



Several serious accidents and one fatally occurred in different cities last Sunday by bicyclists riding on the strip of ground between street car tracks.

No investment pays such high interest as the money paid for a bicycle. The average rider, according to a new device, saves 20 cents a day in car fare, say five days a week for fifty weeks in the year, or a saving of \$500.

The wheels of a bicycle if the bearings are properly adjusted should spin freely and stop gradually with a rocking movement, yet have no side play.

Here is the way Mayor Harrison of Chicago differentiates between the equestrian and the bicyclist: "When I go horseback riding, the mayor says, 'The horse gets the exercise. He does it exactly as it all, but he gets the best part of it. On the other hand, when I go bicycle riding all the exercise is mine. I do all the work, and have all the fun. A man can feel that he is doing something for himself when he is riding a wheel, and there is a great deal of satisfaction in that.'"

The bicyclist who wants to go on a journey by rail and take his faithful wheel to bear him company, without extra charges, should double the amount of baggage allowed. He may not secure the passage of a law on the subject, but he can get the railway companies ready to make reasonable concessions.

In the matter of footwear it is evident that the average cyclist pays too little attention to his best interest. Last season thousands of riders pushed over the high-water mark of the country, and the result was the modern pointed-toe shoe which fashion dictated for ordinary street wear.

Here are a few suggestions going the rounds for the benefit of the afflicted: "Don't try to catch the handle with your hands. Don't look around to see if the hind wheel is still following. Don't be surprised if the front wheel shows a disposition to turn into a yard and lie down for a rest. Always fall on your right shoulder and do not let your car strike the ground till a few seconds later. When you lose a pedal don't get off and go back to look for it. It's there on the machine still, and if you'll feel for it long enough you'll find it again.

Trying to acquire the art of climbing hills is what is troubling a good many novices at this season. That there is an art in so doing there is little doubt, but practice and muscle will do the rest for the learner, much more than a few suggestions. If the following is kept in mind it will aid the rider in the knack of hill climbing. Little is gained by trying to rush a hill. It is well to get a good start, but it is better to lay out the push that there will be a reserve force to send the wheel over the last rise, which is always the hardest. A good ankle motion, clanking the pedals around, past and over the dead center is a decided help. Throw the weight of the body well forward and pull up slightly on the handle bars. If the grade is very sharp try zig-zagging, or weaving up the hill; frequently this will give a needed rest on a long hill. Try to keep an even pace; avoid sudden strains. Last, but not least, sit squarely in the saddle.

A RACING TRUST.

Serious Objections to the Present System of Control.

The Bulletin, published by the League of American Wheelmen, concedes that there are many serious objections to the methods of the league in controlling race meetings. It calls the present system a racing trust, that is, a league controls racing "not wisely, but so much," and frankly admits that radical reforms are necessary to prevent the growth of the secession movement begun in western states.

"Who does it interest? That's an interesting question. Think it over. 'Is it an advantage to the average league member? Certainly not. Competition in bicycle racing means lower prices for seats in the grand stand, or more and better attractions. 'Down with trusts' is a popular sentiment with all except those who are directly benefited. 'The League of American Wheelmen is running a racing trust, and it is of interest for us to study the subject a little and see who is benefited by it. 'The most open competition is certainly best for the citizen who pays his money at the gate and who, by the way, is also the instrumental cause which alone makes the race possible. 'How about the racing men? They have

and imparting greater force to the sprocket wheel. 'WHEELING CHAFF. A wheel dealer reports the receipt of this perplexing order: 'Kindly forward a black lady gear to 75. Indianapolis Journal: 'Wheeler-I have made eight century runs this season already. What do you think of that? Walker-It would have been better if you had made them all in a row in one direction. Chicago Record: 'He-Have you ever run into any one? She-Oh, no; but several persons have been rude enough to walk into me without even apologizing.

Detroit Free Press: 'I thought you said, Grumpy, that you would never allow your wife to ride a wheel? 'So I did, but she happened to hear of it. Chicago Tribune: 'How did it happen that you were let off with a quarter and the other scorcher had to pay a fine of \$5 each? 'I proved that I rode the same make of wheel the court rules. Cleveland Leader: 'I tell you, Mrs. Dunkley is carrying this new woman business too far. 'How's that? 'Why, she even makes her husband sit in front when they go out on their tandem now. THE PLAIN OF A NOVICE. A. E. Kiser in Cleveland Leader. If there is a broken bottle. In the street. I'm its meat! I have never missed one yet. But, with features firmly set, I proceed. Squaring my feet and away. 'Till some car track comes along, or I hear somebody say: 'Golly, see the scorchers go! Then I lose my wheel and I swing and away and swerve. And I rip out a spoke or two with my heel! I don't care how wide the way is. Not a thousand times no! It is respected. Of gravel that is there. Long or jagged, round or square. While the attack. Always lie on your side. And, however slow my gait, I can never seem to see. Any of them till too late! Then I swing and away and swerve. 'Till I lose my little nerve. And I keep. And cut out a chunk of tire with my heel! And the wind, it seems to me, is. Square ahead. So that I'm compelled to bump. And to sweat and puff and pump. Against the breeze. 'Till my knees. And my tongue gets hard and dry; Then some insect does me. A thing but gets into my eye, Causing me to lose my nerve. And to swing and away and swerve. 'Till I keep. And, perhaps, take off a hanger with my heel! Oh, this may for some be pleasant. 'I'll admit. But the grit. You must have to stand the shocks. And the buffets and the knocks. And the jerks. And the leering. Of the crowd. It seems to me. Is a heavy price to pay. So that to get so you may be. Fully at your ease one day. So that you may away and swerve. Without ever losing nerve. On your wheels. So that you may reel and keel. And not spoil a whole week's earnings with your heel! GOOD ROADS MAKE DOLLARS. Saving Effected by Transportation on 'Face-Highways. Charles Kendall Adams, the eminent educator and writer, now president of Wisconsin University, while in Europe not long ago, traveled a thousand miles by coach in the Alps. It required thirty-three days. They went through four of the highest passes. They never drove less than twenty-five miles a day and frequently as high as fifty, yet in making that one thousand miles, in thirty-three days, they had but a single day's rest. It is explained in the fact that the entire distance covered had been supplied with superb roads. Dr. Adams is enthusiastic as an advocate of good roads. After a long experience as above stated, he asked, 'What would be the condition of a team of horses driven in this country, over mountain roads, from twenty-five to fifty miles a day, six days in a week, for a month? The statement of facts and the question furnish ample food for reflection. A dollar mark placed before a row of figures as naturally attracts the attention of the average reader as a pretty face attracts the attention of the average person. If there is a name, particularly the name of a well known man close to the row of figures, the paragraph is about as certain to attract a telegram sent by a senator to an office-seeker announcing his appointment to the place he was seeking. Men who have been spending years in computing the cost of transporting farm products from the farm to the railroad in this country, give it as their firm belief that the products thus transported and amounted to 1896 to the value of \$2,459,875,147 tons for one mile, and that the cost of such wagon transportation was \$25,000,000, or at the rate of 25 cents a ton for each mile. They estimate that the same amount of products transported by wagon on good gravel or broken stone road could be done at a saving of 10 cents a ton, or an amount so great that it seems almost beyond comprehension. Now, if these same gentlemen, one of them the editor of an agricultural paper, Mr. John M. Stahl, another a farmer, another Isaac B. Potter, president of the League of American Wheelmen, and that class of men, would give us an estimate of the number of miles of good road the \$25,000,000 that good roads would save per year, would construct, it would be comparatively easy to state how long it would require to furnish the country with a system of good roads that would enable it each year to save more than half a billion dollars in the matter of wagon transportation, to say nothing about the great pleasure such roads would give the people; to say nothing about the hundreds of millions of dollars that would be saved to the value of farm and other property; to say nothing about the convenience in reaching school, church, creamery, cheese factory and so on, and so on. No woman is beautiful, no matter what her features or figure if she possesses not the rosy glow of health. Rich red blood is the secret of health and beauty. Try Pills Anemic Pink. 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RED CLOUD IN GOTHAM.

The Great Sioux Warrior Greeted by Buffalo Bill.

In the center box over the main entrance at Madison Square garden there sat recently a very old man, robed the New York Sun. He was thin and bent and his swarthy skin was wrinkled with the marks of many years. Below him in the arena the daring riders of the wild west charged back and forth, performing wonderful feats of horsemanship, and the mimic battle raged with much yelling of Indian and cowboy, and the rattling volley of rifle and revolver. The old man sat unmoved. Much of such sport he had seen on the western plains and many a battle where each volley bore death from out its smoke, but this he could not see, for he was all but blind, and behind his blue goggles could see nothing of what was going on below. So Red Cloud, greatest of the war chiefs of the Sioux, sat under a roof with thousands of palefaces and above the mimic battle which had wrought from his people their mastery of the broad American plains.

Red Cloud is 80 years-old and past his fighting days even were there a chance for him to fight. His tall, thin form is bent, his step is feeble and only his small black hair is uncompromising in its straightness as in its straightness has remained the branding power of old age. He came on from Washington, where he had been to confer with the government, in company with American Horse, Three Stars (whose name does him injustice, for he is a most temperate individual), and Patrick Star, to his first visit to New York to visit Buffalo Bill. Under Man-Afraid of His Horse, the hereditary chief of the Sioux, Red Cloud, who was never afraid of anything was the great war chief and fought in more than 200 battles. It was he who captured Fort Phil Kearney when every man at the post was massacred. He was one of the famous Indian fighters of the past fifty years in battle, as has also American Horse and when they met Buffalo Bill they met a man who was both an old friend and an old enemy.

The party arrived at 3 o'clock and were met by Major Burke who took them to Madison Square garden. When the performance was over Red Cloud was taken down into the arena to meet his people, the Sioux. Red Cloud is taciturn, even for an Indian. The Sioux did the proper thing in the way of salutation. Red Cloud said "Humph" or something like it. Buffalo Bill came forward and greeted the old warrior. Red Cloud in an excess of courtesy remarked: "Ugh!" Flat Iron, chief of the Ogallala Sioux, came forward to meet his people, the Sioux. Red Cloud was loquacious and ungentle to the extent of saying "How!" The spirit moved Buffalo Bill to make a speech. It ran about as follows: "Chief Red Cloud, I am glad to welcome you, American Horse, and your friends to this great place. You and I have met before on the plains, sometimes in peace and sometimes in war. Now we meet to celebrate lasting peace." Red Cloud said something that may not have been worse than "Ugh," but it certainly had that intention. "As you know, your people have traveled with me for many years in this country and in Europe, but this is the first time you have honored us with a visit. Your people have been taken care of, and have had good money in money."

Here Red Cloud said something else. The interpreter said he couldn't translate, but the other Sioux grinned. It must have been a joke. Indians don't grin at anything, and sometimes in war. Now we meet to celebrate lasting peace." Red Cloud said something that may not have been worse than "Ugh," but it certainly had that intention. "As you know, your people have traveled with me for many years in this country and in Europe, but this is the first time you have honored us with a visit. Your people have been taken care of, and have had good money in money."

FAVORABLE TO HEALTH.

Athletic Sports Indulged in Wisely and to Moderate Extent. Many of the athletic sports, if pursued for sport or as a recreation, are valuable remedial helps and aid toward physical improvement, says the North American Review. Unfortunately, the spirit of emulation in athletics, which in some communities has grown into intense rivalry, is likely to lead to excesses in training and practice for contests, which unless checked at once by the laws of a rational basis, may do more harm than good. Many young men seem to think that because the practice of athletics is favorable to the maintenance of health and vigor that they can be quickly overcome without leaving a scar by using De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve.

Terrible Accident—It is a terrible accident to be burned or scalded; but the pain and agony and the trifling disfigurements can be quickly overcome without leaving a scar by using De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. That terminated the interview.

In this line of physical activity, as in any other, there is a limit to human capability and it is possible to develop the muscular and nervous system to the detriment of the heart and lungs or of the digestive system. But the conditions under which athletics are usually practiced are so favorable to the maintenance of health and vigor that few persons who were sound at the time of commencing their athletic efforts have injured themselves by the practice of those vigorous exercises. It is true that a certain number of young men who were distinguished for their supremacy in certain athletic events have become victims of the disease known as Bright's disease. But the number of young men who are now practicing athletic exercises in this country and appearing in public contests is very large, and many 600 or 700 entries being recorded in some of the great city meetings.

Examine the labels and trademarks of proprietary articles. Imitations are common, and in some cases the difference between them and the genuine is so slight as to escape careful observation. Beware of dishonest shopkeepers and salesmen.

The absent-minded man continues to do things that add to the general merit of the world and his own chagrin, says Harper's Bazar. A case in point is that of a Boston father of a "wool-gathering turn of mind," who entered a grocery store with his baby on one arm and a red-hot tool steel in the other. The child came down on the counter he said, gently: "Sit there a moment, dear," and holding the baby out to the dashed back he said: "A gallon of kerosene in this place."

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