COMING DOWN HOME STRETCH

Western League Clubs Have Less Than Two Weeks Remaining.

Des Moines Looks Like Second Best, with Omaha, St. Joe and Sions City Ranched for Third.

Less than a fortnight from now and the successful season which has marked the league will have drawn to a close. The merry one, with Omaha, St. Joe and Sioux ball at the beginning of the present de- age, and it may count or may not. He is City almost in a bunch. Taking into con- cade, but failed. So, please, good Mr. Ban stronger than the "Kid," and can probably sideration the fact that St. Joe has recently taken such a slump as the locals took along in the middle of the season, and remembering, too, that Omaha will play all the remainder of the games on the home grounds, it is not stretching a point at all to believe that the locals will land in third place.

The broken up, physically shattered, in fured lot of men who are ending the season for Omaha are a decided contrast to the active, energetic, whole-limbed players who started off the season. It is this prevalence of physical ills and bodily injuries that has had much to do with the failure of the Omaha team to end the season in first place. Since about the middle of the season it has seemed that a nemesis in hideous guise has pursued the Omaha players, wreaking a vengeance in the shape of physical disabilities. New mer have come under the unwelcome spell and the team has not since the first month been composed of nine able-bodied men. These conditions have necessitated constant changes and the line-up has been changed so often and the batting list so switched around as to be hardly the same for two consecutive days.

The status of affairs has had a discourag ing, depressing effect upon the players, as well as the supporters of the Omaha team and, taking this situation into consideration, there is much reason for congratulation that the locals are even so well up it the list as they are. Manager Rourke ex pects that this closing week will be a gala one and all of the boys are determined to give a good account of themselves in each of the remaining games. It will not be due to lack of effort if a big majority of the remaining twelve games are not won. It is questionable whether Manager

Rourke has strengthened up much in the last changes he has made. It s a cer tainty that the territory down between first and second is covered no better by Zink and O'Connell than it was by O'Connell and Baird. O'Connell is certainly not as good a second cushion captain as is Baird, even though that is his old-time position. He doesn't cover enough ground and can't get around fast enough to meet the exigencies required of a capable sec ond baseman. At the initial bag Zink's performance since he has been here stamps him as being in about the same class with O'Connell, and, as a sticker, the two men are on a parity. For a first baseman it's a toss-up between the two, but there are not enough field positions to afford places

for both men at the same time.
With Bill Wilson back behind the wind fairly good shape, and Manager Bill will have the men placed, in all probability, where they will do the most good and ac complish the best work.

President Ban Johnson and other magorder to prevent the drafting of players. It ter them as Larned usually does. must be that Ban and his partners in the blood for the 1901 season and are provid-Wilmot is afraid that Boston or Pittsburg ent. wants Perry Werden-or, oh, horrors, battichio-but never, never will they go- he is quite the equal of Whitman. the records this year in the American.

of a National league team. Wilmot and of the service court. McAleer are old National league players and Danny Shannon and Jimmy Manning are the only bona fide Western league manteam from Omaha to become the Senators and rather at the net. in the same league in 1891. There is every reason to expect that if Ban Johnson gets PALAVER OF THE PUGILISTS too gay in his fight on the big league he may hear something to his disadvantage. It was shown in 1890-91 that about the most disastrous thing that could happen to base ball, especially for the minor leagues, was to have two big leagues fighting. It boots nothing to now go into a discussion of the merits of that disple. Certain it is that the agreement was Friday night he accomplished three things. on the National and on all minor league league into the American, Shannon transferred what he could of the Omaha team to | Jeffries' championship honors. Washington and the best circuit the Western ever had was broken up. Base ball in the west received a blow it has start, fought fast and furiously and won in proposed to start some similar fight.

This suggests that the player ought to have something to say in the premises. It is naturally the ambition of every good base ball player to get into the big league. Higher he cannot get. In the big league he receives his best reward. And when he is fast enough for the National it is hardly fair to him that he should be held back because the club that wants him tan't willing to pay what the club that "owns" him asks. No one will dispute the proposition that the minor league club has a right to the ervices of its star players, or that the services of those players represents a certain amount of cash go to the greater on a reasonable basis. player that signs a contract with that is little doubt. Jeffries reasonably be-

CENVER HAS THE PENANT CINCHED government without his consent. And, tions, but it's too early to do any suppos-

said Long. "Look where I landed you." with some decided brilliancy for a time, answered Speas. This is one of the prob- has been overcast by a cloud that will tems the new base ball players' protective hide it perpetually. association is aiming to regulate. Just how isn't so easily seen. But, one thing first year of the reorganized Western a head to manage it, and base ball is no ex- McCoy fight which will take place next Colts have but twelve more games on the of players there will be grades of teams mirers, particularly since he stayed twenty docket, three yet with Sloux City, four and leagues, and the higher grades must three rounds with Jeffries. They are with with Des Moines and five with Pueblo. So rule the lesser, or they can't exist. And, as him to a man. McCoy has a line of folfar as the pennant is concerned Denver two hodies cannot occupy the same space lowers who like his quick punch and ability has it virtually cinched and Des Moines at the same time, neither can a body have to hit combined with eleverness. He can will hardly be pushed out of second place. two heads, even though they be bound by find all the backers he wants. The fight for third place, however, is a an agreement. That was tried in base

Englishman Played Plucky Game, but Was Disconcerted by His Opponent's Quick Work.

Johnson, don't start something you can't

After defeating A. W. Gore, who ranks third among English tennis players, George L. Wrenn was beaten himself in the final round of the national tournament at Newport by William A. Larned of New Jersey. ime since the introduction of tennis twenty-five years ago that a representative of tennis

Wrenn won by coming up to the net, while his opponent lost by staying in the back of the court. At every opportunity that presented itself the last two sets Wrenn would get to the net as quickly as The title has changed hands quite rapidly possible and by sharp, decisive strokes, in the last six months. "Mysterious Billy" attempt to kill his opponent's balls by Smith was welterweight champion for a placing them beyond his reach.

On this, the fifth time that Gore has played in America, he depended almost entirely to defensive playing rather than of-Wrenn's rapidity in getting to the net greatly disconcerted him.

It must be conceded that, though Gore respects, he displayed most commendable pluck and fortitude even when the score was against him in the last not

His compatriot, Black, attributed Gore's slowness is to be held accountable for Gore's defeat it is certain that the lattter has a decidedly impaired nervous system. It is no exaggeration to say that to transport himself through space like the circumstances.

exhibition of back court placing and driving. He displayed marked agility in getting from one place to another. On the few times he ventured to come to the net he volleyed well.

Larned's victory over Wrenn after the latter had so signally defeated Gore was indeed a surprise.

In matches of this nature it has been pad and Freeland and Lauzon in the field quite on the cards for Larned to go to the last week will end up with the team in pieces. Not so in this instance, however. for from the beginning to the end of the

steady. No player in America possesses the cleancut strokes of Larned. No player is capable of playing in such good form and nates of the American are about to declare possibly very few players are able to raise their independence of the "big" league in one's expectations and so successfully shat-

redhot American expect to sign some young to suggest him as the winner of the tournament. In previous years he has by sucing protection in advance. It can't be that cessively beating every good player in the early in October when the fair ones have Dany Shannon is afraid the national will country come to Newport heralded as the returned from their summer vacations and try to steal little Willie Halligan or youth- probable winner, and has on such occasions have had an opportunity for some preful Frankie Foreman? Or, maybe, Walter often been defeated by an inferior oppon-

His playing demonstrated that when maybe Brooklyn is after Wilmot himself, at his best no one, either in adopted by the committee of the green. And Philadelphia might try to get Stall- form or in general excellence of strokes, with some reservations by the donor. Mr. ings back from Detroit, or Elberfeld or Ab- is his superior. Indeed, in many respects

come sometime during their next rein. Larned's game weaken, and from begincarnation. And just think what a clamor ning to end it was consistently strong eighteen holes. In order to give every con- head of the list in the amateur table and there is all along the line for Freddy and uniformly steady. But it was the lat-Barnes and Kid Speer. No wonder Ban ter characteristic which was the sur- based upon the previous records of the Johnson wants protection for the bunch of prising feature of his tennis; the former \$10,000 beauties who have been rolling up proved no surprise to those familiar with his game and its capabilities.

As a matter of fact, the American league His net game was well nigh perfect teams are made up of National league He was able to get to the net quicker no way of exhibiting the prizes offered and head; cast-offs and old-time Western league and oftener than his opponent, and on Commiskey, Watkins, Connie such occasions he was wonderfully ac-Mack and Stallings have each had charge curate in placing on the side lines back The managers will act in the matter

Not many games had been played before Wrenn discovered that he was confronted by a far different state of affairs agers in the bunch. Even their record is than in his match with Gore. Instead of a bit off, for Manning once handled the playing in the back of the court, as the Cowboys in the old American and latter at all times does, Larned, as before the persons have not been decided upon Danny Shannon ran away with a intimated, played there only infrequently those who expect to go are filled with

Bob Fitzsimmons Again Coming to the Fore as the Champion Heavy weight.

Lanky Bob Fitzsimmons continues to be the center of interest in pugilistic circles. By his decisive victory over Tom Sharkey violated, that the American declared war He raised himself several notches in the estimation of the devotees of the prize clubs under the agreement. Result: Mil- ring, he silenced Tom Sharkey for all time wankee jumped bodily from the Western to come and he caused the dimming in no uncertain degree of the luster of Jimmy

Red Robert did just what his friends expected of him. He sailed in on the very hardly recovered from yet, and now it is a hurry. He again demonstrated the fact that yeal is not a whit ahead of steak in the prize ring; that youthful vigor has littie, if any, edge over matured strength. And he produced very convincing evidence that the same speckled-faced Cornishman who licked Jim Corbett out in Carson City one St. Patrick's day in the morning is by no

means a "dead 'un" in the arena. Fitzsimmons wanted a fight with Jeffries on the night of August 31. He was confident that he would win Friday night's mill and was anxious to get a whack at Jeffries before the drop curtain is rung down on prize fighting in New York with the close of this month. Any number of objections were interposed by Jeffries to to the club. On the other hand, it is such an arrangement and some of them, it equally true that the star player is entitled must be admitted, were altogether plausito the advancement he has won by his cf- ble. Fitz's assertion that he will claim forts, and which can only be secured the championship by reason of his defeat through the minor club allowing him to of Sharkey is "hot air." He will have bet ter sense than to set up any such a claim At present there is an agreement fixing and will bide his time until a match can a minimum figure at which a player may be arranged. When these two great pugs be "drafted" from minor leagues into the battle for supremacy it will be an en National; this agreement also secures to counter to be remembered. That it will be each club the undisputed services of any postponed for some months to come there boxes and wrappers like DeWitt's. Look and a reasonable amount of wearing sur- wheel has a coaster brake and attached to should the reach be overlooked. A half

owners have ample protection, for, if a first year he held it and looks forward now player is sufficiently worthy to excite to a respite during which he can reap the rivalry for his services, it is certain that benefit from theatrical sources of the presthe drafting price will be raised and the tige he has gained in puglistic circles 'owning" club will be profited thereby. Fits, meantime, will do well to rest up a But the player gets practically no protec- bit and prepare by easy stages for the He is given little or no choice in match of his life. Supposing Robert should the selection of the team he is to become win back the title to the championship? a member of and is otherwise subjected to It would certainly upset all pugilistic nowhen he is sold, he gets what Herman ing at this stage of the game. The only Long got when Johnny Speas sold him to thing just now that is dead morally cer-"Look what you got for me," tain is that Sharkey's star, which shone

"Picking a winner out of the bout goes a is certain, and that is that everything in great deal on personal admiration. says ing with the exception of Monday, prothis world, except the populist party, needs Malachy Hogan in discussing the Corbettception. As long as there are to be grades Thursday night. "Corbett has a host of ad-

stand more punishment. McCoy, although as game as the best, has never stood any hard grueling. He has himself acknowl-WRENN BEATS GORE AT TENNIS edged that his system has some vital spots that need strengthening. If the fight should be a long one Corbett would protably stand the better chance of winning.

"The betting on McCoy and Corbett should be even money. The men are evenly matched except in point of weight, and the wonderful ring tactics of both men give either a chance. If there is any shade in the betting it is likely to be in Corbett's favor. McCoy is considered to be averse Wrenn's defeat of Gore was the fourth to hot weather training and has had few cool days in which to exercise himselt. He said awhile ago that he thought trainthis country has been able to beat the ing in the summer induced consumption, Englishmen and was, as a consequence, a and he did not care to do any of it then, great triumph for the American style of but the sudden stop to boxing has made the big fellows."

"Rube" Ferns, the eccentric Kansas pugilist, is now the welterweight champion. long time until he was knocked out by Matty last spring. A few weeks later Matthews New Brunswick, who won in the most impressive manner, though he did not score a knockout. Connolly was beaten to a standwas placed at a disadvantage in many still at Buffalo on Monday night by Ferns, who is now open to meet any man in the game of hit, stop and get away.

> Benny Jordan, the English featherweight champion, who was whipped last fall by engagements are ended.

in the ring."

That's Terry's personal view of the matter, but he's a good card on the stage and Sam Harris is not going to overlook the opportunity of separating the people from their money.

short match his game was consistently PRIZE FOR WOMEN GOLFERS

W. Wattles Offers Silver Cup to Be Contested For Early in October.

On exhibition at the home of the Country club is the "ladies' trophy" offered by Assuredly no one would have ventured G. W. Wattles, to be contested for by the women golfers. The date of the contest has not been fixed, but it will take place liminary practice. The cup is of beautiful design worked out in silver. The contest will take place under rules to be the latter's absence the contests will lose Wattles stipulates that the contest must not be a long drawn-out affair and that winner of the first game, which will be for testant a fair show, handicaps must be

> The Wattles trophy has suggested anwill be made shortly. At present there is puzzle who will finish the season at the it has been suggested that a case be provided for their display and protection. shortly.

Interest of the golfers at the Country club centers in the return game with St. Joseph, Mo., which is to be played September 26 at the links of the Missouri club. Omaha will send ten men and while fear. In the opening game of the series at Omaha the local team walked away with the sanctified golfers, but it may be diferent next month. The Omaha green is smooth and the holes are far apart. The Ed Snow ... holes on the St. Joseph green are closer together and the green is full of hazards. J. It is said that the brazzy is an unknown, or, at least, an unused, stick on the St Joseph links, while the lofting iron is the constant companion of the player. Harry Lawrie, who will be one of the men to go the Omaha team, has begun to practice on the bunkers already and the last time he went over the links he sent his ball into the worst ground he could find. Lofting will be popular with the Omaha contestants until the game is

Charles Kountze, secretary of the club, returned this week from a trip to the east. While away he played upon several of the eastern grounds and made a careful inspection of the greens. He says he is satisfied that the green of the Country club will compare favorably with any that he has seen.

Making It Ensy.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Madame," said the tramp to the farmer's wife, "have you any objection to my lying down in one of your fence corners and dying?" "No objection at all," replied the lady. Over in that corner you will find a lot of

straw. "I wouldn't dare to lie on your straw, madame," said the tramp; "I'm so hungry that I'd be sure to wake up and find myself

eating it. "We have plenty more," said the farmer's wife pleasantly, as she closed the door.

The wolf in the fable put on sheep's reputation he couldn't accomplish his pur-Hazel Salve couldn't sell their worthless regard. Under this agreement the club championship quite capably during the diseases,

IN THE WHEELING WORLD.

v-8-6-6-6-6-6-6-6-6-6-4 Fate seems to be against the Omaha to give the local racing enthusiasts who after having run the motor nearly 1,000 do not care to attend the Sunday meets an miles the side of the crank case was re opportunity to witness some up-to-date racing, but on both occasions the rain gods willed otherwise. The management has now made plans for racing each evenviding, of course, that it does not rain all

week. o'clock an amateur six-day race will be into one. Time and distance will be anput on. It will be for one and a half hours | nihilated by it at the expense of almost no each evening and will be finished on Sunday afternoon in conjunction with the while a perpetual "coast." the nearest apusual card of sprint races. On Thursday night there will also be a number of short distance contests immediately following the finish of the six-day race for that night. During each of the other nights there will be motorcycle exhibitions and races, and it is announced that the riders in the six-day race may be paced by the "Infernal machines," thus assur-

ing a speedly contest from start to finish. Among the riders who will participate in the six-day race are W. H. Stevenson, the speedy one armed champion; R. G. Bennett, Dave Shultz, Silas Stetzman, F. W. Sheelor, V. E. Swedeburg, and a number of others. The object in starting this race on Tuesday night is that it may be finished Sunday afternoon. The prizes will be six diamond rings to the first sixplace winners.

It has been learned since last Sunday that W. H. Stevenson's time of 2:03 made in the one-mile handicap on that day is a world's competition amateur record, the best previous time being 2:05 for the same him take a chance along with the rest of distance. What makes Stevenson's record all the more remarkable is that he has but one arm and hand with which to guide his wheel and yet he is able to compete with and defeat the majority of riders. it is a revelation to the devotees of the bicycle racing game to see Stevenson ride in a race and pick his way in and out Matthews at the Broadway Athletic club among the riders, working himself through the bunch to the front, with the use of the surrendered the title to Eddle Connolly of single arm. He is as capable a jockey and many who have tried to pocket him un- tories where these are produced. Inasmuch successfully will testify.

world at 142 pounds. Ferns has the credit of and the clubs which had runs scheduled will do. And so it goes, through quite the enbeing a terrific puncher of the hurricane have to confine their riding to the city tire list of component parts and accessorics. style, but so far has not shown any finished pavements. The rains of the past week defeat to Wrenn's slowness between science. His rise has been rapid and those have not only left the roads rough, but W. F. Ball, who for several years was strokes, stating that the Englishman was who have him in charge say that he will be in many places they are covered with pools among the very first rank of England's who have him in charge say that he will be in many places they are covered with pools among the very first rank of England's much disquieted thereby. If Wrenn's unbeatable when he knows more of the of water, Over Center street macadam racing men, after years of experiment has be the popular rides for today,

Wrenn was decidedly quick in his move- Eddie Santry of Chicago, is back again seek- been run Thursday night of last week will states that in his opinion the matter of ments, and as it was impossible for him ing a match with Terry McGovern. It is be put on at the Midway Cycle track this gear and cranks varies with every particnot likely that his wishes will be gratified. afternoon at 2 o'clock. It includes a one- ular style of rider. In his case, being an Mahatma he did the best he could under as McGovern is entirely too much occupied mile novice race, a one-mile professional old-time racing man, he is a very fast now with "being an actor" to enter the handicap, one-mile amateur handicap, two- pedaler. His action is otherwise naturally The British player gave a remarkable prize ring, at least until after his theatrical mile record trial by W. H. Stevenson, who light and so he finds, with the free wheel "I'd rather fight than try to act, but it's much talked of five-mile motorcycle race bill and to give him an invaluable and O the doings of Mr. Harris that find me billed between the local team and Hausman and momentary rest at times, that he is well as an actor. Still, I have answered every Rutz of New Haven. Conn. If last Sun- suited with a short crant and a low gear call successfully, and I guess I can go day's motor race is any criterion to go by through on the stage as well as I have done the one scheduled for today will furnish pedaling is natural a short crank and a abundance of excitement for every one.

> Midway Cycle track so far, left Monday for rider. Mich where he went to recent a position as bookkeeper with the Rapid to the railroad business.

field, which has been doing such creditable work here for the past month. Hausman, for his former team mate, C. A. Rutz of New Haven, Conn., who arrived Wednesday afternoon. Rutz is equally as speedy a rider, if not more so, on both the single and motor machine than Oldfield, and by none of their interest

It will be seen by the appended points table that last Sunday's meet at the Midway track made several changes in the positions not till they get a chance, which may At no stage of the match with Wrenn did absolute title to the cup must rest in the of the different riders, the most noteworthy of which was Stevenson's advance to the George Meirstein's jump from fifth to the top or tie with Hausman and Oldfield for the lead in the professional table. Interest in the standing of the different riders in other improvement at the club house which this table grows each week and it is a

Professional. Ist.

2d.

3d. Pts.

E. C. Hausman... Barney Oldfield ... George Meierstein Iver Lawson Amateur. Stevenson Swedeburg Bennett Tompsett August Berghahn Stetzman

the average looker-on, however, it is eviand a wierd tale of woe.

for the sport of bleycle racing and the pleasure of bicycle riding is the manufacture of to produce a motor for single wheels suitable for road purposes. One factory has perfeeted a motor which weighs sixty pounds. is fitted with a coaster brake hub and a motor is connected.

the makers are thoroughly convinced the steered his bloycle and kept his balance at justed. pin, which is one and one-sixteenth inches ameter. Over this runs a one-inch leather mount.

bearings. The main bearings are only threequarters of an inch apart, thus allowing ample room for the two steel discs and for the connecting rod to pass through. This construction permits a bearing one and one-quarter inches long on the sprocket Bicycle Dealers' Track association and the side and one inch long on the exhaust side. new Midway eval, at least so far as the the motor being only four inches wide ever holding of midweek evening race meets all. The bicycle has to have only five-inch is concerned. Two attempts have been tread, which is the width of many of the made on two successive Thursday nights standard wheels today. It is claimed that

long, project over the ends of the main

moved and the bearings examined, and not the alightest trace of wear was found, and from every appearance the motor will wear eight or ten years.

To the rider the motor bleycle means a new era in locomotion. The coming ma-Commencing Tuesday evening at 8 chine is a bicycle and motor vehicle rolled exertion on the rider's part, affording the proach to flying that this generation is likely to experience. Much less costly and cumbersome, and requiring infinitely less attention that the four-wheeled motor vehicle, the motor bicycle will appeal to thousands of persons to whom the four-wheeler is impossible of possession. Price, size, adaptability and utility will commend it above the motor wagon and, if we believe the "automobile" is the great vehicle of the time, then surely the motor bicycle is deserving of superlative definition and must rightfully be known as the greatest vehicle. In proportion as the blevele is greater than the horse-drawn vehicle, so is the motor bicycle greater than the motor wagon an assertion that time will unquestionably

Being wholly different from the plebian licycle, except in its appearance, the motor deycle will be the cause of a revival of cusiness all along the line. Beyond the item of motors themselves, the production of which means a distictly new line of manufacture, and the item of new machinery, which will give employment to hundreds of machine shop forces, the motor bicycle will be productive of work throughout the entire bleyele industry. The frames must be heavier than those now in use, hence tube plants must get to work on new sizes of tubing. Heavier tires will be required and, therefore, themakers will be kept hustling. O Heavier and more substantial rims mean business for rimmakers. New spokes imply active spoke factories. Free wheels and brakes, with which motor bleyeles must track general as any of the other riders, as be equipped, signify employment in facas more restful pedals will be required, new styles of pedals will be in demand and con-There will be no country runs today sequently pedalmakers will find plenty to

and the Florence cycle path will doubtless finally returned to the six and one-half inch crank and the sixty-three-inch goar, says The Wheel, Mr. Ball, in explaining his The program of races which was to have reversion to the short crank and low gear will be paced by the motorcycles, and the to relieve him of excessive pedaling down According to Mr. Ball's theory when rapid | low gear is the thing, but for slow and powerful riders a higher gear and longer Barney E. Oldfield, the popular profes- crank is more suitable, the length of the sional rider of Toledo, O., who has ridden crank and the amount of gear being in page regularly at all of the meets held at the proportion to the physical makeup of the

And now it is stated that New York Transit Railway company. Oldfield will livery stable keepers object to hiring retire from the racing game permanently teams to eyelists. Not for any sentimental and will hereafter devote his time entirely reasons, however, but because of the belief that cyclists look upon every horse Oldfield's departure necessarily broke up as a modern Bucephalus, with speed lying the motorcycle team of Hausman and Old- dormant in every nerve and tissue of its body. When they find themselves behind the average livery stable back, therefore however, still remains in the city, and im- and strive to locate this supposed speed mediately upon Oldfield's departure wired the result is likely to be disastrous to both horse and driver. Therefore, it stated, that the first object of a livery stable keeper is to ascertain whether the applicant for a team is a cyclist first and a driver for the occusion only. If their 6 suspicions are confirmed they have nothing to hire.

> Several freak bicyclists with their wives. who were trying to pedal around the world and pay their expenses by writing about it, are stranded in Maryland without money or repair kit and everybody refuses to read their stuff. The long pedal freak business is about played.

The most frequent source of dust getting into the valve is the pump. Dust into the valve. It is a good plan to give low as \$15. the pump a trial before affixing to the valve.

A regular wild western episcde occurred

on the Merrick road, New York, recently. The story was related by several persons who were principals in it. There were eight riders, two of them on a tandem and the others following it at a scorehing clip toward the city. The read is very heavy in the middle, but the wheelmen have worn a fair path on each edge. Three of the party going west were on the proper side of the road and the other three, behind the tandem, were riding on what was to them the left hand side of the road. They approached a solitary wheelman, who was clad in a blue sweater, long trousers tied at the bottom with string, and a hat of the Eastern sporting writers are putting up "rough rider" type. The tandem riders he annual fall lamentation over the de- and their fellows admit that they did not line of the bicycle. Racing meets, they turn out into the heavy part of the road, claim, have been poorly attended, purses as they should have done, because they have been scaled and the treasuries of pro- were on the wrong side, but kept straight moters wear a "lean and hungry look." Still on at a stiff pace, expecting that the lone the promoters go on putting up their hard rider would be overswed by the size of the cash for racers and the scribes would have party and would turn out into the gully readers believe that the promoters are bike and afford the scorchers a laugh. This is philanthropists with money to burn. Those a common trick with selfish-minded scorchwho imagine the promoters are built that ers, but this individual was not of the way are welcome to their notions. To kind to be bullled. When the tandem was within 100 feet of him he sat up, took both dent the promoters are doing quite well, hands from the bars and called: "Turn out but would like to do a shade better before there, you, or I'll drop the lot of you!" He frost and, therefore, give the scribes a hunch accompanied the words by the production of a revolver from somewhere with true cowboy quickness. The tandem and the It is now claimed that the only salvation others turned out and the man with the gun went on. Some of those in the party of eight declared that it was all a bluff and a reliable road motor of moderate weight were in favor of turning and giving purand price. Makers of wheels are bending suit, but those who had looked into the their energies in that direction and expect muzzle of the revolver decided it would be better to go on.

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