

A PAIR OF SPEEDY WHEELMEN.

Griffiths and Terrill Now Visiting Honolulu.

Bay City Wheelmen—They Have Records—How They Look and What They Say—To Race Here.

T. A. Griffiths and H. F. Terrill, the famous California wheelmen who reached this place last week by the bark Albert, are delighted with Honolulu. They are enjoying the vacation thoroughly and wish it would continue six months instead of terminating in four weeks. These young men are interesting. They are exponents of a pastime that has developed in a most astounding fashion. Less than ten years ago a bicycle was a curiosity. Now the safety is a part of every day life. Few persons of genuine spirit can resist the wheel. Next to sitting behind a team of 220 trotters, riding a perfect bicycle at a scorching speed is a favorite sensation with people who have a tinge of sporting in their blood. In Europe and the United States and even in Hawaii the bicycle is of practical use. The interest taken in America by the ladies has assured the popularity and permanence of wheeling.

The silent steed notables now here make an interesting pair. The age of each is twenty-one. They are fine-looking young men. With them the wheel has proven a guard against all physical ills. They are pictures of health. Terrill is 5 feet 9 1/2 inches tall and weighs 184 pounds. He is the blonde of the team. Griffiths, the brunette, is a trifle lighter and an inch taller. He weighs 153 pounds. They are fellow members of the Bay City Wheelmen's Club of San Francisco. Both were born in that city. Terrill is a member of the club directorate and Griffiths is on the road board. The Bay City have 140 members. It is one of the most popular organizations on the Coast and one of the best known of bicycle clubs. Mr. Terrill is in the office of an architect as a draughtsman. He is a Class "A" man. This means that he is not the agent of a bicycle company or the employee of a house handling machines. Terrill is an oarsman also and is acquainted in rowing circles along the Coast. He is regarded as a very valuable man in any crew.

Mr. Griffiths, who is the son of the captain of the Albert, is a "B" Class man. This is because he is in the bicycle business, being connected with one of the leading San Francisco houses. He can ride when and where he likes, in the amateur class. A new wrinkle in the business is the hanging up of unmounted diamonds as trophies for amateurs. This is the nearest possible approach to money. "None of the good riders up there go in for medals at all," remarked Griffiths.

Being in Class "A", Terrill is not permitted under rules to race 200 miles from home. For the purposes of this trip he has secured a special permit and may enter for one or more events on Thanksgiving Day at the advertised meet. Harry Wooten is trying to get up a road race in the meantime as an appetizer. The Coast boys tell him that a splendid course can be laid out on Beretania and School streets. They suggest twenty-five miles. Mr. Wooten thinks five or ten miles will be about suitable to the local talent.

Griffiths was a world's champion for about two weeks last year. He covered ten miles on the road in 23 minutes and 44 seconds. This was in the extensively mentioned relay race from San Francisco to Oakland around



GRIFFITHS, ONE OF THE COAST'S BEST WHEELERS, WHO IS HERE ON A VISIT.

the bay by way of San Jose. It was a task of 100 miles and was divided among ten picked men. Terrill was also one of the number and did creditable work. Griffiths' name was heralded broadcast as a "phenom." He at once stepped into the ranks as a prominent rider and is most likely to stay there. He has been riding only four years and tried the track for the first time only eighteen months ago. So far he has held his own at every distance. Though splendidly built he is of slight form, but strong and of fine lung power.

Mr. Terrill is riding in his third year and has been racing half that time. Any distance suits him, but he has done his best at half a mile. The tendency of the programs in the States is for spurts. They please the audiences. People get tired of long contests. Terrill impresses one as being a powerful fellow. He looks like a young giant.

These young men have to date raced only on the Coast. They are training on and may be able to best Zeigler and Wells of California, and then go East.

"How do you train?" was asked of Terrill. "Eat plenty of substantial food; work enough, but not too much; don't make yourself weary. To race a man you should feel good all the time. None of the cracks ride themselves down. They do just enough work to keep in trim."

"Do either of you smoke?"

"No, sir," said Griffiths. "None of the successful riders either smoke or drink. The great Zimmerman takes a cigar between his teeth, but never lights it. Smoking would cut the wind."

The visitors are quite taken with the appearance and riding of Giles, the Hawaiian champion. They are quite



TERRILL, ONE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BICYCLISTS WHO IS AT PRESENT IN HONOLULU.

anxious to see him on the track. The Honolulu men are keen to see Griffiths and Terrill come down to the tape. If there is no hitch the opportunity may be afforded on the 29th and in the road race.

IT WAS VERY SUDDEN.

But the Man at the Telephone Got the Answer He Wanted.

An event has occurred in Michigan, near Detroit, which appears to confirm the idea that courtship as well as most other things will hereafter be greatly facilitated by recent inventions. It seems that there is a young lady residing in Detroit who for some time has been the recipient of the attentions of two young men—one a young professor at the Michigan state university at Ann Arbor and the other a traveling salesman for a New York wholesale hardware house, whose route extends through Michigan and parts of Canada.

One day recently the New Yorker arrived in Detroit late in the afternoon, and of course immediately started to make the rounds of the retail hardware dealers, with the laudable purpose of selling each a good stock for the winter before the representative of any rival concern should put in an appearance. He had hoped to visit the object of his affections in the evenings but business was brisk, and at 8 o'clock found him very busy trying to induce a prominent dealer to take six dozen axes, four dozen grindstones and a half carload of woolen pails. At this stage of the proceedings a younger brother of the young lady dropped in to get a new jackknife and accidentally mentioned that the Ann Arbor professor was up at the house.

It instantly occurred to the progressive hardware and cutlery drummer that the college man came for no other purpose than to lay his heart at the feet of the young lady he himself adored. For a moment there was a struggle in his heart, but he speedily got control of himself and decided that he could not possibly leave the store, as the dealer was just on the point of deciding to take the pails.

But the thought of giving up the lady, who had been for months constantly in his mind, waking and sleeping, was unbearable. Light suddenly dawned on him. Handing the merchant a circular explaining the merits of his new double-bladed chopping knives, he requested the use of the dealer's telephone for five minutes, stepped to it and rang up the central office.

A moment later the telephone bell at the residence of the young lady rang, sharp and decisive. The professor had been there for an hour talking pleasantly of the grand educational work they were doing in the department of fessology at Ann Arbor. When the bell rang, the lady's father being absent—he is a physician—she excused herself and proceeded to the adjoining room to answer it. The professor heard her step to the telephone and say "Yes," make a short pause and say "Yes" again. Then there was a longer pause, and he heard her reply, "Why—why—really, this is very sudden." Then there was a still longer pause, and he heard her say "Yes," very softly, and then "Goodby," and then she hung up the receiver and came into the back room. The college man moved closer to the lady and remarked that it was a warm evening, and he thought it was going to rain and then resumed his talk about the great work at the university. Fifteen minutes later there was a ring at the front door bell. The lady responded to it, and a district messenger boy handed her a plain gold ring, which she slipped on her finger and returned to the parlor.

"Miss ——" said the professor five minutes later, "I want to ask you a very important question this evening. Excuse me for putting it bluntly, but will you be my wife?" But we need go no further with this. Two minutes later the professor went down the front steps and shook his fist at the telephone wire and took the first train for Ann Arbor.—Hardware.

Almost a Tragedy. He loved her. He had asked her to marry him. She had remained silent. He persuaded and pleaded for an answer.

She refused to reply. Then he took his hat and started away angrily. "One word, Mr. de Smoot," she said in tragic tones, "before you go." He was averted and stopped. "Well," he responded sulkily, "what is it? Speak quick, for I am going away forever." "Yes," she murmured, and her mother-up stairs thought he wouldn't go away forever. Such is love in large cities.—Detroit Free Press.

Ladies' Column.

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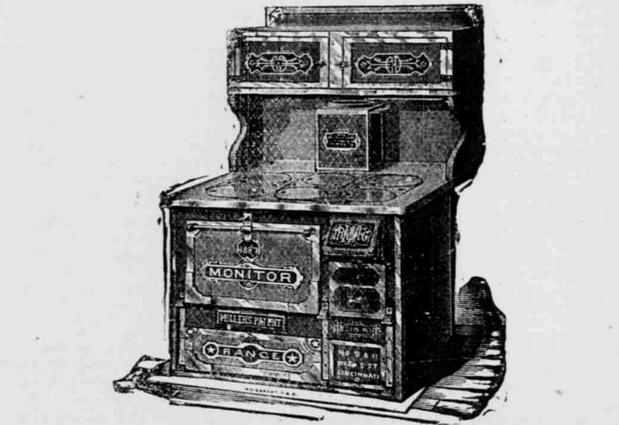
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