



In these days of evolution and revolution things seem to change themselves so that those in the rear of the procession may find a consolation prize if they look about. Recently—that is to say, within the last five years—the owners of bicycles looked upon the horse as a back number.

Wheel a bluish ball of fire exploded at the point where the handle-bars connect with the steering fork and that sparks of fire flew from the spokes. The wheel remained heavily charged for several hours.

A woman has just beaten all records in a long-distance bicycle ride between New York and Boston. She will be enabled to make the proud boast that she rode in less time between those two cities than any one before her.

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The spokes in a bicycle are always the first parts to be attacked by rust, although all the joints suffer, because the moisture finds room to deposit itself. It is possible for riders to a considerable extent to prevent trouble of this kind by taking proper care of their wheels.

A Chicago man has patented a device to overcome in a measure the jar of the seat in passing over obstructions of some size. It consists of two parts, one providing for a longitudinal motion of the seat and the other for a vertical motion, both motions being retarded by springs.

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Decorated wheels will be admitted free. Members in club uniforms will meet at the building not later than 7 p. m.

WHISPERS OF THE WHEEL

Tomorrow will be Wheelmen's day at the Transmississippi and International Exposition and arrangements for their reception and entertainment have been completed and it now remains in the hands of the weather gods to make the day a big success or an utter failure.

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Resolved to obtain one or more of the sheep, or to prove their existence but another of the many Indian fables, Maltner started on his expedition.

On the tenth day after our departure from Sitka, on the steamship Dora, we reached Tropic, 760 miles north, and situated upon the Turnagain arm of Cook's Inlet.

Remaining for two days at Knik, we prepared the services of an Indian guide, and taking such provisions as were required for our expedition, embarked in his canoe for the destination, the plain lying at the base of the Knik mountains.

Fifteen miles from the station we put in shore that we might pitch our tent for the night, and on the following morning began the tramp across the plain to the mountains beyond.

Through my glass the elevation appeared plainly before me, a range of some 10,000 feet, covered with patches of snow and ice, seamed with fissures, rock ridges and belts of timber.

It was 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when, having tramped for hours through the tall grass of the level plain, over aggressive rocks and treacherous depressions, we reached the timber line which ran parallel with the base of the mountain as far as the eye could reach.

Making our way through the belt of timber, we continued climbing upward, the slope becoming more and more precipitous until it lay at an angle of 45 degrees.

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and a ram, while Dyeche had brought down a good-sized lamb at which he proudly pointed. I allowed them the gratification of their pride until my hunger was satisfied, finding the meat of the ewe as fine a flavor as I had ever tasted.

Returning on the following morning I removed the hides of the sheep and taking as much of the meat as we could carry, we retraced our steps to the camp.



THE HOME OF THE WHITE SHEEP.