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pose; and last of all, the exhibits and fittings

were valued, according to two estimates, at \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000.

The most imposing figure of the whole

show was the central pavilion, which had been set apart for the National Cycle Board

of Trade and for an exhibition of the history

which was supported upon thirteen columns

marbled to represent onyx, with gilded ped-

estals and capitals. Within this pavilion was a pyramidal case, in which were ex-

lights had been placed, and above this in

letters nearly three feet high made of in-candescent lights was the inscription. "Na-tional Board of Trade of Cycle Manu-facturers." These letters could be seen

from every part of the building, and lighted up the exhibits in that neighborhood.

this essential part of the machine.

vogue on the old ordinary type of bicycle.

It was a round pavilion, the dome

of the wheel

and its growth.



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of confusion and inconvenience. It is just like abandoning one of our modern harvesters and going back to wheat cutting with a sickle. The transformation is too great for those kind of players, and they will continue to insist that the old forms were the best, but you will find that the man who wins at the game is the man who tikes advantage of the improvements suggested by modern experience and investigation. Modern play-ers are certainly rebuilding the game. They are men of perspiculty and acumen who have grown weary of the old set game which required them to grope along on their hands and knees to get at the location of the small cards in a worthless suit. They waste no valuable time, as Morrison asserted, in en-deavoring to identify their partner's card of re-entry. They are tired of the cobwebby old laws which required them to burn up a little gumption. If there is a game that must be played just as some authority says it must, then it should be discarded as an unbeneficial pastime. What the whist player of the day does is to get at the vital contin-gencies of his hand by the aid of his own ratiocinative powers, not by the idiosyncra-cles of some old fossil who hunted squirrels with a flint-lock musket. We have electric light, kinetoscopes, cinematographes, magthat sort of thing now, and the candle-dip and fint and steel have gone out of date. The following of systems based on the the-ory of books has been the bane of whist. sport than ever when golden October once more rolls around. Of course it is highly essential that you un-derstand the fundamental rules governing the game, but there is no one law or set of laws that will successfully control the millions of combinations to which the fifty-two cards in a deck are subject to, and the quicker the student appreciates this the faster will be his advancement in the science of the game."

Showalter and Pillsbury will begin their match for the chess championship of the United States, which honor is now held by United States, which hold is norrow after-ncon. Pillsbury has made some wonderful records at the recent international tourneys, and is the favorite in this match, although Showalter is confident of beating him, and has a good following. Judging from the quality of the play of each man it is patent to all observers that Pillsbury ranks the highest, still the Kentuckian stands well at malched play, and there is a strong proba-bility that the battle will be much warmer than the majority of the followers of the board anticipate. Showalter, the present champion of the United States, has a brother-in-law residing in Omaha, but whose name I cannot just now recall, who is a more than fair chess player himself, and if this should happen to catch his eye an invitation is ex-tended to him to call and get acquainted with the sporting editor. George Barker, John I. Redick and James McKell are among the other prominent devotees of the game here. Earl Baltic is the Kentucky trotter that has been sent over to St. Petersburg to com-pete with the European light harness cracks for the big moneys that will be hung up handy men seem to be in favor of a fight. for the big moneys that will be hing up mainly mean seem to be in factor of a main there the coming season. Earl Baltic has a record of but 2:17¼, but is so well thought of by Richard Veech, his owner, that he was selected as carly as last fall for the trip. It is rather problematical, however, whether is rather problematical, however, whether is rather problematical before the trip. It is rather problematical before the trip. It is rather problematical before the trip and if is recognize that this is a fighting world, an is the recognize that this is a fighting world, an puls out any "firsts" over there, and if unceasing fight for bread, for fortune, for he pul's out any "firsts" over there, and it unceasing nght for bread, tor bread, bread, tor bread, tor bread, b himself owns the bulk of the horses entered, ekill and endurance, develops but the man-and it looks as if Colonel Veech will do right hood within him; the hard knocks he suffers well bucking up against such a one-sided proposition, I don't think. in acquiring his science is the teaching of courage, and the powers which grow upon him but the warrant and assurance of his success. The cheers of the multitude are It looks very decidedly as if the Johnny Bulls were at last getting back at us for the shabby way we have been banging and slamming their pet athletes about for the past equal. The history of the world shows that slamming their pet athletes about for the past year. On Saturday last at Manchester George Tincler, the wonderful English sprinter, de-feated Pat Carroll, one of our speedlest long distance men, ten yards in a mile in the rather ordinary time of 4:32. The Bee pre-dicted when the Massachusetts runner was first matched against the Britian that he dicted when the Massachusetts runner was gladiators of Rome were the heroes of the first matched against the Britain that be populace, and even the chariot races of populace, and even the chariot races of Jerusalem have been chanted in story and would be beaten, as Tincler is certainly a marvelous runner, the best that trods the cinders in England today. Of course the story comes that the American was in bad form and that Tink was in the fittest possitong. The honor of knight errantry, on the field of the cloth of gold, alike with the combat on the turf, have been an exhaustless theme for author, orator and poet since ble shape. That is the inevitable explana-tion of defeat. But in this case it doesn't time began. So if honest and upright, a great peo-ple of brain and brawn, why this sectional inequality? If the refined go for much when it is taken into consideraon that Carroll's best time for the distance 4:25, while the Johnny Bull's is almost six seconds better. and intelligent citizens of Boston and New and interligent criticens of Boston and New York can have a fight, why cannot the ranchman and the cowboy on the distant border be accorded the same privilege under like restrictions and careful auepices? And this leads me to ask, What are we coming to? Just think of it, the mainten body of Tommy Ryan is undoubtedly a firm be llever in the didactics of the old adage that it is a good thing to make hay while the sun shines. He has not been idle a moment In the last year, and for the fruits of his abors points with pride to a snug cottage lawmakers now in assembly at Lincoln are about to submit an anti-foot ball bill making the great fashionable college game a misdemeanor to be dealt with the same as all other disgraceful crimes of that cate-gory. Next these archangels will be going home in the aristocratic suburbs of Syracuse as well as to a prosperous booze emporium on a busy strest down town. The unexpected licking Tommy sustained at the hands of the illusive Kid McCoy about a year ago acted as a potential stimulus to action instead of a as all other discusses archangels will be going after croquet and mumbly-peg. The Fitz-simmons and Corbett contest will take \$1,000,000 into the state of Nevada, and those sage brush philosophers are evi-dently of a strata a fathom or two deeper drawback to his energy and aspirations, and he has been on the fight ever since. During this interval he has made one draw and one "win" with his invcterate old rival, Myster-ious Billy Smith; has knocked out Joe Dunfee, Billy McCarthy, Billy Paine and a raft of smaller fry, besides whipping Dick Moore and one or two others whose names I cannot just now recall. Still Tommy has not grown tired, and on Tuesday last he made a match of the American youth, and even see, with their eastern relatives, some good in the game of hit, stop and get away. If their veins are surcharged with the blood of their veins are surcharged with the blood of their with Tom Tracey, for the welterweight cham-pionship of the world and a \$1,500 purse. The contest is to take place before the Empire club at Syracuse on Wednesday, February 24, the men to weigh in at the ringside at oriental ancestry the alkili of their native plains has not affected their vision, and only on a small majority of them can any coleopterous insects be detected. They want a piece of the pie and have shown their wisdom in this determina-145 pounds. Considering the fact that Ryan not trained down as low as this for a couple of years, there is some doubt ex-presed as to his ability to do so now, and whip as clever a man as Tracey certainly is. whit a piece of the pie and piece is to his ability to do so now, and whip as clever a man as Tracey certainly is that may been fast merging into the mitdleweight class is evidenced by his taking on such men as Australian Billy McCarthy mental fatigue or long inaction, and with mo the some and recently be has been en-deavoring to get on a go with no less a per-monage than Dan Creedou himself. This looks a per-ciose upon the fiftles, and if such is the case in the kind, but rather an opposite is taking considerable risk in agreeing to men who have come to cour shores from the iand of the Golden Fisces. But Tommy evi-dently knows his own business. He met Tracey once before, in Chicago about two years ago, when they were at evens, and bested him, but only after six very peppery rounds. The men are about the same age and exactly the same height, but while and exactly the same height, but while

Ryan has been taking on size very rapidly know that once aroused from this condition the mild-mannered lad from the antipodes a person who starts his blood at a quicker bas remained strictly within the welter pace feels greatly stimulated. A good smash a person who starts his blood at a quicker pace feels greatly stimulated. A good smash in the nose often brings this about. One's limits. He is an aggressive two-handed in the nose often brings this about. One's fighter, game as a pebble, and I think Tommy whole anatomy becomes alive again and all will find him the hardest game he has the functions of mind and body give a sense to such thing. Formerly the difference be-ween boxers was marked by the terms of creased

strength, courage and No one seems to better than the middle, welter and light weights, and bantam. Then heavyweights tion. this Nevada legislators. They are gallant and they are brave in their defiance of mock criticism. They are publicists, philosophical and They are publicists, philosophical and erudite, with the boldness and foresight of the olden Athonian law framers. They feel that it will never do to sacrifice the physical system for the advancement of the mental. They feel that the muscular system of man is ot made up wholly of chests and blceps, but a wonderful and complex organization that ncludes the intellection. They also evi-lently feel that it would be cowardice to leclare that such culture tends backward and they have said that the American youth shall go ahead and enjoy themselves in a sport that brings about such a wholesoms condition of both mind and body, and there can be but one verdict from all fair-minded and courageous men, who give thought to the situation elsewhere, and that is, "Bully for Nevada.

And about the above referred-to anti-foot ball bill. What rot, Horatio! It is a uni-versally recognized fact that the training of the young men of today in our colleges and schools has taken the course of improv-ing the body as well as the mind by adding strength from exercise, so that courage may be developed, and with a glorious manhood of the world prepared for the fight, both for his own and for his country's glory. It is time this should be so, for the spirit of the age is to demoralize manhood and make it a love of corporate greed and unworthy service. The nerve centers are being too just finds the place of healthful sport. That foot ball is inimical in any way remains to be n of proven; that there is some danger of result. As ant injury is already substantiated, the Had there been a heavy snowfall just prior to the late intense cold spell there is little doubt but what the destruction of

it was, however, it is safe to say that the same as it is in horse racing, boating and base ball. There is an element of danger in all our rough outdoor athletics, but that birds did not suffer to any alarming extent. Bob White is not only a hardy but a provionly adds a charm to their indulgence, and behooves greater care and attention in prepdent little fellow, and give him half a show and he will come pretty nearly taking care of himself. Heavy snows, supplemented aration. It is a time-honored, scientific sport, and its alleged rigors at this late day call for no tampering at the hands of ignoaration. with severe cold, have always resulted disastrously to him, as he cannot remain within the protection of thicket and copse and secure nourishment at the same time. rant lawmakers and sycophantic humanita-rians. Legitimate athletics are in the hander of the faculties of our institutions of learn-ing and respectable associations and unions and are being honestly, fairly and compe-Hungry quall easily succumb to freezing weather, and on one or two occasions in the history of Nebraska they have been all but exterminated by this condition of things. tently looked after, and should be consid-ered without the jurisdiction of state legis Cold alone has never effected any particular latures. Following is an extract from the have among the birds, as the cover in this state was evidently created with the view bill which has been presented to the house at Lincoln: of offsetting its frigid weather. Within the dense barriers of bush and vine which "Any person engaged as a participant in a foot ball game shall be fined a sum not less than \$25 or not more than \$100, or imabound so numerously all along our river and creek valleys, the birds find both ample

less than \$25 or not more than \$100, or im-prisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or both. Further, if any one is concerned as backer, umpire, assistant, re-porter or onlooker he is liable to a fine of from \$5 to \$25; and, further, any one who shall be caught training for a foot ball game shall, by the proper authorities, be placed under bond to keep the peace. S. G. V. G. protection and feed, but with the earth ly-ing under a heavy blanket of snow the latter essential is denied them, and they grow weak within a period of twenty-four hours and fall wholesale victims to the hyperborean blasts. With an absence of the fate-ful conditions above mentioned from this on until spring our sportsmen can congratu-late themselves on the prospects of better

I have received from headquarters official notification of the site of the coming big championship battle between Fitzsimmons and Corbett, and, while not authorized to make the same public, I can say that it will take place on the day originally set by Dan Stuart, March 17. That it will be in Nevada is a fact apparent to all, as the bill be defined all a set of the The Nevada legislature has had the nerve to take the bull by the horns and pass a law legalizing glove contests, and without compromising The Bee in any manner or committing it to the endorcement of pugli-ism, in the light of existing conditions elseegalizing glove contests in that state is now where, I think I may safely ejaculate on my own individual responsibility, "bully for a full-fledged law, the governor having put his signature to the measure Friday morning last. Just what locality gets the event will be announced in a few days. Manager Stuart Nevada!" I do not believe in prize fighting myself, and think it would be a good thing has fixed upon this to his own satisfaction and only awaits his own good time to make it known. The indications all over to abolish the whole business, but while the sport is tolerated in one place, I think it has the same right to flourish in another, and the same right to flourish in another, and as long as Nevada needs the emoluments which will accrue from the game, let her pitch in and enjoy them. That there is more of mockery than intrinsic merit in all of the hullabaloo about boxing, no same man will deign to deny the country already point to an immense attendance and the lovers of this sport in this vicinity who contemplate being on hand can rely upon being most advantageously cared for and in this connection full par-ticulars may be expected in another week.

Questions and An



Frank J. Marion is the in Chicago set the pace for cycle shows this next spring. ventor's name. For a long time those who have sought to bring out the possibilities o year and acquitted itself handsomely. The exhibit at the Coliseum, which ended last applying power to bicycles have tried to d night, is said to have been the most varied vise various means intended to get greater speed with the same amount of energy avail-able. and complete yet held in the United States. Not only was it the greatest exhibition of the popular modern vehicle and related in-

The powerful muscles in a man's leg are not brought fully into play in the ordinary bicycle. A rider fails to exert his full strength on the downward stroke because dustries, but it was the most brilliant display in every way Chicago had ever seen. he has nothing to brace himself against. It was with an idea of using to their full extent the leg muscles brought into play A few statistics picked up around the mammoth building will give an idea of the extent of the show. There were 35,000 electric while rowing in a shell that this bloycle was designed. lights used in the decorations and illuminaations; in walking up and down each aisle,

The rider presents a curious aspect in The rider presents a curious aspect in a position that could not be maintained for many miles. But as the machine is only for short distance races the apparent dis-comfiture does not make its use impossible. The position of the rider, as if swimming, gives him a great advantage over one who sits up in the saddle and exposes his chest to the wind version which is an inverse. as every visitor was obliged to do in order to see all the exhibits, he covered a dis tance of nearly nine miles; 30,000 yards of bunting were used in decorating the build ing; seven miles of gas pipes were utilized in railings for the booths; the rental for in rallings for the booths; the rental for spaces for exhibits aggregated nearly \$50,-060; there were 630 odd booths; 2,000 men were employed in the show; 5,000 agents visited the exhibition during the week; there were in the neighborhood of 3,500 wheels on exhibition; thirty-nine policemen were de-tailed to look after the visitors and keep them in order; forty janitors were employed to keep the aisles cleared and the building in good condition, but they had nothing to do with keeping up the individual exhibits, to the wind resistance, which is an impor-tant factor. A racing man cannot, the first time he mounts this odd looking wheel, ride as fast as on a regular safety.

But, after acquiring proficiency, Mr. Mar ion, who has had practical tests made, asserts the rider develops greater speed than has yet been obtained. No records have been broken as yet, as the machine has just been built, and Mr. Marion has not got the full "hang" do with keeping up the individual exhibits, as each firm had its own man for that purof it yet. The distinctive feature of this bloycle in

the placing of the pedals and sprocket be hind the rear wheel of the bicycle. Instea Instead of the customary seat, the rider lies flat on his stomach on a leather hammock.

This, at first glance, seems a position in which very little work could be accom-plished. But the rider is in the exact position to exert all the leg power he possesses. The handle bars are brought low down, just above the front forks.

The cradle in which the rider reclines does not extend up to the lungs, and thus their action is given full play. Mr. Marion states that if the respiratory action was interfered with it would seriously affect the success of he machine.

hibited in order all the parts which go to make up the wheel of today, and with them parts which have been used since the first bicycle was built in America. The old or-There will be a public trial shortly of this new machine, and it is expected to attract great attention. Here an interesting quesdinary, of course, comes first in the list, and with it tricycle and velocipede parts. Directly above the columns and at the base of the gilt dome a band of electric tion arises. Will the present crack-a-Jacks in the racing world have to learn all over again? Mr. Marion thinks that they will, and that they must develop muscles which at present, by reason of the position of the riders, are practically unused.

#### A BRIGHT OUTLOOK.

#### Promises of the Year for Wheeling Enthusiasts.

was a history in itself of the blcycle its growth. A number of the large Here is the way the New York Sun ed-itorially forecasts the bicycle season: firms contributed models of their patents dating back to 1879. There were cranks of "Despite the efforts of the Woman's Resall shapes and designs, representing every year from 1851 to 1897, and for the last ten cue League of Washington to dissuade young women from bleycling, and despite years there has been constant changing in similar endeavors on the part of other wellmeaning persons, the new year promises to There were dozens of rear hubs, and an eclipse all others in the number and variety equal number of crank hangers, all showing of its wheeling enthusiasts. And why not? the widest divergency of ideas, and the evo-Never before was the sport of cycling s lution of the present product, perfect in workmanship, could be traced. There were well understood; never before were its also seen the hubs of the front wheel in healthful advantages, for males and females alike so thoroughly appreciated; never be fore was so much attention pald by the proper authorities to the protection of the The parts were in chronological order, and a brief survey of the exhibit showed wheel's natural rights; and never before were bicycles so well suited in strength, that the growth of the wheel was along the following line: Tricycles were the most apweight and equipment to persons of dis tinct or unusual requirements. In short, i proved form of the machine from 1882 to 1885. In 1885 the ordinary type became the popular favorite, and retained its hold on is safe to conclude that experience has en-abled the manufacturers to greet their cus-tomers at the beginning of this year with be public until 1886, when the safety was introduced, which did not reach any wide-epread favor until the following year, but 1887 marks the reign of the bicycle in prac-lieve, more serviceable wheels than were lieve before produced.



How many pounds make a ton ?

## 2,000 pounds.

You would not take 1800, or 1700, or 1600 pounds for a ton if you knew it, would you? Of course notwell, then-

# Look at this

object lesson-taking eight pages (the average daily issue) of four newspapers, as a basis:

The Omaha Bee	Columns are 21 7-1	8 in. long.
World Herald	Columns are 21 3-	
Lincoln Journal	Columns are 21 1-	8 in. long.
Sioux City Journal	Columns are 19 5-	8 in. long.

Each line of The Bee is 131 ems wide. Each line of the others only 13 ems wide. This short weight doesn't seem much, but in each 8-page paper we have this result-

The Omaha Bee prints 292,010 ems or 697 inches. 272,016 ems or 622 inches. World Herald prints 269,624 ems or 616 inches. Lincoln Journal prints Sicux City Journal prints 250,572 ems or 572 inches.

Don't you see THE BEE gives you 75 inches more space, or 31 colums, nearly one-half a page more than the World Herald; 81 inches, nearly 4 columns, more than the Lincoln Journal: 125 inches, or about 6 columns, more than the Sioux City Journal? In one week this amounts to more than four pages of the World Herald, and with The Bee's Saturday supplement, eight pages or a whole paper. That's equivalent to eight Bees to seven World Heralds each week. or nine pages more than the Lincoln Journal, or eleven and one-half more than the Sioux City Journaleach week.

after a careful glance over the eltuation. Almost any night in the week, after all the STROMSBURG, Neb., Jan. 28 .- To the Sportnumerous endeavors at suppression, you can go to any one of the big cultured centers of ing Editor of The Bee: I bet \$10 that Bryan would get 175 electoral votes; did I win or lose? Please answer through Sunday the country, in New York, Boston, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Buffalo or Cincinnati, and see Bee and oblige .- Subscriber. a bona fide prize fight by paying your mon y Ans .- Win. for the privilege. In New York there are no less than six or eight regularly incor-CHADRON, Neb., Jan. 23 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: To decide a bet please decide the following: It is the "last turn" at faro bank and there is a tray, a porated clubs, where limited round glove contexts are licensed, and where on the occasion of any of the numerous star events nine and a 'en in the box. A heels \$10 from the tray to the jack; that is, coppers the tray and plays the jack. He also calls which they are regularly pulling off, you can meet the best people of Gotham, busi-ness men of national reputation, jurists of renown, and professional lights who rank

the tray and plays the jack. He also calls it for \$2.50 both ways from the tray. The turn came nine, ten. The dealer took all of the call money. A claims that he should pay the \$10 bet on tray-jack, but dealer does not. Nothing had been said about its taking any other card. Who is right? An nswer will greatly oblige.-A Reader. Ans.-The gealer. He wins all the call noney, as the tray is in hock. Mo neeled from tray to jack has no action. OMAHA, Jan. 28 .- To the Sporting Editor The struggle is ever on, and of The Bee: Will you please answer the fol

lowing questions in next Sunday's Bee: A, B, C and D are playing cribbage. A plays a ten-spot, B plays a four, C plays a three, D plays a six, then A comes in with a fivespot with a run of four, making 28 in count. B cannot play and C comes in with a three-spot, making 31 and counts a run of four, together with two for 31, making a total of six. Can this be counted? How much can be counted with four six-spots and a three-spot-20 or 24?-W. L. Crager, 2518 Decatur street. Ans .- (1) B gets 2 for 31 and that is all. (2) Four 6s and a 3, 24.

Money

American ?- Frank Thompson. Ans .- If a child was born of colored parents in China would that child be a Chinaman? FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 28 .- To the Sporting

Editor of The Bee: Please state what is the most popular opening with the master chess players and oblige?--M. T. P. Ans .- The Ruy Lopez or Spanish opening we Americans are all allke, s certainly of more importance and oftener played by the great masters than any other open game. There are several variations of the opening, as aggressive or conservative tactics may be made. LINCOLN, Jan. 25.-To the Sporting

Editor of The Bee: A and B playing seven points in the game of seven-up. A has five points; makes high, jack and game. B has six and makes low. Who wins the game?--tay just thick of it, the majestic body of D. G. Lane. lawmakers now in assembly at Lincoln Ans.-B.

OMAHA, Jan. 26 .- To the Sporting Edito of The Bee: Can you recommend a reliable chess magazine, of reasonable price?-Pawn Ans .- The Boston Chess Review.

## WINTER WINDS.

If winter winds were always here. And leaves were always brown and sere, Then 1'd despair of you, my dear, Whose love is summer.

than some others who could be mentioned. They are doubtless of the opinion that what is good enough for Massachusetts and New sunshine did not follow snow for the sequally good for Nevada. They do not intend to interdict all of the sports And blessings wait us where we go, And healing come for every blow, I'd lose my hope, dear.

If hearts were hurt by years of frost, And sorrow were not worth its cost. Then I should count my heaven lost, And with it you, dear.

I know, though tossed by bitter pain, My summertime will come again, My tears are only Aprh rain And you are true, dear. BELLE WILLEY GUE.

ping numbress cyclists.

Reflection of the

ever before produced. "What new makers may do in the way of Lically its present form. Since then the changes have been radical in the gearing furnishing cheap wheels is largely a matte of conjecture, but it is known that the older

and other parts, but the general outline of the machine has remained unchanged and manufacturers have been wide awake to the the parts and their changes were neatly necessity of supplying their machines with every device and attachment and every placed, showing the precise development for ten years, the most perfect patents of today change in construction which seems likely reposing side by side in the cases with those to meet with the approval of of ten years ago. For example, larger and better tubing will

be used in the frames of bicycles where it has been found desirable; better chains will Similarity in design was the chief thing noted about the bicycles that were shown over their predecessors of a year ago. The be employed; brakes will be of styles more welcome to the rider; and saddles, the source of so much discomfort, will be offered general makeup of the machine has not changed, the design of the frame being practically the same for three years. In the different details of construction the makes in greater variety and more pleasing shapes, and at lower prices than formerly. There will be wide saddles and narrow saddles, of different manufacturers seem to be gradfronts, hubs and other minor details on rival those that are hard and those that are soft some that tilt and some that don't, and others, all designed to satisfy. makes that were loudly vaunting individual superiority a year ago chiefly appealed to those who stopped for a close examination. "In the new wheels, patent devices will be introduced to prevent the accumulation of

dust in parts where it has caused annoy ance in times past. Many minor changes, also, will be made in the new models, which The growth of the League of American Wheelmen during the last year has been such as to make it a powerful factor for good in any direction it may aim. A year while scarcely noticeable to the eye purchaser, are intended to add considerably good in any direction it may aim. A year ago, on January 3, there were 38,596 mem-bers in the organization, while on January 1 of this year the books of the secretary showed a list of 73,035, a gain of about 80 1-5 per cent. A similar percentage of increase between now and next January would mean a membership of 128,582. This to the general qualities of the wheel. A regards tires, there seems to be very little radical change. It is noted that gears will probably be higher this year than hereto fore. Whereas five or aix years ago gears of 54 inches and thereabouts were not uncom mon, those ranging from 75 to 90 inches ar would mean a membership of 128,582. This number is not at all improbable; in fact, it is confidently believed that the list will expected to prevail for 1897. "The prophecy of certain persons last fal reach such proportions under the existing that chainless wheels were to rule the day during the coming serson, seems to have mizsed the mark. While machines of that conditions.

SOUTH OMAHA, Jan. 28.—To the Sport-ing Editor of The Bee: Will you oblige by answering the following question: If a hild may here of America question: If a missed the mark. While machines of that type will be made, the product, to all appearances, will be small. It was also pre-dicted by some that the aggregate output of child was born of American parents, in a at all the result of bicycling particularly, foreign country, would that child be an but is induced by any violent demand on bicycles for the present year would not ex the muscles. An article on the muscular contraction of the face, published by Dr. A. Fournier, in "La Nature," illustrates this fact by presenting a picture of a young man in the act of jumping a hurdle. "Dur ing the jump," the doctor says, "the entire body leaves the ground, and for the time being floats through the air like a projectile The effort of giving the impulse provokes contraction of the muscles of the entire body; the trunk and the extremities of the entrice body; the trunk and the extremities of the body form at the moment of leaving the ground, but one rigid unit." The picture shows the body at that moment, and it reproduces the full effort and the complete contraction. As the jump was rather high the violence of the effort is well accentuin the market." ated in the jumper's expression. He looks as if in great distress, and as if he was about to break into tears.

> It was Christmas week and a young man on a bike was confidently riding up F street in Washington. A heavy carriage drawn by two prancing bays came spinning up the street at the same time. The young man was fairly run into the gutter by the turnout, and to save himself from crushed he jumped off his wheel. Th The bays were drawn up to the curb in great style and the lady occupant of the carriage stopped out to go into a store. She instantly took in the catastrophe. The wheel was almost a wreck and the rider was looking around for his hat. She stepped right up to him and inquired if he was hurt. Being assured that he was not, she took out a card and

wrote a few lines on it and gave it to him, saying: "Have your wheel repaired and send the "Have your wheel repaired and send the bill to Mr. Thurber with this card. I. am very glad you were not hurt." The signature on the card was "Frances Folsom Cleveland."

New Racing Bicycle.

side.

Winter toe clips fitted with foot warm-ers. The warmer is a padded thing, rather hard outside and very soft and warm in-The rider twirls the toe clip until his foot rests on it, then he slips in his toes, to find them in something as soft and except for gold. warm as cotton. There are similar things fitted to handle bars. Big, loose leather gloves, stiff and firm, clasp the handles of

was noted for his eccentricities. A capital-ist of this city once desired to erect an the bicycle. The rider slips his hands in the stiff gloves and finds the fingers yield expensive building on a lot in Washington owned by Mr. Willard, bui the latter re-fused to sell the property, saying that the Italian fruit vender, who had been on the corner for five or six years, did not want to be disturbed. He also owned three office ing underneath. He can operate the ma-chine with ease. The inside is lamb's wool, and keeps the fingers from that awful nipcommon to the hands buildings in Fourteenth street. He had sev-eral requests from persons who desired to

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According to the Washington Post an Illiceed one-third of the production of 1896. The indications at present, however, point According to the Washington Fost an In-nois member of congress once dined with "Billy" Mason in Chicago. They had talked of the desire of Mr. Mason to come to the senate, had admired the beautiful house in to a little or no decrease in the number of wheels of the new models. In other words, million or more wheels will probably be which he lives, had even inspected the tiled glories of the bath room, and then, smoking made between now and next October. "Precisely what effect the numerous fail an after-dinner cigar, the two friends walked down town together. When they were some distance from the house the congressman turned and looked back at the large and brilliantly lighted dwelling. "You have a beauviful home," said the congressman. ures last fall will have on the year's output of cheap wheels, remains to be seen. At all events, the influence of low-priced bicycles has already done much toward bringing the

price of wheels down to a rational and up o-date figure; and it is to be hoped that the "Yes," replied Mason, with a sound that was between a laugh and a sigh, "but I can hear day is not far distant when \$50, in sound McKinley money, will buy the best bicycle that house drawing interest two blocks away.

GOSSIP ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE. The Rev. Charles E. Stowe, the only sur-

viving son of Harriet Beecher Stowe, writes to the Hartford Courant in regard to the lef-Jonathan Drake, who died at Leominster Mass., on Sunday, was an active abolitioners received by him from various admirers ist. He was a personal friend of Garrison, of his mother concerning the erection of a statue of her on a monument to her memory. He says that he and his sisters regard it as Wendell Phillips and George Thompson, M. P., and his house was a station of the "Untheir exclusive privilege to erect a monument over their mother's grave at Andover, and suggests that if anything is to be done by his mother's admirers to honor her memory derground Railway," through which slaves made their escape from the south. When the noted Shadrack escapel from the Bos it should take the form of a Harriet Beecher Stowe scholarship at Hampton, Fiske or Tuskegee, adding: "Such a memorial would, ton court house in 1851 he went straight to Leominster and was shielded by Drake, who dressed the negro in woman's clothes and assisted him on to Canada. James Jackson, I know, be quite in keeping with my moth-er's taste, and far more useful to man and honoring to God than some brazen monstrosa slave of Jefferson Davis; was also be friended in a similar manuer. ty, scowling the unfortunate beholder out

countenance from its ugly granite ped-No one knows just how much the late estal. Mathias Splittog was worth, but he is sup A correspondent from West Virginia writes as follows: "The mention of Judge Nathan Goff for a cabinet position pleases the people of West Virginia, and his appointment to posed to have been very nearly a millionaire He was one of the last of the Wyandotte Indians, and his wealth was largely in the Indians, and his wealth was largely in the "uncarthed increment" of lands along the Kaw river, near Kansas City. For one piece of property the Missouri Pacific rail-road paid him \$160,000. He had consider-able ingenuity and a great aptitude for mechanics, and he is said to have built a small steamboat which used to ply the Mis-souri river between Atchison and Wyan-dotte. One of Splittog's peculiarities was that he would never sell a piece of land except for gold. such a position will meet with the hearty ap-proval of all West Virginia republicans. One of the incidents in Judge Goff's life which

of the incidents in Judge Goff's life which has attached him to the people of his native state was the patriotic letter which he wrote when confined in the dungeons of Libby Prison. Judge Goff, then a union soldier, was taken a prisoner January 20, 1864, and was confined for four months in Libby. A rebel spy named Armsey was likewise cap-tured and incarcerated within the federal liftes and condemned to be shot. Goff was held as a hostage for the spy, and word was The late Joseph Willard of Washington heid as a hostige for the spy, and word war sent to the federal government that he would be shot if Armsey was executed. Goff heard it and wrote these lines to President Lin-coin: 'If Armsey is guilty he should be ex-ceuted regardless of its consequences to me. The life of a single soldier should not stand in the way of adherence to a great principle.' The letter is on file in the war office.

A racing bicycle has just been built by a let upstairs portions. But he always re-Syracuse (N. Y.) genius that will startle the fused, saying the presence of people upstairs corely tried by the individual with a manu-cycling world when it appears on the track might disturb General H. V. Boynton, the script. He did not care for voluntary con-with the idea of the "jingo."

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tributions on any subject (writes Henry King, his successor), and very few of them were ever used. The people who brought them in were curtly disposed of when they belonged to the masculne sex, but it was pot so easy to get rid of them when they happened to be women. It was his habit for many years to bring such callers to my desk, telling them in a gracious way that I was in charge of such matters, and would be pleased to have them take a seat and stand back and chuckle over my misery. visitor of One one occasion, however, a visitor of this kind refused to be put off, and insisted that it was his duty not only to publish her article, but to see that it went in the Sunday ssue, because more people read the paper on

that day than on any other. "Madam," he blandly replied, "the rea-son why so many people read the Sunday paper is that we keep such stuff out of it."

WHO DISCOVERED HIM!

My teacher teaches me at school To be a good boy, an' th' Golden Rules Teaches me spellin' an' jography, And 'bout ever' kind ov discovery— Except one kind—biggest mystery— Who discovered me?

We read in books each discovery Ever happened on land or sea; 'Bout Franklin's kite an' 'lectricity, An' Columbus a-findin' Ameriky; We all know Balboey discovered the sea. But who discovered me?

All my questions have been in vain, 'Cause no one's been able to quite explain; Ma don't know an' Pa says he Don't think they wuz a discovery; Worst thing to find out I ever did see, This, who discovered me? CLARENCE P. M'DONALD, Omsha, Neb. Omaha, Neb

Evening Wisconsin: Secretary Olney's Evening Wisconsin: Secretary Oiney assertion that the arbitration treaty makes Great Britai: an ally of the United States in the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine loses its significance when the fact is con-sidered that the Monroe doctrine is very widely interpreted, and that one of the in-