

ON WHEELS.

TOPIC OF THE DAY.

An Essay on Wheels.

Norfolk Landmark.

Someone has asked us to discuss the physiological effect of bicycling. Now, we are prepared for a good many things, but for that, we must beg to be excused. The doctors may fight it out among themselves, and we will say for the benefit of our questioner that there is no prospect of their ever reaching a conclusion.

Thus, we are brought back to the old maxim that the proof of the pudding is in the eating; and it is certain that a great many devotees of the wheel have strong and flourishing like a green bay tree. Quite a number of others succeed in wabbling along in a leisurely way without losing anything in particular except their avoidpoids, which is often, we are forced to admit, quite attractive in its absence.

It is true that bicycling in the first stages sometimes causes lack of equilibrium, and we have known it to induce pronounced mental weakness where possible. Temporary curvature of the spine is frequent, and we have seen the mildest-mannered individual assume an appearance of exquisite torture and terrifying ferocity.

When a lady and a gentleman are riding a tandem, the former should carefully abstain from complaining of the slow rate of progress. Unfeeling remarks of that kind not infrequently cause prostration.

It is not well to carry children less than six months old in a cage on the handlebar. If subjected to this pleasure the infant is likely to grow up either eccentric or idiotic.

Never stop to converse with a victim whom you have thoughtlessly run over on the public highway—this is very unhealthy.

A supply of ammonia in a strong rubber bulb provided with a nozzle is an excellent precaution against dogs and pedestrians who are inclined to be slow in leaping out of your way.

A Bicycle Restaurant.

Staeville Landmark.

One of the latest developments of the bicycle craze, says the New York Sun, is a restaurant on wheels that is constructed to serve the bicyclers. It is a new style carrier tricycle, and the man who runs it expects to follow the roads frequented by bicycle riders and serve to them hot meals.

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Variety in Domestic Life.

Young People's Leader.

The evenings of great numbers of families are monotonous humdrum. They involve the assemblage of the same people; the same surroundings; the same paterfamilias, yawning over his paper; the same querulous mamma, overlaid with family cares.

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Mrs. Best's Bloomers.

Detroit Free Press.

"Oh, George, how I would love to wear bloomers!" said little Mrs. Best in a cajoling voice.

"Well, dear, why don't you wear them?" asked Mr. Best.

"I thought you would never give your consent. You said so."

"But, my love, times have changed. If other ladies wear bloomers, why should not you?"

"Oh, that is so sweet of you, George! Wait a moment, dear," and Mrs. Best vanished from the hearthstone like a fairy to reappear in a few moments transformed into a jaunty youth.

"That my wife? Whew!" said George Best to himself. Then aloud, "So you had them all ready?"

"Yes, dear, for my bicycle—if you were agreeable."

"I should wear them to mill and to meeting," said Mr. Best, and so encouraged, Mrs. Best kept them on until she should finish her housework and be ready to ride her bike to market.

Her first experience was with a tramp at the back door.

"Say, boy, is the missus in?" "I am the lady of the house."

"Say, young feller you've got nerve! Go and chase yourself!"

Mrs. B. slammed the door to and locked it. Then she went to market.

"Here, you dude feller, stop pinching them cucumbers!" snapped a cross stallkeeper.

"I'll black yer eye, my pretty boy, if yer dig yer fingers into them strawberries agin!" screamed an old woman.

Going home, Mrs. Best had company. One of George's bachelor friends rode up on his wheel and said airily:

"Can't call you by name yet, but have a cigarette, old fel!" and he extended his case with an impudent grin.

Mrs. B. went home as fast as her wheel could spin and hung her rig in the attic. And she doesn't dream that her adventures were the result of a little scheme on the part of her dear George.

Aphorisms of Franklin.

Poor Richard's Almanac.

Diligence is the mother of good luck. Wealth is not his that has it, but his that enjoys it.

He that can have patience can have what he will. Good wives and good plantations are made by good husbands.

The noblest question in the world is what good may I do in it? Hast thou virtue, acquire also the graces and beauties of virtue.

He that would have a short Lent, let him borrow money to be repaid at Easter.

As we must account for every idle word, so we must for every idle silence. Search others for their virtues; thyself for thy vices.

Let thy child's first lesson be obedience, and the second will be what thou wilt.

A Form of Proposal.

Evening Post.

In the late Mr. Locker-Lampson's "Confidences" is told how he proposed to his future wife: "This is how it came about. We had seated ourselves on a bench in the park, and neither spoke. I took her hand. 'This is the prettiest hand in all the world,' said I. 'I happen to know one that is quite as pretty,' said she. Another silence. Perhaps I was incredulous, but when she put the other pretty hand into mine I knew that we were both very happy."

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