ORIGINAL DEFECTIVE

CYCLERS' GOSSIP.

HINTS AND NOTES OF INTEREST TO WHEELMEN.

Chainless Wheels—Back Pedaling—Curving the Back—A Unicycle—Cleaning Bearings.

The war is on between bevel gear and chainless wheels, say the manufacturers. The chain men are organizing to fight the gear men. They claim that the bevel gear is as yet experimental and that purchasers should not spend their money helping the manufacturers solve the matter. In the chainless wheels a bevel gear wheel is to be used instead of a sprocket. This large wheel engages with a smaller bevel gear, which in turn rotates a rod that extends back to the bevel gear on the rear wheel. The gear wheels can be inclosed in a case and completely surrounded by oil, and the casing will be dust proof. A claim will be made that this form of transmitting motion will be much more costly than the chain, but skilled mechanics say the bevel gear should not cost a cent more than a well made chain, and that in the end the chainless wheel will be the victor.

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The "American Cyclist" objects to back-pedaling. It is not always effective, it imposes the severest strain on the wheel and does violence to the running gear. The motion being forward, the reversal of it suddenly twists the frame to one side, no matter how strongly it is braced. The comparatively light and delicate mechanism subjected to back action while still carried forward by momentum or gravity is put to far greater wrenching than ensues in hill climbing, which is often stated to be the hardest of all work which the machine is made to perform. Back-pedaling down a considerable grade is, however, much more wearing and tearing. The ordinary excess of motive power used in hill climbing must be applied unevenly and the machine held back by a series of jerks at the pedals, than which nothing could be worse for the mechanism. If the reversed power could be applied evenly throughout the stroke it might be different, but as it is the whole of the rider's strength must be concentrated in his effort to check the machine during quarter revolutions of each pedal. The strain of back-pedaling, of course, amounts to nothing on the level or gentle slopes, but to hold a light wheel back by the pedals while descending a steep hill will take more life out of it than many miles of normal use. The only mechanical way of holding back is by means of a brake. There will then be frictional wear at the point of application of the brake, whether at the tire or at the hub, but this wear and tear is inconsequential as compared with the racking and straining which accompanies reversion of the propelling force.

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Says a veteran rider: "Endeavor to cultivate the art of riding without curving the back; it is quite possible to lean forward and yet keep the spine straight. Cycling is frequently robbed of its splendid health-giving qualities by contraction of the chest muscles, resulting from a careless and ungraceful position on the saddle, and many are deterred from adopting the pastime lest the 'bicycle back' be acquired. Beginners should never attempt to ride long distances. Some preliminary training is necessary ere seventy or eighty miles can be covered without stiffness and exhaustion resulting. The pace should be steady all through, and any inducement to ride fast at certain places should be curtailed, so that all superfluous energy may be reserved for the return journey, when it is most required. Also make sure that the machine is all right before setting out. These matters must be considered if the ride is to be carried out with comfort and ease."

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Unless your machine has been used for a considerable time, and you know that the bearings are full of dirt, don't think of taking the machine to pieces, but hang it up and fill the bearings with paraffin, then spin the wheels and work all the bearings until the paraffin runs out quite clear. Then you can wipe the parts clean, and lubricate with a good cycle oil prepared for the purpose. Do not attempt to take your machine to pieces unless you are quite sure you can replace the many parts correctly and adjust the bearings as accurately as absolutely necessary. Should you know how to take the bearings out, and do so, never forget when replacing the balls to drop five or six drop of oil on the dry balls before covering with the cone. If you forget this simple precaution it may cost you a new hub, or whatever bearing you may neglect.

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Another unicycle has been invented. This one consists of a wheel without spokes, to be ridden from the outside. The rim is in the form of a girder, a forked frame is suspended to the inside of rim by a bearing, through which the rim revolves, the seat and handle bar across the center is fixed to the outer edge of the rim on either side, in the center of said bar is a hole, through which the bearing rod is cranked, and attached to the forked frame at the lower part of the wheel. It is propelled by chain, or other gear, by the feet. A guard brake consists of two rods, which are bolted to the frame forks at the top, the lower ends being attached to a small roller, which revolves on the lower quarter or tire, and thereby keeps the frame and forks perpendicular.

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Although one sees few bloomers, it is a noticeable fact that women are taking more and more kindly to the diamond frame wheel. A divided skirt can be worn, but it must not be too wide nor long enough to catch in the chain.

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Do not leave your bicycle standing too long in the sun, or you cannot expect your tires to last as well as if your wheel was kept in the shade. The bright sunshine soon takes the elasticity out of rubber tires, and so does oil if allowed to stay on the rubber. They absorb water quickly, then the dirt grinds in and the tires soon rot.

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London has been invaded by a band of women bicycle repairers. They have a long list of customers, each of whom is visited once a week. These women are familiar with the different parts of a wheel, having studied at a bicycle school, and are competent to make all needed repairs. In addition they give lessons in riding.

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Miss Frances Willard has another good word to say to the ladies anent the bicycle. She has found a high moral use for it as a teacher without pulpit or creed. "She who succeeds," she says, "in gaining the mastery of such a creature as a cycle will gain the mastery of life and by exactly the same methods and characteristics."

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Many a wheelman and wheelwoman has wondered why, the morning after an evening run, the tires of their wheels are flabby as if the air had escaped through a puncture. The London "Cycle," commenting on this, says: "Tire troubles are of more frequent occurrence during dry, dusty weather than in wet. Very often, after the cycle has been standing in the hall overnight, the front tire is found to be soft and flabby, and the leakage is located with difficulty. Under such a circumstance, special attention should be paid to pack of the inner tube, where it presses upon the rim. The heads of the spokes, however, are not the only things that cut through the rubber, there. Small particles of grit lodge between the edges of the rim and the outer cover, and despite the fact that wired-on edges have to be passed, insinuate themselves in time inside. A punoture is the invariable result, although by some mysterious influence the vicinity of the valve appears to attract the greatest number of the fragments."

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Oil is being discarded by a good many riders as a lubricant for bearings because of its tendency to thicken or become rancid and vaseline used in its place. The latter substance is less likely to make wet bearings, and so does not gather dust about them so readily. It also has the advantage of lasting longer. Many riders use it for their chains, but this is a doubtful expedient, as vaseline has the same fault, though in a less degree, as the oil, namely, that it produces a sort of emery joint between links when the chain becomes dusty, thereby making the joint work loose, and thus putting the chain out of true.

Poisonous Buttercups.

Wild flowers are now in their beauty, and it may be well to refer to what the London "Lancet" says on the poisonous qualities of buttercups, in view of the recent death of a child from eating them. The buttercup belongs to the Ranunculaceae, and nearly all the members of this group possess poisonous qualities, chiefly of an artistic nature, though in a few narcotic principles are to be found. The virulence of the poisons varies very much, but there are few individuals of this order which are inert. The various species of buttercups have all irritant properties. The active principle is volatile, so that when the buttercups are dried with hay or exposed to the air they become inert. Luckily the buttercup, though pretty to look at, does not usually tempt children to eat it wholesale, otherwise cases of poisoning might be less rare than they fortunately are at present.

His Progress.

Old Job was taught to read by the minister's wife, and proved a very apt scholar. Returning home after a prolonged absence, the lady met her old pupil, and asked him how he was getting on. "I suppose you can read your Bible now comfortably, Job?" "Lor' bless you, ma'am!" cried Job, "I've been out of the Bible and into the newspaper this long while."—Household Words.

On Aesthetic Grounds.

A phrenologist has been wandering about the city looking for bumps. He went into a downtown establishment the other day and made his business known. He was told there was a man upstairs who wanted his head read. He went upstairs and accosted the probable customer with the query: "Would you like your head read?" To his disgust the other replied: "No, I don't like red heads." As the bump manipulator departed he heard the man in the office add, "And when I want my head red I'll use hair dye."—Syracuse Post.

Not Peace, but Strife.

Sweetheart, I used to question, ere you came,
What thing this was that bore the name of love.
And, fash'ning from dream-fancies, from the fame
Of mighty loves now dead, and from above
Seeking a light immortal, I at length
Built for myself a dainty wild-wood nest,
A harmony of beauty and of strength,
A fairy spot with fragrant flowers dressed,
Where song-birds echoed in the golden air
And summer sunshine gleamed athwart the trees!
There, hand in hand with One, knowing not care,
I wandered happy as the morning breeze.

But now that you are here,
My love, the truth I see!
How God lives in our love, bidding us fight
Wrong, sorrow, and to rear,
By our own joy, the free
And holy glory of His loving Right.
And gladly, with no sigh
I leave the dream, nor crave
Aught but, with you, to try
The power of great love to help and save.

Dearest, when we have done what was our best,
When the strength of day is past, and night
Comes quietly, and we know that we must rest,
Leaving the task undone, shall not the fight—
Though all unfinished, faltering and weak,
Yet since we loved each other, and held high
Above our failing what God bade us seek—
Shall not the fight bring peace? And we but die
To find the dream is real? Not, as then, made
Of careless-happy fancies, but reared strong
On sorrows love made holy through God's aid,
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