

The Punctures.
A New Zealand woman's wheel club has disbanded, owing to the members being unable to agree upon the definition of an amateur.
Before long the bikers will be demanding a transcontinental boulevard, in order to have a full sweep for a sport.—San Francisco Call.

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A Slave from Boyhood.
(From the Red Wing, Minn., Republican.)
"I am now 24 years old," said Edwin Swanson, of White Rock, Goodhue County, Minn., to a Republican representative, "and as you can see I am not very large of stature. When I was 11 years old I became afflicted with a sickness which baffled the skill and knowledge of the physician. I was not taken suddenly, but on the contrary I can hardly state the exact time when it began. The first symptoms were pains in my back and restless nights. The disease did not trouble me much at first, but it seemed to have settled in my body to stay and my bitter experience during the last thirteen years proved that to be the case. I was, of course, a child and never dreamed of the suffering in store for me. I complained to my parents and they concluded that in time I would outgrow my trouble, but when they heard me groaning during my sleep they became thoroughly alarmed. Medical advice was sought, but to no avail. I grew rapidly worse and was soon unable to move about, and finally became confined continually to my bed. The best doctors that could be had were consulted, but did nothing for me. I tried various kinds of extensively advertised patent medicines with but the same result.
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But it is the women who have most reason to bless the inventor of the bicycle, for it has done more to enfranchise them from the restraints imposed upon them by time and distance than anything else that we can think of could have done. Not only young women, but women who are well along in middle life; not only light women, but pretty heavy women; not only robust women, but delicate women—any woman who is reasonably active can ride a bike, and soon learns to feel at home upon it.
Then, instead of having to support a weight of perhaps 150 or even 200 pounds every time she puts her foot down, she only requires to exert a pressure of perhaps ten or twenty pounds, and instead of covering perhaps two feet at every step, she will advance over six feet for every revolution of her wheel. Thus she will get exhilarating open-air exercise, which**

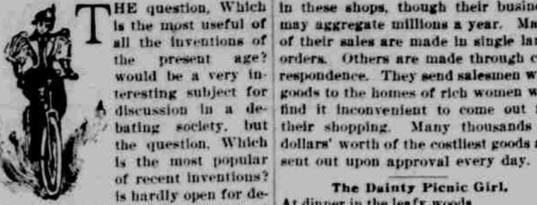
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About Bargains.
Every woman whose incomes requires her to pause and ask the price of what she buys catches the bargain fever at some period of her life, but those who have enough to live on in reasonable comfort recover from it and thereafter ignore it. The intelligent shopper soon learns that the real bargains for persons who seek really good articles are in the main those things that are sold toward the end of the season to save the cost of storage, to make room for new goods, and to avoid the disaster that attends a change of fashion. A few of the shops that address themselves almost exclusively to the rich have bargains about which no great fuss is made. There is never a crowd

in these shops, though their business may aggregate millions a year. Many of their sales are made in single large orders. Others are made through correspondence. They send salesmen with goods to the homes of rich women who find it inconvenient to come out for their shopping. Many thousands of dollars' worth of the costliest goods are sent out upon approval every day.
The Dainty Picnic Girl.
At dinner in the leafy woods Her lemonade she sips, And nibbles at the cake she holds Between her finger tips. Her beau is there, and ere the rest Are half done eating, she Declares she has partaken of "A great sufficiency."
But when she homeward goes at night, She to the cupboard flies, And pork and beans, with beef and greens, And pudding, cakes and pies, She wildly grabs with both her hands To hunger overcome, And wags her jaws without a pause And says, "Yum, yum, yum, yum!"
Shrewd Business Wife.
Congressman Johnson of North Dakota has a wife who is of rare value to him as a business manager. Mr. Johnson is a farmer on an extensive scale and during his sojourns in Washington Mrs. Johnson assumes entire control of 1,800 acres under cultivation. In the spring of 1893 Mr. Johnson invested heavily in hay lands. Before the hay was ready to cut he was called to Washington by an extra session of Congress. He tried to find a man who would attend to his hay for him during his absence, and, failing, allowed his wife to assume charge of the big hay farm. The harvest came on, and Mrs. Johnson was in the fields bright and early in her top buggy, and when one field was cut, selecting another, and then another. All of the hay of the Johnson farm was mown, and then Mrs. Johnson leased hay tracts in the vicinity of Petersburg until the total cut amounted to almost 300 tons. Mr.

Johnson himself says that he never in his life had a crop looked after in a more business-like way than the hay crop of 1893.
False Hair Unfashionable.
It is reported that the style of coiffure which will be the fashion among women this year is causing great depression in the artificial hair trade, which in this country gives special employment to perhaps 2,000 or 3,000 persons, and in France to about twice that number. This season the hair is to be worn much after the fashion of our grandmothers, flat and hiding the ears; but, instead of the old-time ringlets, the coiffure will be carefully undulated. The effect, it is said, will be striking, but the style does not lend itself to the wearing of postiches, or chignons, of more or less prominence. Whenever there is a demand for these articles the workers in artificial hair, as distinct from the coiffeur, are very busy and make a good deal of profit, and, of course, should fashion be against them there is corresponding depression.

Miss Edith Giffin, selected as prize-winner by the committee of judges in the California beauty contest.

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Current Comment.
There is a feeling that the postmaster general can be depended on to prevent the trilly craze from breaking into the geographicals.—Washington Star.
Neal Dow at 91 is apparently as strong and vigorous as he has been for 20 years. But who could tell what he might be if he would only let rum alone.
A large number of presidential candidates on both sides are looming up on the horizon. They should make haste slowly in the looming business.

Care of Milk in Summer.
Cleanliness in all dairy operations is of first importance. Milk with dry hands. Keep the atmosphere in which the milk must stand free from bad odors. Preserve the desirable flavors in the cream. If the milk is wanted sweet, lower the temperature as soon as the milk is drawn from the cow to just above freezing if possible. Neglect of proper care of milk by patrons is the cause of much trouble at the factory and results in a like reduction in net profits.
Going to Bed by Co. pass.
"I always sleep with my head to the North," said a well-known electrician the other day. "Why? For the simple reason that I think that was the way nature intended us to sleep. If a human body could be suspended in the air, hung like a magnet needle, you would find that it would act like one. The head of the body will eventually point toward the north. It might take time but it will surely get there. Now, taking this into consideration, I believe that every person should sleep with the head to the north to get the benefits of the magnetic currents that come from that source. Yes, it is rather inconvenient sometimes. In many hotels where I have stopped I have had to place the bed diagonally across the room. When I travel I always carry a compass to go to bed by. To me it is just as important as a watch."
Fair Faced Mugs.
A fad which bids fair to become fairly popular is now blossoming quite extensively in Washington. When the young lady thinks he is dear enough to have her photograph she has a miniature painted on a shaving mug or mustache cup, or, better still, some bit of china bric-a-brac. In order that it shall stay fast the painting is burnt in. As amateur artists have often been employed in this work, the results have not been very satisfactory. The chappies have sent their photographs to New York to have the work carefully done, and some good results have been reached. Of course, in case of rupture and the selection of new loves, the china can be as easily broken as if it were in the hands of some of our kitchen mechanics.—Washington Star.

Christmas Weather Proverbs.
A light Christmas, a heavy sheaf.
A warm Christmas, a cold Easter.
A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard.
A wind on Xmas day, trees will bring much fruit.
If ice will bear a man before Christmas it will not bear a man afterward.
If Christmas finds a bride, he'll break it; if he finds none, he'll make one.
The shepherd would rather see his wife enter the stable on Christmas day than the sun.
If the sun shines through the apple tree on Christmas day there will be an abundant crop the following year.
A Small Demand.
From Puck.
Lady, if I were a big, healthy man like you, I'd be ashamed to beg! Why don't you go to work?
Wearly Waggles, I would work, lady, but I can't get anything to do at my trade.
Lady, Well, that is hard, poor fellow! What is your trade?
Wearly Waggles, I'm a bank president, lady.

It is given out cold in the hot precincts of St. Louis that the local company which lights the city with arc lamps is losing \$150,000 a year on the \$75 per lamp rate. With a generosity peculiarly rare, the company refuses to give up the job, preferring doubtless to lose all rather than violate a municipal obligation. Such philanthropy deserves a crown with a halo on the side.
What's in a name? W. Sullivan Vanderbilt Allen has been arrested for debt in Chicago and Mrs. Minnehaha Love McKinley Smith has been admitted to the bar of the County of New York.
One of our poultry breeders always keeps a lump of salt where the poultry can get at it. It is claimed that they will not eat enough to hurt them, and that is probably true.
Cold storage has unquestionably somewhat raised the price of summer eggs. But in doing that it has also somewhat reduced the price of winter eggs.
If early broilers are wanted, the incubator must be brought into use, if enough chickens are expected to make it worth while to go into the business.
From four to five feet of space should be allowed in the poultry house for each hen. Fifty is enough to keep in one house.
Rubies of small size have been found in North Carolina and Virginia, and it is claimed, also in Colorado and New Mexico.
The Spinel, often sold for the oriental ruby, has been found in New England, Virginia and North Carolina.
Never give poultry brine. In giving salt mix a teaspoonful to a quart of dry meal and then wet it.
If eggs are turned in the nest or incubator with the naked hand they may be ruined.

Hall's Catarrh Cure
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A Chicago judge decides that bicycles can be debarred from office buildings. This ought to stimulate inventive genius into getting up a "bike" which can be taken apart and stuck in the vest pocket.—Philadelphia Item.
Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, etc. 25c bottle.
It would be rank folly for Uncle Sam to consider the suggestion that he name his next cruiser Kentucky unless he should decide to discard twin screws and use corkcrews instead.—Chicago Times Herald.
Miss Helen Gould has presented to the Christian Endeavor society 50,000 copies of Rev. Dr. Smith's hymn, "America."

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