ball if he had nothing but foul flies to subsist ipon. He can get back quicker on a high foul fly and squeeze it with greater certainty than any catcher in any of the minor leagues. Clem Kimmerer is one of Buckerino's finds nd he was well worth the picking up, for he has been pitching some fine ball. This is Clemmy's first professional season, he is but 2 and is a bona fide native of the Capital

More scientific base running is what the New Yorks need, suggests an erudite critic. More base running of any sort would be gratifying. How is a man to do scientific base running when he can't get to first?— Evening Telegram.

The Lincoln Courier declares that the game has been boycotted because Billy O'Brien was let out. But the Courier knows better and I might go further and say that the Courier knows what has been the matter up here just as well as the next fel

The Quincys trot right along with Dugdale's team when it comes to gentlemanly deportment on the field. There isn't a tough in the whole outfit and Captain Sam La Roque is a gentlemanly fellow at all times. Manager Brackett is to be congratulated upon his selection of players.

Indianapolis has never had a team of base ball players that were so strung up to run bases. As soon as a man gets to first he watches Watkins and no matter what the coschers say, he runs on the signal. Many runs are due to stolen bases this season-indianapolis Sertinel.

A St. Joe fan says this team could win the Western association rag hands down: Katz, left field; Flynn, center field; Letcher, right field; Hill, third base; Inks, short stop; Ebright, second base; Caruthers, first base Underwood, Thomas, Kimerer and Gragg, pitchers; Lohman, Speer and Snyder, catchers. Buckerino Ebright still has his eagle eye riveted to the bunting. Well, here's to Buck; if Omaha can't get there Lincoln has my heartlest wishes. They have a manager and a captain down there whom the people can respect and who deserves all the good things the newspaper boys may say about

Manager Nicol was surprised Thursday morning at St. Joe when he was told that there was a package at the express office for him. He went down to see what it was and found it was a miniature saw log about five feet long and one foot in diameter. On i was a label saying, "Here's hoping you can hit the ball once in a while." It was sent him by the Rockford Stringers.

Manager Nicol writes, so says the Rockford Register, that the Rockford players are behaving like gentlemen, all are anxious to win, and have been playing hard. They have simply been passing through the hard luck belt in the west. Well, now that they are back on their own cellar door, we'd like to hear from them occasionally.

The Omaha team certainly got a jewe they secured First Baseman Inks, for he is putting up a wonderful game. It may be that he cannot maintain the extraordinar lick he has struck, but so long as he is playing marvelous ball there is no call for anything but compliments. He has played nine games thus far in this city, and for these his record is appended: At bat, 34: runs, 11; base hits, 15; put out, 67, assists, 3; errors, 1.

For Rockford, observes the Des Moines Register man, old "Daddy" Krieg no longer perambulates in the middle garden, instead being an occupant of the beginning bag essaying this position with rather rapid clubs he years ago received much promi-nence and coin. He yesterday received some good-natured guying and six put outs. He has made himself famous by writing an ex-haustive article on "Slippery Silver's Slide, or How Not to Grow Old," and he will read a chapter from it today at the end of the steenth round. He tried to get our Uncle Bill Traffley to pose as a "horrible example" during such a recital yesterday, but the veteran declined the honor with many thanks. To hearers it is as pleasant to take as ice cream on a December day and the "g. m" will deliver it in homeopathic doses, lanager Nicol does the ghost in the graveyard end and proved himself of material composition when he camped under two high flies. Joe Visner also appeared. He played ball before the flood and has been in the swim ever since. He's oiled his wheels and is running as smooth as a bicycle on a rough pavement. He still has his hungry-looking countenance, which is, perhaps, the reason why he ate up five likely-looking two-

The Doctor and His Showy Rat.

OMAHA, June 28 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: I have learned something lately that might at some time be of value to you as people are continually writing you for information. I have been troubled with the rats in the ceilings and walls of my house. About a year ago I procured a ferret and sent him through the house fifty times or more but the rats still held high carnival. A short time ago somebody gave my little boy a pet white rat. At night we put the cage con-

taining the rat into an unoccupied room.

The rat getting out of the cage in some way, gnawed a hole in the wall and made a tour of the house between rafters and joist. He returned the next day cut, scared, scratched and generally used up, but suffice it to say we have only had one rat about our house for the next two weeks. ouse for the past two weeks, and that

white one. J. C. WHINNERY. All Right, Gentlemen, I'll Be Out. OMAHA, July 3 .- S. G. V. Griswold, Esq. Sporting Editor Omaha Bee: Dear Sir-In due form the secretary of the Crescent Gun club hereby informs you of honorary membership to the above club, which action was liants. And New York howis.

It is claimed that Billy Morritt has played July 1. Club meets every Saturday after-

Yours respectfully, L. E. ROBERTS, Pres., L. E. ROBERTS, Pres

AT HENLEY-ON-THAMES,

Cornell is Expected to Uphold Uncle Sam's

Fair Fame, As the famous regatta at Henley-on-Thames approaches the interest increases not only there, but throughout this country, and for that matter throughout the Christian world. It will certainly prove the greatest event in aquatics this year that has ever marked the pages of this royal sport, and so long as it is a matter of such general con-cern a brief description of the scene and his-tory of the occasion will be pleasant read-

ng for home layers of athletics. The regatta begins next Tuesday, the 9th, and continues until the 11th, inclusive. What makes it so unusually important on this side this year is because an American collegiate eight will do battle with the collegiate eight will do battle with the doughty Englishmen. It is the Cornell crew who are expected to uphold the fair fame of this proud country, and it is reasonable to expect that they will not disappoint us.

Henley is famous throughout the English speaking world on account of its regatta.

deed. Dutchmen and Frenchmen also know it, for representatives of these nationalities have appeared from time to time to take part in its contests.

It was in 1839 that the Henley regatta was established. It has been gradually growing in popularity, and may now be said to attract more attention even than the Oxford and Cambridge boat race. This is not surprising when it is borne in mind that the Oxford and Cambridge race lasts but twenty minutes, while the regatta at Henley extends over three days and is made an portant social function. The great event of course, the grand challenge cup for eights. Other important races are the la-dies' challenge plate, established in 1845; the Tuames cup, for eights (1868); the stewards' challenge cup for fours (1855); the silver goblets, for pair cars (1845) and the diamond challenge sculls, for singles (1844). A list of the entries for this year are sub-

Grand Challenge Cup (eight cars)—Cor-nells of Ithaca, N. Y.; Leander Club, London Rowing club, New College (Oxford), Thames Rowing club, and Trinity Hall (Cambridge). Stewards' Challenge Cup (four oars)—Ar-onaut Rowing club of Toronto, Leander lub, Thames Rowing club, and New College. Diamond Sculls-Jacques Boudin of Paris. R. K. Beaumont of the Burton Rowing club, Hon. R. Guiness, Guy Nickalls and Vivian Nickalls of the London Rowing club, and E. A. Thompson and F. H. Thompson of the Argonaut Rowing club.

There is no more charming spot on the fiver Thames than Henley. It is thirty-six files from London, far enough from the netropolis to retain its rural atmosphere. Although many thousands of Londoners make holiday of cup day at Henley, still the lace has not become too cockneyfied in spite of its being called 'Enley.' It is not as democratic as is Epsom Downs on a derby day, and the rank and fashion in house boats and all kinds of craft that line the banks of the river give the affair a tone that borders on the exclusive, yet probably not fewer than 100,000 people will watch the grand challenge race. The town itself is well built, and has 5,000

GREAT DEMAND FOR ROOMS. Just now there is a great demand for rooms, especially by wealthy Americans, who wish to see the Cornell men race, let us hope to victory, and it is said that many applicants have been unable to obtain ac-commodations, Fabulous prices have been obtained for some villas. It was on a winow of the Red Lion inn, in Henley, that

Shenstone wrote:—
Whoe'er has traveled life's dull round,
Where'er his stages may have been,
May sigh to think he still has found The warmest welcome at an

elcome at an inn at Henley during regatta week, because there will be no room for him Henley is in the county of Oxfordshire, a the base of the Chiltern hills. Surely there is no prettier sight than that exhibited on cup day. All along the banks are verdant lawns, clumps of trees and meadows. Every variety of craft is moored close to the shore. There are college barges and house boats adorned with flowers and foliage. Then there are gaily colored awnings, streamers and flags and bunting of every description. On a fine night the effect is beautiful, as the boats are illuminated with many colored lanterns, which shed their effulgence on what may be called in this vicinity the Sil-

ver Thames. All manner of boats are on the river Steam, electric and naphtha launches fli about. Canoes, skiffs, gigs and punts are there. Womanhood, attired in faultless boat about. ing costume, are punting, rowing and manip

plating paddles. amusement is often caused by the attempts of friends on shore to keep up with the contestants on the water. There are lines of carriages, and behind these, furthe back, among the crowd, are showmen, Brit ish negro minstrels, and the usual fakirs al-ways to be found at such gatherings. The cene is a particularly exhibarating one, and horoughly and characteristically English. The rules of the regatta are strict and there

are rarely any hitches. The first heat is started at noon exactly, the last at 8 p. m. f a crew is not in position at the time fixed or the start it loses its chance. As soon s the heat is rowed the contestants for the ext go down to the start. The course is now one mile and 550 yards in length, being almost straight, with the exception of a slight bend at the start. The

course is marked with piles bearing white flags, and at every quarter mile there is a bell which rings as the crews pass, thus noting the intervals between them. As the course is only 130 feet wide, but two crews are entered in each heat. WELL RECEIVED BY ENGLISHMEN. The Cornell crew have been very well re

ceived both by the English oarsmen and citizens, and the accounts received of their progress are highly satisfactory. They are now in the pink of condition, and henceforth will only seek to maintain all that hard work has done for them. They now practice purts and starts. They have received many ocial invitations, but their training preclude heir acceptance. The English rowing critics are apparently

unfavorably impressed with Cornell's style, but that does not seem to affect them any and they are pegging ahead just as serenely and confidently as if upon their own duck pond at Ithaca. The gravest criticism, up to his time, which these critics have made, however, is that their stroke is too short; that is to say, they do not reach out enough in order to give the blades a hold of the water far enough forward. And there is much truth in this, too; so much, in fact, as to lead one to doubt the ability of the Americans to hold their English cousins, once the race is under full headway. Last year ale crew were undoubtedly rowing and this fact would have counted 'short.' heavily against them had the Harvard crew been anywhere near their equals. So far as "form" goes, nothing can be said detrimental to Cornell in comparison to any of the crews entered for the grand challenge cup race, and if they lose, it will be more on account of the shortness of their stroke than all other things combined. But we will hope for the best, and a few more days will te the story.

Whisperings of the Wheel.

The Union Pacific Wheel club's run for Saturday, July 6, was to Bellevue. On ac-count of the rain storm of the 4th, the run to Blair, scheduled for that date, was post-The ranks are growing, and several nembers of the organization. Will Pixley was the hero of the Kearney

He is riding better and faster than The miliage contest commences in the Tourists this month, and members are urged not to miss any more runs than possible. All Tuesday evenings are called for the ladies and will be managed by them.

The Kearney meet was certainly a glorious epoch in local cycling. Harry K. Smith was in attendance at the blevele races at Jefferson, Ia., July 4 and 5. On an average of 300 wheelmen visit the fort every pleasant evening.

Following is Tourist card for July runs: Tuesday evening, July 2, Florence: Start :20 p. m., fourteen miles Thursday evening, July 4, Fairmont Park: Start 7:30 p. m., sixteen miles. Saturday evening, July 6, Lake Manawa; Start 7:30 p. m., boating, bathing—moonlight, nineteen miles.

Sunday, July 7, Plattsmouth: Start 8 m. Postponed trip from last month. Dinner at the Riley. A good time. Don't miss it; Tuesday evening, July 9, Courtland Beach Start 7:20 p. m., eight miles.
Thursday evening, July 11, Blind run:
Start 7:20 p. m., bome in time to attend
regular monthly meeting.

Sunday, July 14, Springfield: Start 8 a.

D. Unless otherwise arranged will return Papillion for dinner. Thirty-four miles. Tuesday evening, July 16, Boulevard run: Start 7:20 p. m. Thursday evening, July 18, Courtland

Beach: Start 7:20 p. m., boating and bath-Sunday, July 21, Bennington: Start 8 a.m. Joint run with Turners; and Ganymedes; base ball, etc., thirty-four miles. Tuesday evening, July 23, Council Bluffs:

Start 7:20 p. m., ten miles. Thursday evening, July 25, Krew's Mill: Sart 7:20 p. m., over the Dodge street ourse; twenty-two miles, Sunday, July 28, Missouri Valley: 7:30 a. m. Anniversary run with Gany-medes; base ball at Reels, fine dinner at the Cheney, don't miss it. The "Valley" will not be called again this season. Sixty

Tuesday evening, Irvington: Start 7:20 p. n., sixteen miles.

As the season advances the practical utility of single-tube tires for bicycles is more clearly emphasized. The demand for simolicity in everything pertaining to cycle construction has solved the tire problem in favor of the single tube, on account of lightness in weight, reduced price, excellent wear-ing qualities and unexcelled adaptability to quick and permanent repair. It is destined o supersede all other froms of pneumatic tire construction.

Cmaha's Strong Man.

It may not be very generally known, but is nevertheless a fact. Omaha has a genuine phenom in the way of a strong man, a reguiar coming Sandow. His name is Alois bods, and he is but 22 years of age. H born in Vienna, Austria, and is a fine example of what a man can make of himself physi-cally if he goes at it in the right way. Swoboda has been examined frequently by Omsha's leading physicians, and they are unanimous on the point that he is a marvel of muscular development. The muscles all over his body, when contracted, are as hard as steel, and when relaxed as soft as a girl's. The measurements of Omaha's Hercules are as follows: Height, 5 feet 6; weight, 145: chest, 45 inches; waist, 2814; expansion, 14 inches; biceps, 16; thigh, 23½; expansion, 1 has a perfect physique and enormous strength He toys with a 250-pound dumb bell like a boy would handle a feather duster, and tears two decks of playing cards in two with the wonderful strength of his hands. He has a ystem of training peculiarly his own, and laims that any man can become as strong as he, or even stronger, if they adhered to its requirements. At Sandow's exhibition at the Millard last winter Swoboda showed up magnificently in comparison. The muscles of their necks, abdomen and thighs were almost a dead match.

Sports in the Army.

The elaborate and interesting athletic programs run off at Fort Omaha, Fort Meade nd Fort Niobrara on the Fourth of July are vidence of the advancement of sport in he army, and is a matter that will unquesionably keep on improving in the future. is an innovation most acceptable to both men and officers, creates a delightful casis in the year's monotonous waste, and brings about neficial results in a hundred and one The sports at Fort Omaha were witnessed by he largest crowd that assembled anywhere in this vicinity on the Fourth, while at Forts Niobrara and Meade the day was a memorable and gala one indeed.

President Kent of the Western, W. W. Kent, president of the Western Association of Base Ball Clubs, has been in the city for several days circulating among ousiness men in an endeavor to rehabilitate the Omaha club. He has left a favorable impression everywhere he has been, and will no doubt succeed in his laudable mission, as he deserves to. Mr. Kent is a gentleman and a business man of standing, and inspires confidence and enthusiasm wherever he goes. He is an honor to this young base ball body, a man whom everybody can respect and endorse, and a man who will be continued in his present position as long as he desires it.

Questions and Answers. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., June 29 .- To the porting Editor of The Bee: Please inform when the Henley regatta takes place, and what boat clubs are to take part? Also, in a game of three-handed casino, two players hold five spades each, and spades are not counted; in the next game one of these wo makes spades and claims that he is close stamped envelope for reply.-A. B.

answered by mail.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., July 2.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: In next Sunday's issue will you please publish in your sporting department a synopsis of the cities repreented in the National league since its origin, and state also who won the pennant each year.—R. T. Woods.

Ans,-The National league of base ball clubs was organized in December, 1875, and its first playing season began a year later. From the following table it will be seen that the National league has, during its twenty years of organization, had as members wenty-two different cities. Of this number Chicago and Boston are the only cities that have been represented each succeeding year. From 1876 to 1895, and the number of years each city was represented, follows: 1876, Athletics of Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, lincinnati, Hartford, Mutuals of New York, Louisville and St. Louis; 1877, Boston, Chi-cago, Cincinnati, Hartford, Louisville and St. Louis; 1878, Boston, Chicago Cincinnati, Providence, Indianapolis and Milwaukee; 1879, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Provi-Cleveland, Troy, Buffalo and Syracuse; Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Providence, 1880, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Troy, Buffalo and Worcester; 1881 and 1882, Boston, Chicago, Buffalo, Detroit, Cleveland, Providence, Troy, Worcester; 1882 and 1884, Boston, Chicago, Buffalo, Detroit, Cleveland, Providence, New York, Philadel-phia, St. Louis; 1885, Boston, Chicago, Bur-

falo, Detroit, Providence, New York, Phila-delphia, St. Louis; 1886, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, Kansas City, Philadelphia, New York, Washington; 1887 and 1888, Bos-ton, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Washton, Chicago, New York, Philadeiphia, Wash-ington, Detroit, Pittsburg, Indianapolis; 1889, Boston, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Washington, Cleveland, Indianapo-lis; 1890 and 1891, Boston, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Cincinnati, Pittsburg and Cleveland; 1892, 1893, 1894 and 1895. Boston, Chicago, New York, Philadel-Brooklyn, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Pittsburg, Baltimore, Washington, St. Louis and Chicago won the pennant in 1876, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1885 and 1886. Boston New York was victorious in 1888 and 1889. rovidence in 1879 and 1884. Detroit won 1887. Brooklyn in 1890 and Baltimore in 1894. Recapitulation: Chicago won the pennant six times, Boston a like number, New York twice, Providence twice, Detroit, Brook-

n and Baltimore one each. OMAHA, July 5.—To the Sporting Editor The Bee: Please state in next Sunday's of The Bee: issue when the open season for upland plover begins in this state? - B. & M. Headquarters. Ans.—There is no law governing plover hooting in this state. The shooting season, lowever, begins in about ten days. FREMONT, July 24-To the Sporting Editor

of The Bee: Please answer in next Sunday's Bee: How many times has A. A. Zimmerman been beaten, and by whom from the beginning of his racing career.—A Sub. Ans .- A. A. Zimmerman was on the racing path two years before he came into prom-inence, and thus it would be impossible to

answer definitely how many times and by whom he had been defeated from the beginning of his career. However, since he came into prominence, which was in 1890, he has been defeated but few times. 1893 out of 111 races ridden he won 107, being defeated twice by Sanger, once by Johnson and once by Menies.

and once by Menjes.

HUMBOLDT, Neb. J. July 1.—To the Sporting Editor of The Been Will you kindly decide the following quantion in your Sunday issue: Two parties, L and C, make a bet on two horses, A and W. L bets C that A gets a better place in the race that W. On account of rain they go but one heat. W finishes second, A finishes third. Does C win the bet, or does the changing of the ondition of the race change the condition of the bets and declare the bets off? It was distinctly understood between L and C that the bet was on the race-not on the JAMES B. DAVIS. heat.

Ans.—It is no bet, of course. OMAHA, July 2.-To the Sporting Editor The Bee: Please answer in Sunday's (July 7) Bee, and oblige a daily subscriber: Can five acres of ground be bought between New York City and Albany, on the Hudson river, for \$5,000, no matter where located, just so it is on the river?—Subscriber. Ans.—You can't have any of my land on he Hudson at any such figures. PENDER, Neb., July 3.—To the Sporting

Editor of The Bee: In playing cribbage if you make thirty-one with the last card, is it roper to count one for the last card or not Please answer in Sunday's Bee.-J. A. W. Ans.-Not.

THE WHIRR OF THE WHEELS

Developing Peculiar Properties as a Matrimonial Promoter.

Practical and Mirthful Suggestions for Amateurs and Experts-A Minister Wheeled Out of the Church -Wheeling Notes.

From many quarters come, and in many ontemporary columns are, glowing accounts of the success of the bicycle as a promoter of matrimony. It appears that lawn tennis is less connubially efficient, and as for such trite old methods as balls and parties and 5 o'clock teas, they are comparatively "not in it." This condition of affairs suggests to the Boston Advertiser the possibility of the manufacturers drawing the long bow, but even it so, that which began with fiction may end with fact, as was the case when Benedick and "dear Lady Disdain," who were mutually indifferent or antagonistic to each other, were caused to fall into happy and triumphant ove by a little, innocent plot of their friends, who told each other of the warm admiration

expressed by the other. Up to now the bicycle manufacturers have mainly relied in their advertising upon the speed records made and broken by the riders on their machines. It may be that hereafter he manufacturers will depend upon the daily bulletin of matrimonial records. The idea is anable of ample development along the lines man who wins a race sometimes receives a present a machine like that on which the success was achieved, and the fact of that success proclaimed as an added proof of the machine's superiority, even so it may be that the wheelwoman who becomes engaged very soon after beginning to ride will find among her wedding presents a new bicycle of the same pattern as that whose excellence has been by her so happily demonstrated. THE SUMMER TOUR.

Just at present the question occupying the minds of a vast number of cyclists is he summer tour, a diversion predicted as about to be the amusement most in for this season. Especially among the fair devotees of the wheel will this novel and deightful mode of pleasuring be in high favor In planning such a trip the first con sideration is good company. A sensible, jolly, married pair must be selected to play propriety; the rest of the party should ngenial, good tempered and inured to the dea of roughing it. And what opportunities are offered or

a cycling tour for the youthful masculine and feminine fancy to have full play! The coaching tours abroad so proverbial as pro-lific in matrimonial results are not in it with the cycling tour. The mounts, the leisurely shins, the walks up bill, the long rests in some shady spot, the general galety arising from the unchecked flow of fun and good spirits, as well as from all sorts of amusing accidents happening along the wayevery condition is favorable to the promotion of that "sweetest thing in life," particularly if a tandem cycle is used.

Too large a party is not desirable.

visest to limit the number to six or eight, The next matter of importance is the choic of a route. Shall it be near at hand and o a few day's run, or an extended journey in some distant portion of the country? In determining on a tour it pays to have one member of the party join the organiza-

tion now familiar by name to all good cy clers, the League of American Wheelmen The fee is very small, the advantages nembership immense. In the first place its "tour book," maps, road books and hand-books are absolutely reliable an full of information as to tours in various parts of the country, the most popular roads, their character and condition, with numberless other hotel rates.

EXPENSES AND BAGGAGE. Ans.—(1) You will find the information entirely on the purse and requirements of desired in "At-Henley-On-Thames" in this department, this issue. (2) No. No questions spared on the transportation of machines. uggage, refreshments or other comforts, wil levy a tax of \$5 daily. The economica pleasure-seeker can accomplish the same re The economical sults for \$1 less. A bed at a small hotel or farmhouse, though not always downy, anwers the purpose to the tired swers the purpose to intended the state of t ne themselves on several important points She should practice going ten miles farther each day, beginning with ten miles for a start. The great trouble with women is that they are apt to overdo at first. Another item s practice on a narrow path, as country roads

are often rough, and the side path must be resorted to. She should also be conversant with the construction and working of her Still another question of vast importance is what to carry on a tour. A man can load thirty pounds on his diamond-shaped box, strapped to his handle bar, and strapped to his handle bar, and so can a woman in bloomers. The feminine tourist must content herself with from five to ten pounds, confined partly in the tourist's bag strapped under the frame, partly in the lug-gage carrier fastened to the handle, unless

she straps a knapsack to herself, as some wheelers do The toolbag must go at all hazards, unless she can depend on that of some other mem-ber of the party. There are toilet articles, as few as she can be satisfied with, sewing implements in case of a rent or a missing butplements in case of a rent of a missing out-ton. A telescope drinking cup is another necessity. Next come mackintosh, thick jacket and change of undergarments. If the excursion is to be a long one she can forward her trunk by train to some destined spot.

This touring will make a wonderful change in the fair cyclist. There is nothing like cycling for the thin woman, or the stout either. It makes the liver work, food digest, and causes a fine appetite, thus affording the thin woman, who is apt to be fording the thin woman, who is apt to be illy nourished, a new impetus, brightening her eyes, reddening her cheeks and doing her over generally.

LOOK TO YOUR OWN COMFORT. It is a curious revealing of the manner in which men and women are made tall or short, this riding of the wheel. Some of those who tower on high standing, sit quite low on the whee! because their length legs. Others who are short sit high, because their length is in their waists. Others, again. have an unsuspected length of thigh, which, whether they are tall or short, causes them to sit high, and vice versa.

A good rule to observe in bicycling is that of ignoring all one's friends' or enemies' ments and advice. If you are happles with a low saddle and a high handle bar, ride with a low saddle and a high handle bar all you like, no matter who exclaims at your unprofessional appearance. You are riding for your own pleasure, not that of your friends (or enemies), and when you fall it is your own knees that are cracked, your shins that are banged, and your temper, that is affected, not theirs. Therefore, ride as suits you best until you get to be an expert. certain woman who mounts with content and freedom, sitting on the saddle as she steps on the pedal, and has the saddle con-veniently low for that purpose, was so bad-gered by people who had no earthly interest her to raise the saddle, that she did so, ind has never been able to mount since without four balks and a high curbstone. her distinguished advisers went by the other day and laughed at her ineffectual endeavors get on. She will now lower her saddle till in trails on the ground and ride for her own amusement only, not for glory or derision, if she has any common sense. Pready with their opinions who do People are rap whether you ride or sit at home, so

TYPES OF WOMEN CYCLISTS. Wheel women may be classified as riders by the reasons which lead them to mount wheel. The best riders are those who rid ecause they love the exercise and all out-ofdoor sports. These women are not only "good to look at," but companionable on the road. They do not worry about what they wear, but don the costume which seems to them best fitted for the sport. They are encouraging to beginners, and do not advocate the second of the sport. "scorching" or "over-exertion." Fortunately for all interested, these women are in the majority of the bicycle women of today. Second to these come the women of today.
Second to these come the women who ride conscientiously. Their physicians have ordered wheels, or they need open air exercise, or their husbands want them to ride.
These women are not as inspiring as the first

because other people ride, and who give a vast amount of consideration to their clothes, unfortunately, too, not from the standpoint of fitness or suitability, but from mistaken notions of "style" and "effectiveness." This misguided division of womankind is responsible for the measurement of the control o ble for the marvelous compositions of color and uncouth cuts which disport themselves before the startled community. At its worst, VALUABLE HINTS FOR SUMMER TOURISTS ntingent wears furbelows and bleached hair and chews gum; at its best it is trying to its friends and relatives. These individuals are not given to physical exercise, and will, in course of time, disappear, save in sporadic cases. They ride to be seen of men, and a wobbly wheel attracts more attention than one which goes straight to its destination. HINTS TO BICYCLISTS,

> Harper's Round Table furnishes these in 1. A good bievelist is careful of his roads;

therefore, when taking a header be careful not to hit the road too hard with your fore-You might make a dent in the pave 2. In falling off your wheel do not fall on both sides at once. Fallure to observe this

rule will result in driving you against your-3. Always be courteous. If a trolley car has the right of way over a track do dispute with it. A boy in Massachusetts who broke this rule broke his right arm and his

velometer at the same time. 4. Be cautious. In riding from New York Brooklyn keep on the driveway, Don't try to wheel over the suspension cable. might slip and fall into the smokestack of a

passing ferrybeat.

5. Keep your lamp lit when riding at night. The boy who thought he was safe because he had a parlor match in his pocket came home with a spoke in his wheel that lidn't belong there. 6. Do not be rough with the ice carts and

furniture trucks. If you must run into one of them do it as gently and tenderly as if t were a baby carriage.

7. A merciful rider is merciful to his wheel, so do not force a bicycle beyond the point of its endurance, unless you want to walk back with your wheel on your shoul-

8. Keep cool. If in the course of a ride you find yourself in a tight place, with a skittish horse to the left and a steep raving to the right and a building directly in the fore, take ravine. You'll get into it anyhow, and if you take it alone without dragging the log or the horse after you your chances will be improved.

9. Never use spurs on the pneumatic tires of your wheel. The use of spurs in this manner is likely to leave your bicycle in a winded condition. Spurs are not comfortable. either, in case of a throw A WORD OF CAUTION.

Lady riders should remember, says Ameri can Wheelman, that they are not accustomed -most of them-to violent exercise. If they would be benefited by the use of the wheel they must start in gradually and attempt no long rides until they have had weeks of training and practice. Starting in with fifteen or twenty minutes' ride each day they can' gradually increase as they gain strength and skill till they may ride an hour or two without fatigue. The trouble with ladies is they want to accomplish it at one bound and are often discouraged before they have been riding a week. They should lay out a regular course of moderate riding. and if they do this they will find the bicycle will grow easier to manage and propel each day. Trainers never permit the men they are fitting for races or feats of endurance to overdo themselves, for it weakens the mus cles and discourages the subject. Moderation and stick-to-itativeness are the two requirements necessary to make a strong, skillfu SHE SHOOK HIM.

The bicycle craze has already begun to bear fruit and tell on sentimental affairs in Washington. It is rumored, says the Post. that one engagement has been smashed to smithereens all on account of the fascinat ing bike. She avowed she would have one and ride it, too. He got wrathy and said it was unfeminine, indelicate, undignified and vulgar. She came back at him with the asand condition, with numberless other sertion that society, almighty and omnipo-All members are allowed reduced tent society, approved, and that certainly ought to settle it. He stuck to it that that did not prove anything as to the propriety of The cost per day and per capita depends society women played poker habitually for entirely on the purse and requirements of money, smoked cigarettes, and got fuddled on champagne that therefore these things od form." She burst into tears said he was a "brute," whereupon he handed in his resignation then and there. Now their paths have diverged. A dainty summer girl who doesn't ride a bicycle is installed as idol and fetich, gets all the candy and flowers, and the rebellious fair cyclist is hiding her chagrin by speeding of mornings with the attache of the Zanzibar legation.

DISRUPTS A CHURCH. The good people of the Hope Baptist church of Albany evidently believe with Bishop Coxe of Buffalo, about "riding to the devil on bicycles," for they have made it so unpleasant for their bicycle-riding pastor, Rev. Jacob H. Messenger, that he has been forced to resign despite the fact that his church was prosperous under his care and his Christianity was

ot to be doubted. It is about a year ago, says the New York Morning Journal, that the minister began to ride. The climax was capped when he undertook to make his pastoral calls on a bicycle. This made the Puritanical blood of the elderly people of the congregation fairly boil, but the ounger members liked the pastor, and fight against him was not easily won. fact, it was never won, a majority of the church being with him, but he disliked the discord and so resigned. Several of the mos prominent people have followed his example, and the result is that the church is split upo

he subject of wheels. Mr. Messenger is a young man and ver opular in the city. He says that he ride simply for exercise, and cannot believe that there is anything that should make a cler-gyman abstain from such a pleasure if he hooses to enjoy it.

THE GEAR OF A BICYCLE. The subject of the gear of a bicycle is a very mysterious one to the general public and inasmuch as the bicycle has taken such hold and is likely to remain with us it i meet that riders should understand the term 'gearing" and what it implies,

The system of calling bicycles "geared to sixty-three," says the New York Times, originates from the old high wheel. When the "safety," which is the present form of bicycle, came into vogue, riders wanted a mutual ground by which they could compare the space covered by one revolution of the foot in a safety and in the high wheel. There fore the gearing of the safety, having wheels twenty-eight inches in diameter, and turning the wheels twice for each revolution of the pedal, instead of being called geared two to one, was called "geared to fifty-six." The progression, then, was equal to that of one revolution of a fifty-six-inch wheel.

The pedal crank of a bicycle is nothing more than a lever, and the teeth of the sprocket wheel are the fulcrums. The leverage is in the proportion of the radius of the gearing to the length of the crank; thus if the rear wheel sprocket has eighteen teeth the rear wheel must turn as often for one revolution of the foot as eight is contained n eighteen, or two and one-fourth times. If the rear wheel is twenty-eight inches diameter the bicycle is then geared to two an one-fourth times twenty-eight, which equal sixty-three inches. The radius of sixty-three inches is thirty-one and one-half inches which is the long arm of the lever; the short arm is the pedal crank. If, then, one takes beam thirty-eight inches long and it by a knife edge six and one-half inches from one end and thirty-one and one-hal inches from the other the beam is tapered at one end and weighed at the other, as on Fairbanks beam scale.

The radius of all gears is half the liameter and one pound attached to the rim of the wheels opposite the pedal crank will require the following weights on the pedal to balance it: At fifty-four gear, 4.15 pounds; sixty-three, 4.85; seventy-two, 5.54; seventy-six, 5.85; eighty, 6.15. It will thus be readily seen why a hill cannot be climbed at high gear by the average rider.

Short Dashes. Miss Remie Londonderry of Boston, the round-the-world bicyclist, has declined over 150 offers of marriage. She says she has saved \$1.500. The board of supervisors of San Francisco

is considering a proposition to license indi-vidual owners of bicycles. One of the argu-ments advanced in favor of licensing is that the bicycle has destroyed the livery business and should make up the county revenue lost by the destruction of that business. The other day a blcycle rider was coasting

down a hill at Pulaski in the western part of

class, but they are sensible, reasonable riders, to run over it. As the front wheel struck and afford satisfaction to society at large.

Then there is a numerous class who ride cyclist had not gone far, he says, when the front tire collapsed. An examination closed the fact that the snake's fangs had punctured the tire. A Middlesex physician examined the snake, which the young man considered a trophy, and lent corroboration to the story by discovering minute particles of vulcanized rubber in the teeth.

Dr. Harrison, a noted Brooklyn divine, said in a late sermon: There can be no drunk-ards on bicycles. A man has to keep all his wits about him to ride a wheel. To all other sports companionship is necessary. Wheeling is the most wonderful pastime in this respect. One person is enough and ten thousand are not too many." Dr. Harrison sug-gested between 5 a. m. and 7 a. m. as the best time for the exercise.

The contest between the horse and the wheel is particularly sharp in Louisville, Ky, Ten bleycle riders were run down by drivers in that city in one week recently, and several of them seriously injured. In one instance a driver deliberately ditched two riders. They remounted and gave chase, caught the horseman and lambasted him with his own horse

A cycling club in Chicago is composed of women who have met with some disaster women who while riding.

There are thirty miles of superb bicycle roads in Chicago parks and boulevards, all connected.

John D. Reckefeller has an amiable eccen-tricity of giving bicycles to his friends. Last year he gave twenty two wheels to his acquaintances, and this year has already pre-sented sixteen to those of his friends who, in his opinion, need outdoor exercise.

The assertion that bicycling is dangerous is not borne out by the record. In Chicago, where there are 85,000 wheelers, only 41 accidents to riders occurred during the past six months. Of these only one proved fatal Most of the accidents were due to the reck-

essness of the riders. Private Mathey, of the regular army, has made a trip from Fort Hamilton, New York, to Chicago on a bicycle, traveling with full service equipment, including knapsack and carbine. The distance by the route followed was 1,200 miles, and the journey was accomplished in a little over thirteen days.

A novelty in bicycle races came off re-

cently in Vienna, the usual feature being the manner of handicapping participants. The race was for married men exclusively, and the handicap was apportioned according to the following rule: The amount of the handicap was decided by the number of children of the competitor; he got fifteen yards for each boy and ten yards for each girl; married men with no children had to start from the scratch. The course was one mile from the scratch. The course was one mile on the club track. It was won by a member who has seven children.



Nearly everybody knows Nicoll the Tailor's business is on a very large scale.

We have busy tailor stores in twenty principal cities-we have had for a quarter cen-

We make to-order garments at prices all can afford, garments that would cost onethird to one-half more any-

where else. Trousers to order, \$4 to \$14.

Suits to order, \$15 to \$50. Overcoats about the same.

Samples mailed.

KANSAS CITY.

HARTFORD.

207 S. ISTH STREET. ALL OUR WORK MADE IN THIS CITY BY

Micoll ST. PAUL DESMOINES. WASHINGTON.

PITTSBURG. NEW YORK. MINNEAPOLIS. SANFRANCISCO. PORTLAND. CRE. LOSANGELES.

DENVER.

Searles & Searles SPECIALISTS. All forms of Elood and Skin Diseases, Sores, Spots, Pimples, Scrofnia, Tumors, Tetter, Eczema and Blood Poison thoroughly cleansed from the system.

LADILS given careful and special attention for all their many peculiar all-

ments.

CATAR 3H, Throat
Lungs, Liver, Dyspepsia
Troubles cured by special
course of treatment. WEAK MEN (VITALITY WEAK) made tion to business or study, severe mental strain or grief, SEXUAL EXCESSES in middle life or from the effects of youthful follies, all yield readily to our new treatment for loss of vital power. WRITE Your troubles if out of city. Thousands Dr. Searles & Searles, 1416 barnam.

lf Every Housewife In Town halone cake of

No other soap washes wools without shrink-ing and no other soap is as efficient and re-freshing in the bath.

Buy one cake-just one-at your grocer's. Pennsylvania. He saw a big snake lying di-rectly in his path. The motions of the snake confeed the bicyclist, and he was compelled RAWORTH & SCHODDE!