Abroad.

CHAMPION BOB TOMORROW NIGHT

was a dog fight down on the south side. To morrow night, through the enterprise of President Bandle of the Turnover club, the fistic fancy are to be given the opportunity of seeing Bob Fitzsimmons, the only recognized champion boxer of the world. He will appear in a six-round setto with Hickey, his sparring partner, at Boyd's theater. In connection with that thrilling drama, "Savet from the Sea." The wheelmen are still in the throws of their pool tourney at their cosy club rooms, and busy discussing the affairs of the coming season. The foot ball players are in hibernation, and there is liter-

in the saddle, the other day. It was his initial mount on the coast, and he won after looked as if it was all over but the shout-ing. But in the stretch Strathmeath and Little Cripple overhauled him and the finish was a hair-curier. Thorpe was not on the best nag, but by superb riding he managed to get him over the line first, by a snoot. Charlie is likely to become as great a favorite in California as he has been everywhere he has ridden.

It looks very much as if Omaha would have to depend on local foot ball teams en-tirely for her sport on the gridlen next season, and this fact does not add much luster to our prospects. It will be learned with regret by the followers of the game here that Omaha will get no Western University interstate association contest next fall, for the simple fact that at the recent annual meeting of this organization Iowa was given the grand fire. The by-laws of the institution make it imperative that each member must be represented at the annual meeting or lose her franchise and the Hawk-

eyes, failing to have a delegate on hand, were dropped same ceremonic. After this proceeding the pennant for 1897 was awarded to Iowa, Kaness coming in for second honors and Nebraska for third. The election of officers resulted Dr. H. Ayers Missouri, president J. P. Cameron, Nebraska, vice president, and R. K. Moody, Kansas, secretary and treasurer. Fred Connell of Lincoln was The schedule for 1897 was arranged as follows: Missouri vs Nebraska at Lincoln, October 30; Kansas vs Nebraska Lincoln, November 13, and Kansas vs Missouri at Kansas City Thanksgiving day.

Speaking of the proposed plan to do away with bookmakers and put in mutual machines on weetern tracks, the Spirit of the Times says:

"While there is in certain quarters de-cided antagonism to the bookmaking system, on the alleged ground that it is condu cive to collusion and jobbery, the betting public ordinarily prefers the books to the machines. For years the Washington Park club tried to popularize the mutuals, but the public showed a marked preference for the books, and as the machines could not pay the expenses incident to running them. hay the expenses incident to cunning them, they were at last given up altogether. And so at other tracks. But, of course, if there were no bocks at all, as on the Montana circuit last aummer, the mutuals might prove the success they did out in Montana. And so it remains to be seen what the change will bring forth."

The lovers of light harness racing can rest assured of a splendid meeting here next June. The driving club has already begun to lay its rojes for such an event, and there ls but little fear of its accomplishing the desired end. At a recent meeting it was decided to endeavor to arrange with the western trotting circuit for a series of first-class meetings on a much larger and more elaberate scale than those held during the past season. A meeting of the secre-taries of the associations included in the circuit is to be called for the purpose of coming to a thorough understanding on the matter, and the prospects for the best series of meetings ever held in this the west are exceedingly flattering.

The Sloux City gentleman with money to invest again writes me as to the advisability of starting a breeding farm in Nebraska, and again I am forced to apprise him that there are many better informed men here on the subject than I am, and whose advice would be worth having. If the gentleman is determined to start a farm, however, I would be derelied to my own interests if I did not urge him to star it in Nebraska, but when it comes down own personal ideas on the matter would advise him not to go into the husi-ness at all unless he has a large sur-plusage of grit, money and brains. These are pretty tough times for even the most skilled talent in any line of business, and Just now the breeder's lines are cast in pretty rough places. Prices have taken an almost incredible slump during the past two years and heaven only knows how much lower they will tumble. Anse Newthere was at a horse sale up in Dakota the was at a horse sale up in Dakota the off with bids of \$1 and \$2, and many of them knocked down at \$5. When a man can go into the open market, as he can the wonderful boxer, and the doctor and the lawyer and the merchant, as well as the sport, will be there and as far up in front as he can get. Everybody wants to get a look at the man who has the man who has the can go into the open market, as he can go into the open market, as he can be can be can be can get a look at the man who has the can go into the open market, as he can get a look at the man who has the can get a look at the man who has the can go into the open market, as he can get a look at the man who has the can get a look at the can get a look at the man who has the can get a look at the can get a look at the look at th can go into the open market, as he can today, and buy a well-bred and registered foal for little more than is asked for a fat hog, it is time for those contemplating the breeding industry to halt and think a bit. Still the old saying that there is an end to all things except taxes and death holds good here. The men who went into the breeding business for their health are rapidly becoming afflicted with that tired feeling, and are quitting in droves. Horses are growing scarcer and scarcer with each recurring year, and when the climax is at last reached those who have had the hardiheed to stick it out may have that phantom, "the good thing," we are all so ardently praying for and struggling for in their

Lehmann, the English coach who is put ting the Harvard boat crew through their paces, came all the way from England and that Homer Kirk will go on with Robert for paces, came all the way from England and is paying his own expenses. Mr. Lehmann is paying his own expenses. Mr. Lehmann came out of true love of sport and as a true amateur sportsman, insisting that If he accepted a penny as compehantloh for his services, either in the form of expenses or otherwise, he would cease to be an amateur, and should and ought to be barred hereafter from engaging in amateur sports. Whatever and should and ought to be barred hereafter from engaging in amateur sports. Whatever the has set an example for college gradu
that Homer Kirk will go on with Robert for Jake, and take a look at it.

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ates in this country in showing them what is the true course for amateur sportsmen to follow, and his conduct is in strong contrast with that of the referees, umpires and lineamen in the college foot ball games, who Running Comment on Events Here and linesmen in the college foot ball games, who always expect and receive \$100 or less for the services which they render at a game, and which should, under Mr. Lehmann's principles, debar them and all college graduates who receive compensation for coaching college teams from the ranks of amateurs. So says Harry Welden.

and, in fact, a certain Billy Brewer of Omaha (no connection of John L. Brewer) says that he will wager a whole lot of money that Dr. Carver, J. L. Brewer or E. D. Ful-ford cannot defeat Parmelee on Omaha grounds. Friends of Carver say that if the grounds. Friends of Carver say that if the
Omaha Brewer will stop talking and put up
some good sized money a match will be shot
on Omaha grounds between Carver and
Parmelee, but they want it to be on the
dead square, at least that is what they
say." Well, Louis, me dear boy, you were
never more mistaken in your little, round,
fat life. It has not only since Elliott's
defeat the Omaha "sportsmen" have
considered Parmelee a dandy, for they
have known him to be that sort of a billed
for a goodly number of years. And, perhaps, Louis, you do not know that Parmelee
beat Elliott once before, back in '93, killing
98 birds out of 100 to the Kansas City man's
12 Well, he did, and we think over here
he can do the same trick three or four 51? Well, he did, and we think over here he can do the same trick three or four times a week. Now, as to Billy Brewer. He has been doing no talking, but he is firmly convinced of Parmelee's ability to beat either one of the three men you men-tion, and if he says he will bet \$10,000 on it, you can bet he will do it. If the friends of Dr. Carver are so cock-sure of their man, let them trot him over here and Parmeles will shoot him for \$250 a side and "parlee"

will state that if these two great

receive the treatment due a gentleman.

and it is just as fair for Carver to com-

should come here to shoot he would receive only the courtesy due an honorable sportsman and a great shot. Tommy Ryan is certainly on the hustle. At Buffalo last Monday night he beat Australian Billy McCarthy after a terrific attle of seven rounds, and Wednesday night at Syracuse, he knocked out Billy Payne in four. McCarthy is a tough customer for most any of the middleweights and Ryan's victory over him was a creditable one, but as to Payne, I have nothing to say as I know nothing about him. Tommy's next engagement will be with George Green at San Francisco, and while he ought to win, there is more or less doubt about it. Green is slow, but a hard hitter, a glutton for punishment, and a man of wonderful endurance, and I do not think Tommy can land him except after a long and driving fight. Ryan is certainly not the man he was three or four years ago, when it was a difficult matter for any man to lay a glove on him. Nowadays, it seems, most any old boxer can hit Billy Smith pounded him unmercifully in their last meet, and McCarthy knocked him down twice the other night. This may signify a good deal and then it may not. but when I think of how he went through seventeen savage rounds with Jack Wilks at South Omaha four years ago, and twenty rounds with Hilly Smith at Minneapolis a year later without receiving a scratch, think it does, and my advice to Tommy is that when he gets inside the ropes with Green at Frisco, to keep his wits about

There will be a crush at Boyd's opera hous norrow evening. That is a foregone con ision. All the "coves wot loves a mail" will assuredly be there, and they will have plenty of company. It isn't very often we are offered an opportunity to get a flash at the champion fighter of the world, but that will be our portion temorrow wight. Bob Fitzsimmons will be here and he will go on between the acts of "Saved from the San" in a hag supplying and sparring within Sea" in a bag punching and sparring exhibition. There is a great curiosity to see this wonderful boxer, and the doctor and the Jos Choynski, Dan Creedon, Peter Maher Sailor Sharkey and a score of other flatic giants as though they were so many colls of rope; everybody wants to see the man who is matched, or shortly will be, with Jim Corbett for a finish fight for the championship of the world, and of course everybody will improve the chance and be on hand at Boyd's tomorrow evening. For a sparring partner Fitz will have Jack Hickey, who three years ago thought he was good enough to defeat the lanky Cornishman, and he met him at Newark, N. J. It was the same old story. Like a cat toys with a mouse the champion played with him for a couple of rounds, and then biff! like a thunderbolt from a clear sky that big right mitt caught Mr. Hickey in the maxillary region and he thought the end of the world "had came," as they say in Council Bluffs. It may be that Homer Kirk will go on with Robert for a round or two, that is, if Fitz will allow

toward them now that there is a chance to even up matters. Second, a more available place-could not be secured across the border, place-could not be secured across the border, if the fight must be removed thither, in point of accessibility and other material conveniences. That Stuart has received a concession from the Mexican government there is but little doubt. Fights innumerable have been pulled off in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and other cities in this country since the virtuous spasm that pocked both countries during the fights. Chat with the Shooters In the Old Bull Pen at Jaurez. The Breeding Ingligatory and Questing Industry and Industry business of chasing prize fighters from country's end to country's end, squandering valuable time and good money, for the fun he gets out of it, not by a long shot. While the affable Daniel always has a good wad concealed on his person, he is human like the rest of us and wants more. His experience of a year ago cost him a little throes of their pool tourley comes, and busy discussing the affairs of the coming season. The foot ball players are in hibernation, and there is literally no base ball gassip. The gunners are energetically heating up the stubble and the brush, for with the holidays the open season expires. In anateur atheite circles, from Prof. Swoboda's school, to the Young Men's Christian association and Turners' clubs, there is more sit than was ever known before. The past season's outdoor record was a revelation, and the present indoor season is mitualities the same high pitch. There are more athletes here today than ever before the spring beauties before the spring beauties before the spring beauties before the spring beauties before, and season's outdoor record was a revelation, and the present indoor season is mitualities the same high pitch. There are more athletes here today than ever before the spring beauties to deck the hillsides with their pink faces. John Winston and Dr. Carver shot a series of seven matches are fifty birds each over in Chicago last week and Charlie Grim and Carver settled their old gradge at the same are more athletes here today than ever before the spring beauties before the spring beauties before, and season's outdoor record was a revellation, and the present indoor season is mitualities the sensor at fifty birds each over in Chicago last week and Charlie Grim and Carver settled their old gradge at the same of the lovelies cities the sun shines one of the lovel sun and the present han that in any game.

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The cra ablaze with light and lively with exhibitions of muscle, brain and brawn; and in years to come the Gate City is sure to take a prominent place in the amateur athletic records of the country.

Charlie Thorpe, the old Omaha jockey and the premier of the west, gave the San Franciscoans a sample of what he can do in the saddle, the other day. It was his initial mount on the coast, and he won after in the shoot Wednesday between Grim and the dector some great work was done, the clear Lake man killing ninety-eight out of munity from the iaw, no one can tell how munity from the iaw munity from the iaw, no one can tell how munity from the iaw, no one can tell how munity from the iaw, no one can tell how munity from the iaw m initial mount on the coast, and he won after one of most exciting kind of drives. He was on the old warhorse. Strathmeath, who was a slight favorite in the betting. When sett off Woodchopper jumped into the leaf and it of that town think that Parmelee is a dandy.

Questions and Answers. TERRY, S. D., Dec. 22.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: I bet on the Fitzsimmons and Sharkey fight with two men. One bet was that Sharkey would stand eight rounds, and the rext bet was that he would stand ten rounds; I see by the Sunday Bee of December 6 that I wim these bets. In of December 6 that I win these bets. In case the courts award the fight to Fitzsimmons, do I have to give up these bets again, or will each man be entitled to his own share of the money? Answer on back of this sheet and return by mail?—Hugh Mc-Monagle, Terry, S. D.

Ans.—No answers by mail. A crooked referee makes you the winner. It is a matter of honor with you whether you give any money back or not. I haven't heard of anybody giving any back

I haven't heard of anybody giving any back OMAHA, Dec. 24.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please give name of some

of The Bee: Please give name of some journal devoted to cheas and where published and oblige?—Old Subscriber.

Ans.—There is no chess paper published. in this country. There is a magazine, called the British Chess Magazine, published at

Leeds, England.

JULIAN, Neb., Dec. 21 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Wil you kindly state in next Sunday's Bee who was the owner of Foxhall when he was racing in England and what races he won there?—Arthur Brown.

Ans.—(1) James Keene, Boston. (2) The Bedford stakes, the Brethby Nursery handithe bot as often as he chooses. Their guff about "sheeting on the square" comes in bad grace, considering the records made by some other people. But for your private informacap, the Grand Duke Michael stakes, the Cesarewitch handicap, the Select stakes, the Cambridgeshire handicap and the Ascot gold

shots should happen to come to terms for a match here it will be pulled off under the auspices of the Omaha Gun club, one of the This was in 1880-1-2. oldest and most honorable institutions of the kind in the west, and Dr. Carver will SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 18.—To the Sport-ing Editor of The Bec: Please state in Sunday's Bee the weight of Lavigne and Wal-There are no better shooting grounds in the country than these owned by this club, cott when they fought, and when and where the fight took place, and what were the conditions?—Earl T. M.

here as it is for Parmelee to go to Chicago. Dr. Carver and I are old friends, and while Ans.—One hundred and thirty-three counds. At Maspeth, L. I., December 2, cunds. 1895. Walcott was to knock Lavigne our in twenty rounds, but came within a hair's breadth of being knocked out himself. Of course Lavigne won. I am perfectly familiar with the causes for his grudge against this city, I can assure him that they are groundless, and if he

NORTH PLATTE, Dec. 20 .- To the Sport NORTH PLATTE, Dec. 20.—To the Sporting Editor of The Boe: Please state whether Dan Creedon and Jim Hall ever met in the ring, if so, who won? What is meant by "tasting" a dog preparatory to pitting him?—M. T. L., Subscriber. Ans.—(1) Yes, in Melbourne, 1890; Cree-lon won; Hall was to "out" him in eight ounds, which he failed to do. (2) "Tasting" a fighting dog is touching the tongue this skin about the neck and other vulner. e points to detect evidence of doctoring "annointing," as the doggy boys have it SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 23.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: A bets B that McKinplurality in Ohio would beat 50,000 d stakes and turned them over to A

Will I have to replevin the dough?—Jack, Ans.—Did B consent to the turning over SIOUX CITY, Ia. Dec. 18 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: To enlighten a number of stakeholders here will you kindly answer in The Sunday Bee the following: (1) I bet that McKinley's plurality in Ohio would be larger than Bryan's plurality in Mis-souri. Do I win or lose? (2) Were the Bryan and Watson votes counted and in duded in Bryan's plurality in Missouri ?-W. F. Duncan

Ans.-(1) You lose. (2) Yes. GRAND ISLAND, Dec. 20.—To the Sport-ng Editor of The Bee: In a game of foot ball the sphere is forced to within a few feet of goal, when it is passed back to the uliback of the defenders of the goal for a punt. The kick is blocked and the ball falls about a yard behind the goal line and is about to be "downed" by one of the opposing team when it is kicked from under him toward the center. What should the decision be?-F. B.

Ans .- There is no call for any decision as can see; just go on and play ball. HOCKPORT, Mo., Dec. 24.-To the Sport that ing Editor of The Bee: A bets B that Bob McKinley will get 65,000 votes over Bryan Il go in Iowa. Who wins?—F. A. Bailey. in lows. Who wins?-F. A. Bailey.
Ans.-McKinley received 65,552 more than

Bryan. NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 15.—To the Sport-ng Editor of The Bee: Will you kindly ing Editor of The Bee: answer the following questions in next Sun-day's edition of The Bee? A and B are play ing cribbage; A plays the jack, B the king and A the queen; is not A entitled to a run of three? Also, can the queen, king and ace be counted as a run?—A, B, Wilson, Ans.—(1) No. (2) No.

The above questions and answers appeared in last Sunday's Bee, the prints making the answer to query No. 1 "No" instead of "Yee." It is the simplest sort of a proposition and any one who plays "crib" at all should certainly be familiar with it. During the per week there have been only 2022. ng the past week there have been only 9.987 men tell me that I was wrong, and so municated to the rider's hands and arms by far I have received only 712 letters and 28 the unyielding metal handlebars telegrams, apprising me of the same fact.

As with most innovations, the elegrams, apprising me of the same fact.

As with most innovations, the appearance of the wood handlebars does not quite meet porting Editor of The Bee: To decide a with public favor, but appearance generally bet where is the best railroad depot located yields to merit, and that the superiority in the United States? Please answer in the blokery handlebar is gradually being in the United States? Please answer in the Sunday Bee?—Jacob Umstead.

Ans.—In St. Louis. But wait until we get ours. We're going to knock them all out.—It will be completed some time in the 'wentieth century, and if you are still at Fullerton then you'd better run in here. Jake, and take a look at it.



better to Colonel Stuart's pleasement. Daniel is not only a shrewd and successful sport, but he is a business man and a speculator of exceeding acumen, as well as a good-looking, genial gentleman. He is not in the

If the bicyclist of the future does not ride as swiftly as the wind he may at least ride with it, and give it a close rub for the cham-pionship. A French inventor, M. Demange, nas devised a pian by which he claims a cy-plist may ride at a speed of from twelve to fifteen miles an hour, with no exertion at ill, except that required for guiding the

The contrivance is in form a sort of tur oine arrangement, something like a gourd-hollowed out, cut in "gores" and the "gores" turned a little on their axes. This turbine is placed on dual rods, vertically attached to the forward wheel of the bicycle. A bar cutward, and to this is attached the top of

The turbine revolves on its axes and atches enough wind to give the forward wheel an added impetus. No matter from what direction the wind blows the turbine catches it, and by attachment with the hub of the front wheel communicates some of the force of the wind to the wheel. The turbine practically neutralizes the effect of a

Stolen bicycles travel a long way. An in-ident is related where a young man lost his wheel in Boston a year ago and, although and others are stuffed with hair. Another the detectives of that city did their utmost. design which is expected to become the rage hey were unable to apprehend the thief. Several other wheels had been taken in Box-Several other wheels had been taken in 1998-ton and the police lost all track of them. The rider in question journeyed to Europe a few months later and while walking down which is said to ride extremely comfortably. The leader is softened with a layer of thick stood up against a second-hand store and was battered and worn. What was the young man's surprise to identify the wheel that had been stolen from him several months before. Not appreciating the situation, he made an effort to claim the wheel, but of course it was impossible for him to obtain possession of it. It is wondered whether the bicycle thieves find a market for heir Illicit trade in foreign countries.

An old cyclist observes that the style of garments for wheelmen has changed con-derably in recent years. "Five years ago." says he, "when a great many ordinary wheels were in use, the riders were content to pin their trousers at the bottom and let go at that. But gradually the wheelmer ave become fasticious. The nobby gol suits were apparently invested for bicycle riding, and then the flowing okomers that could not bag at the knee were introduced. Today every rider takes pride in his appearance. No matter how poor he may be, he properly dressed.

The common council of New York has passed a resolution forbidding bicyclists to carry children under 5 years of age upon their machines. Many people think it is a dangerous practice and some doctors think that the jar of the machines is injurious to the infants. The legality of the ordinance is doubtful, and as for the jar of the machines it does not compare with the joling the babies get in street cars or upon their parents' knees. The chief injury is done to ing themselves.

A patent has recently been issued for a new foot pump for bicycles, which will commend itself to the riding public. It will be placed upon the market early in the coming It is claimed for it that it inflate any pneumatic tire within thirty seconds, and with as small effort as any pump used for similar purposes. It is operated by the foot and is so light it can be carried in the pocket or tool bag. It consists of a cylinder and piston, the latter acting within a spiral spring, which is held in position by three lugs encircling a flange and can be removed at will. A suitable leather valve encircles the base of the piston, and the hose attachment is provided with a ball valve, which prevents air once forced in the tire from backing into the

"Struggles in physical endurance have no corrors for us," exclaims the New York. ommenting on the Madison Square contest, notwithstanding they take a man out of a pandbox, keep him up nights and put the signs of wear and tear on his face. We have viewed, with ever increasing pride in our wheel. race, the demonstration of man's ability to over ground on his legs in six days. Five nundred miles seemed at one time beyond ossibility, but with renewed efforts maximum rolled steadily over 500 and on oward 600, until it exceeded that, and it was proved that man can go well over 620 miles in a day less than a week. We can already assume that he can cover 700 miles in a week, or 100 miles a day for seven days That is a highly interesting standard of vi tality for humanity to live up to, even if should never be surpassed, which, as A Sin's friend would remark, we sincerely hope

'Since the bicycle has come, man's powe with it must be known, and as six-day cle races have been as yet comparatively few, we await their repetitions alike with cheerfulness and hope. When we remember that a man on foot has covered 622 miles in 142 hours, the bicycle record of 1,910 miles scems in nowise remarkable and in all reason

WHEEL PEATURES

Variety of Alleged Improvements in the Up-to-Date Bicycle. The wood handlebar, which was ridiculed

when it appeared even more than the wood rim, has demonstrated its advantages over metal, and 1897 will see a large increase it its use. The wood handlebar is sufficiently rigid to guarantee absolute control in steering, and at the same time sufficiently flexible to absorb some of the vibration com-

knowledged is best proved by the fact that nearly all, if not all, the manufacturers give purchasers the option of wood or metal barwith 1897 wheels.
Bicycle men Zenerally say that they will

not be surprised if more than half the wheels put out next year are provided with wood able cost. Wooden bars can be bent in any ter. The benzine reservoir is thirteen inches

popularity, and it will be much more largely used than heretofore.

The saddle output is as varied in shape as the cookie display in a bakeshon window. The makers have given us round, heart-shaped and crescent saddles, both hard and soft as air and upbolatery can render them. rider yearns for a convex or a concave seat he can get it for the asking, along with flat rolls, cylindrical cushions or a seat that nified his willingness to allow a troop of United States cavalry to attend the bicycle carnival to be held in Madison Square garden, in New York, from January 11 to 16 and share what they can do in the way hine seats, are attained in every pattern.
Then there are saddles so adjusted as to

sway with the motion of the body when pedaling, and others again that rise and fall with the heave of the cobbles. With one of these new arrangements the biker can ride naturally and gracefully, instead of standing up in the stirrups, as it were, and wearing the expression of a Christian martyr. Nor is there any abatement in the improvement of saddle building, though the present ashions are adapted to all conditions as intelligent use next season will amply demon-strate. More or less discomfort generally atends the first trial of a seat, like breaking in a pair of new shoes, and the style meeting the approval of one rider may be totally unsuited to enother.

The padded seat will be extensively used, egardless of the problem of weight, which has heretofore been the chief consideration in reducing the tonnage of the bicycle to a minimum the saddle was compelled to ge lown to weight the same as other parts, un til the wheelman found himself sprinting along on a couple of leather wafers. Now weight is a secondary consideration with the average cyclist, who prefers the maximum of comfort to whizzing flight. Broader and shorter seats have been placed upon the market, equipped with springs, pads and compressed air. In some of these seats pure wool felt is used for upholstering purposes, has a filling of spiral springs and curled hair, the object of the springs being to pre-The lacing is softened with a layer of thick felt under the leather covering. In the pneumatic line the newest thing is a bifur cated air cushion filled with a valve which allows the air to shift from one compartment to the other with alternating pressure of the body. Another novel design is the seat shaped like the wings of a butterfly, that moves and sways with every motion of the rider, and yet another is supplied with a pair of spiral springs at the back. Others are provided with side clamps, which obviate the necessity of raising the seat post when the change is not desired.

A WAY TO CLEAN CHAINS

Information of Value from a Prominent Wheelman. Possibly no part of a bicycle demands as

much attention as the chain, and the average wheelman is continually on the lookout for some way to keep the chain in good condition. There is nothing so good as a thorough cleaning occasionally, but few cyclists really know how to properly clean the chain. erick Whitehead of Pennington, N. J., about as good a plan as any, and wheelme who follow the directions below given will have very little trouble with their chains.

In a letter to the Philadelphia Press. Mr Whitchead says:

"Having read so much regarding the care and the cleaning of the chain, I send you my method. If any of your readers will take the trouble to carefully follow this plan I am sure they will find, as I have, that it is about perfection. The plan is as follows "Remove the chain from the wheel; re place serew in open link, leaving the chain open. Wash (in pan or dish of kerosene) thoroughly, working each link backward and forward that every particle of grease and dirt may be removed from around the plus.

"Repeat the washing in gasoline or ben-tine, that every particle of kerosene may be removed. This latter is most essential, or no matter what your final plan may be, any kerosene is allowed to remain on the chain it will prevent any oil from en-tering around pins and even should it enter the kerosene will so thin the oil as to make practically valueless.
"When the gasoline or benzine has dried

from the chain have ready on the fire suffi-cient melted tallow to cover the chain. Atlow to remain in this a few minutes, or until the chain has become thoroughly heated then remove from the tallow and lay it face downward on a board or table, and with a cloth wipe off well the sides and back, allow ng what will to remain on the face. let the chain become cold, when it will be found the joints are stiff. Work each one loose with the fingers and the task is com-

'At any time the chain needs more greas on face dip a rag in melted tallow and wipe over it, allowing it to harden before using

"Experience has taught me this will all that is required for a run of 1,000 or 2,000 miles, which is certainly all that can ? 'After a time it will be found there is a black glaze on the sprocket wheels, who they come in contact with the chain. I not remove this, as it is as smooth and about as hard as glass and will largely pre vent wear.

BENZINE MOTOR BICYCLE. Travels at a Speed of Twenty-four

Miles an Hour. A motor bicycle, which combines the pe uliarities of the bleycle and the locomotiv

said to be very successful in its operation The machine consists of four parallel ubcs, two upon either side, connected with the main journal boxes of the rear or ing wheel and united at their forward end with two pairs of oblique tubes, connec by cross bars at the top and carrying th steering head in which is received the sham of the front fork, as in an ordinary bicycle The motor cylinders are secured between the horizontal bars, and these contain pis tons connected by piston rods with the crank on the main shaft. The bearings are ren-dered frictionless by balls such as are used in the ordinary bicycle. The engines work

on the four-cycle principle Benzine is used as fuel to supply the power. This is contained in a reservoir, which is placed in front of the machine and supported by the oblique tubes.

There is a cone on the lever by means of which the supply of benzing is regulated, and this regulates the speed of the machine. It action is as follows: The forward motion of the piston draws in the explosive mixture. through the valve. On its return it is cor pressed, giving the propelling impulse. The one effective impulse for each revolution of the wheel. To stop the machine the valve is closed and the brake applied in the usual

the rate of twenty-four miles an hour. The chief objection is said to be the weight which is 115 pounds, but this is not important, as it does not prevent the securing of a high rate of speed. The tread of the ma-chine is four feet, and the pneumatic tire-are specially large and heavy in order to support the weight of the machine and the

The engine cylinders are three and ninesixteenths inches in diameter, with strok-of five inches. The supply and exhaust valve apertures are one-half inch in diamelong and seven and one-half inches in diam-eter. The driving wheel is twenty-two inches in diameter and the guiding wheel is 32.6 inches in diameter.

HALE THE CHAMPION. Eleven Records Smashed by His Great Achievement. Edward Hale the new long-distance bi-

cycle rider, well deserves the honors and

noluments he won on the big track in

Madison Square Garden If physical endurance merely is worthy of praise. His en-York, Philadelphia and other cities in this country since the virtuous spasm that rocked both countries during the fistic travail of a year ago, and our greaser brothers have evidently tumbled to the minckery of the whole business, and will not be slow in teaching the so-called Yankee humanitarians that they are not as dumb as they look. If there, is "stuff" in glove consists for the people on this side the line there ought to be stuff for our pyramidal chapseaged brethren on the other side, and, as called year. A bill has been prepared our money is worth about twice as much as long to get hold of it. No. I do not apprehent to get hold of it. No. I do not apprehent any serious objection on the part of the machines. The soldiers who show any serious objection on the part of the pushed the pedal around 327,000 times. In making that great ride Hale expended about 32,700,000 pounds of energy, or 16,350 tens. He traveled on the average 300 feet farther than the men that were with him in the race. This was because he clung to the outer rim of the track, and in doing so he avoided falling. Rice, who rode next to that elevatored as inclusional different for Hale, developed an unbounded admiration for the Irish giant during the race. Hale lin-gored beside the man from Wilkesbarre cheering him up and encouraging him to persevere. Rice's heart was touched. Toward the end of the race he asked Haie to dismount. When he had done so Ble proached him and took his hand. "Y mighty good to me," he said. "You-re a better man than I am, and I am glad you are going to win." Hale looked sheepish, as if he had done something that he was ashamed of Hale's speed was phenomenal, and demonstrates the fallacy of the old idea that that mere endurance can win in a six-days' race. Speed will be a distinct factor in long-time races hereafter. Hale, beside winning the championship, will receive the neat sum of \$5,000 into the bargain.

> Questions and Answers. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 21.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: To settle a bit please state in next Sunday's sporting department

what kind of a looking animal John R Gentry is; size and color, and oblige. T. H

Ans.-Medium size, rich rosewood bay.

THE SCORCHER

Youth's Companie Youth's Companion.

He tumbled from his weary wheel,
And set it by the door;
Then stood as though he joyed to feel
His feet on earth once more;
And as he mopped his rumpled head,
His face was wreathed in smiles;
"A very pretty run," he said;
"I did a hundred miles!"

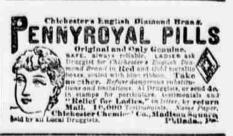
"A hundred miles!" I cried. "Ah, think; What heauties you have seen!
The reedy streams where cattle drink. The meadows rich and green.
Where did you wend your rapid way. Through lofty woodland aisles?"
He shook his head. "I cannot say; I did a hundred miles!"

"What hamlets saw your swift three spin? Ah, how I envy you!
To lose the city's dust and din, Beneath the heaven's blue;
To get a breath of country sir;
To lean o'er runtle stilles!"
He only said, "The reads were fair;
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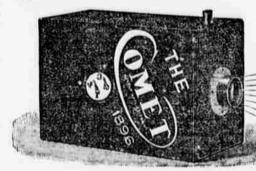


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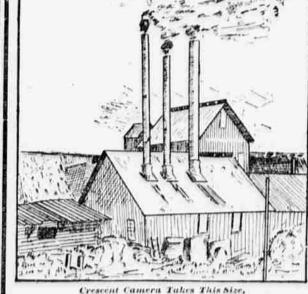
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