NOTHING BUT BLOOMERS CO.

Woman Physician of New York Says Skirts Must Give Way.

"As regards the matter of costume," said a woman doctor of New York to a Tribune reporter, "I think the long skirt is bound to go. It looks out of place on a bicycle and is certainly much in the way. The truth of the matter is that no costume which can be devised is going to make women appear at their best on a bicycle. The very position that they assume and the constant movement of the limbs up and down prohibits a graceful appearance. The delight of the exercise, however, more than compensates for any drawback of this kind, and most wheelwomen are willing enough to look even awkward in order to enjoy the sport. The impression seems to prevail that for a woman bicyclist to decry skirts is to proclaim herself unfeminine, somewhat more immodest than her conventional sisters. I say that such is not the case. In my opinion, for a woman to ride in bloomers, with a skirt over them, which is constantly blowing up and showing the bloomers beneath, is far more indelicate than for the bloomers to be in evidence from the start. The wearing of the skirt suggests that there is something to conceal, and where the bloomers are worn it is a frank intimation that the rider recognizes the nature of her undertaking and has dressed herself appropriately. As regards the display of a woman's ankle, I do not see why it is more vulgar than to show her arms and part of her spinal column in evening dress. There would be nothing vulgar in a woman's sitting with her foot up if she had on a divided skirt gathered at the knee, or even bloomers, but when she has an ordinary flowing skirt and elevates her foot ever so little the aspect is entirely different.

"One can see an illustration of this subtle difference at any time in viewing sculpture. There is a calm nobility, a dignity, about the simple pose of the undraped Venus that the figure which stands in a conscious, shrinking attitude lacks altogether. It is the admission that there is anything to conceal which suggests vulgarity when the drapery is by accident disarranged. At the costume show in Madison Square garden there were lay figures dressed in cycling costumes in order to show the various styles. Passers-by invariably turned up the short skirt of one of these images in order to examine the unique leather binding on the bottom. That short skirt was only a lay figure, but there was vulgar suggestion in its being lifted, which did not pertain at all to the bloomer suits, or even to those with knickerbockers. I think if this public difference could be made clear to the people there would be less hue and cry made about bicycle costumes. I do not think that woman will ever resign her flowing skirts for the drawing-room or the ordinary vocations of life, but when she goes out to take part in active sports she should dress appropriately. I fail to see where the long skirt worn when riding a bicycle conveys the idea of modesty. In the first place, the motion of the limbs, which it is intended to conceal, it shows much more plainly than the bloomers or full trousers. As a woman sits on a bicycle the plain front breadths of the skirt fit smoothly over the knees; no other skirt is usually worn beneath it, and the paddling up and down of the limbs looks anything but graceful. There are few accidents from long skirts; one seldom hears of any, but it is because the wearers are extremely careful. A woman wearing a long street skirt on a bicycle looks to me as much out of place as a yachting suit would appear at a ball or a cycling costume at a reception."

JUMPED FROM THE BALLOON.

Sergeant Ivy Baldwin, the Aeronaut, Has to Step Lively.

Army officers are having a hard time experimenting with war balloons at Fort Logan. Last week the famous General Myer, which had been on exhibition at the World's Fair, was torn to pieces when the corps came to inflate it, and the huge bag had to be abandoned, says the San Francisco Examiner.

Another balloon was substituted yesterday at dress parade, and Sergeant Ivy Baldwin, the aeronaut, attempted an ascension. No basket was attached and at a height of 100 feet the balloon was struck by a gale. It was held to the earth by a steel cable, but as the machine executed wild gyrations, the strain became too intense and the line parted. Before parting the balloon swung over the officers' quarters, and the aeronaut, at a good opportunity, jumped and reached the earth in safety as the bag whirled away with 160 feet of cable trailing through the air.

Took the Joke Too Seriously.

It isn't always safe for a small boy to take his father's jokes and games too seriously. This was shown very plainly at one time by the experience of an Englishman and his son upon a railroad journey which they took together. While the little fellow was gazing out of the open window his father slipped the hat off the boy's head in such a way as to make his son believe that it had fallen out of the window. The boy was very much upset by his supposed loss, when his father consoled him by saying that he would "whistle it back." A little later he whistled, and the hat reappeared. Not long after the little lad seized upon his father's hat, and, flinging it out of the window, shouted: "Now, papa, whistle your hat back again!"—Harper's Round Table.

They Come High.

She (poutingly)—Before we were married you used to bring me candy every time you came."

He (briskly)—Yes, my dear, and it cost a good deal less than the meat and potatoes I bring you now.

THE JAPANESE CATFISH.

Ancient Superstition That Is Disturbing Nippon's Civilization.

Far beneath the land of Nippon lies a huge catfish, imprisoned by the weight of the islands resting upon him. He dies hard, perhaps he will never die. In his desperate wriggles he shakes the island from base to summit. Earthquakes result. This catfish may be taken to symbolize the body of superstition buried under the New Japan and still disturbing the growing light and order. Japanese superstition is purely Oriental and barbaric and seems highly inconsistent with the progress of the land. Take the Matsuri festival—a bullock cart with a platform twenty feet high preceded by a girl with a grotesque mask and native band. Around this 20 barelegged men with chalked faces and umbrella hats dance and bang iron jars strung with jangling rings. Their coats gleam with scarlet, their chant is barbaric. The whole spectacle is as distinctly grotesque as the war dance at the Wild West show. That the pilgrims buy charms of their priests to insure all manner of objects from sound teeth to painless childbirth is certainly not more curious than many things done in our cities. But how account for the fact that at the Tokyo exposition of 1892 a first prize was awarded to a big burly wooden god, the Jimmu-Tenno. If the emperor is really a descendant of the original Jimmu-Tenno, this day entitled him to reverence.

A Worried Farmer.

A farmer who has been studying agricultural journals writes the editor of an Ohio paper that he is stumped. He says he reads in one journal that a side window in his stable makes a horse's eye weak on that side. Another paper tells him that a front window hurts his eyes by the glare; those on diagonal lines make him shy when he travels; one behind makes him squint-eyed, and a stable without windows makes him blind. The farmer wants to know whether there is any place outside the heads of those editors where he can hang his windows.

Success of Weather Forecasts.

The report of the Meteorological Council for 1893-94, just issued, claims for the forecast department an average success of fully 82 per cent on the predictions which are sent out each day at 8:30 p. m. "Total failure" occurred in only 5 per cent of the forecasts and "partial failure" in 11 per cent. "Complete success" attended nearly 60 per cent of the prophecies, and in 25 per cent more there was a "partial success," amounting to correctness in more than one-half of the areas covered by the forecast.

Tried to Bribe Bonaparte.

Attempted bribery and counter-bribery, at any rate, there were; for the conquerer himself was offered by the emperor a principality in the empire with not less than 250,000 subjects, and an independent income, says a French historian with regard to Napoleon. Had Francis known the prospects of his opponent he would have reviled himself as an artless simpleton.

Wrinkles in Clothing.

When clothing becomes wrinkled, either from packing or traveling in crowded cars, the wrinkles may be taken out by hanging the garments over night in a heated room. The kitchen or laundry will do, providing all disagreeable odors of cooking have escaped. Hang the garments on a line or clothes-horse, stretched to their utmost width.

Doubloons Instead of Fish.

Henry Cresswell of Hudsonville, Mich., while fishing at the Ottawa Beach resorts pulled up on his hook a solid silver purse containing a diamond ring, a pair of diamond eardrops, and some Spanish gold doubloons. The purse had evidently been in the water a long time. No clew to the owner was found about it. Of course Cresswell is looking for an owner.

Names in Madagascar.

Madagascar leads in jaw-breaking nomenclature. The name of the man who founded the kingdom was Andrianampoinimarina, the reigning queen is the charming Ranavalomjaka, and the prime minister answers to the euphonius cognomen of Rainilaiarivony.

A Shad Overflow.

"A shad overflow" is reported in the Delaware river. Never before were the fish so large and fine or so numerous. On Monday no less than 30,000 splendid specimens of the shad were taken between Chester and the lower bay.

Statues to Have Artistic Criticism.

It was decided in future in New York to refer all statues for the parks to the Sculptors' society for criticism as to their artistic merits before accepting them. The advisory art committee of the art department, which has in the past passed upon the statues, will act in the future with the Sculptors' society.

A Brain-Wearing Task.

First Business Man—Mercy, George! What's the matter? Another bank gone or what? Never saw you look so haggard, and worried and careworn. Second Business Man (wearily)—Nothing wrong. I've been trying to figure my way out of the income tax.

Biggest Aluminum Plant on Earth.

The largest aluminum plant in the world has just been completed at Oak Ridge, Mo. It will have a capacity of one hundred tons of clay per day, giving a daily output of about twenty thousand pounds of metal.

A Day in China.

The Chinese divide the day into 12 parts of two hours each.

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HOT SPRINGS, S. D.

If indications count for anything, the Hot Springs of South Dakota are destined to become the most popular resort between Chicago and the Pacific Coast. They are situated in the gentle and beautiful canon of Fall River, and are the center of a splendidly built little city of three thousand permanent inhabitants. The efficacy of their waters for rheumatism, dyspepsia, and, in fact, almost every chronic disorder of the system, is too well known to require statement. It is testified to by the annual arrival of thousands of invalids, and the departure of these same persons, after a few weeks, in much improved or wholly restored health. The Springs are surrounded by many objects of surpassing natural interest, as Wind Cave, equal in extent to the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky, and far more wonderful in formation, filled with striking beauties and strange fantasies of structure. Not far away are the romantic Cascades, and near by are extinct craters of geysers—standing up like holes that had been built rather than excavated, and by their puzzling appearance meriting the name they have received, "The Devil's Chimneys." This is but a beginning of the list of attractions in the vicinity, to fairly see which would entrancingly occupy a month.

The hotels and the bathing accommodations for guests are unsurpassable, and nothing is left to be desired by any grade of people, from the nabob traveling for amusement to the poverty-stricken invalid in search of cheap and speedy restoration to health.

The Passenger Department of the Burlington Route has issued a well-written and beautifully illustrated folder, containing a great deal of interesting matter relative to this famous resort. For a copy or for information about the Burlington Route's rates and train service to Hot Springs, write to J. Francis, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Omaha, Neb.

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An Old Orchard.

In 1794 Joshua Pine settled on a farm near Walton, N. Y., and planted a fine orchard. Although it was nearly ninety-nine years ago when the trees were first planted they do not show much signs of their great age, and a number of the trees are yet vigorous, giving promise of many years of life and fruitage. The largest measure 117½ inches in circumference, the next largest 105 inches, and another 102 inches, all of which are bearing a good crop of fruit this year.

A Philosophical Millionaire.

Attorney—If you leave all your property to your second wife your children will certainly try to break your will.

Rich Client—Of course. That's what I want them to do. I want them to have their full share of my money.

"Then why bequeath it all to your wife?"

"Well, you see, it will be easier for my children to break my will than it is for me to break her's.

Conscious of Ignorance.

The Boston Transcript tells how a Gradgrind sort of a man confused an American girl who was telling how much she liked Rome. The Coliseum, in particular, received plenty of adjectives. Then said the serious-faced man: "So you saw the Coliseum in Rome?" "Yes, indeed!" "Which one?" And he had his reward in her confusion: she was not sure which Coliseum she had seen, after that solemn assumption that it had a double.

Wealth of Utah.

Utah has 3,000,000 acres of arable lands, watered by 1,000 miles of canals. One canal, that of Bear river, cost $2,000,000. The irrigated lands produce annually 6,000,000 bushels of grains. There are over 3,000,000 cattle, and the mines in twenty years have produced $150,000,000 in gold and silver.

The Higher Literature.

"Hullo, Chimmy, is dey any more good books in de 'Young Terrors' library?"

"I dunno, but I hear tell about a story by George Eliot what dey call 'Daniel de Rounder.' Shouldn't wonder if that might be pretty good."

Ambiguous.

Uncle, reprovingly—Now, Charlie, what do you keep a horse for?

Charlie Fastdrive—Well, Nunky, I presume I keep him to let him go.—Godeys.'

Still Worse.

Wife, bitterly—You deceived me when you married me.

Husband—I did more than that. I deceived myself.

A Brief Call.

"Come to stay?" asked the fish.

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