While men on this earth abide. I gave my love to a sorrowing world; The world it was feeble, The world it was wide,

But the love-wave met with the sinking bark Of one who was dying alone in the dark, And a pæan rolled in with the tide.

I reached to Heaven for a sinning soul; My prayer was weak, But God was strong, And sins like scarlet were washed and

For the soul that groveled sprang up to

And the weeping became a song.

-E. H. Chase, in Good Housekeeping.

#### A BICYCLE ELOPEMENT

I loved my wheel to distraction. Ethel loved her wheel, also, to distraction. Consequently the attraction of this distraction united our souls in single thoughts and caused our hearts to palpitate to the unit

( f course we were 'engaged' and looking forward to a honeymoon of all wheel and no whoa and in the meantime enjoying almost daily bicycle trips through the lovely country about our rural town.

No earthly sweetness could surpass tho e blissful rides.

The fragrant flowers nodded, the tall trees bowed, the breezes whispered and the wild birds sang their most glorious serenades to us as we two turtle doves on wheels passed before

Dame Nature in her gayest dress smiled every time she saw us and so did a good many other folks, no doubt. but as we were too much 'engaged" to heed their levity, they smiled in

It was no wonder Ethel and I became romantic and sentimental when to the purest joy of courting was added the next best delight of cycling. Such a combination was indeed calculated to make love's young dream too bright to last.

There seemed no obstacle between us and perfect happiness except the consent of Ethel's parents to our union. I naturally felt timid about asking for it and wanted thel, who was much better acquainted with them, to speak first. But she insisted that it was my place to make the opening address and utterly refused to do anything in the matter beyond vigorously seconding the notion.

.Well. dear Ethel." I said during one of our cycling trips. 'you might at least tell me the surest way of making your father like me before I come to the point. How would it do to start a little political discussion to begin with-taking his side, of course, an excitement—then while he's mad at the other fellows, offer to become his son-in-law and vote against the rascals with him?"

"I hardly think that would work," said Lthel soberly, 'for no one knows how pa is at present. He has been a Republican and a Democrat and a Prohibitionist and a Mugwump. I heard lately he was on a fence-whatever that means. If you didn't strike him just right you know, we'd be totally ruined."

"Suppose I talked bicycles to himdon't you think that would arouse an enthusiasm and make him want me to be his companion in the glorious sport?"

cried, . Pa once took a header and the scar is on his nose yet. He utterly detests that superb enjoyment."
'Then. Ethel." I said sadly. 'I'll

have to come out flatfooted and ask him to-bless us. If he won't-" "He shall" bravely answered Ethel, 'only don't mention politics

nor cycling. Assuming a boldness that I did not feel that very night I sought a business interview with my fate's father

in the parlor of his home. As he entered the room I, nerved for the awful ordeal, rose and, with my best bow, wished him a 'good

evening." · Good evening! Take a seat, sir," he said in rather a too dignified tone for my comfort, "I understand you business."

"Yes, sir," I, trembling, replied. "I am here to ask you for, for-"For what, young man?" He

spoke pretending not to notice my

"For your daughter's hand." The old gentleman gazed at me in evident surprise at my temerity. ·My daughter's hand," he slowly repeated. 'which hand, might I ask,

do you want?" "Why, both, sir," I stammered. "I love her to distraction and-and-" The stern parent eyed me from head to foot and then solemnly shook his head. 'Young man!" he sagely

remarked, .. have you given this matter due consideration? Are you able. with your salary, to support a wife? Do you know that my daughter's dresses alone cost, last year, five hundred dolla-s?" The old gentleman thought he had

me there; but he didn't. "Yes, sir," I answered meekly, "I advised her to get them."

"Ab, ha! I see. That accounts for the young lady's extravagance. In time of prosperity you were preparing for adversity—at my expense. Thought the old man a good goose to pluck, did you? Well, my noble youth. business capabilities, I must confess | ship, Greville showed his disapproval gether too smart to be my son-in-law. I distinctly and decidedly Some busybody asked Lord Derby have the pleasure of informing you whether he had noticed Greville's abthat I intend to keep my daughter's steps-here they are."

That ended the unfortunate inter

It was a long, long week he are I answers it"

especial and a depolation

saw Ethel and her woeful face was a picture of distress. Mine was more so. "Ethel." I groaned as we dejectedly rode along on our wheels, ·how can we live without each

.. We can't and we won't," she bravely exclaimed, "pa is just too horrid for anything. I'm mad enough

you-rain or shine. Let's elope on our bicycles. Never was done before. Strictly original. Patent applied for. We'll be famous the world over, and pa will be proud of us."

Ethel when she recovered from the shock, how can we manage to take my five year stock of dresses. You in the firm, you said."

"Fasy." I answered. 'You can dress, and place them in a trunk I'll have hidden in the hay. Then I'll put behind when we elope. What a team we'll make."

are," cried the dear, innocent girl, .. but you'll have to pull the hardest though."

"Never fear," I laughed, "only name the happy night."

At the appointed time I stood in the shadow made by the full moon under line. It is therefor suggested Ethel's window. As the clock struck midnight Ethel poked her sweet face out and whistled softly. Quickly I pare such advertising matter raised a ladder to her casement, and for distribution in the east in with a Romeo's ardor helped my fair Juliet to the ground where our glittering iron steeds stood waiting they have to offer the farmer, impatiently to be off. The loaded trunk on well greased wheels was down by the gate ready to hitch on behind us and the minister in the next town was waiting according to arrangement to tie the ten dollar knot when we arrived.

Although Ethel said that both her pa and ma were soundly snoring when she left her room I knew it wasn't safe to linger, so, wasting no time in saying 'good-byes" to the old homestead, up we leaped on our gallant steeds and away we flew down the carriage drive to the front gate almost forgetting the invaluable trunk in our mad haste to escape. Stopping and slipping its rope harness about my waist and working like a steam engine to haul it over the smooth, macadamized road we fled in the direction of my friend, the parson.

Our brave cycles needed no whip and spur to make them go. Ther seemed to feel the awful responsibility thrust upon them and did their

such an extent that soon I wished I hadn't urged Ethel to secure so many new dresses, but it was too late to re-

On we went with a long ten miles between us and victory and a short one mile between us and Ethel's pa, | their home newspapers giving who might wake up at any moment to pursue and capture the trunk and-Horrors! a clatter of advancing hoofs from behind told us the threatened danger had arrived. On the straight moonlighted road not a half mile off a man on horseback-Ethel's furious pa without a doubt-was in full

"Fly! Love! Fly!" I cried to my frightened sweatheart, as I leaped from my wheel and pushed the heavy trunk into a roadside thicket. .Fly for your life!" I shrieked when I gained her side again, . we must get ·Oh, not for the world," Ethel to the minister first."

How we flew. Our wheels never touched the ground; they bounded through the air; like lightning, like sky rockets they whizzed. At the same time our pursuer-Ethel's pa to a certainty-was near enough to yell for us to stop and gaining, for it was up hill before us.

But we reached the hill top ere he caught us, and away we dashed like a pair of cannon balls fired from a dynamite gun and followed by a tornado. One mile, two miles, three miles

we raced, pursuer and pursued, neither losing or gaining, as in silence we all streaked past woods and fields and scattered farm houses lining the

'Twas the greatest test of speed and endurance ever known between horse want to see me on very important and bicycle. All records were broken and-hurrah. The wheel kept ahead At the sixth mile the horse began

falling behind in spite of its rider's efforts. At the seventh mile Ethel's pa was out of sight.

Two miles more of the cycle's lightning speed and we reached our temporary haven of safety, the minister's house where its sleepy owner was sitting up and praying for our safe

In we rushed and in ten minutes our matrimonial knot was firmly tied. Then we went out on the piazza to edy; that they had sent out several hundred look for 'pa." He soon came along on his tired

horse and seeing our wheels at the

parson's gate stopped to find out what it meant. Ethel, aided by me and the parson, told him and the sensible old gentleman not only gave us his blessing but

afterwards traded his horse for a It is needless to say that he now loves it to distraction and thanks his dutiful son-in-law for the same. -Chi-

cago Sun. Calling Bown the Enemy.

In a recent volume of memoirs, it is told that on the first council day, after while I admire your foresight and Lord Derby's elevation to the premiery not appearing in his place as clerk. sence, and Lord Derby replied, with a hands. But if mine can be of any a - face of benevolent apology: 'No, fever Sores, Eczema, Itch, Prairie Scratches, sections in helping you down the really? You know, I am the most inattentive fellow in the world about soothing. Hundreds of cases have been cured these things. I never notice, when I by it after all other treatment had failed. It

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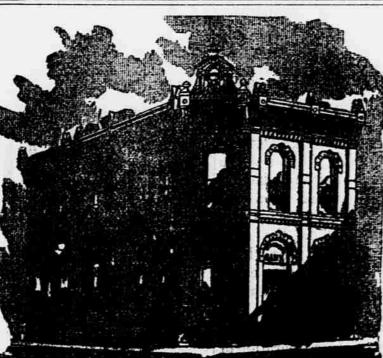
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