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WHEELS AND RIDERS

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LONDON HAS A HANSON CYCLE.

Mirror Fastened to a Handle Bar—The Umbrella Holder a Recent Device.

So far as known, the only maimed tandem team in the country is to be found in St. Louis. The members are John B. Waters, a one-armed night watchman, and William G. Davis, a one-legged bicycle repairer. Waters is well known in St. Louis as a survivor of the terrible explosion at the Haydock carriage factory, in March, 1885, when he was frightfully mangled by falling walls, two of his fellow workmen being killed at the same time. Since recovery...



UMBRELLA HOLDER.

ering from this awful shock he has devoted himself to athletics and making strong those parts of him which he had left. He can now run 100 yards under twelve seconds, can lift with his one arm a greater weight than the average man with both, and, though riding a wheel only since the middle of last March, he can outstrip the average rider on the road.

Davis, the other member of this curious team, lost his left leg when a boy. When trying to catch on behind a buggy he fell and was run over by another vehicle, his leg being so mangled that amputation was necessary. He is an expert bicycle repairer. He challenges any one-legged man in the world to a race for any amount and for any dis-

exercise. I am not joking," he remonstrated, when his audience roared with laughter. "I was never more serious in my life. It's a good thing for every schoolteacher to ride a wheel."

WHEELS OF MANY BRANDS.

An examination of a list of the various kinds of bicycles made in this country, compiled by an expert last year, gives 850 different names. It is true that a number of companies placing these wheels on the market own and sell more than one kind, but it is



SCREEN FOR MODEST MAIDENS.

also true that a large number of bicycles are not named at all. In February last there were 1,143 different kinds of wheels made and registered in this country. In other words, within three months' time 309 new makes of bicycles were placed on the market.

ADVICE TO TANDEM RIDERS.

An instructor in a riding school believes that special lessons should be given to those riders who contemplate using a tandem. "They may think they are expert," said he, "and doubtless are good riders on a single wheel, but with a tandem it is different. In the first place, of the two riders, one always should be agreed upon to do the steering, and the other must so discipline himself that under any emergency he will not try to guide the wheel. Otherwise there will be a 'spill' and injury. Practice is needed to turn corners. You cannot swing around sharp turns with a tandem as you can with a single wheel. Make a big, wide, comfortable curve of it. It takes a steady hand and a good eye to guide the machine built for two' and to keep the wheels in line. You may always tell the trail of a tandem steered by a novice on a damp roadway, for there will be an 'in and out' track like the links of a string of sausage. Yes, I believe all riders ought to take a lesson or two in tandem riding in private before they venture upon the public roads.

NEW KIND OF BRAKE.

A new device in connection with bicycles that has created a deep and general interest among mechanics is a brake which cannot be seen by any

with a rope on shafting to regulate fly-wheels. In this new bicycle brake the coil is a spiral one of steel that encircles the crank axle inside the bracket, or box. One end of it is attached to a light steel chain which runs up through the tubing of the machine to the right hand grip on the handle bar. Inside the grip is provided with a steel sheath which is grooved so as to form a "worm" and when the handle is turned the chain is tightened. A tension is put upon the coil, which then grips the axle and stops the wheel.

JEWELERS SELLING WHEELS.

Why do jewelers sell bicycles? This question has no doubt occurred to the minds of every one who has passed in front of jewelry stores and seen some high-grade bicycles advertised for sale. As a general rule these jewelers are not sole agents for the wheel, but are simply acting as sub-agents for the bicycle dealer who represents the manufacturer. A prominent jeweler in explaining the point last week said: "We are doing it in self-defense. The average young man in former years when going on a trip would purchase a watch; on his sweetheart's birthday he would purchase a lady's watch; I do not say this occurred with every young man, but it occurred often enough to cut quite a figure in the receipts of the jewelry house. The young man does not buy watches or bracelets or brooches any more; he buys bicycles instead. Count the number of ladies riding on the boulevard or through the parks on some fine day and then think that not one in a hundred of those ladies bought their own wheels. They were given to them by brothers, fathers or their sweethearts as presents instead of jewelry. We have decided to keep in front of the procession as before, and now, if we cannot suit a young man or young lady with some article of jewelry, we have a bicycle which 'runs like a watch' that we can offer instead."

ONLY ONE FACTORY.

Many highly colored stories have recently been printed about the astonishingly low cost of bicycles in Japan. As a matter of fact that country has but one large bicycle factory, and that is



CAN SEE WHAT IS COMING BEHIND.

situation in Yokohama. The company occupying this plant has been in business seventeen years, and at present is devoting itself chiefly to filling orders from the military, police and post-office departments of the Japanese government. The prices of its wheels are high enough to admit of the importation of American bicycles on a paying basis. It is very obvious that the



ST. LOUIS' CRIPPLED CYCLE TEAM.

casual inspection of the wheel, yet is so perfectly efficient that it seems to have solved the vexed problem of brakes which has so long been distressing wheelmakers and riders. The brake is as simple as it is marvelous in action. It is the adaptation of an old principle known in machine shops as a "coil clutch," and used in conjunction

METHODS OF BREATHING.

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and sell it at an advance or use it for hiring out.

DOES NOT CONSIDER WEIGHT.

A dealer who has had a long and varied experience in selling bicycles states that he has learned not to consider the weight of the rider as deserving a great amount of attention. Heavy men, he thinks, usually put a bicycle to less strain than lighter and more active wheelmen. His notion that the mere supporting of weight does not constitute the real strain on the machine seems plausible enough. Of course, if two riders, one heavy and the other light, always rode at the same speed the heavy would use up his machine first, but heavy riders, as a rule, ride much slower than light and middle weights, and it seems probable that this dealer is right in thinking it unnecessary to recommend specially heavy mounts for his 200-pound customers.

SAFE FROM THE HOT SUN.

Among the scores of devices in connection with bicycles is an umbrella holder, simple and light in weight, which has just been placed on sale. It is a tubular support, attached to the cross-bar, into which the umbrella handle can be inserted. It is designed to give ample protection from the sun and can be stored when not wanted.

FOR THE ATHLETIC GIRL.

The newest sweater is made with a deep-pointed V-shaped yoke, which is outlined with little knots of the wool. The sleeves are decidedly puffed, though it is said that before Jones the sweater is to discard entirely this full of fashion, and that the sleeves in sweaters for both men and women are to be made alike—small. Sweaters in two colors are much more the vogue than one color. Beige and white and fawn and dark blue are new color combinations. The sailor collar is now as much worn as the one which is straight, merely rolling over a little at the top; and, of course, every well regulated sweater buttons on the shoulders.

MEANS ON A WHEEL.

The first bishop to master the silent steed is James P. McFaul, the bishop of Trenton, N. J. He was recently appointed by the holy see as the successor of Michael J. O'Farrell. Bishop McFaul's diocese extends from the upper end of Middlesex county down to Cape May, covering fourteen counties out of the twenty-one. The bishop has been quietly taking lessons on the wheel, and it was only within a few days that it leaked out that he had become a wheelman. He is a young man of marked ability as a prelate. He is slightly inclined to bilious-

ness because of his sedentary work. He has been in the habit of driving out almost daily, and he has trusted very largely to red apples for a relief. He can be frequently seen going along the thoroughfares eating an apple. Some of his parishioners suggested that a bicycle and the red apple would be the proper thing to keep his liver active and he reached that conclusion himself. The bishop has not yet appeared in public. He wants to get better acquainted with his wheel.

BICYCLE BANGS.

Bicycle girls have been almost out of their minds in trying to keep their hair straight. The wind and the heat have been playing havoc with their locks, and they have come to the conclusion that something radical in the way of reform must be employed. If the bicycle girl is to escape the annoyance that is the consequence of possessing a full head of hair she must do something quickly. She is prepared to do it, for the "bicycle bang" has been invented by some ingenious soul, and the bicycle girl will wear it. The "bicycle bang" is of human hair, matching that of the wearer, and is fastened on with numerous diminutive pins, concealed amid the meshes of the bang, so that there is nothing to detract from its naturalness. The hair is treated with a chemical that prevents it getting out of curl, no matter how moist may be the atmosphere or how boisterous the wind. The bicycle girl says it is the best thing that has been invented for her benefit for years.

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