will get out of it and the endless pleasure

"She isn't a bit conceited is she girls"
"Oh. no," protested the chorus, with as

any inflections as there were tongues to

laughed beccause she knew she could af

Well, indeed, may the "pedalers" be

grateful to the winter bicycle girl in that

she may take advantage of both boots and

knickers to dispense with draggiedy skirts during the winter's storm. The way women

have had to slop around in the wet for these past centuries is something to think

about, and that she will never have it to

who has been watching the new woman's various evolutions in progress has conclud

that the wheel is doing more for the free-dom and equality of woman than she will

ever gain by votes. He says that the bi-cycle girl sees more of her brother and so learns more of his ways. He has noted

that women nowadays, seldom add post-scripts to their letters, and almost in-

variably put down the date. When they

write for information from a business man

they have learned to appreciate in some

neasure, the value of his time and there

is every indication that in the near future they will be educated into enclosing a stamp

discovered that women no lorger feel the terrors of mice, and that there is in this

very city an authentic record of a young woman's admitting that her shoes were

oo small. This has been the mission work of the bicycle god who is still becausify determined to keep right on having a healthy, happy time and incidentally to do all the good to others that she can. In her

new dress she will prove irresistible, where

before she was but normally attractive and

when old Boreas comes with his first frosty blast he will wind nobody so much to his

CAMP PETROLA.

Capitol Hill Boys Having Great Fun

Near Leonardtown.

fancy as the winter girl on wheels.

This Columbus of Washington has a

to again is due to the bicycle girl. A plain, every day man in this city

my presence will give --

## LAMPS ON ALL VEHICLES

### League of American Wheelmen Insist on This.

REASONS FOR SO DOING

Chief Consul Robertson, of the District Division, Writes to the Commissioners, Telling Them Why He Thinks Such a Regulation Should Be Established.

The District division of the League-of American Wheelmen is still working for the interests of the bicycle rider. In answer to a request from the Commis sioners, Chief Consul Robertzon yesterday mailed to them his reasons for thinking all vehicles should carry lamp night. The letter reads:

"August 29, 1896. "Hon. Commissioners, District of Co-

lumbia: "Gentlemen: In reply to your request that I should submit facts showing the necessity for all kinds of vehicles carrying lamps, I would respectfully submit the following reasons:

Bicycles have been adjudged by the courts all over the country as vehicles

of the boys - R will make one of the coastst clubhouses in the country.

The Queers held their second weekly run to Cycle Esting Fednesday evening. These rides are becoming very popular and will be continued as long as the weather permits. Among those who made the trip were Miss Estella Campbell, Miss Marie Heirsen, Mas-II, MisRider, Miss E. Shea, Misser Miss T. Shea, Misser John Mess T. Plany Moran Messars, John Mr. and Mrs. T. Pliny Moran, Messrs. John Woerner, jr.: H. R. Dawley, R. Brooke Clokey, J. M. Monday, H. Gale Turpin, L. O. Slack, T. M. Stearn and J. Powers.

Capt. George E. Boyd has called a run
Tor Ashfon today. It leaves No. 812 Fourteenth street at 9:30 c'clock teenth street at 9:30 o'clock. H. S. Gardner is off on a three weeks' trip to Niagara Falls.

R. Brooke Clokey and E. A. Pitkin are back from their vacation. stions for membership are to be acted on at the next meeting of the Queers.

COLUMBIA CLUB.

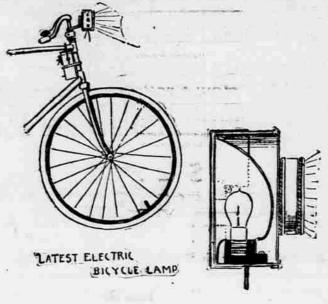
All Arrangements for the Bicycle

Tournament Completed. The Columbia Athletic Club has a rranged for a bicycle tournament September 19. It will be an event full of sport. The program arranged is as follows:

First event-One-mile race, open to club frembers who have never been in a race before; price, a gold medal. Second event-Egg and spoon race; prize,

a souvenir gold spaon.
Third event—One-mile race, open to club

members; prize, a gold medal.



"Bicycles are required to carry light". Private and business vehicles are not-so restricted. According to this discrimination a bicycle for tire (which is a public vehicle) should be required to carry a light, but not the machine used as a private con-

veyance. A number of business houses require the drivers to carry a light within or about their vehicles, more for their own safety than for that of others. This can also be said of some of the owners of private car-

"At times it is very difficult to determine the direction in which a vehicle is traveling, or on which side of the street it happens to be, by the noise occasioned by the horses' feet. A light would show just what part of the street it occupies. might advance the argument that if it were approaching it would be on the left hand side of the street, and on the right hand side if going in the same direction. This would be so if everyone obeyed the rules of the road, but, unfortunately, this is not so, and more wagons are on the incorrect than on the correct side, else there would be less necessity for lamps on horse-propelled ve-

"A carriage or wagon is often collided with by both bicycles and other vehicles. This is especially the case when drawn up alongside of a curb awaiting the owner. In this instance the horse, not being in motion, no foise is made. A vehicle in this connection occupies the same re to the street as a pile of mortar or bricks, and should be provided with a light. It is a temporary obstruction, and one is more liable to danger than if it were known to be there, like mortar or bricks.

"A cycler generally leaves his lamp lighted when stopping before a house, be cause he knows his machine is in danger of collision if he does not take this pre-

Therefore, I would respectfully request that all vehicles be required to carry lamps "Very respectfully. WM. T. ROBERTSON,

#### "Chief Consul D. C. Div. L. A. W." QUEER WHEELMEN.

Have a New Clubhouse in View and

May Take It. The Queer Wheelmen met Thursday even ing to decide the question of a new club-house. The committee having the selection of quarters in view has an option on a house on Twelfth street, near L. It is the building formerly occupied by the Washington Cycle Club and would answer the purposes

Fourth race-Obstacle race; prize, a sil Fifth event-Egg-breaking race; prize,

silver egg cup and spoon.
Sixth event-Bicycle tournament, first prize, gold medal; second prize, bleycle ter of wheelssuit: third prize, a sweater; fourth prize, a 

charge is composed of C. A. Cabrera, chair man, S. W. Stinemetz, H. S. Stiles, J. Hart Brittain, Robert Bell, F. B. Fowle, Eugene Harmon, Capt. Wells, and William Gettin

Entries close September 14.

#### WASHINGTON ROAD CLUB.

Decision About Reached to Give Meet in September.

The Washington Road Club has about de cided to give a bicycle meet about Septem-ber 18. The date will be definitely desided upon at the club meeting to be held Wednesday night.

It is the intention to have more races than the Arlingtons gave. There will be a half-mile handicap and a five-mile handicap for anateurs. It is also said that a match\_race is to be arranged between Billie Sims and Fred Schade.

The club has no run for today, many of the members having gone to Baltimore yesterday to attend the intercity race. Most of them expected to be back this morning. The library of the club is growing rapidly. During the week Messrs. Graves and Tubman-each made a handsome donation of

### EASTERN ATHLETIC CLUB.

Keeps Up Its Watermelon Runs and Is Arranging a Road Race. The Eastern Athletic Club is still keep

ng up its popular watermelon runs to suitland. The last one was held Thursday night, and the three bicycle policemen were taken along. The club will hold its second excursion

to River View Thursday. A great time is anticipated. The arrangements for the smoker which is to be held early in Sepember, are progressing finely, and the event promises to be one of the most nteresting held on the hill for some time The club intends to have a road race to River View. It will be held on Septen ber 6, and Capt. Randall has offered three -first, of the value of \$15; second of \$6; third, of \$4. The course is to be the Eastern Athletic Club house River View.



She Has Solved the Problem of Wet Weather.

JAUNTY COLD DAY SUIT

Boots Will Displace the Clumsy Legging and the Skirt Will Shrink a Bit-Box Coat and Fur Cap Complete It-What She Will Wear Where It Cannot Be Seen.

The bicycle girl is spinning up the high road of favor and Fortune, on her wheel,

eads the way. When an oracle more dyspeptic than Delphic howled forth the prophecy that the wheel was not the sphere for woman, somebody blundered - but it wasn't the bicycle

She knew she was right, and Dave Crockimself could not have surpassed ber

in the art of going ahead. She is no longer an innovation, but a fact, and collectively considered, such a vast and ever-increasing fact that her disapproving sisters, cousins and aunts, who only a little while back flung criticisms at her in the same spirit that boys stone frogs, now find themselves, to their as-tonishment, figuring as exceptions rather han as a rule. Only a few days ago one of those uncompromising creatures who have a fiendish fancy for adding the world's affairs into figures that nobody an deny, made the announcement that for very woman tetween tifteen and thirty. five years of age who walk the streets of a city there are two such women who

At the strictly present time the bicycle girl is spinning all over the country in nondescript skirts that are too long suit her and too short to satisfy her friends. It is hard work serving two masters, but the fashion-plates are harrying to the rescue, and the bicycle girl's last trial-the un-certainty of what to wear and how to make -will banish with the coming of the fall. PROBLEMS TO BE FACED.

Somebody has said that all a woman wants to start a campaign club is a few yards of bunting, a saw and a step ladder. but a girl's bicycle circle is simply a mat-

The city contingent of a west end cycle club met recently at the home of on its members on Columbia Heights. There were six girls present and-being girls all of them talked at once.

"Here is what I want to know," said the hostess, her voice dominating the others like a Greek chorus in a play, "How are we going to buy our bicycle boots? We can bring our leggings home and if they don't fit, exchange them until they dobut where's the woman who dares face a shoe store clerk with a half yard of uppers in his band?"

"Behold her!" exclaimed the young woman who had just returned from New York. "And have you really bought boots;"

They were smart little russets com bined with gray covert that fitted like a glove and laced from ankle to knee. "It's a perfectly simple process," sh

xplained, when the gust of admiration had "I walked into a stere and asked for boots. The clerk sized me up with a professional eye and reting that I was an extra long young woman with more bones than I quite know what to do with, he presented for my inspection only those yles in my numbers that had skimpy tops If I had weighed more the tops would have een wider. I tried on the boots; had them jaced to the ankle, and bought them with the understanding that the sale was off unless they fit."

"Mamma says I may wear leggings, but she draws the line at boots," wailed the gir in duck, who voiced her family affairs be ween the bites of a peach.

"Don't worry over your mamma; she will be wearing boots herself before Christnas, for while they belong primarily to wheelers, pedalers can use them as well." "Pedalers!" echoed the hostess, whose summer course at Chantauqua falled to nclude the season's slang. "Human beings who walk "

LEGGINGS ARE DOOMED "Is it true that leggings are going out?" asked the prettiest girl in the crowd whose trig, gray pair showed below her

York girl, "though, of course, they will always be used in freezing weather and for theater wear at night." the girl in the pink shirt waist, "and I

"They are as good as gone," said the New

"There's no law against it, if you want to go around looking like the ghost of a dead fashion; besides, you can wear them intil the fall. Leggings are unfaithful o the promise they make at the counter They look honestly strong and symmetrical, hey sag and bulge. No woman can aford to trifle with her contour, and as the legging isn't made yet that can look and feel self-respecting after a rainstorm, it stands to reason that the boot is the footear par excellence for the wheel woman

nd others to wear." "But so many people here think leggings isque. What will they they say to boots?"

MUST COME AT LAST. "They will learn to be sensible after a bit," said the girl who spends her winters in Florida. "Every animate creature gain: wisdom, in time, even alligators. They don't begin the manifest it until after their 100th birthday, but they achieve

Nobody listened to this impromptu spuri of natural history, for each had decided that the most important affair of the movement was to learn about cycle styles via the girl

"The design I selected is the best, I hink," she said, in answer to the clamorous demand for details. "It will cost more money than I like to brood over, but it will last all season and keep stylish to the very last thread: Over ordinary hose and merinoes I will wear shoes of black leather and maroon cloth that will lace until they meet my knickers at the knes. They will be of marcon cloth to match my skirt and jacket, with real man pockets on the hip. The skirt, lined with slik the same shade, will clear my limbs half way between the ankle and calf.

"Over a chamois waist covered with silk I am to have a cocky little coat that fastens ox fashion over the breast. It will be ed with fur to match my cap, which vill be of Alaskan seal." "My, but won't it cost a caution!" in-

errupted the chorus in admiration temwith dismay. hundred-dollar bill and no change," ded the extravagant one, "but cheap

# POINTERS FOR WHEELMEN

Some of the Latest Devices for Promoting Their Safety. 5

PROPOSED BELL-SIGNAL CODE

Power Expended in Riding-Inter esting Experiments-Out-of-Sight Brake-Other Novelties-Fire Brigade on Bicycles-New Combina tion Tandem-Ventilated Grip.

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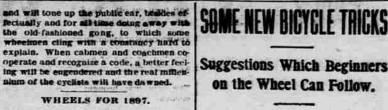
The very latest thing in the bicycle world, which is arousing widespread inter est and exciting feverish discussions, i the unwritten bicycle signal code.

The object of this agitation is to de-vise and adopt a system of signals by means of bells, that shall be a convenient medium of communication between cyclists while on "wheelback," to coin a new extheir wishes one to the other. For exa rider in front." I shall pass to the right," or "I shall pass to the left," or, perhaps,
"I'm running wild," when a rider loses
control of her wheel, any and all of which t might be trying to the lungs and throat to impart "viva voce." A flirtation signal is now in vogue, but the amot ringing depends on the violence of the love-making.

To the wise man who reads between the lines and can detect the signs of the iron heel of progress and the arrogative of power, the new code is significantto warn drivers of carriages, wagons phaetons, drags, and, in short, all ordi pary and common vehicles, on which side the wheelman intends to pass."

This idea of a code had its origin in the different fancy drills which were lately so popular at the meets of various clubs It is easily seen how practicable the en-largement of the idea would be. But the proposition to adopt a universal code was productive of a great deal of argument No two clubs agreed. When the question of adopting the code invented by one club was suggested other clubs rebelled. Beartburns and bickerings ensued. But all that is a thing of the past, and during the summer every ardent cyclist will devote part of his time to elaborating the code which is now in its infancy.

The League of American Wheelmen has not as yet adopted any particular code, Camp Petrola, near Leonardtown, where | although most of the members are familiar



Price and Quality Are Setting Riders Wondering.

A vexatious question just now among

cyclists and prospective cyclists is the price that a first-class wheel will bring next year. Whether one may be had for the same price or less than it fetches now, or whether the price will be advanced, no one seems able to tell absolutely. The oldest makers of \$100 wheels say that it would be disastrous to their business to sell machines at the low figure which several younger manufacturers have named, and at the sam time furnish each customer with a guarintee. On the other hand, it is said in some quarters that enough money is made by many of the concerns which have cut their prices to warrant their nuing the experiment next year. It s understood also that certain of them nave promised to offer even better wheels at a cheaper price next year than now, Experienced wheelmen seem slow to be lieve that the difference in quality of the

SOME NEW BICYCLE TRICKS

CAN

on the Wheel Can Follow.

SURPRISE FRIENDS

of All Confidence Must Be Learned-How You Can Waltz on the Street-Some Fancy Mounts Which Will Excite Admiration Among Lookers-On.

From the time the beginner has been taught the simple rudiments of the art of pedaling, he or she endeavors to become an expert in cycling. After one has reached that stage when the crowded thoroughfares may be traversed with as much presence of mind as though the place of travel were one of the many riding schools in this city, all attention is paid to fancy riding, mounting, and the performance of tricks on the "bike."

In order to be successful in performing



component parts of high-grade bicycles | any of the following bits of fancy riding. s so marked as some of the makers of those machines would have the public ful workmanship is required in the con truction of all durable wheels, and if is true that some of the high-grade wheel makers employ more skillful workment than others, the fact is often indiscernible, both in their wheels' appearance and

LEAGUE RUNS.

Road Consul Leeke Is Making Then Very Interesting.

The Friday night run of the league to Del Ray was a successful one. Road Consel Leeke is creating a great deal of inter est among the riders, and the time is grow

ing ripe for a boom in the lengue .

The league run has Sunday to Shadyside was not the howling success it might have been. The roads were in bad condition and the boys had a hard time of it. There were two parties of five riders each ou

One detachment left at midnight Saturday and the other Sunday morning at 6 o'clock. Both reached home late Sunday night. The run was made by way of Mariboro Hill's Landing, Drury's, Sudley and Shadyside. Two of the party, Messes. Robertson and Leeke, on the way back dis-covered a short cut through the Woods on the run between Drury's and Hill's Landing. It cut off over a mile of sand. Either of the getlemen will be glad to furnish information to riders who want to go the same way. Everybody is made welcome on these

TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR RECORD. J. J. Fister to Make an Effort to Cap ture It Again.

J. J. Fister is to make a try for the 24hour road record about September 15. He is one of the best-known road riders in the city and has held the record twice.

The record now stands to the credit of E. C. Yeatman, who won in October of 1894 by riding 330 3-4 miles. Mr. Yeatman's run is the best ever made in twenty four hours is the United States, but has never been accepted as a record by the Century Road Club an erganization which to accept the distance as a record because There was no rule in the bicycle world at that time making such a requirement, but the club said a twenty-four-hour run should on nothing less than a twenty-mile track, and so refused to recognize it.

Society people who have returned to town are taking an interest in the bicycle race meet to be given for the benefit of the Eugene Field monument fund. Many of the prizes, which are handsome, will be sent from Chicago, others are contribute here. Prominent society racing men will compete and the occasion will be a brilliant one. A Eugene Field souvenir gold medal will be offered. Boxes and stands will be beautifully decorated and no efforts spared to render the race meet one of the

etc., great confidence must be placed n one's ability to do them. "If you do not first succeed, try, try again," From experience it has been found that the use of the toe-clips greatly enhances the learn ing of them quickly.

It is a common occurrence to see ladies and gentlemen passing a playing street piane to "waitz," that is, in time with the music with the wheel. This should never be attempted by new riders as only those who are strictly at home in the saddle can dare to undertake the methods employed. Since dancing in its true sense cannot be done or attempted on the wheel the tollowing is the nearest approach to it.

BWAYING TO MUSIC. A mere swaving to one side and at the me time a slight turning of the front wheel in the direction in which the wheel will lean and then a reverse motion, all done gently, still firmly, enables the cyclist dulge in one of the most exhibitrating sensations the rider is permitted to enjoy. It is generally the better to do all pedal nounts from the left side of the machine thus relieving the crank from all unnecessary strain. Still those who are in the habit of pounting from the right side, need only to reverse the modes described herein.

A fancy way of mounting, yet one that taxes the rider's ability to the utmost, is as follows: The right foot is placed upon the tire of the rear wheel with the left pedal used for all pedal-mounts. A firm, yet steady hold is given to the handle-bar; with a quick spring place the left foot on the left pedal, be scated in the saddle before releasing the right foot-pedal away. After a few trials, success will crown all efforts. The result of this mount, although a trifle awkward, will bring admiration from an enchanted audience.

Tais accomplished, the next to be cenquered, is a standing pedal mount. Havng the left pedal in the rear, half way from the top, place the left foot upon it, at the same time catching hold of the grips. Quickly spring from the ground, placing the entire weight of the body upon the arms, throw the right leg over the saddle, as is customary in all mounts, place the right foot on the pedal and ride. An exhibition of strength, and one that may surprise either an enchanted audience or a chasing "guardian of the peace," is when the wheel is going at a swift rate of speed, quickly back-pedal at once, with both feet pressing evenly. Hold the legs very stiff, allowing the rear wheel to slide, This may become useful in order to avert an accident on the road or when trying to dodge one of the mounted police.

Altair Cycle Club. The Altairs were knocked out of their watermelon run Monday night by the rain. They were in it. however, Tuesday, and had a most pleasant time. The run was over into Virginia and the watermelons disappeared rapidly. After the feast there was a dance. The boys meet again two





Winter Bicycle Girl,

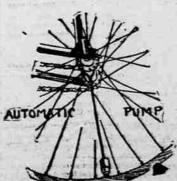
a number of the bicycle riders of Capitol with the new unwritten code. Mr. W. S. Hill are spending their vacation, is flour-Bull, treasurer of the L. A. W., said, in ishing. Dr. Petroia, who spent Sunday with the boys, is back, but he return on a steamer. He found the roads very

The boys are having a fine time. Mr. Tony Sousa came home Friday with one of the boys who was knocked out by the sun in a long sail. He is going back next week with Dr. Petrola to see the camp up. Rumors of "courts-martial," attacks by colored tramps, etc., are very and prove that there is plenty

ARLINGTON WHEELMEN.

Are Off for a Run to Brandywine and a Game of Ball. The Arlington Wheelmen have been busy all week getting matters straightened up

from their meet of Saturday. It was a most successful affair. Today the club is off on a run to Brandy-



wine. The riders leave at 9 o'clock from 513 Ninth street They have ordered din per for twenty and expect to engage in a baseball game while there. Lieut Potts

has charge of the run.
In a body the club called on Lieut. F. W.
Stone, at 2027 Bassachusetts avenue day night to bid him farew is going to Arizona for his health and will be there for at least two years.

speaking of the matter: "The League cer tainly has at present no law regarding such a system, although there are cer tain signals which go to make up the new unwritten code, which are recognized by

"Of course there will always be accidents, more or less; but the same rule of the road must be applied to bicycles question in the mind of any fair-minded person that there is a persistent animosity exhibited by drivers of carts, backmen and coachmen toward bicycling and bicyclists. They seem to delight in collisions When, occasionally, they are brought up with a sharp turn, they always seem to regard themselves as the innocent and aggrieved party. But in justice they should be compelled to share and share alike in the matter of dividing the public high way. Perhaps a recognized code will, in some degree, obviate these troubles."

Among the signals in the new code which seem to meet with general approval of riders in and about New York are the fol-

When approaching two people from the rear, three rings, "I will pass between When approaching from opposite di-

rections, one ring, "I will pass to the right." Two rings, "I will pass to the left." Four short rings, followed by two short ones," "Is my lamp out?" Four long ones, "It is." Four short ones, foled by four long ones, "No." "I want to talk to you" is conveyed by

riders by three long bells. One long and one short ring is generally understood to mean, "They have sprinkled the street further down: look out." It was proposed there should be a signal meaning, "Is my hat on straight?" It was killed. No woman But there can be no doubt that within the near future a more complete and compre-hensive system will be adopted. It will, of course, necessitate a standard bell, for which the public will be thankful. Uniformity in regard to hells will greatly in