

BICYCLE AND NOVEL.

Poet Writers Go to the Wall Before the Wheel.

Three Hundred Pages Enough and They Must Have Plenty of Action.

Has the bicycle changed the tide of novel reading toward outdoor sport? "Yes," says M. Lemerre fils, the well-known publisher, "on general principles," though his experiences have not thus far been disastrous since the introduction of the "wheel" into France.

Speaking to "Herald" correspondent yesterday, M. Lemerre said: "In spite of the bicycle, good French authors are and always will be read. Very few people who have cultivated the taste for reading take to the bicycle, except for causes of hygiene.

"But nowadays an author must be a very good one to command attention, and, given such an author, no one cares to be ignorant of his latest work. We have not noticed any decline in the sales of the novels we publish, but in any case bicycles do not do such harm to our business as newspapers. When an intelligent man takes to a bicycle he does not stick to it for very long—that is, with a passionate ardor—and while thousands are constantly learning to ride, thousands are trying to forget that they ever learned. Women read novels more than men, and they are the bulk of a novelist's public, though a man will read what it is really a necessity to know something about. But, briefly, monsieur reads his newspaper and madame her novel.

"I don't say that authors write for women, however, only that the latter, as a matter of fact, are the principal novel readers. Now, in spite of so many women becoming bicyclists, the sale of such works as those of Marcel Prevost, Bourget and others has been enormous all the time that the bicycle has been advancing in social favor.

"Look at these novels here, and you will see on the covers Daudet's 'Petite Amie,' forty-seventh thousand; 'Armature,' thirty-eighth edition of 500 copies; 'Demi-Vierge,' one hundredth and fortieth edition of 500 copies, etc. We have sold very large editions of 'Le Jardin Secret,' 'La Derniere Lettre d'une Femme,' M. Hervieu's 'Amite' during the bicycle rage."

ZOLA'S NEXT NOVEL.

M. Fausquelle of Charpentier & Fasquelle said:

"I have not noticed any great diminution in the sales of novels, but no doubt there is a difference. When one is on a bicycle one does not read, of course, and when fatigued from a long bicycle ride one does not read and this ought to make a diminution in the business.

"But a strong author, like Zola, for instance (and you know we are his publishers), would not be affected by the bicycle craze; neither would Daudet nor Theuriet. When I say I have not noticed any great difference in the sales I do not mean that some difference is not to be noticed. Very likely people buy novels nowadays with the idea of all events reading them at some more convenient season.

"But there are two points about the modern novel which are characteristic of our time. These are the manner in which the bicycle is entering into our plays and writings as part of the sphere of action. I am not divulging any forbidden secret when I tell you that Zola's next novel will be in connection with bicycling and bicyclists—you know he is a bicyclist himself, as is also Leon Daudet. You cannot get out a new novel in these days without recognizing the claims of the bicyclist.

"The other point is that, no doubt, bicycling is responsible for the popular taste changing in regard to novels. What is wanted is a 300-page novel in these days of getting over the ground as quickly as possible. The day for 400 and 500-page novels is going out. Fancy a novel in these days of the length of 'Les Miserables'? And to facilitate the reading of the 300-page novel the action must be sustained throughout the work. Bicycling gives a taste for getting over the ground as quickly as possible, and the scenery through which one travels must be interesting all along the line."

EVEN MUSIC WON'T SELL.

"The sale of novels has gone down to a serious extent since the introduction of the bicycle," said M. E. Planchard. "I noticed, too, at the seaside this last summer that very small quantities of reading matter were taken by tourists and others going on their holidays. Every one talks about bicycling, and few give novels and literature anything like the attention of former years."

"But we are not the only sufferers. A music dealer told me the other day that his business had very seriously gone down. People don't go in for music so generally as they used to, and, of course, he and his fellow music dealers don't sell it. The bicycle has entered into our everyday life entirely, and authors will have to take it into account when writing in the future.

"There is no distinct school of novelists now. The realistic, romanesque and psychological in literature are on the wane—they have been all so thoroughly written up. That the sale of novels has gone down very much during the last four or five years in consequence of the bicycle requires also another side explanation. There has been an over-production of novels, and now, as a natural consequence, there is a reaction.

"Newspapers are, however, more to the taste of the public nowadays. I noticed that last summer, when on the journey from Marseilles to Paris, the majority of the passengers took from two to a dozen newspapers to read—not

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novels, as of old. Intelligent people will always read novels moderately and the laboring class will stick to the feuilleton."

NOTHING LEFT FOR NOVELS.

M. Ollendorff said: "It goes without saying that an article of luxury is not an article of necessity. That is to say, if you buy a bicycle for 400 francs there is not enough of luxury or spending money to invest in many books. Bicycling is not only a species of exercise or sport, but it is a great distraction. In about two or three years this passion for bicycling will begin to wane and go out of vogue. It seems to me that a man who goes in for exercise at his university, for instance, is not apt to overstep the mark of reason or common sense. He has always his examinations ahead of him, and he must pass them or be in disgrace. On the contrary, novel reading is a pleasure, a pastime, which like any other pastime can be replaced, and the bicycle has to a large extent replaced the novel.

"Latterly publishers have noticed a difference in the business, and of course they seek for an explanation. Some have found heretofore a perfectly satisfactory explanation in the advancing and ever increasing passion for amateur photography. Now, however, bicycling is made the scapegoat for failings off in the ledger.

"Not only do the publishers complain of the bicycle, but any piano dealer will tell you the same thing, viz., that the bicycle has made sad inroads into his business, and that instead of renting a piano people hire or buy a bicycle."

Messrs. Levy Freres stated that a good author always found readers, and that this superior article was quite enough, when found, to combat the bicycle microbes.

At the Maison Dentu, Boulevard St. Michel, it was stated that the subject of the bicycle was now regarded as a part and parcel of the literature of the day. They publish stories on bicycling and automobilism, and that was one of the features of the fine de siècle novels.—Paris edition of the New York Herald.

CRUSHED BY A TRAIN. Albert Seavy Fell Beneath the Wheels, Receiving Serious Injury.

Albert I. Seavy, who resides with his parents at 614 H street, met with an accident yesterday that will leave him a cripple for life.

When the overland train from the west pulled into the city last evening Seavy, who is 19 years old, was at the Sixth-street yards, and attempted to board the moving train with the evident intention of riding to the depot. In making the attempt he lost his footing and fell to the ground, and the wheels of the train passing over and mangle his left ankle, and crushing the last three fingers of the left, and the last two of the right hand.

Young Seavy was taken to the Receiving Hospital, but it was deemed best to remove him to the County Hospital, which was accordingly done.

Young Seavy has hosts of friends, and is well spoken of. He has been employed for some time at the candy store of Fisher & Co. So far as could be ascertained, no blame is attached to any one, the accident being one of those which, while to be deplored, are of frequent occurrence.

Hotel Arrivals.

Arrivals at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday: J. L. Hackett, Louisville, Ky.; Miss Swain, Miss Stanley, Marysville; Mrs. W. N. Ruyton, Courland; J. M. Foster, Boston; Mrs. F. B. Mills, Myrtle Gable, Madge Ellis, Woodland; Harriet Hopkin, Yolo; J. M. Wells, St. Louis; C. E. Maher, Chicago; Henry Shaw, New York; George H. Burkhardt, Alameda; H. Kunz, A. Israel, I. Goodfriend, W. J. Andrews, C. A. Thurston, George J. Lambley, Joseph Enright and wife, J. P. McCarthy, San Francisco.

Granted a Divorce.

Maud I. Sanks has been granted a divorce at Nevada City from Isaac T. Sanks, on the grounds of cruelty and failure to support. The court awards her the custody of the three minor children and allowed her to assume her maiden name. She is now residing with her father, R. J. Fletcher, of this city.

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PERSONALS.

INFORMATION WANTED AS TO THE whereabouts of Edward Finnegan, who left his home in Wisconsin, 1881, by the administrator of the estate of his brother James. D. W. Lynch, M. D., West Bend, Wis. n18-3*

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DE MOSS CONCERT AT THE UNITED Brethren Church, Fourteenth and K, FRIDAY EVENING, November 27th. 1*

BENEFIT BALL GIVEN BY THE Western Star, Fraternity at Turner Hall, THIS EVENING, November 19, 1896. Tickets 25 cents. 1*

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the People's Savings Bank of Sacramento will be held at the office of the bank at half-past 7 o'clock Tuesday evening, December 1, 1896. 631-d GEO. W. LORENZ, Secretary.

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