

LITTLE THINGS.

I threw a pebble out into the lake;
The pebble was small;
The lake was wide,
But the circling waves by the pebble made,

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 plan.

At the appointed time I stood in the shadow made by the full moon under Ethel's window.
As the clock struck midnight Ethel poked her sweet face out and whistled softly.

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

Still the trunk handicapped mine to such an extent that soon I wished I hadn't urged Ethel to secure so many new dresses, but it was too late to repent.

On we went with a long ten miles between us and victory and a short one mile between us and Ethel's pa, who might wake up at any moment to pursue and capture the trunk and—Horror! a clatter of advancing hoofs from behind told us the threatened danger had arrived.

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

It was the greatest test of speed and endurance ever known between horse and bicycle. All records were broken and—hurrah! The wheel kept ahead as usual.

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.

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

"Hurrah!" I shouted. "I'm with 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."

"Yes—but," thoughtfully spoke Ethel when she recovered from the shock, how can we manage to take my five year stock of dresses. You won't be able to buy me any till you're in the firm, you said."

"Pa," I answered. "You can smuggle them in the barn, wearing one at a time under your everyday dress, and place them in a trunk I'll have hidden in the hay. Then I'll put wheels on the trunk and we'll tow it behind when we elope. What a team we'll make."

"And what a capital contriver you are," cried the dear, innocent girl, "but you'll have to pull the hardest though."

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

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TO AGENTS.

Homeseekers' excursions, 1892, on August 30 and September 17th, a rate of one lowest first class fair will be made from eastern points to points on our line for two homeseekers' excursions. These tickets will be sold at all the principal railway points as far east as Buffalo and Pittsburg.

I think it is desirable that editors of the papers along our line should begin agitating the matter in order that the people may be prompted to do more or less individual work with their friends in the east in the way of sending by mail such matter as the different counties or districts may prepare in pamphlet form or in the shape of extra editions of their home newspapers giving full information as to the resources and advantages, and directing attention to the very low rates that will be made to enable them to come and see for themselves that the representations are not really up to the reality.

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J. FRANCIS, G. P. and T. A., Omaha, Nebraska.

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