### SPORTS FOR JUNE'S RARE DAYS

Cursory Comment and Criticism on Events the Country Over.

ALONG THE STREAM AND LAKE SHORE

Summer's Pastimes...The Triangular Boat Race\_On the Track\_Golf at Happy Hollow and Current Chat with the Boxers.

These rare June days seem to have caused a general awakening in the circle of outdoor sports and pastimes. The amateur ball teams are all right in the push and games on the commons are of almost daily occurin better form than ever before, and every Saturday afternoon gives the fane an opportunity to see the great national game played as it ought to be played. Several of the members of this crack aggregation would make fit company for some of the fastest teams of the country. The golf contingent is growing in strength every day, and the association just perfected, with links at Happy Hollow, promises to give this exhilarating Scotch game a vigorous boom through the balance of the summer months. The crickete's are also on the hustle, and have completed their regular season's schedule All the city tennis courts are alive with their white-ducked devotees every evening and the coming championships are expected to be replete with keener interest than ever. The horsemen are also fin de siecle, and the light harness brigade were treated to a four days' meeting last week. But probably the most animated department in all sportdom just now is that of eyeling. The hundreds of riders are constantly on the go, and in racing circles startling things are promised for the near future. The shooters are engressed with the traps, while the anglers are in high feather everywhere.

George B. Tinckler, the most famous Europe's distance runners, is in Boston, having arrived there with his manager on Thursday last. The famous Briton has come over the big puddle especially to meet our great New England runner, Pat Carroll, for mile, on next Thursday afternoon for the international champlenship and a side stake of \$500. Mr. Tinckler is probably the fastest runner that has traversed the English cinder path for a long time. He has repeatedly challenged Bacon, and could never get the Enhman to sign articles for a match. Tinckr' debut in this country will be watched with interest by the professional foot run-After his match with Carroll he will visit all of the leading American cities and compete in a series for large stakes. Carroll left this country seven months ago with the other side. His first and only match was with Tinckler, for a mile. When Carroll left this country he was touted by the insiders who follow professional running as the fastest man who ever crossed the water. His defeat by Tinckler was unexpected. The race, however, was one of the prettiest in a long time. Within 300 yards of the tape Carroll was leading, but was beaten out from this point by ten yards. The time was well inside four minutes and thirty seconds.

That Clinton Briggs is a practical fellow and will make money out of the horse busi-ness there is but little question. Ever since the blue ribbon meeting given under his personal supervision at Union park, across the river, several years ago, he has enjoyed a high place in the esteem of the prominent horsemen over the country. That was the nost successful and best attended light harness meeting ever held west of Chicago. Mr. Briggs' latest move in the enterprising line was the employment of Dick Tilden last week by the year. Tilden resides in Denver, but will report here for residence at the Briggs stock farm west of the city this week. He is not only the best known, but the premier reinsman of the whole west. He has a stable of high-class trotters himself, and is known among the horsemen from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and Briggs has achieved a decided coup d'etat in his employment. He will assume charge of the stables here at once and prepare them for a start down the grand circuit about August 1

Brooklyn handicap, and it was louder than ever this year after it was all over, owing to the fact that Howard Mann, an eleventh won hands d talent alive and calculations of be down. betting men from one end of the country to the other. The Brooklyn handicap is, of course, one of the greatest events of the year on the American turf, but when it comes to the size of the stake there are geveral that The Oakley Derby run at Cincinnati on July 1 comes pretty nearly matching the Brooklyn dollar for dollar, and while it is yet reveral weeks off there is every indication of the largest field of any of the big western events. Ornament is now ruling as favorite, but there are a number who wil be sent to take his measure or trail in his dust in the hopes of second place. A rich stake to be run, however, before the Oakley is the Suburban handicap at the Coney Island course, which is due one week from next Tuesday, with the prospect of a cracks-

International rowing has been no more free, says Walter Camp, from bits of feeling than international yacht racing. Whether the eagle screams too loudly or the lion is not over gracious one cannot say, but the fact remains that as one runs back over his history of international racing between the Englishmen and Americans he finds considerable differences of opinion. But with the reception accorded one of our crews of last year and the advent of one of the best of English rowing men to cement more closely the good feeling one may fairly hope that there will be more contests and a new era of good will and good sport. Attempts have been made from time to time to bring together two eight-oared crews from leading American and English universities for a four-mile contest, but they have never yet been crowned with success. One of the most serious obstacles is the fact that the Cambridge, and Harvard-Yale differ by so many months. The nearest approach to a race and what would have developed into an assured contest had not Harvard defeated Yale, was in 1891. In that year Oxford had practically accepted a challenge from Yale. based, however, upon the condition of Yale's winning her American race. There Harvard upset the arrangements by running off with the victory and leaving Tale stranded. The only distinctively college contest between English and American crews was in 1869, between representative four-cared crews of Harvard and Oxford, the latter winning by a length and a half.

But speaking of boating, from now on until the 25th of the month all those interested in the aquatic welfare of either of our olleges, Harvard, Yale or Cornell, must keep their optics open and their wits alert, for many moons will doubtless shine and gilmmer upon the classic bosom of the Hudson ere young men wearing the colors of these institutions will again be found struggling for supremacy side by side. This will be the first time these three univer-sities have lined up against each other in an eight-oared race. Yale distinctly does not ish to meet Cornell, or anybody, excepting After the race this year Cornell will certainly not desire to pursue the issue. In accepting Yale's ultimatum this year that Pennsylvania and Columbia should not be permitted to enter-Cornell acted with a degree of generosity which did much, very much, to gain her the full sympathy of every lover of generosity and fair play. I mean that it was a presumption on Yale's part, she herself being an invited guest, which she herself being an invited did not redound to her credit. But, as did not redound to her credit this year, on Harvard had to row Cornell this year, on account of the exigencies of the case in a college boy's life, it was the only chance Yale had for a race this year. So, this threecornered race is the result. and to prevent the injury festering. He was very much afraid that Bonner might step on it and had he done so it would have pained him frightfully. The care of his sore toe kept him from mixing things up with Bonner several times. As it was he so far outpointed Bonner that the latter at times hardly knew whether he was in the ring or

The city tennis tournament, to begin one week from tomorrow, promises at least to furnish some clew to the relative standing of the local players. Frank Haskell, who won the first place last rear, will have his work out out to retain it, for Roy Austin

game at the beginning of last sesson, are in harness again new, and during the three or four weeks since the courts were put into condition for play most of the strong men have been practicing daily and getting in shape for the competition. C. S. Cullingham and Con Young and others are, of course, likely to make their presence felt, and it is quite a possibility that the week will produce some new aspirant for premier honors. In years past the city tournament has frequently brought young blood to the front, and there are young players in Omaba just as there have been before. In any case, there will be many exciting contests, and the tournament will produce as much interest 26 it has done in former years. There will be the usual contests in singles

The Omaha Golf club has been organized and has now a membership well on to the thirries. Its capiain is R. Patrick; secrethirties. Montmorency; treasurer, W. V. green committee, J. Patrick, A. tary, F. Findlay and C. Oldfield. Among its members rence. The University club team is playing are: T. L. Webs er. C. D. Green, C. F. M nd r. to better form than ever before and every sen. A. C. Smith, T. Barker, W. Cowin, W. Carter, G. M. Hitchcock, Lieutenant Hutchin son, Mr. Tarleton, Mr. Tallaferro, Clifford Smith, C. B. Kountze, R. Berlin, A. Shiverick and C. M. Vinsonhaler. There are others, whose names we have been unable to obtain. Initiation fees have been fixed at \$3; annual dues at \$2. The club meets on Saturdays, but the links are open at all times and members can consult their own onvenience and leisure as to when they The greens are being rapidly will play. brought to a state of perfection, and the officers of the club look for greatly reduced cores at no distant day. Great interest is being taken in the game and the club is in-

reasing rapidly.

The links of the Omaha Golf club are taid out near Happy thollow, the residence of I. N. H. Patrick. Twenty minutes ride from the corner of Farnam and Sixteenth streets by way of the Farnam street car line, takes one to the grounds, and the club ise, Mr. Patrick donating portions of hiesidence for this purpose. Two courses have ocen laid out, one about the house for the women, and another over the adjacen pastures for both men and women.

While there are no bunkers on the housourse, the thick grove makes excelled hexards, and it is by no means an easy course. The first teeing ground is located at the west end of the bridge and the first reen 100 yards to the north, near the powerouse, a clear course, but an excellent hol The second teeing ground is it the line of trees, midway between the car riage drive and the power house, and the second green seventy-five yards west, and the line of play between two lines of trees orming a nasty hazard, if the player deviate rom the line, making this also a goo ele in three. The third green is a cica ine from ground to green of fifty yard and should be frequently made in two. Th orth hole is surrounded by trees and ake it in three requires excellent play, a lough but fifty yards. The fifth is dow ill, fifty yards, and, while the trees mak ifficult hazards, it is not a difficult The sixth is seventy-five yards, alrough trees, and, while it has been score two, it is well played when scored four. The seventh is a repetition of the sixth in the opposite direction and is lift The eighth hole is only reached after a careful drive through the trees and will not often be scored in less than four. The ninth hole is clear and fifty yards long.

The outside or pasture course ionally much more difficult. The ing ground is at the east end of the bridg and the first green is approached over a 200 yard course up hill and over a wide natural bunker. Only an expert would call it a five-stroke hole and a "duffer" who score t in ten many consider himself lucky. Th eeing ground, with a high bank and cree! behind it. The ground slopes abruptly from not a difficult hole for four, though an over frive would involve the player in tre mendous difficulties in the creek. The third hole, 100 yards, over level ground, has, near the green a wide natural bunker filled with wild raspberry bushes and large trees. It can be made in four, but if the ball once gets in that bunker a player who scores the hole in twenty-five is entitled to a medal The fourth hole is 100 yards from the teeing ground and near the latter is a deep, narrow bunker, which inevitably catches and holds a "topped" or "foozled" drive. Still, the bunker once cleared, it is a good hole in five. The fifth hole is clear and ought to b made frequently in three or four. Th sixth hole is reached after crossing a bunker thirty feet wide and six feet deep, with our-foot fence on the teeing ground sid A "sliced" ball will drop over a thirty-foo embankment to Dodge street and an over driven ball will be caught by a pond. So while this hole is but 100 yards, only ex-treme skill and care will ever score it in four. The seventh hole is over clear ground with one shallow bunker, and, while 200 yards long, will be scored frequently i four. The eighth is only made after pass-ing a natural hazard of trees, a washed-out and badly gullied road and a four-foot ence, situated so as to catch a good drive and will always be considered a good holin six. The ninth is an easy hole in four down hill, with only an easily negotiated hazard. So the player who scores these nine holes in forty-five and plays the eighteen holes from eighty-five to ninety will be considered to have passed into the ranks

Well, Dan Creedon and Kid McCoy have been matched at last, and now we will all shortly see what we shall see. Dan and the Kid are the very personification of business hey do not desire a year or so for advertisng purposes, but are ready at all times to take the game right off the reel. They have osted their forfeit and agreed to fight within a fortnight before Billy Brady's New York lub, and all the red hots are half tickled to death. This will certainly be a fight as i a fight, and in importance secondary only o the recent little scrimmage between Col onel Fitzsimmons and Jimmy Corbett out in the state of snowcapped peaks, sage brush and villainous whisky. Once more, and prematurely in advance, I pin my faith to the stocky Australian, and if he d win I will be only too eager to accord McCo all the fine things that have been said about him. Charlie White will train McCoy, and as he promised me in a letter I published in The Bee several weeks ago, to give me all the news as soon as the men went into the preparatory course, I shall write him and make him keep his word. McCov. of course may win, but the crowd who backs him will realize in the aftermath that he will never to it with those alleged famous left hand jabs of his. I have a fancy that Dan will pore in so fast, so hard and so scientifically that the nimble Hoosier must be nimble still to evade him. If Jack Bonner can quit at evens with McCoy, Creedon will certainly prove his master.

By the way, I must repeat to you here one of old Macon McCormick's latest and funniest stories. He is telling them every funniest stories. He is telling veek now at so much per tell and is waxing fat and sassy on a redundance of revenue therefrom. I like Mac immensely. He and I were war correspondents in the coal mines during the Molly Maguire reign of terror nearly twenty years ago and we always got along swimmingly together. I recognize in my old pal, too, the pugilistic mentor of more than nine-tenths of the sporting writers of the day, not only on this, but the other side of the pond. He stood alone in authority at one time and was the most frequently quoted man in America. But ah's me, Old Father Time is responsible for a good deal of devilment and I am forced, but gravely, of course, to suspect that he has been taking unwarranted liberties with my estcemed old friend, McCormick. But that story. Here's what he said: "I saw Kid McCoy box Jack Bonner at the Arena in Philadelphia last Monday night and it is but common justice to the Summit Hill man to state that he put up a good deal better fight than Dick O'Brien did the week before. Bonner is a strong, powerful young fellow, who is not overburdened with skill, but he is improving and today he is a match for Dick O'Brien, Dick Moore, Scaldy Bill or any other man of their kind.
With a few months' tuitien from Johnny
Clark or Billy McLean he would be a hummer. McCoy went into the ring partially
crippled as Dick O'Brien stemed on one of crippled, as Dick O Brien stepped on one of his big toes in their contest and bruined it so badly that a part of its nail had to be cut away to get rid of the coagulated blood and to prevent the injury festering. He was

Now that strikes me as intensely facetious and shows how prone some sporting writers are to endeavor to get next to all the supcosed "good things." Just now you must ecollect that McCoy is being touted as the 'best thing" out and he will continue to be posed "good things." until Dan Creedon knocks a little of the clastic deseit out of him. Now, the Phila-delphia papers told, in a graphic way, just what did take place between McCoy and Bonner last Monday night. The Kid was to stop him in six rounds or there was to be no decision. There was rone. But in-stead of McCoy knocking Jack out he was treated to as nice a little mess of grueling as he has supped at since the night a year or so ago when old Dick Moore gave him auch a delightful larruping. Then it was a lame back, now a sore toe, according to Macon's history, and what are we to do about it? Stack up our gold and silver places on the Kid in his fight with Creedon? Not on your life. It will not be either a lame back or a sore toe then. It will be a brulsed belly and a sore head.

I see that Tom O'Rourke contemplates trip out to the coast for the purpose of matching George Dixon against Dal Hawkins and Joe Walcott against George Green. O'Rourke is astate and long-seeing, but he should have a care, anyway, so far os matching Dixon against Hawkins is concerned. As for Wolcott and Green, that is all right, for although they say the black boy has gone back worfully since his fight with Lavigne. I think he would find Green about his size. The idea of tipping Green as a wonder on the score of his fight at Carson with Billy Smith is stuff. Smith, in his usual brain-less style, forced that fight clear up to the time he quit, and notwithstanding it was slugging match from start to finish. Smitt sustained absolutely no damage, save a tolerable good rib-reasting and a flush hit he mouth in the next to the last round Smith was a long, long ways from knocked out or even whipped, and simply quit because he had exhausted himself going after Green. About his broken arm, that was simply one of the old gags. While Green inflicted but little punishment, he showed a pronounced aptitude for avoiding the artile himself, and in this respect is extremely lever. But cleverness alone will not win rom a nut of the Barbadoan's caliber. With Dixon and Diwkins it is an equine of a different hue. At his weight and inches here isn't a man in the world who can whip Dixon, even in this day of his alleged etrogression. But Hawkins is neither its reight nor inches, He tops fully a head and half over the Haligonian and can fight good and strong at least eighteen or twenty counds heavier. He is a lightweight and a good, big one, but has the faculty of get-ling down to a feather's heft. He knocked Martin Flaherty into kingdom come out a Carson in less than a half minute, but took Dixon twenty long rounds to make raw with him. However, it is not then erformances on which I base my ideas, bu imply on the front that the two men present tawkins is a fighter, and don't you forget He's big enough to go against Char-McKeever or Kid Lavigne, and I cannot figre out how a little wonder, even, like Dixon going to have a look in with him. No y advice to O'Rourke is to keep shy of Hawcine, but get all of Green he can,

To show in what hard lines fistdom is for champion, it is but necessary to remark hat out on the coast—and they are about as wise out there as they are any place or rth-they are talking as though they think that those two young giants, Jim Jeffries of Los Angeles and Gus Ruhlin, the beer guzzling, pretzel-cating Ohioan, might have a chance, and they have been matched to neet in Frisco in July. In condition, each weighs over 200 pounds, and it will be a cataclasm of mountains of flesh when they come together. The championship ae could win it with an axe! And still a better token of the hopelessness of the situation so far as a new champion is concerned is in the stuff that is being peddled out about Kid McCoy. One would think the red hots in Gotham, the Hub, Philly and other big eastern cits had about made up their minds that he is the last card in the deck, and hey are even conferring on what he will do to Fitz in the course of—a hundred years or so. They say all he needs is years and filling out, then he'll be right in it, and if he doesn't lick Fitz then, some one will have to push him on the track before ly moving coal train to get rid of him.
WITH THE ROD AND GUN.

Weekly Ramble with the Lovers of

The angling season for 1897 may now said o be at its height, both for trout in the nountains, and bass, pickerel and croppie in this immediate region. Both have their attractions and within the coming fortnight there will be an exodus of sportsmen completely equipped intent on luring from their crystal lairs the prey from which they have cen debarred through the long, dreary winter. Side by side with these, up and down the various streams, and around the neigh-boring lakes, the American urchin and urchiness, with their five-cent canes, thick lines, big hooks and packets full of worms, will idle the long days away, returning home in the evening with a string full of fingerling perch and sunfish. The big ones always get

The sportsman is always happy when he gets out a fishing for the first time in the early summer. After a long siege at the desk or in the office, the pictures and melody and sweet scents of nature now seem to him something altogether irresistible. They are revelations of another life, yet every waft of fragrance from waving field, rushing river, placid lake or dank wood, brings to his mind sweet thoughts of just such other days, but none quite so lovely or so happy as this. Among those who were out during the past week were J. E. Buckingham, Fred Francis. Dell Branch, Lee Spratlin, Al Stabler, John Parish and Charles P. Reynolds, They were at Langdon, and of course had a royal time, as well as a successful one. I saw Mr. Branch's basket and it contained a number of handsome black bass and cropples.

The somber side of a fisherman's life was beautifully illustrated by Dr. Despecher and a couple of Baltimore friends the other day. They failed to catch the blue birds' sweet carillon, nor noticed the ruddy-breasted robin hopping fearlessly about on the sward in quest of the early worm. The liverwort and the violet, adder's tongue and spring beauty, They sat all day on Manawa's classic in and about the heart. shore and came home in the gleaming with-out having had so much as a nibble to indicate that this fair lake was not a dead

There are two points toward which the anglers may turn their faces now with the anglers may turn their faces now with the certainty of enjoying good fishing. There may be many other places, but these two and in a recent game with it was heaten only are especially mentioned by reason of the men are carpeters and play ball only for men are carpeters and play ball only for the way christened their club known skill with their rods obviates the the Polar Bears.

chance of any drawing of the long bow, and

A novel and u whose big fishing stories are invariably backed up with an exhibit of fish. One of

Frequently have I remarked in these columns on the rapid disappearance of all kinds of game in this locality, and yesterday I received a letter from a well known sportsman of Lincoln asking how I accounted for this alleged condition of things. The The answer is easy. The gunner who doubts the rapid decrease of game surely puts himself in a position of opposition to the material advancement of the country. It is an ele-mentary proposition that the thicker the population the scarcer the wild game. are incongruous elements. Thickly settled localities afford poor shooting; but when the ranch is an infrequent occurrence, the game is more plentiful, and in an unbroken country it is abundant. Where the buffalo once roamed in countless hordes you will now find houses within sight of each other as far as the vision will reach, and barbed wire fences and herds of steers. And again, my dear Doctor, you must know that while our game laws are as good as null and void, the cold storage houses drive a tremendous business. And that is not all, name the sportsman to me when he goes shooting and kills all that he can possibly use, stays his hand while the birds last. If he raises a bunch of chicken they are followed over hill and dale until Duke or Don steadles himself over the last remnant of the flock. If a bevy of or quail, and they scatter in the stubble or the brush, does he leave as long as there is a chance for a shot? or in a blind with the

and Sam Caldwell, who were out of the on the roof of the amphibbeater. By the in the mildle of the day and so home with game at the beginning of last season, are way, there isn't a better boxing place in the a pocket full of smells, or does be wait until

the deepening tipt of evening spoils the sport, or he rains dut of shells?

The buffalo and deer are gone, and ante-tope, too, here in Nebraska; chicken are little better than a memory; the esquime and golden-backed piever are seen but seldem, the curiew scarce, and the geese and ducks appear only like wraiths of the days agone. What more evidence is required, I would like t know.

The following story is told on George Schrader, a trap shot of Kansas City. It wis several years ago when "dropping for place" was considered the proper thing. I seems a friend of Schrader's had grassed ton straight, and as no one was in the nine hole Schrader agreed to drop his last bird and divide first and second. When the bird went out Schrader shot twenty feet behind the bird, but it immediately fell dead. "Who killed that bird?" exclaimed Schrader, amid some excitement. No one else had shot, so the bird was retrieved and scored dead. Of examination a single pellet was found in the bird's head. It appears that the shot had hit the old-fashioned trap twenty feet from the bird and one of the pellets had glanced off and struck it in the head, causing its

Johnson Brown, a Nimrod living in Iowa has arranged a shotgun on the handle bar of his bicycle, which works on a swivel, so hat he can work it at will. We suppose some follow will now get out a patent rigging by which a Winchester repeating shotgun can be fired on a swivel on a bicycle, so the rider can sail into a flock of prairie chickens or ducks and create sail havoc in their ranks before they know he is coming.

Some fine rainbow trout have been taket party of local anglers will leave for that

Questions and Answers. OMAHA, June b .- To the Sporting Editor of The Ree: Will you please give me a concise account of Gaudaur's record and much oblige?-H. H. Ans.-Won championship of the world Sep-

ember 7 last, beating James Stransbury In international matches he won from Rog-ers. In American championships from Teemer, Hanian twice, and Rogers. His record is too long to give here.

OMAHA, June 6.—To the Sporting Edi-tor of The Bee: Please publish in Sunday's Bee the proper color and points of a Scotch collie, and if more kinds than one.—I. J. D. Ans. There are two kinds, rough and most the coated. The collie is an upstanding log of handsome proportions, bright and in telligent of expression, and descreedly popular. He should be long in the head, with an mperceptible rise at the eyes, clean in the sheeks, flat in skull, and the muzzle carried to a point without appearing enipy. Ear-are very important, and are thrown up, out of the ruff, where they are carried back when not on the lookout. When up, the tips, or about a quarter of the car, should fall forward. Eyes should be dark hazel, fore legs straight, hind legs with a sweep to the hock; feet long, not round, and compact coat plentiful, especially around neck and host and on tall and breach, rough to th ouch in the mane, but sefter on body, with a dense under coat. Color is immaterial Tail should be extried low, with end curl-ing upward and to one ride. The faults are Head thick and short; decided aton and prow; light eye; earn either not carried up or up straight: cost of poor quality and n dercoat; straight behind; tail carried over

FREMONT, June 9 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bes: Will you please inform me what constitutes a misdeal in poker? Also what three dewees, a four and a nine count in crib. In cutting for deal does low deal in all card games? What is a blaze in poker

and is it played nowadays?—H. L. Ans.—(1) No misdeal recognized in p ker. (2) 14. (3) No. (4) All picture cards, all counting as court cards. Seldom played, eate two pair when it is.

NORTH PLATTE, June 9.—To the Sport-ing Editor of The Bee: Will you kindly give us Hoyle in rigard to five or six handed poker, or draw poker? The play comes thus: Jack pot; all pass except the dealer; he has no chips or cosh; plays a show down. The pirty sitting at his left protects him by betting all he bas. The other four ersons claim he can not bet. How is it?-Ans.—The dealer only has a show fo what he has put in the pot. Any one of the other stayers can bet all he likes.

SOUTH AUBURN, Neb., June 10 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you please give us in Sunday's Bee a handleap system in a 25-target event, where the best average is about 80 per cent? If any shocter kicks you will be far enough away to be safe. - A. G. C. Ars.—Regular conditions are that ten guns stand at eighteen yards, twelves at eixteen vards and elytoera at fourteen vards. Protessiona's are handleapped by shooting from unknown traps at unknown angles-five raps. If you desire to handicap cat back acording to your merits of the contestants as

#### OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Little Alice Elizabeth Doherty, who was born in Minneapolia, March 14, 1889, is covered with fine silken hair from four to twelve inches in length. When born the hair was about three linehes long, but has cept constantly growing until it attained its present length. From below the eyes it haugs downward, and from above them upp saing backward and mingling with the hair of her head, which is two feet

The effect of the recent earthquake is said to be very demoralizing on the people of Giles county, Virginia, many of whom are preparing to make their homes elsewhere. Angell mountain is said to be badly cracked, and nearly all the water is reported to have been drained out of Mountain lake. The sale wells at Saltville. Smythe c unty, are said have completely dried up, and other phenomena from the southwest are reported. Robert Knowlicu, one of the largest farmers in the town of Ashford, Conn., bought a

cow a few weeks ago. She was to all appearances perfectly healthy. A few days ago she atckened and gave every appearance of having lung fever. The treatment given her was for that disease but without avail. The cow died. The symptoms of the cow's pickness and death were somewhat puzzling to Mr. Knowlton, and he decided to perform an autopsy in which he made the remarkable discovery that, a piece of wire, used in bespangling sunny banks had no charms for bailing hay, nearly a foot long, was wound

Portsmouth, O., probably contains the most unique base ball club of the country. It consists solely of the nine Dodds broths, whose ages range from 17 to 36 years, The youngest is Frank Dodds, who is the regular pitcher, and he has shown remark-They have christened their club

A novel and unexpected experience befell whose big fishing stories are invariably the wife of a well known citizen at Cape backed up with an exhibit of fish. One of these places is Onawa and the other Lake a great buzzing in her bedroom and was spoken to by her busband as to what it might be. While making a search for it she was severely stung in half a dozen places by what was subsequently found to be a ground bumble bee, which had in some way crawled between the blankets. The bee was nearly the size of a humming bird, and when disturbed made a noise like those birds when their wings are in motion.

Persons who happened to be in the union station yards last night, says the Albany Argus, were struck with the unusual brilliancy of the place. The reason for this was that the private engine of Dr. Seward Webb. the Nehasene, was in the yard with a new searchlight on its pilot, which threw a very powerful light on the track and the objects within its range. The searchlight is about the size of the ordinary light carried on the pilots of locomotives, only it is many times more brilliant. The power for the light is generated in a small dynamo operated independent of the mechanism of the engine. The engine was in charge of Engineer Mc-Fadden, who was kept busy explaining the light to a curious and interested crowd of railroad men. The engine was ordered to is able to allow the engineer to discern obfects distinctly at the distance of a mile.

No man is pleased with the contemplation of premature old age and loss of vital powers. At the first feeling of weakness strength-en your blood. Blood is vitality. Pill Anaemie composed largely of concentrated beef mallards flying plentiful, does he knock off blood, and is the great blood builder.



The daily record of serious and fatal ac-| wise dust and grit are apt to sift into the dents to bicycle riders and to pedestrians bearings and wear them down. run down by wheelmen in various parts of the country gives special emphasia to the demand for brakes. In a majority of these deplorable accidents the cyclist responsible was unable to control his or her wheel with Docksus a pedestrian you when an oiling is necessary rould start to crose the street without looking to see if it was clear, and, before he had taken three steps, be knocked down of several years experience and who has by a bicycle. Its rider had seen the danger, also devoted great attention to other athletics, but wasn't able to avoid it. Again, a wheelwoman, careful and experienced as a cyclist, night be descending a hill; her speed would

inmanageable, until the frightened rider ould hold on only and trust in Providence. counts some of the recent accidents in the vicinity of New York due to lack of control of wheels by their riders. For example, the ther day a scorcher knocked down a boy and broke his collar bone. Cause: Couldn't stop quickly enough. Two cyclists smached together on a hill. Cause: the same. Cyclist ode off a pier and was drowned. Cause; On Wednesday last a young wheelwoman was drowned near the town of Gar-isons; she was coasting; lost control of her wheel and was thrown into a pond. In short, a review of the bleycle accidents in this city for the months of April and May quipped with brakes.

Some evenings ago a practical engineer and ridge builder saw a heavyweight spinning ong on a bicycle and it occurred to him hat surely such a delicate looking machin that wis not calculated to sustain such a train. He at once eat down and began guring out just how much a bicycle ought o weigh in order to carry a man of, say, 160 ounds. The lowest estimate he could make as sixty pounds and that he said he would iecitzte to guarantee. Cycle makers started it the bridge builder's estimate ien year. go, but now by practical experience the ind they can safely build a road wheel sigh as little as twenty-one pounds and it ome cases even less. The change has been gradual one, rendered possible by a great umber of important inventions and partly y the exact knowledge recured by experice of where the machine can safely be

No one knew till a few days ago that the bleyele is classed in the animal kingdom, but the following copy of a notice posted all along the Lehigh canal gave the information: "Notice—Bicycles, horses or any other animals not allowed in towpath."

So much has been said in praise of the bicycle that a little discord in the general harmony will be appreciated, especially as coming from a preacher, and a Chicago one at that. Here is what Rev. Gregory says of the wheel: "The bicycle is a menace to the wheel: "The bicycle is a menace to the wheel: "The bicycle is a menace to minutes of his absence the wheel disprete mind. It annihilates the reading habit.

The reading reases and libraries as com-The reading rooms and libraries, as com- company for the new wheel contracted for pared with what they used to be are descrited, the agent of the company placially observes: It is a menace to health. It provokes heart "Furnish us with the proof that your wised disease, kidney disorders. It is a menace to the domestic virtues. It breaks up the new one." But that, unfortunately, is and destroys the home. The children are turned into the street or left at home to look for themselves while father and mother go spinning. It is a menace to morality, it makes women immodest. And inasmuch as the owner had left nebody in and mother go spinning. It is a menace to morality. It makes women immodest. And when a woman throws off the beautifut reserve which the Almighty has placed around her she stands on dangerous ground. There is no telling what a woman will do after she has lost her womanliness. The bicycle opens the way for everlasting ruin in a wolling of the stands o to a multitude of young men and women who might otherwise escape. It is a menace to relig on. The churches are being emptied disposed of it for the purpose of certification. the young and middle-aged. The Sabbath new wheel, and if it were not for the fi bells call in vain. While they are ringing the boulevards are clowded with souls that the owner in question is an honorable citizen, incapable of any such action, the supposition would be a fairly plausible one. are losing their sense of reverence. When there is no vision the people perish—and the vision is fast dying away. Out in the east vision is feat dying away. Out in the east there is a palm, queenilke, among the trees. At the very top of this paim there is a tiny bud, and if that bud is cut out the tree bud, and if that bud is cut out the tree proof of the paying of \$2 for the proof of the paying of \$2 for the proof of the paying of \$2 for the paying of \$2 for the proof of the paying of \$2 for the paying of \$2 fo vithout which man's life is a dead thingand the blcycle is cutting out the bud. But I would not seem over pessimistic. The ever. Action and reaction are equal, and by and by the insanity must pass away."

The old boys are renewing their youth on the wheel, and they are catching on in a way calculated to make the young blood squeal. A Chicago man of 51 years ran away with first prize in the Cook county road race on Memorial day. He was given a handleap of fifteen minutes, but it was not needed. He ran away from the crowd and not one touched him until he crossed the tape. E. K. Woodbury of Springdale. Conn., will be 79 years old next September, but on a bicycle he is right at home with the boys." Although he learned to ride the bicycle only eight months ago, he now rides with the case of an "old-timer," and one day, recently, rode fifty-two miles and arrived at home all "O. K." Although 87 keep to the outside of the street. arrived at home all "O. K." Although 87 years of age, it is not too late for Luther R. Marsh, the noted spiritualist of Dis DeBar fame, to join the army of cyclists. Mr. Marsh has just mastered the wheel, and at his home in Middleton, N. Y., he may be seen nearly every pleasant day rolling care fully over the fine macadam roads on his bicycle. It can be said without fear of con tradiction that Mr. Marsh is the oldest bi cycle rider in America.

Any woman who starts in to become cyclist should carefully study just who amount of cycling wil do her good, an should then study the vehicle out of which she expects to get this good. If she thoroughly understands the mechanism of her bicycle she will get twice the amount of pleasure from it. The first thing to be considered is the learning to ride. Some women are puzzled as to whether it is best to buy a wheel and depend upon friends to teach them, or whether they should go to a regu-lar bicycle school for their instructions An experienced woman rider says on this subject: "I should advise every one to go to a school and learn how to ride before purchasing a wheel. While learning to ride they will learn something about wheels and what kind of wheel and equipment will suit them best. The number of lessons is a great question with beginners. I have heard women say that they learned in two or three lessons. Some even say they rod right off the first time they tried, but have never yet seen any woman ride a wheel the first time she tried, or even after six or a dozen lessons ride fairly well.

There was recently placed with a fashiontble New York tailor an order for a bicycle suit which in the matter of expense is likely to hold the record for some time. The girl who meets the bill is worth a million in he wn right, is an athletic beauty and a reign ing belle in the ultra-smart set. The su which makes the bill is the most elaborate ever designed in this country. It is linewith silk, finished with jewels and will cost a lump sum of \$715.50. Two shawls at \$75 apiece will be employed in making the skirs and jacket.

Considering the amount of vigorous language indulged in by the men when cleaning their bleycles, it is not to be wondered at that women seldem dream of taking such a job. As a matter of fact, the work is no nearly so difficult or dirty as it is made our to be. Women who are chary of other finger than their own toying with their bicycles and prefer rather to rub them down and of them themselves need not necessarily find the task uncleanly, if they take the simple precaution to wear gloves while applying oil A bleyele, to be kept in good condition should be cleaned every time after use, other-

lays down this general proposition. Nake a cold bath when you are tired. points out that the greater the exercise the more polsonous waste material is created increase with every turn of the wheel, her and that a cold bath does not assist the feet leave the pedals, her machine become skin in getting rid of this product, whereas When you take a cold bath you may de-pend upon the heart to bring about reaction. naterial may not be brought to the surface.

In support of the demand for brakes as a if this heart be already fired by the long neasure of safety, the New York Sun re-rule it may not be strong enough to bring about reaction, and the blood and its waste internal congestions may follow, and, as I have seen in two cases, death may ensue. It matters not new hot you may be, how much you may be perspiring, the cold bath is harm ess provided aiways the heart be not tired A simple rule for the bicyclist, whereby t may know whether the heart be tired, is simply to count his pulse, having in a previous quiescent state ascertained what hi addividual pulse rate per minute is. Who fter a lone ride his pulse rate is norma-e may with safety use the cold bath. He last shows that, in all probability, two-thirds of the mishaps might have been avoided if the wheels involved had been avoided if the wheels involved had been normal or what is far better, get into a chould, therefore, rest after a tiresome four normal or what is far better get into a tepid bath, one neither very hot or very cold. When he has remained in the warm water ong enough for the pulse rate to be about formal he can then, with perfect safety clures form the ideal way of using water on he surface after fatigue

One of the new industries for which the dcycle fad or craze is responsible is the nsurance of the owners of such vehicles against theft. A number of corporations is different sections of the country hold theraelves out as insurers of this sort, and there s no doubt that many of them are doing a thriving business. A case reported by the Pree Press suggests the importance of a little caution on the part of the bicycle owners in the matter of such insurance. The case is one where a resident of Detroit laced the insurance of his wheel with a Chicago or Illinois corporation for the modest premium of \$2. The contract of the insurance company is, broadly, that in case the bicycle is ctolen within the year the owner is to be supplied with a new one of

disposed of it for the purpose of getting It is very evident, however, that there is a screw loose in the insurance scheme. If the man or woman who loses a wheel by theftnsurance is throwing money away. Not nce in a score of times could such a theft e proven, either to the satisfaction of the nsurance company or even of the owner hose who are meditating the insurance of heir wheels should ascertain definitely the imits of the insurance company's liability ad unless there is a better prospect of re eiving something for the premium faid han there seems to be in the case referred that they keep their premium and do heir own insuring

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7. Never ring your bell except to give no of your approach. 8. In meeting other riders ascending a hill

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where there is but one path, always yield

the right of way to the up riders.

9. Bear in mind that a rider meeting as

electric car carrying a strong headlight is unable to see beyond the light; keep out of

10. When riding straight ahead, never vary

your course suddenly to the right or left without first assuring yourself that no rider

le close in your rear on the side toward which you turn.

11. Always ring your bell in overtaking

riders and pedestrians to give warning of your approach. This does not mean that they

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