IN THE WHEELING WORLD

General Apathy appears in complete control of the bicycle trade. Not in five years has there been such widespread indifference in trade circles regarding next season's models. The reason is obvious. Too many entered the business last year, and paid considerable for their experience. A majority of them took in bicycles as a business flyer. They were novices in the business, and were not particularly choice in their selections. To them appearances was everything; quality a secondary consideration. Their prices were elastic; it stretched and contracted according to the size of the purchaser's purse. Such methods of business inevitably led to financial loss, and countless members of those who have been pinched retired from a business venture they were unfitted to handle. This cleaning out process will be all the better for legitimate trade. It is not probable the trade will experience anything like the boom of years past. But with the business restricted and in competent hands there is every reason to expect satisfactory returns for 1898.

The national assembly of the League of American Wheelmen meets in St. Louis, February 9. It is estimated that the number of delegates who will attend the assembly will be about 360, and the meeting is looked forward to with interest by every rider of the wheel in the country. The first day of the assembly will be devoted entirely to good road work, with a dinner to follow, and no other subjects will be brought up for discussion. This is one of President Potter's hobbies, and he will insist that the arrangement be carried out to the letter. The officials of the league request the chairmen of the different committees to have their reports printed and in the hands of the delegates ten days prior to the assembly. This plan will simplify matters considerably and enable the delegates to finish their work without unnecessary delay. What amendments will come up for action cannot be told at this time, as none of them have as yet been proposed.

Morris Welsh of Newark, N. J., left his bicycle in front of a store while buying a pair of shoes, and when he returned to the street the wheel was gone. He reported his loss to the police. An alarm was sent out, and Welsh went home in a disconsolate mood. On opening the street door he found a young man trying to sell a wheel to his mother. A glance showed him that the wheel was his own, and he grabbed the thief, who begged hard to be released. He had offered it to Mrs. Welsh for $12. He said that he was starving, having eaten nothing for two days. Mrs. Welsh told her son that he was lucky in getting his wheel, and persuaded him to let the thief go.

Consul General Haywood reports the roads around Honolulu excellent for bicycling, as are also climatic conditions. There are 1,500 wheels now in the island and the number of possible riders is placed at 5,000. The American bicycle alone is sold, and the duty on it is 10 per cent, which makes the retail price of a bicycle there, since the reduction, from $85 to $100.

A brake device, for which there may be considerable demand and which will be offered as an option on one of the 1898 standard models, is an automatic brake. Similar devices will appear on many of next year's models. The brake consists of a spring expansion ring on the rear sprocket working within a frictional drum. The braking of the wheel is brought about by back-pedaling, which opens out the spring and brings it into contact with the brake. The instant back-pedaling ceases the spring contracts and the wheel is released. No power is lost in releasing the brake and the action is immediate. When wishing to check the speed of the machine the first impulse of the rider is to back-pedal, the effectiveness of which is greatly multiplied by the action of the brake, the action being so natural that after a few days' use the rider becomes unaware of its existence and at the same time enjoys its advantages. The brake is especially valuable to women in descending steep grades or in an emergency where a sudden dismount is required.

The progressive disposition of the Japanese is shown by the statement that the empress and the women of the court have taken to cycling and enjoy the recreation every pleasant day. The emperor has built excellent bicycle paths around the imperial gardens for the use of the women. This is an advantage possessed by Japanese women over their Chinese sisters of the upper class. The horrible deformity of the feet of the latter would not permit them to enjoy the glorious exhilaration of cycling, however, even if they had cycles and cycle paths galore.

Jimmy Michael's challenge, issued not long ago, offering to ride any man in the world a paced race for any amount of money has been accepted by cablegram by Arthur A. Chase, the famous middle distance rider of England. The cablegram also stated that Chase was willing to ride Michaels for any sum of money the midget cared to name. The result is a syndicate has been formed in Chicago for the purpose of backing the Welsh wonder for nothing less than $25,000 a side. The amount of $50,000 is a remarkable sum for two riders to compete for and it is hardly probable that a hall will be found large enough to accommodate those who would want to see the contest. The race will be paced and the pacemakers used will be unlimited.

Women who use chamois leather for cleaning and polishing their machines may be glad to know how to wash the leather when dirty. If it is washed with soap and water and rinsed and dried it will become stiff and hard and almost useless. But if it is washed with soap and water, and the soap is not rinsed out it will dry as soft and serviceable as when new.

WHEELS AND PRICES FOR '98.

Top and Bottom Figures Scheduled for the Season.

The manufacturers who have thus far announced their prices for '98, says the L. A. W. Bulletin, have either made a reduction, or have added new models at lower figures, or have done both of these things. The new chainless is out at $125, which is the top figure, and the gradation is gradual down to $50, which is a low figure for a really good machine. There will be others sold for less money, but it is important to remember that such wheels are cheaply built to sell cheap, and are presumably worth no more than is asked for them. For two years past the failure of good concerns has thrown into the market many excellent wheels that sold below their real value, but business is now on a more stable basis, and the only wheels likely to sell at very low prices will be cheaply constructed wheels.

Americans generally have a knack of putting the best foot forward, and American bicycle makers are abundantly able to make their cheapest productions rival in outward appearance the most carefully and expensively constructed wheels. It is sometimes difficult for an expert to decide accurately from a superficial examination just the character and value of a wheel, and it is practically impossible for an inexperienced purchaser to do so. A cheaply constructed wheel is a poor, expensive and dangerous investment. There is little in the appearance of a machine that is a guide to its true character, and the guarantee now being merely nominal, the standing and experience of the maker, and the character of the selling agent will need greater consideration. Reduced list prices mean reduced discounts to agents, particularly on the better wheels, and close observance of list.

For some time past the makers, who turn out wheels for the jobbing trade, with different nameplates for each dealer, and who supply greater or less quantities to smaller dealers who put their own names on them, have sold these "trade wheels" at net prices and have not attempted to place any "list" or "retail" price on them. Each dealer handling them has been free to make a retail price based on cost, selling expenses and such profit as he thought he ought to have, or could obtain. These wheels are generally of medium or lower grades, and this method of selling is in favor with jobbers with allied trades who handle bicycles. The Implement Trade Journal urges it for bicycles, and says that the buggy trade has been much more satisfactory since the makers of those vehicles dropped list prices from their printed matter. There has been talk of extending the plan to high-grade bicycles next season, and it seems more than probable that some manufacturers will try it.

CYCLED TO HER WEDDING.

And Then the Bride Promised Her Husband Never to Ride Again.

Through a maze of trucks and vehicles of all kinds which choked Chambers street Friday morning, relates the New York World, a wheelwoman carefully threaded her way. In front of the Stewart building two men stood.

"Keep cool, Jack," said one to the other; "she'll be here all right."

In another minute the girl a-wheel hove in sight and brought up to the curbstone with a smiling face.

"Are you ready, Anna?" queried Jack.

"Yes, or I wouldn't be here, would I?"

Then Jack took hold of the wheel and trundled it over toward the city hall, while the girl in the short skirts followed with his companion. At the city hall the latter assumed command. He called Joe, the bootblack, to guard the wheel, and then led the others into the marriage bureau. Alderman Wund soon appeared, and the usual entries were made in the records of the bureau. The girl described herself as Anna Lundawall, 24 years old; the man as John Cunningham, 28 years old. It took Alderman Wund exactly sixty-seven seconds to make Miss Lundawall Mrs. Cunningham and then the party left. Behind this city hall wedding lurks a pretty little romance. The bride left New Canaan, Conn., on her wheel Wednesday, and rode every inch of the way to New York. It took her seven hours to pedal the forty-five miles. She went to a friend's, where she spent the night. The next morning she donned her bicycle costume and rode down to the city hall.

John Cunningham is the family coachman of John R. Downey, the millionaire builder of the Astor estates, who has a country place at New Canaan. When the family left town last May Cunningham was taken along. Mrs. Downey needed a maid, and the little Connecticut town was hunted over, with the result that Anna Lundawall was secured for the place.

Anna and Jack fell in love and a month ago, when the Downeys decided to return to town, they had agreed upon a plan of future domestic bliss. There were only two difficulties in the way. Jack hates bicycles, like all true horsemen, while Anna loves them. Jack is a Catholic and Anna a Protestant. Anna agreed to give up her wheel on the day of her wedding, and Jack promised not to ask her to change her religious faith. Thus the two obstacles were smoothed away. But Anna decided to bid adieu to her wheel by riding every inch of the way from New Canaan.

HAVE WHEELMEN REFORMED?

A Marked Change Observed in Wheeling Civilities.

What has become of the persons who two years ago persisted in criticising wheelmen because of their seeming lack of civility toward pedestrians? We refer particularly, says the New York Sun, to the individuals who maintained that the old-fashioned, free-handed salutations from cyclists were painfully and unnecessarily few, and that something would have to be done to correct the bicycler's indifference to his fellow men. When it was found that the act of lifting the hat or saluting with the hand might endanger the wheelman's life, if he were an unskillful rider, some of the sticklers for conventionality declared that every rider ought to possess a hat-raising contrivance that should be self-operating, or set in motion by pulling a string or pressing a button.

Accordingly, on the 11th of March, 1896, letters patent were granted to a citizen of the west for what was called "a saluting device." When attached to the head it relieved the wearer of all manual exertion incident to lifting his hat upon meeting an acquaintance when his hands were otherwise engaged. A mere nod would start the machinery inside the hat, which would be suddenly hoisted about a foot above the head by an apparatus suggestive of a self-dumping coal cart. It remained at rest for a moment, then described a semi-circle and settled back upon the cranium.

This jack-in-the-box invention doesn't appear to have had a very cordial reception in New York. Even in Boston, where the stiff and comfortless "bicycle nod" was first heard of, the apparatus has not been received with much enthusiasm. What is the cause of all this? Have wheelmen reformed and become more thoughtful and courteous than formerly or are their critics of two years ago content with a bare nod and the good luck not to be run down by scorchers? It is not improbable that the true explanation is that a majority of the fault finders now have wheels of their own.

NO BICYCLE FOR THE QUEEN.

The Dutch Privy Council Declines to Let Wilhemina Ride.

A dispatch from Amsterdam says that while the young queen Wilhelmina was with her mother recently in Vienna she became passionately fond of bicycling, and brought home a splendid machine.

She enjoyed the sport for a time in the royal garden, and then her mother was seized with harrowing scruples as to whether it was in accordance with propriety for the queen to ride a wheel. She submitted her doubts to the queen, who laughed at the idea and declined to relinquish her wheel.

The matter was therefore referred to the Privy Council, which was specially summoned to consider it. The council deliberated the question very carefully and exhaustively, and finally concluded that such recreation was incompatible with the dignity of the throne.

It also based its objection to the queen's riding on the risk she ran of being injured. The council concluded to implore her gracious majesty not to expose her precious life to this danger. The queen pouted, but obeyed, and accepted a gift of a Shetland pony, on which she sought solace.

WHEELING CHAFF.

Puck: "How did you manage to reel off so many miles on your cyclometer?"

"I attached it to my gas meter."

Courier-Journal: Friend—When did you begin taking lessons on the wheel?

Novice—Two days ago.

Friend—How are you getting on?

Novice—Most of the time.

Detroit Journal: It was morning.

Drawing aside the curtains, he gazed out upon the world.

"Ah!" he exclaimed, ecstatically. "More snow! I shall finish shoveling off my first century today!"

Chicago Post: "I suppose you're looking for a chainless wheel?"

"No, I'm not. I'm looking for a harmless one."

Washington Post: The possessor of a chainless bicycle will at once become as exclusive as the person with the appendicitis.

Chicago Record: "Hobbs has quit the harness business since bicycles are so popular."

"What is he doing?"

"He is making milking-stools; he says he doesn't think anything can be invented that will run the cow out of her job."

Detroit Journal: "Ah, there she goes in her barouche."

"Yes, she's not in the least ostentatious. She can well afford to ride a chainless bicycle, but she prefers not to parade her wealth."

To be sure, there was the bulge in oats; but, upon the other hand, there were repairs."

Whisperings of the Wheel.

Omaha's professional racing men have undoubtedly won more money on the path during the past racing season than those of any other mid-western city, and yet not one of them made enough out of racing to tide him over the winter and until the racing season of 1898 opens. If any of them did win enough they failed to save it as they are just now all laboring daily so as to have something more than snow balls to eat during the winter. Seger and McCall have charge of the ice at the exposition grounds, and are keeping it in shape for skating. Gadke is working at his trade, paper hanging and painting. Frederickson is selling overcoats in one of the large clothing houses. Proulx has charge of the repair department of one of the leading bicycle stores. Charles Hall is enameling bicycles for the same concern. Virgil Hall has departed for his home in Missouri, and George Mierstein is in the east acting as pacemaker in the middle distance match races that are being held there. This all goes to prove that there is little or no money to be made at bicycle racing in the mid-west. In the first place, the prizes offered are so small that if one man was to win them all he would by no means be rich; then again there are rarely ever more than two professional events on a day's program and there are two racing men after every dollar that is put up, so it can readily be seen that unless a change is brought about in some way the time is not far off when mid-western racing men who can get a steady position at anything else will abandon racing entirely. Of the riders who followed the mid-western state circuits, T. H. Cummings of Marengo, Ia., probably won more money than any other rider, with Floyd McCall of this city a close second. Willie DeCardy of Chicago won the most on the Kansas circuit, but as he did not follow Nebraska's circuit he was deprived of first place among the western money winners. Unless prizes are larger next season and there are more professional events upon the programs of the different meets we may expect to see many of the old time racing men abandon the game and turn their attentions to something more remunerative.

The Tourist Wheelmen are making preparations for their annual banquet, which is to be held at the Millard hotel shortly after the middle of the present month. At these gatherings each year the runs of the previous seasons are ridden over in the minds of the members who assemble around the banquet board. The racing season is reviewed and a general good time is always assured. This year's banquet is in charge of H. C. Hartry and members of the club who intend to participate should let him know as soon as convenient. Prominent local after-dinner speakers will be on hand and after the banquet a musical and literary program will be had.

Lincoln members of the Nebraska division, League of American Wheelmen, seem to have a grievance against Omaha and are airing it in a cycle paper published in that city. They allege that in the recent League of American Wheelmen state election their candidates for office were knifed, as they are pleased to term it, and that Omaha was responsible for it. But to one on the inside of the matter it is apparent that no one but themselves are responsible for the defeat of their candidates. In the first place they nominated for the office of secretary-treasurer a young man who is practically unknown in Nebraska wheeling circles and who has never done anything for the division that would merit his being elected to the position over such a well known and popular wheelman as Dr. F. C. Allen of Beatrice, who has been working for the interests of the division for the last five years. Then again Lincoln can hardly expect Omaha members to support its candidates after the way it treated Omaha in the fight for the state meet of 1896. If that city expects to have the state officers chosen from among its members, let them increase the membership enough to elect them, as Omaha has done. As to Mr. Milmine, Lincoln's candidate for representative in the recent election, he was defeated by only three votes, and that was not the fault of Omaha members, but due to the fact that his opponents, Messrs. Finch of Grand Island and Hansen of Kearney are two of the most popular wheelmen in the state.

Colonel Harry Hartry of the Tourist Wheelmen has organized a tug-of-war team and announces that he stands ready to accept the challenge issued by the Turner Wheel club to pull any team in Omaha. He hopes to have the match arranged to take place before Christmas at Turner hall, and it is his idea to charge a small admission and to use the proceeds for a grand smoker in which all wheelmen in the city will be invited to participate. The Tourist team consists of such heavyweight strong men as Frederickson, Mather, Barnum, Adams, Peterson, Proulx, Charles Hall, Billy Mardis and Tom Spencer. The Omaha Wheel club will doubtless organize a team to pull the winner of the Tourist-Turner match.

Notice—Members of the Nebraska Division League of American Wheelmen: You are cordially invited to be present at the installation of officers next Wednesday evening, December 8, at 8 p. m. at the Dellone hotel. Fraternally,

D. J. O'BRIEN, Chief Consul.

While the above notice is directed to league members, Consul O'Brien announces that any and all wheelmen who are interested in the good work of the organization or who are thinking of joining will be welcome. After the installation of officers the meeting will be addressed by prominent local wheelmen and others and plans for increasing the division membership will be discussed. Mr. O'Brien has received some valuable suggestions from President Potter of the national body which he wishes to place before the members for their consideration, and all members and wheelmen who have the best interests of the organization at heart should not fail to be present to lend their encouragement in the fight for good roads, clean streets and 'cycle paths.

Ned Reading, the soldier bicyclist, who is stationed at Fort Crook, left for New York City the first of the week, where he goes to participate in the grand international go-as-you-please six days' race, which started at Madison Square garden at 12:01 this morning. In last year's big race, held at the same place, Reading succeeded in winning third place, and while there is a much larger field of entries for this year's event, Reading is in much better condition and should be able to land close to the top at the end of the week. The big race closes at 10 p. m. the coming Saturday night.

William Martin, whom all old-time local wheelmen will remember as a racing man who first sprang into prominence in this city by winning a 100-mile amateur race in the old Coliseum back in 1891, and who has won fame and fortune in America, France, Italy and Australia since, was arrested in the latter country last month for slugging a brother cyclist. He was convicted and sentenced to a term in the penitentiary, the judge refusing to let him off with a fine and imposing the most extreme penalty. Martin has been winning pretty much of everything in Australia for the last two years.

Whist and Its Followers.

A general interest in the game of whist is taken by the women of Omaha. The rolls of the organized whist clubs of the city will show probably a larger number of women members than men. Neither is there any lack of skill among them and several have expressed the opinion that in a general tournament the names of women would come out near the top. One organization of women which devotes itself to scientific work in the silent game is the South Side Whist club of sixteen members. Another is the Forest Hill Whist club, with a membership of twenty, which meets every other Wednesday at the homes of its members. The last session was spent with Mrs. George W. Lininger and a profitable afternoon was spent. Three prizes for excellent play were won by Mesdames Cornish, Barnard and Doherty. The women who have an associate membership in the Omaha Whist club are also taking steps to reach a high standard of play. Besides systematic training on their own account they propose to bring to this city a woman whist player of national repute as instructress. This is Miss Beatie Allen, a sketch of whom appeared as the leading article in the current number of "Whist." Miss Allen is the daughter of the famous player, Rufus ("Uncle Dick") Allen and was born and bred in a whist atmosphere. When Cavendish visited Milwaukee in 1893 he selected her to be his partner through an entire evening, the only similar compliment he ever paid to a woman. In 1895 Miss Allen entered the Minneapolis tournament and carried off high honors. It was there she received the title of "The Whist Empress." Miss Allen lives in Chicago and is in all respects a western woman.

The eight-match for the American Whist league trophy was played at Philadelphia last week. The Philadelphia team won by the score of 32 to 4 from Cincinnati. The Philadelphians showed strength and science and were fortunate in their plays, while their opponents appeared to rather poor advantage.

Chat with Chess Players.

J. W. Showalter, the chess champion, left Georgetown, Ky., last week to coach the Yale men for the coming intercollegiate chess tournament on New Year's day. The match will come off in New York between Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Columbia colleges. Mr. Showalter will remain in New Haven until the holidays, and shortly afterward will play a match with Pillsbury.

Plans are being made for the grand jubilee chess tourney to be held in Vienna as one of the many celebrations of Francis Joseph's fiftieth anniversary on the throne. The contest will be exclusive in point of skill, and only winners of prizes in previous great tournaments will be admitted. Under this ruling the following American players are eligible: Steinitz, Pillsbury and Lipschuetz.

The following game was played by Joshua L. McCutcheon, a well known chess expert of western England. It was played with a London chess club member known as the "Grubber," and, as the Times remarks, is really a brilliant piece of work:

White—McCutcheon.	Black—Grubber.
1—P to K 4.	1—P to K 4.
2—P to K B 4.	2—P takes P.
3—K Kt to B 3.	3—P to K Kt 4.
4—Q Kt to B 2.	4—P to Kt 5.
5—Kt to K 5.	5—Q checks.
6—P in	6—P takes P.
7—Q takes P.	7—P to Kt 7 (chk).
8—Q takes Q.	8—P takes R (queens)
9—Kt to Q 5.	9—Kt to Q R 3.
10—P to Q 4.	10—B to K 2.
11—Q takes B (chk).	11—Kt takes Q.
12—Kt to B 6 (chk).	

White's following moves are either Kt takes P, mate, or B to R 6, mate.

The following situation recently presented by a New York Sun problemist is an interesting and not easily apparent two-mover:

Problem No. 2.—White to play and mate in two moves.

WHITE.

BLACK.

Problem No. 2 is done by Q to Q 7. Solved by Robert Lindberg, Omaha; Dr. C. B. Knowles and E. L. Lufkin, Glenwood, Ia. Problems and suggestions are invited from amateurs.

Questions and Answers.

NORTH PLATTE, Nov. 29.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Four gentlemen were playing seven up, the usual game of partners; each side is nine, the dealer turns a jack, the opposite side from the dealer holds the ace, who goes out? This is to decide a bet. Please answer in next Sunday's Bee.

To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please answer the following: Four men are playing seven up, ten points. Each are nine apiece. Dealer turns jack, opposite holds ace. Who wins?

Answer—Jack goes out.

OMAHA, Nov. 25.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: To decide an argument will you state in the sporting department of Sunday's Bee what the weights (maximum and minimum) are for the different classes of flatic artists—heavyweight, middleweight, etc.? J. A. P.

Answer—Heavyweight, 158 and over; middleweight, 158 and under; welterweight, 145 and under; lightweight, 133 and under; featherweight, 118 and under; bantamweight, 110 and under.

OMAHA, Dec. 1.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you give the scores of the foot ball games between Iowa and Nebraska in 1896? A bets that the scores of the games were 0 to 0 and 6 to 0 in favor of Iowa. B bets that Iowa won both games and made a very large score in both.

Ans.—The scores mentioned in the above are correct. One game resulted 0 to 0 and the other 6 to 0 in favor of Iowa.

OMAHA, Nov. 24.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: I was playing a game of cribbage with a friend who held six eight and three nines with a seven spot turned up. He asserted that the hand counted eighteen, while I can only see seventeen in it. Which of us is right? S. ADAMSKY.

Answer—Seventeen the hand counts and no more.

OMAHA, Dec. 1.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Kindly answer in Sunday Bee to decide an argument: Did the Wesleyan university foot ball team of Lincoln, Neb., defeat the University of Nebraska on November 13? If not on this date, has the University of Nebraska been defeated by the Wesleyans this foot ball season? Thanking you very kindly,

M. W. R. and T. N.

Ans.—Wesleyan did not play the University of Nebraska on November 13. The only time that the two teams came together was on October 23, when Nebraska won by a score of 11 to 0.

Free of Charge to Sufferers.

Cut this out and take it to your druggist and get a sample bottle free of Dr. King's New Discovery, for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. They do not ask you to buy before trying. This will show you the great merits of this truly wonderful remedy, and show you what can be accomplished by the regular size bottle. This is no experiment, and would be disastrous to the proprietors did they not know it would invariably cure. Many of the best physicians are now using it in their practice with great results, and are relying on it in most severe cases. It is guaranteed. Trial bottles free at Kuhn & Co.'s drug store. Regular size 50 cents and $1.00.

MASHER COMES TO GRIEF.

One is Publicly Thrashed in Milwaukee by a Young Woman.

On one of the principal downtown streets in Milwaukee a woman was seen one evening last week roundly chastising a man with an umbrella. After severely belaboring him about the head with it for several seconds she went on her way, not stopping to enjoy the cheers of the spectators. The subject of her wrath was one of those creatures who are known as "mashers." The story as told by a friend of the woman is that while she was walking along Broadway, on her way to the newsboys' art exhibit, a man wearing a polished beaver and otherwise neatly attired, approached her and said: "Good evening." The man appeared to be about 35 or 40 years of age and was apparently respectable and the woman thought he had made a mistake. She walked to Wisconsin street and then west. She discovered that the man was following her. He approached her for the second time and repeated his remark. Here it was light and she thought he must have seen his mistake this time.

The man dropped behind and the now somewhat frightened woman went on quickly. She hurried over the bridge, hoping she would now be unmolested. The man was following, however, and finally he placed himself directly in front of her just opposite Gimbels. People walking by noticed the occurrence. For an instant the two stood facing each other. Then the woman's little figure stiffened. The hand in which she was holding an umbrella was suddenly raised and as suddenly descended, the umbrella striking squarely upon the polished beaver, which was knocked from the man's head and went spinning down the stairs leading to the barber shop underneath the Empire hall. An approving yell went up from several boys on the street and everyone else shouted with laughter as the "masher," who, wholly surprised, stood amazed, with eyes and mouth wide open in astonishment, receiving the punishment he justly deserved.

A Business Man Ruins His Eyes—

When he uses them after the sight becomes defective, without the aid of proper glasses. Don't do it! If your eyes trouble you have them attended to at once by a Scientific Optician. We will test and fit them at a reasonable cost. If you don't need glasses, look at our handsome and superior stock of Opera Glasses, Lorgnettes, Chains, etc., for holiday gifts.

The Aloe & Penfold Co

LEADING SCIENTIFIC OPTICIANS.

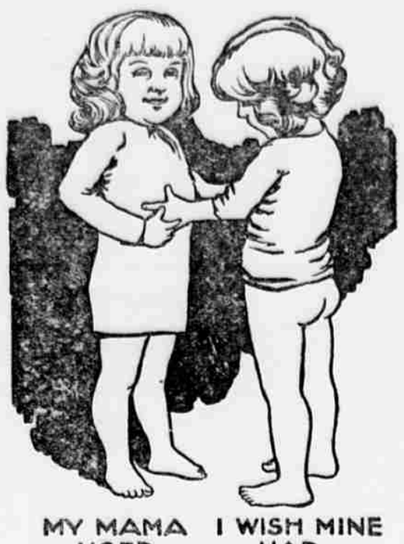
Opp. Paxton Hotel. 1408 Farnam St.

TAN FRECKLES AND SUNBURN,

detract from fine features. The daily use of Woodbury's Facial Soap, Facial Cream and Facial Powder will render the complexion clear, soft, and beautiful. A sample of each of Woodbury's Facial Soap, Facial Cream, Facial Powder and Dental Cream, sufficient for three weeks' use, mailed on receipt of 20c. The regular size sold everywhere, 25c. JOHN H. WOODBURY, Dermatologist, 127 West 42d St., N. Y.

DYSPEPSIA INDIGESTION, HEART-BURN and all Stomach Troubles quickly removed and cured by FLORAPLEXION. Sample bottle free by mail or Druggists. Every drop is worth its weight in gold when you need it. Address, Franklin Hart, Dept. N New York.

TOILET AND BATH



MY MAMA USED I WISH MINE HAD.

requirements are perfectly met in Wool Soap.

There may be more expensive soaps but none better. *It is absolutely pure.* For the bath it is pleasant, soothing and delightful.

There's only one soap that won't shrink woolens. You must choose between no soap and

WOOL SOAP

THE BEST ELECTRIC BELT ON EARTH

MORE DR. HORNE ELECTRIC BELTS SOLD THAN ALL OTHERS COMBINED

FOR MEN AND WOMEN.

READ EVERY WORD.

Your First and LAST OPPORTUNITY to get the World-Renowned DR. HORNE'S $20 Electric Belt for only $6.66

THIS COUPON is good for $13.34 if sent with an order for a $20.00 Belt, not later than thirty days from date of this paper.

THOUSANDS OF PERSONS CURED ANNUALLY BY OUR BELTS

DR. HORNE'S New Improved ELECTRIC BELTS Warranted to cure without medicines, the following diseases.

Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lumbago, Catarrh, Asthma, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Constipation, Heart Troubles, Paralysis, Nervousness, Spinal Diseases, Varicocele, Torpid Liver, Throat Troubles, Kidney Complaints, Sleeplessness, Nervous Debility, Lost Vigor, Cold Extremities, Female Complaints, Pains in the Back and Limbs, All Weaknesses in Men and Women.

THIS OFFER IS GOOD FOR 30 DAYS ONLY

We make this Special Unprecedented Offer to Quickly Introduce and Obtain Agents in New Localities.

To quickly introduce and obtain agents in as many new localities as possible for Dr. Horne's New Improved Electric Belts and Appliances, we have decided to sell for 30 days only, our No. 4 Dr. Horne's New Improved Regular $20.00 Electric Belt for only $6.66, a price that will make it possible for every person reading this advertisement to get one of our best Belts at a nominal price. Never in the history of our business have we offered to sell this Belt at such a price, but we want an agent in your locality, and we believe that if you buy a Belt you will be so well pleased with it that you will either act as our agent or help us to get one.

Remember, the Belt we are offering you for only $6.66 is our No. 4 Dr. Horne's New Improved Regular $20.00 Combination Belt for men or women. It is adjustable and can be worn by any member of the family. Suspensory free with every male Belt. It is the best Belt we manufacture, in fact, the Best on Earth, and we make no exception to this statement. We have sold hundreds, yes, thousands of them, up to $20.00. There is not a family but what should have one of these Belts, as it is the best and cheapest device, and we do not have to go out of the house to get it. It will last you for years with proper care, and will save itself in doctor bills ten times over. These Electric Belts have cured thousands and will cure you if you will only give it a trial, as the many testimonials which we publish in our catalogue will prove.

YOU RUN NO RISK IN DEALING WITH US.

We do not ask you to send any money in advance. If you want one of these belts we are perfectly willing to send it to your nearest express office, C. O. D., so that you can see and examine it free of any cost, just the same as if you came into our office as you into any store, and if you are perfectly satisfied with it, pay the express agent the price of the Belt and express charges and take it; otherwise it will be returned to us. Can any fairer offer be made you than this? We are the only manufacturers of Electric Belts who send Belts C. O. D., without asking one cent in advance. If you wish to send cash with order we will prepay all express charges and guarantee the Belt to be exactly as represented, or forfeit $100.00.

WE HAVE NOW OFFERED YOU AN OPPORTUNITY OF YOUR LIFE

and if you do not accept it you may be sorry for it, as we shall never again offer this Belt at such a price. It seems needless to say that we are sustaining a loss on every Belt we sell at the above price, but it is cheaper to introduce them in new localities in this way than to send traveling men to do it for us. If you want one of these belts

CUT OUT COUPON

and send to us with your waist measure in inches. Don't delay. Order today if possible, otherwise you may forget it.

DR. HORNE ELECTRIC BELT & TRUSS CO.

112-114 DEARBORN ST., CHICAGO, ILL., U.S.A.

P. S.—If you have no use for an Electric Belt please hand or mail this advertisement to some one that you know, who is not enjoying good health. By doing this you will favor them and us. We want a good agent in every locality to whom we can give steady employment. We only employ those who have used our Belts and can speak of their merits from personal experience.

REFERENCES—As to our reliability we refer to any Express Company, any Bank in Chicago, and the many thousands all over the United States who have used our Electric Belts and Appliances during the past 20 years.

AGENTS WANTED EVERYWHERE

Something to be Proud of.

This is a great baby. Every baby is. Especially every first baby.

Proud indeed should all parents be to whom laughing, healthy babies come. And parents have much to do with their babies' health—even before the little ones are born. A puny, sickly mother can't have a strong, healthy child. Her weakness will show in her baby. But a mother need not be sickly. It is her duty to be well and strong. And to prepare for baby's coming.

Wine of Cardui gives mothers perfect health. It puts the delicate genital organs in condition to do their work properly. It drives away all leucorrhoea and similar troubles. When there is morning sickness or any other disorder of pregnancy, Wine of Cardui is the safest and best remedy to use. It reduces the pain and danger of child-birth. Then the little one comes into the world well equipped for life and the mother passes the ordeal with comparative ease. Following childbirth every mother ought to have Wine of Cardui. Nothing is so good to insure speedy recovery. The whole system needs its invigorating influence then. Thousands of women also take it while nursing their children. It supplies needed nourishment for the baby. And it fortifies the mother against the disorders and weaknesses and nervous troubles from which so many women suffer. It keeps her in condition to give her baby all the attention it requires.

LADIES' ADVISORY DEPARTMENT.

For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, Ladies' Advisory Department, The Chattanooga Medicine Co. Chattanooga, Tenn.

Sold by all Druggists. $1.00 per bottle.

McELREE'S Wine of Cardui

Tobacco Tormentors

The pleasure of living is in living *well* not living *ill*. Throat, mouth and eyes are ruined by tobacco—the system is generally poisoned by it.

Don't Stop Tobacco

SUDDENLY and rack the nerves. Use the tobacco you require and take BACO-CURO, (it gently weans). If you do this, strong, healthy nerves and a clear brain will result.

It will notify you when to stop by removing the desire. Write for PROOFS of Cures.

Baco-Curo

It is the original Guarantee Remedy, (Money refunded if it fails to cure.)

50c or $1 boxes, 3 boxes (guaranteed cure) $2.50. If your druggist cannot get it, we will send it.

Eureka Chemical and Manufacturing Co., La Crosse, Wis.