SPORTS OF THE EARLY FALL

Race in the Big League Narrows Down to Two Teams.

BOSTON AND CINCINNATI SEEM ALONE

Selee's Team is Making a Splendid Stand and Ewing is Following Closely — Western League Struggle Getting Hotter.

The big advantage which Boston was expected to have when it struck the home grounds appears to have materialized. It reached home last Sunday and opened the final home series on the following day. Since that time its record has been a straight string of victories—six in all, including last Friday—four from Washington and two from New York. The Senatorial victories might have been predicted, but many of the base ball wiseacres prophesied that a different result would be told when the Giants bobbed up against the Beaneaters. However, the hard-hitting Joyce outfit proved to be even more easy in the two opening games of the series than the Senators, for in one of the games they were shut out and in the other they barely escaped another blank. If Boston keeps up anything like this lick during the remainder of its stay in Beantown until October 5 there is no getting the pennant away from Frank Selee, even if his pets do spend the final ten days of the season on foreign grounds. The effect of this continuous performance of victories has had a very appreciable effect upon the Bean Demolishers' percentage. When they reached home they were in second place, by only two points, to be sure, but still in the second hole. Now they are first by a clear margin of fifteen points.

Cincy, too, has been on the home grounds, but her record is far worse, for out of the six games she has played she has lost two—one to Chicago and the other to Cleveland. Her future is not packed with things of a roseate hue, either, for on next Wednesday she commences her trip abroad and does not return home again, unless the Cleveland games are transferred to Cincinnati, which will probably be done. Then the Reds have a tough proposition in the teams that confront them. They have a series of three games with Baltimore and no less than eight scheduled games with Cleveland. Besides that they have to tackle such uncertain quantities as Louisville and Philadelphia in the meanwhile. There is nothing of a very cheering character for Captain Ewing in this array.

Tomorrow the Orioles also commence a session on the home grounds, which will continue during practically the entire season that is left, but the erratic playing of the Birds since their magnificent streak of several weeks ago does not give promise of good work in the future. This, however, may be some such temporary slump that has met both Cincinnati and Boston in the course of the season and the Birds may yet be strictly in it at the finish.

During the last week Milwaukee has been knocked out of the lead in the Western league race and is now in third position. The fight is on between Kansas City and Indianapolis, but it is still possible for any one of the three to land the pennant. But ten days of the season remain. The real struggle commences on Thursday, when the Brewers tackle the Blues and are followed by Indianapolis.

GOSSIP FROM THE GRIDIRON

Clash of the Two Sets of Rules Will Cause Much Confusion in the Western Games.

The two sets of foot ball rules on the market—the Stagg code and that recently adopted by the Eastern Rules committee—seem likely to result in the disruption of many a western schedule. The collegiate circuit, of which Chicago is the center, is put into the worst predicament, for the cluster of western colleges that form it is divided over the rules. For example, Chicago, Michigan, Illinois and Purdue have decided to stand by the Stagg rules, while Wisconsin, Minnesota and Northwestern propose to play under the eastern rules. Either a revision of schedules is necessary in these cases or else some compromise must be effected. It does not seem possible that a team can be coached under both systems. The differences are not great, but there are a considerable number.

One of the greater differences is a rule in the western code which permits the side which has lost the goal the option of making or receiving the kickoff, while the old rule gives the kickoff to the goal defenders. The purpose of the change is to even things up when teams of differing offensive and defensive strength meet.

The rules regarding mass plays read differently, but are in effect the same.

There is some little difference in the scoring, which is shown in the following table:

	Eastern rules.	Western rules.
Goal from touchdown	6	5
Touchdown, failing goal	5	4
Goal from field kick	5	4
Safety	2	2

In addition to these points the western rules score three points for a goal from place kick.

The east reduced the time that may be taken out for any reason during the course of a game to two minutes. The west also permits an additional minute when in the opinion of the referee it is advisable or necessary.

The east gives the referee the power to shorten the halves when in his judgment there is a likelihood that the game will be interfered with by darkness; the west does not give this option.

The east provides that if the ball is kicked so that it goes out of bounds before crossing the opponents' goal line, it shall belong to the opponents. The west clings to the old rule that allowed the ball to remain in the possession of the man who gets it.

There is quite a noticeable difference in the penalties for various offenses.

Of late there has been a revival of talk over the possibility of a match this year between Pennsylvania and Princeton. The report is prompted by the unmistakable indications at the close of last fall's campaign that the once bitter feeling that existed between the two universities was fast dying out, and that but very little effort was necessary to bring about a renewal of the contests on the gridiron. The factions in both colleges who caused the rupture in 1894 have now left the college and the animosity has not extended to the students who have succeeded them. There never were two colleges between which a more natural rivalry existed than that felt in the past by Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania toward each other. This sentiment is rapidly asserting itself again and it will be surprising if the Tigers and the Quakers do not fight it out on the striped sward before the fall is over.

Pennsylvania's progress in the game of foot ball may be traced through its contests with the Princeton team. There was once a time when the University of Pennsylvania was classed with the minor colleges with reference to the ability of its foot ball eleven. In the days of the old intercollegiate association, composed of Yale, Princeton, Pennsylvania and Wesleyan, the latter two invariably were far outclassed and Wesleyan frequently bested the Philadelphia team in the annual match. Imagine the Middletown collegians doing the same thing today. With here and there an exception, Pennsylvania was the easiest sort of a problem for Princeton. The Quakers seldom scored, while if the Tigers' total did not exceed thirty points the circumstance was regarded as unusual. In 1887 Princeton won by a score of 95 to 0, but after 1890 a marked improvement became noticeable in Pennsylvania's play. The big scores stopped, and in 1892 and 1894 Princeton was defeated. Since the last Princeton defeat no games have taken place between the two, but the return of an era of good feeling in both universities can have but one result, and that is a resumption of the annual foot ball struggle, which in past years was one of the most desperate of the season.

Pennsylvania has left a date open in its schedule that may be taken by Princeton. In fact, there are two open dates—Wednesday, October 5, and Wednesday, October 19—but the latter is the one that will be taken if a game is arranged. Pennsy's full schedule is as follows: Saturday, September 24, Franklin and Marshall on Franklin field; Wednesday, September 28, Gettysburg on Franklin field; Saturday, October 1, State college on Franklin field; Wednesday, October 5, and Saturday, October 8, Brown on Franklin field; Wednesday, October 12, Virginia on Franklin field; Saturday, October 15, Lehigh on Franklin field; Saturday, October 22, Lafayette on Franklin field; Saturday, October 29, University of Chicago on Franklin field; Saturday, November 5, Harvard at Cambridge; Saturday, November 12, Indians on Franklin field; Thursday, November 24, Cornell on Franklin field.

It will be noticed from this schedule that Pennsylvania has almost attained the object it has been working for during the last few years—the playing of its games on its own grounds. But one game of the entire schedule is played on other fields—the one with Harvard, which takes place at Cambridge. In all probability the Crimson will go to Philadelphia next year and it is quite probable that next season's schedule will contain only home games.

The east and the west will struggle in the game on October 29, when the Chicago eleven meets the Quakers. The main game of the season, the one on Thanksgiving day, which concludes the foot ball year, is again with Cornell.

There has been but little fresh foot ball news during the last week. Yale and a few others have commenced preliminary practice, but it is during the coming week that general practice really begins. Before next Sunday all the bigger institutions and many of the minor ones will be at work and a few schedules even call for games before the next seven days are over.

Harvard has secured a decidedly agreeable acquisition to her foot ball materials in the person of Cochems, the crack half of the Wisconsin eleven who was elected to captain the Badgers. The Crimson did not overlook the opportunity to snap up the westerner when it offered.

SOME MISCELLANEOUS SPORT

Great Concourse of Sprinters Here to Attend the Races of the Firemen's Tournament.

There have been feet runners a-plenty in Omaha during the last week in the course of the firemen's tournament. Ability to sprint is the premier requirement for membership in volunteer companies, and it is a certainty that no individual who is speedy of pedals and lives anywhere in the neighborhood of a town where a company is located is likely to be overlooked, particularly when the team attends a tournament. Consequently, the large number of companies that entered the contests were the pick of the sprinters of their neighborhoods. There were some cracks in the bunch, too, for, although there is no question that the timers were not onto their jobs by long odds, time of 0:10, 0:10 2-5 and thereabouts is exceptionally good even under such circumstances, especially as the track was by no means as fast as it might have been. The companies, as bodies, also ran very well. Altogether the tournament was decidedly interesting, even though no records were broken, and it is unfortunate that the weather was so unpropitious. However, though the affair was a success under the circumstances, a lesson was given the association, which should not be overlooked in future tournaments, in the spectacle presented in the management. This was abominable and the officials were poorly selected. This fact created no end of dissatisfaction among the contestants. If the same sort of a deal is given in the future, the annual tournament of the National Firemen's association will soon die a speedy death from lack of entries.

The amateur golf competition for the championship of the United States, open to all golfers belonging to clubs which are members of the United States Golf association, will be commenced on the links of the Morris County Golf club, Morristown, N. J., tomorrow and will close on Saturday. There are five prizes to be contested for—a trophy valued at $1,000, and four medals. The entries are very extensive, 119 competitors being named in the list. All the leading clubs of the country have entered their best men. The majority come from the extreme east, but there is a good representation from the south and Chicago will hold up the west's end. Champion H. J. Whigham will be on hand and will again meet his formidable rival, Findlay S. Douglas. The latter was put out by Whigham in the semi-finals last year, when it was claimed that the handles of clubs had been greased. They met again and Douglas won, which fact makes Douglas quite a favorite for the championship this year.

At a conference between the challenge committee of the Royal Ulster Yacht club and the cup committee of the New York Yacht club, Tuesday, the Sandy Hook course was agreed upon for the race for the America's cup. The Newport course was not considered. The conditions agreed upon are:

Number of Races—Match to be decided by best three out of five races.

Course—Starting from Sandy Hook lightship.

First Race—To windward or leeward and return.

Second Race—Equilateral triangle.

Third Race—Similar to first race.

Fourth Race—Similar to second race.

Fifth Race—Similar to first race.

The courses shall be, as nearly as possible, thirty nautical miles in length.

The challenger shall be informed at least one week before the first race what vessel is to defend the cup.

The system of measurement, time allowance and racing rules of the New York club shall govern the races.

The first race shall be sailed on Tuesday, October 3, 1899, unless the Shamrock should be detained by stress of weather or other cause, in which case three weeks shall be given it for fitting out after its arrival; but the first race shall not be started later than October 10, 1899, and the races shall be sailed on Tuesdays and Saturdays until completed.

The date of the sailing of the races is later than that usually placed for the international races. Only once, in the races between the Vigilant and Valkyrie II, was it held so late as October.

The Beefeaters across the water do not seme to be able to get over the victory of Ten Eyck over their cracks across the pond in 1897. The London Field in a recent issue again agitates the affair. In the course of an argument to demonstrate that the American is a professional it says that "his very name is an eye-opener, for he was notoriously the son of James Ten Eyck, the Yankee professional oarsman and sculler." This alleged sporting journal goes on further to say that if Ten Eyck's entry had been accepted this year one or more of the professionals' sons from the Thames waterside would have been entered to contend against the Yankee, and goes into spasms over the horrible predicament the swells would have had to confront if such sons had raced against the "gentlemen amateurs." As another proof of Ten Eyck's professionalism the paper points to the fact that the young American, when a boy, once worked at a boat builder's place for $10 a week. Here in America it is not considered that a young man is debarred from sport because as a boy he had the pluck to earn a dollar, but the fact that such a youngster won the big race, according to the London Field, "degraded the Diamond Sculls for all time." All this poppycock seems to indicate that the Henley regatta is only a series of events devoted exclusively to the physical culture of society swells instead of a series of open races for a world's championship for amateurs. As yet the Englishmen do not seem to have found anything unsavory in the antecedents of R. H. Howell, who won the Diamond Sculls at Henley this year, but something may be expected.

More than half the trotting records made this year seem to be below 2:20 and the 2:15 list is growing tremendously large. In fact it looks like an easy matter for a good horse to beat 2:10. Nearly a score of horses have entered this list so far this season.

Del Norte, a full brother to Chehalis, who is showing up so well, has made his debut as a guideless wonder in Oregon, the first of the freaks to be seen on the coast. He has a record of 2:08.

CRICKETERS PLAN THEIR TRIP

Omaha Club Getting Ready to Take Part in the Denver Tournament Next Month.

The Omaha Cricket club is now looking forward to the winding up of the most successful season in its history. The tournament to be held during the last week in September at the capital city of Colorado will be a red letter event in the history of western cricket. After the eminently successful cricket week in Omaha the local willow wielders were somewhat chary of entering into another big fight, not because they were afraid of tackling anything that came along, but owing to the fact that the lateness of the season would find their fighting line considerably depleted and as a consequence defeat might reasonably be expected. Although the Omaha men will not be able to put their very best team in the field against the giants who will battle against them in Denver, still the eleven that will go cannot be altogether termed a weak one. Indications point to two at least of our crack men being absentees. Harry New and Will Vaughan, for business reasons, find themselves unable to make the trip, but outside these two players the team will be a fairly representative one, and, should Omaha's men go down before Chicago, as is not unlikely, for they are straining every nerve to get together the strongest aggregation ever sent out of Chicago, mainly to wipe out the overwhelming defeat sustained at the hands of the Omahogs in July, still they should account for the Denver team. The latter club will also be considerably strengthened by recruits from various parts of Colorado, and, on their own "midden," should keep the boys east of them hustling. "Nothing succeeds like success" and the Omaha lads will go into this fight with that confidence assured by their brilliant victories in the past. Unfortunately business claims and the fast shortening days have militated against anything like systematic practice, cricket being mainly relegated to Saturday afternoons, and in this respect our friends from the neighboring state have us at a disadvantage, for they are men of leisure and can practice when they choose. Judging by newspaper reports they have been piling up some wonderful scores in their home matches, Stone in particular making great advances on his performances in Omaha. This player has taken a prominent part in matches against the very best players in the world and there is no doubt that he is a force to be reckoned with in the coming contests. It is a pity so many of the Omaha men will have to leave for home on the Saturday, as it is understood that the Denver club has arranged a series of social entertainments which will eclipse anything attempted in this line by western cricketers. Omaha men had by no means a fair representation on the international team in July, and, though the third match of the series in Denver will hardly come up to this in the matter of quality, yet a good sprinkling of home talent will convince the local men that their wonderful record in the late tournament has not altogether gone without recognition.

It is a matter of intense satisfaction that Dougal finds himself able to make the trip. His want of practice, it is to be hoped, has not taken the sting off his bowling, and can he but repeat his performance against Chicago Omaha need ask nothing more. Bate is still on the lame side, and will probably only be able to bowl slow, but this will make no difference, as Sims, with his lightning deliveries and his successes against Denver still fresh in his memory, will more than be able to fill the vacuum. Sprague makes his first appearance against a foreign team. His cleverness in taking the balls behind the wickets is undeniable, and maybe the great Stone may find some of his deceptive tosses wending their way to the foothills of the Rockies. Sprague has done it before. For further particulars apply to President Lawrie. Tuffield will not be with the team, but should it be necessary to have a man close up to the wicket Taylor will make an efficient substitute. In fact it is an open question as to whether he would not be about the best man Omaha has behind the stumps, had he the time to devote to perfecting himself in this difficult act. President Lawrie will be able to give his undivided attention this trip to the task of piling up runs, and a continuance of his good form shown in practice matches can be looked for. Bad luck has most persistently dogged the footsteps of the erewhile champion of the club, G. Vaughan. His average in practice matches has fallen short of those of former years, and his opportunities for spiting fickle fortune by bringing off one of his old-time sensational bowling performances during a foreign match have been provokingly small. It is small consolation to recollect that the immortal Grace has known the time when for a period his hand has lost its cunning. Sympathy long drawn out at such a time is about as palatable as temporary loss of form, but it is devoutly to be hoped that the Denver week will see George returning to his old-time scoring power. Want of practice does not seem to affect Cameron's batting powers, and his stone walling tactics should be of great use to the team. The rest of the eleven are looking forward to this outing, although some are in doubt as to the advisability of holding such an important meeting so late in the season.

The eleven will leave on the last Thursday in the month. Chicago will be met next day and Denver on Saturday. On the Tuesday following the champions of the tournament will play against a combined eleven picked from the remainder of the teams entered for the tournament. Granted fine weather, this will be a fitting ending to the most successful cricket season in the history of western sport.

The English eleven which is coming for a tour of this country was slated for arrival in Montreal on last Friday, and doubtless the news columns of The Bee today give some account of the initial match with the club of that city. From Montreal all the visitors go to Toronto and during the coming week they are scheduled for games in Philadelphia and New York. After spending some time in the east the eleven comes westward, stopping at Denver to take part in the tournament which the Omaha club will attend.

NEXT WEEK WITH SHOTGUNS

Dupont Club Has a Very Tempting Program Laid Out for the Trap Artists of These Parts.

The Dupont Gun club has just issued its program for its third annual tournament, which takes place on the grounds of the Omaha Gun club across the river on September 21, 22 and 23. It comes fully up to the announcement that have been made before and promises one of the most successful amateur shoots ever held in this city. That seems to be the impression of the shooters in the neighboring states, for the list of entries is very large.

There are to be ten events at fifteen blue rocks each day. In addition, there will be a daily live bird event, ten birds on the first two days, with $15 added, and fifteen birds on the last day, with $20 added. The big event will be a shoot at twenty targets on Thursday afternoon for the championship of the transmississippi states. A $50 cup will be given as an emblem to the winner. The entrance fee to each of the fifteen target events will be $1.50. The fee to the first two bird events will be $5 and to the last one $10. The moneys will be divided into four purses in each event. In addition to this, however, there are to be ten prizes of $5 each for the ten high averages each day and ten prizes of $5 each for the low averages. In this way both the bad and the good shots will be provided for. The tournament will be strictly for amateurs, and all professionals and manufacturers' agents will be barred.

Although the weather of the last week has not been bad for chicken shooting, there have not been many big bags brought into the city. George A. Hoagland had fairly good luck and others bagged a fair number. Among those who are out are C. A. Claflin and Stocky Heath and Frank Burkley. The latter two have gone to Greeley Center.

Billy Townsend and Jack Hallowell were in attendance at the Schmelzer shoot at Kansas City last week and did nice work.

American sportsmen will meet in open competition at the new Cincinnati Gun club grounds to shoot for "another" live-bird wingshot championship of the United States. The Sportsmen's Review will present a solid gold and silver cup, valued at $500, as a championship cup. The introductory shoot will be a fifty live-bird contest under the American association rules. The cup is subject to challenge for three years from the date of the first contest, when a special twenty-five live-bird contest will be held for the absolute possession of the trophy. The conditions are similar to those which prevail for the numerous other trophies purporting to represent the championships. Let a few more cups be offered and each prominent shooter may be the "only" national champion.

CHESS.

The following games, short, sharp and decisive, have been scored during the last few days in the state correspondence tournament, between Messrs. Hald and Rasmussen, and Powell and Edwards:

White—Hald.	Black—Rasmussen.
1—P to K 4.	1—P to K 4.
2—Kt to K B 3.	2—Kt to Q B 3.
3—B to B 4.	3—Kt to K B 3.
4—P to Q 4.	4—B to K 2.
5—P takes P.	5—Kt takes P (?).
6—Q to Q 5.	6—Castles.
7—Q takes Kt.	7—P to Q 3.
8—B to K 3.	8—P takes P.
9—Q Kt to Q 2.	9—Q to Q 3.
10—Castles.	10—K to R sq.
11—B to K Kt 5.	11—P to K B 4.
12—Q to K R 4.	12—P to K R 3.
13—B takes P.	13—B takes Q.
14—B takes P (ch).	14—K takes B.
15—Kt takes B.	15—Q to B 4.
16—Q R to B sq.	16—P to Q Kt 4.
17—B to K 2.	17—P to Kt 5.
18—Kt to Kt 3.	18—Q to Q 3.
19—Kt to B 3.	19—P to K 5.
20—Kt to Q 2.	20—B to K 3.
21—P to K R 3.	21—P to Q R 4.
22—B to B 4.	22—P to Q R 5.
23—Kt to R sq.	23—Q R to Q sq.
24—B takes B.	24—Q takes Kt (ch).
25—K to Kt sq.	25—R to B 3.
Resigns.	

PETROFF'S DEFENSE.

White—Powell.	Black—Edwards.
1—P to K 4.	1—P to K 4.
2—Kt to K B 3.	2—Kt to K B 3.
3—Kt takes P.	3—P to Q 3.
4—Kt to K B 3.	4—Kt takes P.
5—P to Q 4.	5—P to Q 4.
6—B to Q 3.	6—B to Q 3.
7—Castles.	7—Q B to Kt 5.
8—R to K 1.	8—P to K B 4.
9—P to Q B 4.	9—P to Q B 3.
10—P takes P.	10—Castles.
11—P takes P.	11—Q Kt takes P.
12—B takes Kt.	12—P takes B.
13—Q to Kt 3 (ch).	13—K to R 1.
14—Kt to Kt 5.	14—Kt takes Q P.
15—Kt to B 7 (ch).	15—R takes Kt.
16—Q takes R.	16—Q to K R 5.
Resigns.	

Problem No. 40: Submitted for trial by a Nebraska player. White to play and mate in three moves:

BLACK.

WHITE.

Problem No. 39 done by

1. K to kt 7.	1. Kto B 5.
2. Q to K 4.	2. Any.
3 K to R 5 or P to Q 5, mate or	
1. Kt to Kt 7.	1. P to Kt 6.
2. Kt to K 3 (ch).	2. K to B 3.
3. Q to K 6, mate.	

Questions and Answers.

COZAD, Neb., Sept. 8.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: In a game of cribbage between A and B, A plays 9, B queen, A 10, B jack, A 6, B 5, A 4, B 5. Is there a "run" on the last three cards?—Leslie Arnold.

Ans.—No.

AWAY.

James Whitcomb Riley.

I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead—he is just away!

With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,
He has wandered into an unknown land.

And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.

And you—O you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return—

Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here;

And loyal still, as he gave the blows
Of his warrior-strength to his country's foes—

Mild and gentle, as he was brave—
When the sweetest love of his life he gave

To simple things:—Where the violets grew
Blue as the eyes they were likened to.

The touches of his hands have strayed
As reverently as his lips have prayed:

When the little brown thrush that harshly chirred
Was dear to him as the mockingbird;

And he pitied as much as a man in pain
A writhing honey bee wet with rain—

Think of him still as the same, I say;
He is not dead—he is just away!

IN THE WHEELING WORLD

Having recuperated sufficiently from the fatiguing meet at Indianapolis, President Potter of the League of American Wheelmen announces that the country is safe. He finds that the war is over and with the return of the boys from the camps and trenches the fog that envelopes the league will presently vanish. With the league secure, it follows that the country is safe. Mr. Potter has given his best energies to the organization. He has seen it rise to the century mark in membership and now witnesses the receding of the tide. He loves it for its glorious past and cherishes a kindly regard for its future. So, to keep it in the straight and narrow path, he has decided whom his successor shall be, and thus relieved the next national assembly of unnecessary mental exertion. The members will simply meet and ratify, cogitate and gratulate, and return home happy in the thought that each and every delegate was the main cog in the wheel.

His name is Murphy, and on his heaving bosom shines the star of the metropolitan police of St. Louis. Murphy poses and parades at the crossing of Jefferson avenue and Chestnut street, where all kinds of humanity jostle each other. One night last week several female scorchers scooted up and down the asphalt pavement. Cautions repeated several times by the officer failed to make them stop, and he set about to capture them. This was no easy task, for a bicycle can be made to go faster than two No. 10 shoes which have to carry a 210-pound man. So Murphy chased the women back and forth for half an hour, to the great amusement of cabbies, hot tamale men and painted women who watched from windows. At last Murphy apparently gave up the chase and stood in the shadow of a tree on the sidewalk. Every one began to jeer at him, for he had evidently been defeated, and the crowd laughed when one of the young women rode by almost within reach of the bluecoat. But Murphy walked across the street to the other pavement.

Then a strange thing happened. One of the riders came wheeling past in the center of the street. As she reached a spot opposite the officer her wheel suddenly went up in the air and she fell in a heap on the asphalt. A stout cord which Murphy had laid across the street and pulled taut at the proper moment had done the work. Luckily no bones were broken, and in an instant Murphy had picked the woman up and turned her over to a brother officer, who happened on the scene just at the right moment. Then Murphy mounted the prisoner's wheel and gave chase to the other riders. In a few minutes he had captured one, and then the other, and the three women were loaded into the patrol wagon with their wheels and taken to the police station.

Down at Camp Wikoff, last week, one of the army surgeons jumped on a borrowed wheel and circled around the sandy street. An interested spectator of the doctor's wheeling maneuvers was an Indian Rough Rider, who stood by in open-mouthed wonder. From his actions it was evident that the Indian was looking on a bicycle for the first time. Noticing the astonished look on the face of the red man, the doctor stopped, and after dismounting, invited the Indian to take a ride. The Indian eyed the steel steed with considerable misgiving, but when pressed by the doctor he made up his mind to ride the thing, although he said nothing. The Indian took hold of the machine, and, walking along with it for a few paces, he made a leap into the saddle, the same as he would mount a broncho. He landed in a heap in the dust, but nothing daunted he tried again. He would always give a wild leap and land squarely in the saddle, only to topple over in a heap. After several attempts the Indian dropped the bicycle and walked slowly away, shaking his head in the most bewildered manner. He did not understand that kind of a bucking broncho.

An elaborately planned coasting contest took place in New England a few days ago, the main object of which was to get at the comparative running qualities of certain tires. Incidentally, however, the results obtained were of general interest, and entirely upsetting to the popular theory that, other things being equal, the heavier rider should win. The distance covered in this contest was short and the grade at the beginning slight. One rider weighed 190 pounds and the other 130 pounds. There were three separate trials, both contestants using the same machines under exactly identical conditions. In the first trial the light man coasted 125 feet and covered the first 100 feet in thirty-one seconds, while the heavier rider required thirty-six seconds to reach the 100-foot mark and only scored a total of 105 feet. The second trial, with different equipment, resulted more favorably to the heavyweight, who beat his opponent by half a second for 100 feet and was only beaten by one foot in the total. In the third trial the light man was again victorious both in time and distance. The riders were regarded as equally skillful at coasting, and under the improved rules of the contest neither was allowed to take advantage of any special bodily movements which are supposed to accelerate progress.

Teddy Edward made his 250th consecutive century in the vicinity of New York City last Wednesday. Edwards' total mileage on the wheel he is now riding is considerably more than would result from his having ridden 100 miles a day since the present year opened, as he had previously covered 8,100 miles. He has also gained nearly 200 miles during the year by overriding. Edwards continues in prime condition, notwithstanding the stories which have been circulated regarding his physical and mental health. Barring a single half-day's illness at Detroit, a month ago, the plucky rider has been well all through the year. When one stops to think that previous to Edwards' consecutive century riding the world's record was sixty-five consecutive centuries, and that he has now ridden upward of 252 consecutive centuries, the size of his achievement can be realized.

When people talk of bicycling in the Alps and such places, they really mean walking, and why any sane person should take a bicycle to the Alps it is not easy to see. The "round-the-world" cycle trips, too, are largely pedestrianism. For example, the cyclist, Fraser, who has just returned to England after a two years' tour about the world, gives these suggestive remarks on China: "Western China is not a good place to cycle in; why, out of the first 1,200 miles we had to walk some 1,200. But all the time we were climbing up and down those confounded hills there was never any cause for fear. It was just a steady pegging on, day by day, 151 days in all, till we reached Shanghai." The bicycle has its limitations.

Feminine "rough riders" are now the fad of the cycle paths of Greater New York. The term is applied to the women who affect the big slouch hats of the cavalry troops, ride diamond framed wheels, and scorch. Some of the wheelwomen who have adopted these hats also make themselves conspicuous by loud costumes, and in a few instances loud manners. The term was first applied to a certain tandem team of girls, who are familiar characters on the road. Recently two well-bred girls, modestly dressed, rode up to a hotel on a tandem. They wore the cavalry hats, and as they dismounted one brash youth exclaimed: "Hi, there's the rough riders." This caused a hundred pairs of eyes to be focused on them. They underwent an amount of bold staring that probably spoiled their day's pleasure. At any rate one of them went to a small parlor in the roadhouse and had a quiet cry.

The simplest method of finding the gear of one's machine is to count the number of teeth on each of the two chain wheels, then divide the number of teeth on the smaller chain wheel into the number on the larger and multiply the diameter of the driving wheel by the result. For instance, if the rear wheel is twenty-eight inches and the teeth on the two cogwheels number eight and ten respectively, the gear would be fifty-six.

It is better to clean a wheel every time it is used than to give it a big scrubbing up once a week. Frequent attention keeps the machine in good order, and is less wearing on the rider's temper than is the infrequent removal of large accumulations.

Canadian bicycles next year, by agreement among the manufacturers, will have thirty-inch wheels instead of twenty-eight-inch, which are now the standard, will be from one to two pounds heavier than those of 1898, and will cost more.

WHEELING MIRTH.

Indianapolis Journal: "Maud says she is madly in love with her new wheel."

"Huh! Another case where man is displaced by machinery."

Judge: Mr. Wheelfiend—Well, you are a horrible sight.

Mrs. Wheelfiend—You cannot expect a woman's beauty to outlast a century.

Chicago Record: "Jubbock had to change his boarding house."

"What for?"

"His landlady said she would reduce the price of board to him if he would teach her four daughters to ride a wheel."

Detroit Free Press: "He said he wanted to consult me privately on a matter of vital importance to his future and of course I thought it was a proposal."

"Wasn't it?"

"No; he wanted my advice about choosing a wheel."

Somerville Journal: Observer—Do you think that you can ever learn to ride a wheel?

Beginner—Indeed, I do. After the difficulties I have surmounted in getting one, I feel competent to accomplish anything.

Chicago Tribune: His Attorney—You'd better plead guilty. Your punishment would be merely a nominal fine.

Prisoner—That's all right. I'd rather run the risk of going to jail than to stand up before everybody and acknowledge I stole a bicycle of the make of 1894.

Detroit Journal: "Do you know, Mr. Gilley," said Miss Sears, enthusiastically, "that I have ridden a century?"

"O, come, now, Miss Sears," replied Mr. Gilley; "you cawn't have done that, doncher know, because bicycles haven't been invented that long, aw."

Chicago Tribune: "I beg your pardon, little girl, but you are riding pigeon-toed. The habit, if persisted in, will make you bow—"

At this critical moment she turned her head and disclosed to the elderly wheelman who had been riding leisurely behind her the face of an undersized but mature woman of not less than 47.

"Sir!" she said.

"Madam," he gasped, touching his hat and falling further back, "you spoke just in time!"

WHIST.

The following instructions in the etiquette of whist are contained in a recent volume compiled by the executive committee of the American Whist league, and besides the bylaws of the league there is a good treatise on the general laws of the game. The following rules, it is stated, are formulated with a view to discourage and suppress certain improprieties of conduct therein pointed out which are not reached by the general laws. The rules are as follows: (1) No conversation should be indulged in during the play, except such as is allowed by the laws of the game. (2) No player should in any manner whatever give any intimation as to the state of his hand or of the game, or of approval or disapproval of play. (3) No player should lead until the previous trick is turned and quitted. (4) No player should, after having led a winning card, draw a card from his hand for another lead, until his partner has played to the current trick. (5) No player should play a card in any manner so as to call particular attention to it, nor should he demand that the cards be placed in order to attract the attention of his partner. (6) No player should purposely incur a penalty because he is willing to pay it, nor should he make a second revoke in order to conceal one previously made. (7) No player should take advantage of information imparted by his partner through a breach of etiquette. (8) No player should object to referring a disputed question to a bystander who professes himself uninterested in the result of the game and able to decide the question. (9) Bystanders should not in any manner call attention to or give any information concerning the play or the state of the game during the play of the hand. They should not look over the hand of a player without his permission, nor should they walk around the table to look at the different hands.

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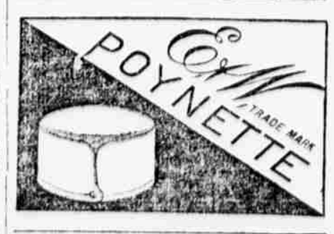

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