

**THE WORLD OF SPORT**

It is said that bicycle racing is a sport to which the people must be educated. Well, I should think so. There are bicycle races and there are bicycle races and to be able to distinguish one from another one must not only be a rapid calculator and a mind reader and several other things, but he must be possessed of a most remarkable memory. Since racing has become so popular among the racing men, things have taken on such a complicated form that almost any rider who is possessed of a reasonable amount of speed, and who is slightly ambitious, can, by some combination of starting and pacing and fast riding break state records with ease, and if he is persevering he can pull down some world's records unless some other fellow happens to strike his combination first. The idea of pacing is unique, but when used in connection with competition races it becomes a comedy and is a temptation to the riders who would not be above attempting to win races by other than fair means. If a man in a competition race catches the tandem and holds it, if the tandem riders are fast, and if he is capable of a good sprint at the last of the race, he is a sure winner, while one equally as fast, to win the race, would have to ride without the aid of a pacing machine, as there is never more than one used in a race, or he would have to play for position behind the first man, which gives the latter the advantage of one length till the very last of the race. As an illustration take for instance the two-mile amateur event that was pulled off here on the 4th. Barnum was an easy winner simply because he was lucky in securing the position behind the tandem, for he had a fast field to ride against, including Ray McGreer, who demonstrated that he was Barnum's equal in speed by tying Barnum in the mile race the day before and later by finishing hardly an inch behind in the deciding quarter-mile. He left the track on the third lap, seeing that there was hardly any show of winning, as Barnum never fell back far enough to enable anyone to cut in for the tandem. It can hardly be said that he was winded, as he only rode three laps. The two-mile, professional race may also be cited as an instance. In this race, Frederickson, seeing that Pixley had a kind of a snap with the tandem, attempted to ride around and take it easy while himself. He succeeded in throwing everyone but himself and Maxwell, and was disqualified. Maxwell became rattled and fell, leaving the Terrible alone on the track, who finished coolly as if nothing had happened. Such things happen in unpaced events, but not so often. Men have been known to enter races hired by either trainers or principals to throw all men possible provided it lessened the chances of defeat of the one determined upon, being paid so much a throw. The most confusing part, however, to the average person is the apparent ease with which the records are broken. The announcement of a new state record is such a common occurrence that it hardly ever meets with anything more than momentary consideration. Records are recorded on about 200 different kinds of races, and it is hardly surprising that some people have to be "educated" in the "manly art of bicycle riding."

Hasings is out of the form and Henry of Navarre is in the hands of a veterinarian. The latter, after winning the Suburban handicap at Gravesend won one or two races, but is now lame. It looks as if the stable which Mr. Belmont will send to England next fall may not be so strong after all.

It looks as if there would be a visit from several of the foreign cracks to this side for the larger fall bicycle race meets. The visits of foreigners have rarely been profitable, but it is likely that Tom Eck, during his visit, has told them of the chances of making fat profits under his management, and those who come across are likely to put themselves in his charge. The amount which they will receive will depend largely upon Eck's ability to work the various race promoters on the fall circuit, and as he has had considerable experience in securing special sums for the appearance of Johnson, it is probable that he can secure a number of good engagements for them. While there will, of course, be considerable curiosity to see the fastest men of England pitted against the French record-breakers on our own tracks and in competition with our own men, the result is not likely to be any more satisfactory than are the races between our representatives and the foreigners on their own tracks. There always seems to be something

to prevent a contest under favorable conditions, for abroad our men do not have time to get acclimated and the same is the case with the foreigners when they visit America. "Foxy" Tom Eck, as he is called, is expected to return to America soon. He has not met with any great amount of success with Johnson in any other way than financially. The doings of American athletes abroad are always watched with interest and cable reports of the two rival cycle teams now in the bid country receive considerable attention. Johnson seems to be regaining some of his old time speed, but he has not yet proved to be the champion of '96. The star of the visitors to the other side seems to be little Earl Kiser, who started out last year without riding a single race in class A and soon worked his way to the front rank. He is under the guidance of Willis B. Troy, and it looks at present as if he could be depended upon to uphold the reputation established by Zimmerman. Kiser has already defeated a number of the fastest men and is about the only American who is winning.

An injunction has been served against all the officers of the Louisville club restraining them from protesting Monday's game with Cleveland, and further from interfering with Captain Tebeau in playing with the Cleveland team. The paper sets forth that by prohibiting Tebeau from playing, his vocation and means of subsistence are taken from him. The document is quite lengthy. While the injunction may have some effect so far as the Louisville officials are concerned, the league directors say that Patsy will have to pay up or quit the business. Tebeau and several other members of the Cleveland club were fined for disorderly conduct on the ball field both by the league officials and the civil authorities. He was given ten days to pay his fine or quit. On the eleventh day he showed up for business in Louisville and played the game, which was protested by the home team. He is still playing and his case will probably be lost sight of, but if they should win the pennant the matter will come up again and the team would undoubtedly be disqualified.

Cricket is being revived. The first tournament of the Northwestern association, which begins in Chicago the latter part of this month, is being looked forward to by the cricketing fraternity, and especially in the west, with more than unusual interest. Omaha is thought to be the weakest team in the association. St. Paul and Winnipeg both have good teams and Chicago enthusiasts claim to have the strongest team in the association. Few games were played in the east this week. The New Jersey athletic club defeated their old rival, the Staten Islands by a small margin. Across the water huge scores are still being made. Among the many centuries the 105 made by J. A. Lester, captain of the Haverford college team, against the famous Marylebone club, is of special interest to cricketers in this country.

Secretary Olney has been requested to take a hand in the famous Kneeb's horse-ringing case, with the object of affecting a release of the American horseman from the German prison, to which he was committed some months ago. His trial is said to have been most unfairly conducted, so much so that the imperial court, to which an appeal was taken, ordered a rehearing for July 4 to prevent Kneeb's from receiving fair treatment. It is alleged this rehearing was recently indefinitely postponed. The prisoner, who is rapidly dying as a result of long imprisonment, will consequently be compelled to remain in jail during the pleasure of the German authorities. Kneeb's attorney, J. M. Clelland, has resolved to invoke the aid of the state department. He will immediately lay the matter before the state department with the request that a requisition be made upon the German government for Kneeb's immediate release.

Dan Stuart has been in New York for few days and is enthusiastic over the prospect of bringing his favorite pugilists together. While Fitz is starring in England Stuart is turning his attention to Corbett and Sharkey. "What do you think are the chances for bringing Corbett and Fitzsimmons together?" he was asked. "The men will fight," said he, "and they will fight in less than a year. I had fully expected to announce this match between now and January, but the appearance in the ring of Sharkey may postpone it a few months."

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