

Bertie Cecil's Bicycle.
From the Chicago Tribune.
"I have bought a bicycle."
These words, stately and impressive in all their clear-cut distinctness of enunciation, sprang forth in a quick, decisive manner on the June zephyrs that were fragrant with subtle perfume and that kissed in indolent fashion the bronzed cheeks of John W. Cecil, a successful merchant. He had seen his only child, a son, grow up from cooing babyhood to the redundant vigor of a healthful youth, in whose bright horizon there seemed naught but the turquoise bloom of hope, flecked here and there by the rose-tinted clouds of ambition that seemed, streaming up from its uttermost rim, like gladstone prophecies of achievement and renown that the near future would see fulfilled. But now, what a change! The youth was just home from Harvard. John W. Cecil looked earnestly at his son as Bertie stood there beneath the locust trees that guarded the entrance to Brierton Villa, and as he saw the toothpick shoes, peck-a-boo collar and tablespoon hat of his only child his heart failed him and a great sob of agony welled up from his left lung.

"And so you have bought a bicycle?" he asks.
"Yes, papa," responded Bertie, taking a package of cigarettes from his vest pocket as he speaks.
"And have you learned to ride it?"
"No, papa."
"I am glad of that," says the father, a look of relief passing over his face.
"Why?" asks Bertie.
"Because," replies Mr. Cecil, "there is still a chance for you to break your neck."

Brief Mention.
Oil speculation has gained such magnitude that the sales in the different exchanges aggregate 50,000,000 daily, and there are 36,000,000 pipe line certificates outstanding.

One McFarland, of Chicago, having borrowed a ladder from a neighbor, received injuries by fall resulting from the breaking of the ladder, and he has now sued the neighbor for damages for having loaned him so unreliable an article.

If the entire State of Rhode Island could be transported to one of the Texan cattle ranches and be fenced in, there would remain of the ranch an outlying territory of nearly 25,000 acres in which to pasture the cattle without trespassing.

Education has made rapid progress in Spain within the last quarter of a century. Since the passing of the law of 1857, which, among other things, provided for compulsory education in the case of all children between the ages of six and nine, the number of schools and scholars has more than doubled. Of the one there were in 1850 13,334, and in 1878 29,088, while in the same period the scholars increased from 652,163 to 1,633,288.

A recent report of the chief of the Bureau of Statistics on the internal commerce of the United States shows that the tonnage of American and foreign vessels entered in the foreign trade at the ports of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and New Orleans for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, amounted to 10,279,200 tons. Of this 13.08 per cent was entered at Boston, 60.74 per cent at New York, 8.34 per cent at Philadelphia, 8.69 per cent at Baltimore, and 7.16 per cent at New Orleans.

What is the difference between a leopard and a Methodist minister? One cannot change his spots, and the other must.

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Russian soldiers are now required to carry large cotton handkerchiefs. Oh, yes; we see. They will come very handy when the armies come to "blows."—Norristown Herald.

"Can a man see without eyes?" asked a teacher when examining a class. "Yes, sir," replied a sharp boy. "How do you make that out?" asked the astonished teacher. "Because he can see with one," replied the quick-witted child.—Exchange.

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