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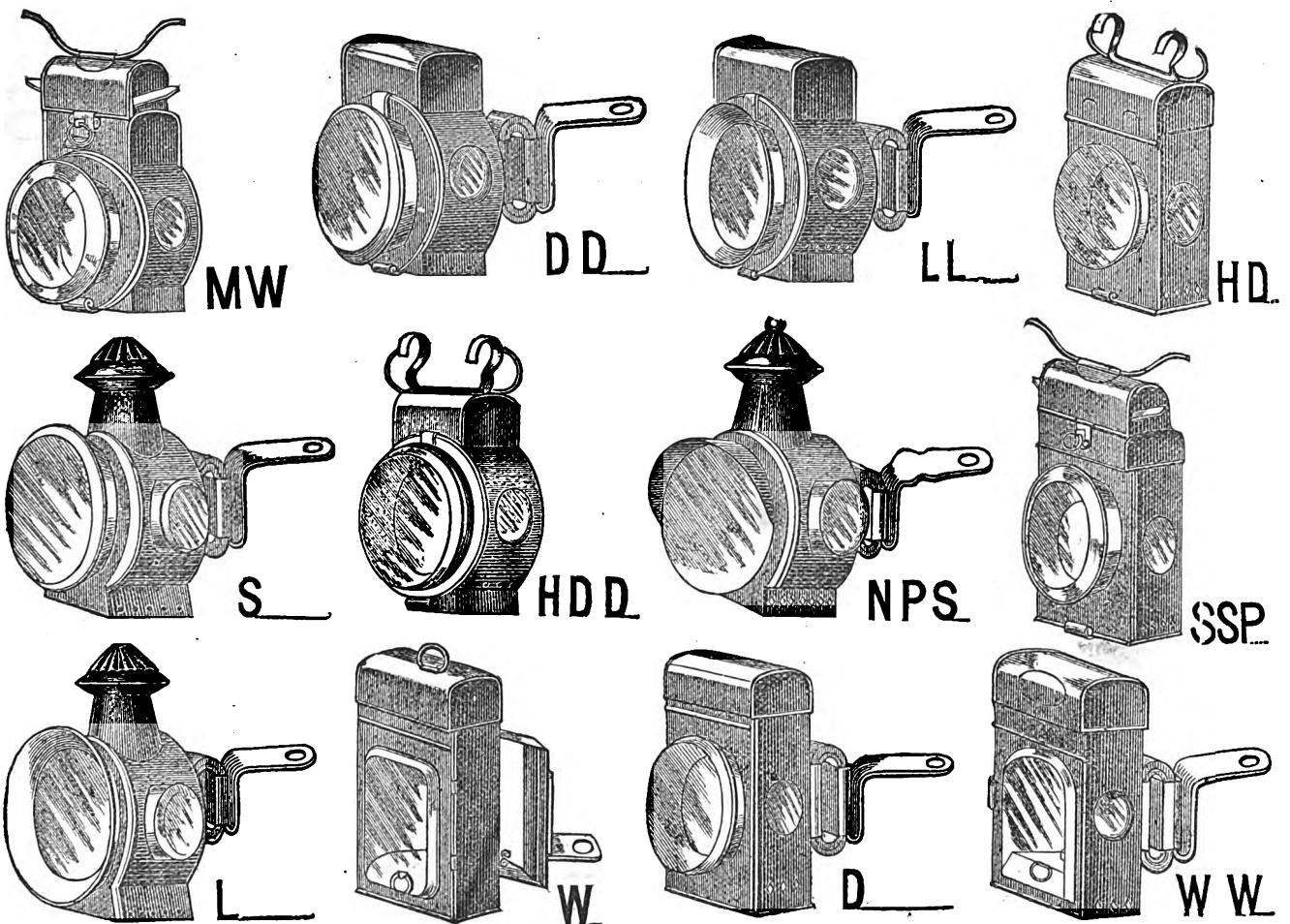
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Editorial.

This leads us to another subject on which most clubs have learned a lesson, and that is "road racing." The only important race now on the road is that, on Whit Monday, of the London Bicycle Club, from Bath to the ninth milestone from London, which stands just this side of Hounslow. It is true that the club in their organ speak of this contest not as a "race," but as a road "trial;" but that it is a race is proved not merely by the fact that the club receive entries for it in the usual way, and include the names of the winners in their racing prize list in the Annual Report, but by the fact that the first man in receives a different prize, and that all behind a certain number (no matter how good their time or however much under the ten hours' trial they may be) receive no medal. Were it really a road trial—a sort of test of a man's ability to cover one hundred miles under ten hours—it could be ridden off in batches of four or five at intervals, proper precaution being taken for the timing, and no one could have a word to say against it. When, however, from twenty to thirty men are formally ranged in position to compete for ten medals only, a race becomes a pell-mell scramble along a public highway, which can only be as damaging to the sport as it undoubtedly is to the systems of the riders, even teetotalers having been known to arrive slightly hysterical from sheer fatigue after a long and trying run. We hear that the authorities of Newbury, amongst other places, will take steps to prohibit this year what we trust the club's own good sense will show had better be voluntarily abandoned in favour of the Alexandra Palace or some similar course.

It is interesting to watch how year after year clubs gain experience, and how success visits them in proportion to the ability with which they are worked. The Stanley, when commencing their now annual exhibition, tacked the display on to a kind of social evening at the Athenæum, at which we well remember poor Airey was most energetic. Not only was there singing and music, but a display of the powers of the telephone, &c. Now the show has settled down into the recognised business interchange of ideas in a large and ever increasing industry.

Club Doings.

BELSIZE.—The Club ball (not "state" ball, as printed by an error in last week's issue) will be held at the Hampstead Vestry Hall on Tuesday, the 6th April next. The price of the tickets will be 7s. 6d each, inclusive of refreshments during the evening. The ball committee will meet on Friday evening to make the necessary arrangements, select a list of stewards, &c.—R. P. HAMPTON ROBERTS, Hon. Sec.

BELGRAVE.—At the General Meeting, on Friday evening last, the Hon. Sec. gave a brief resumé of the season, which had been so successful in every way, instancing their Race Meeting, Annual Dinner and Ball; and the balance-sheet being put forward, showed £92 4s. 7d. against £96 2s. 6d., leaving a balance to the good of £3 17s. 11d. A discussion then took place as to whether the club should join the Bicycle Union, and it was eventually decided it should do so. The rules having been revised, the election of officers and Committee by ballot was then proceeded with, the following being the result:—Captain, Mr. W. S. Brock; Sub-Captain, Mr. H. Byrd; Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Mr. R. Jourden; Bugler, Mr. L. R. Hardy; Committee:—Messrs. B. Cook, R. T. Hall, J. H. G. Ross, W. H. Ross, J. T. Pierson, J. H. Wilke and W. Wrather.

BRIXTON.—Four members ploughed their way through Mitcham to the "Bay Tree" at Merton, where tea was obtained. The fog and rain combined to make the return journey somewhat risky.—G. McC., Captain.

CARLTON.—At a General Meeting of this club held at Lords Hotel; St. John's Wood, on Monday, 2nd February, the officers for 1880 were elected. Captain, Mr. W. S. Liddon (re-elected); Sub-Captain, Mr. Alfred Dark; Committee, Messrs. Widdows, Towerz-y, and P. Liddon; Hon. Secretary, T. H. Edridge. It was proposed and carried that a northern division be formed, and any gentlemen wishing to become members of the club will please communicate with me at 50, Kiver Road, Upper Holloway. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due, and will oblige by remitting same.—T. H. EDRIDGE, Hon. Sec.

CANONBURY.—At our Annual General Election of Officers for the ensuing year, Mr. Wm. Pye English was re-elected Captain and Hon. Sec., Mr. H. Blackwell jun., Sub-captain, Mr. Thomas, Hon. Treas., and Messrs. Fitch, Whitley, Harman, W. S. Wilson, Forster (all re-elected). A. J. Wilson, Macqueen, and Turner on the committee.—WM. PYE-ENGLISH, Hon. Sec.

CRICHTON.—A Committee Meeting will be held on Friday evening next 6th inst., 8 p.m., at 31, Avington Grove, Penge, S.E. Members are also reminded that their subscriptions (10s. 6d.) are coming due for this season.—ALFRED M. BOLTON, Hon. Sec.

DERBY.—Jan. 31st, eleven members turned out for the run to Kegworth, whence having made a stay of twenty minutes, a return was made; home being reached without mishap. Road good for time of year—22 miles.—W. W. BEMROSE, Hon. Sec.

DEWSBURY.—A general meeting of the club was held on Friday night, when the uniform for next season was decided as follows, dark blue cap and jacket and brown knicks and stockings. Rules were also revised and a member elected.—W. DAVISON, Hon. Sec.

HIGHBURY.—Saturday Jan. 31st, in consequence of the fearful fog there was but a small muster. Four members started for Barnet, but two shortly afterwards returned. The faithful two reached Barnet about 5 o'clock, and ten'd at the "King of Prussia." Returned to Headquarters about 11 p.m. Roads in very good condition.—F. W. PAUL, Hon. Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD.—The Annual Dinner is fixed to take place at the Zetland Hotel, on Thursday the 19th of February, 1880, at 7 o'clock.—J. F. SYKES, Hon. Sec.

ISLE OF WIGHT.—The Annual Concert of the above club took place at the Drill Hall, Newport, on Thursday the 10th inst., before a numerous and fashionable audience. The walls of the hall were hung with bicycles placed sufficiently high to keep the glittering wheels a safe distance from the heads of the audience. The vocalists were: Miss May Bell, R.A.M.; Miss M. S. Jones, R.A.M.; Mr. W. Howells, R.A.M. and Mr. Robert George, R.A.M. Herr Leu, of the Conservatoire Leipsic, performed several solos on the violoncello, and Mr. J. T. Read was the accompanist. The programme comprised 20 engagements, and the various pieces were performed with a magnificent effect.

OWL.—The members of the above club celebrated their first anniversary, by dining together at the Holborn Restaurant, on Wednesday evening, January 28th. The chair was occupied by Charles Mc. Clure Esq. The Secretary of the club, H. Laming Esq. occupied the vice-chair. After the dinner, the chairman gave "The Queen and Royal Family," and also proposed "Success to the Owl Bicycle Club," although he was not a bicyclist himself, but a great promoter of what he considered to be one of the best of all athletic sports. Mr. J. G. House responded and thanked them, most heartily, for drinking the health of the Club. He said that the club had not increased in numbers, as much as he should like to have seen, but we must not get downhearted, but set to work and try to improve it this year. He also (for the benefit of those who had not been members for any length of time, and the visitors) gave them the history of the club, and its doings from its formation. The health of the Hon. Sec. was next proposed. Mr. Laming, in responding, said that he should always do his best for the club. The toast of "The Officers" was next drank. Mr. F. A. Mc. Clure responded. The toast of "The Visitors" was next proposed. Mr. W. Towers responded. The toast of "The Ladies" was proposed and Mr. J. Bone responded. Various other toasts were proposed and responded to. The rest of the evening was passed very pleasantly, with music and singing, breaking up at 12.15.—H. LAMING, Hon Sec.

SLEAFORD.—The Annual General Meeting of this club will be held at the Bristol Arms Hotel, on Friday 14th inst., at 8 p.m. All members are requested to attend.—MAXWELL H. KENNEY, Hon. Sec.

STAR.—Three members and a friend attended the run last Saturday to Woodford. Tea at the "Castle." Pleasant ride down, but he return journey had to be accomplished partly on foot, on account of the dense fog.—R. STARKER, Hon. Sec.

SYDENHAM.—On Wednesday 28th ult. a Musical Evening was held at the Headquarters, Longton Hall Hotel, Sydenham, and in spite of the very heavy fog, about 35 to 40 were present. There was no lack of songs, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Members of the West Kent, Lewisham, Pelham, Croydon and Crichton B. C.'s favoured us with their presence.—ERNEST GIRLING, Hon Sec.

SATURN.—The Second Social Evening of this club passed off very successfully last Wednesday at Headquarters, Mr. R. Vazie-Simons in the chair, Mr. J. Burleigh in the vice. Members of the Brixton Ramblers, Camberwell, and Temple B. C.'s being present. The songs were as follows:—"George, tell me if you love me," Mr. A. Dallimore, Camberwell; "Can't she dance the Can-Can," Mr. H. M. Cohen, Camberwell; "Polly," Mr. H. Guard, Saturn; "The Girl in the Pinafore Dress," Mr. W. Sutton, Temple; "Timid little Maid," Mr. V. Vagnolini, Visitor; "Hi! ho! who's for the Bank," Mr. H. Jackson, Camberwell; "Ills of Life," Mr. J. Burleigh, Saturn; "You can go Nap on that," Mr. Vazie-Simons, Saturn; "The noble 24th," Mr. A. Talbot, Camberwell; "The Diver," Mr. Barker, Camberwell; "The Miser," Mr. F. W. White, Saturn; "Chilling a Wallabodore," Mr. W. H. Blaxland, Saturn; "Paris Exhibition," Mr. H. M. Cohen, Camberwell; "Canneaux," Mr. V. Vagnolini, visitor; "Vicar of Bray," Mr. H. Jackson, Camberwell; "Crutch and Toothpick," Mr. Vazie-Simons, Saturn; "Love," Mr. A. Dallimore, Camberwell; Admiral's song "Pinafore," Mr. A. Jackson, Camberwell; "Run for the Dr., Charlie dear," Mr. W. Sutton, Temple; "Did you ever?" Mr. V. Vagnolini, Visitor; "The Tar's Farewell," Mr. H. Guard, Saturn; "That's what an Englishman's made of," Mr. A. Talbot, Camberwell; "I'd not like to stand in your shoes," Mr. W. J. Holman, Visitor; "She did," Mr. C. W. Coe, Brixton Ramblers; "I really am so sleepy," Mr. V. Vagnolini, Visitor; "Gendarmes duet from Genevieve," Miss Holman and Mr. V. Vagnolini, visitors; "Peter Gray," Mr. J. Burleigh, Saturn; "On the Sly," Mr. W. Sutton, Temple; "Amen," Mr. C. W. Coe, Brixton Ramblers; "The City Toff," Mr. H. M. Cohen, Camberwell; "Peter Piper," Mr. V. Vagnolini, visitor; "The Farmer's Boy," Mr. A. Talbot, Camberwell; "Says Aaron to Moses," Mr. H. M. Cohen, Camberwell; Capt. Laddi-da-doo," Mr. R. Vazie-Simons, Saturn. "Auld Lang Syne" brought the evening to a close. Our next will be held at Headquarters, on Thursday, February 12th, at 8 p.m., when visitors are requested to be as punctual as possible.—R. VAZIE-SIMONS, Captain.

TEMPLE.—The next Social Meeting will be held at the Portugal

Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday the 25th inst. at 6 30 p.m. Mr. W. C. Flegg has promised to read a paper, subject, "A Model Race meeting." Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay to the Treasurer, Mr. McWilliam, 35 Edwards-square, Kensington, W. The usual meeting for gymnastic exercises will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday next, at the Puddington Baths, Queen's Road, Bayswater.—F. STEVENS, Hon. Sec.

Correspondence.

A RACING GROUND FOR BICYCLISTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE BICYCLING TIMES."

SIR,—I have read with some interest the letter of "Nemo" in your last issue.

I do not for one moment wish to "throw cold water" upon the above scheme; but I think there is one point which in discussing this subject should be the first consideration. I refer to that of *obtaining the necessary land*.

Any person desiring to rent 9 or 10 acres of land at Will sden, or in any other suburb of London for a long term would find, I think, that he could only do so upon the usual terms of a building lease, and which would not of course suit the purposes for which the land would be required. It must be borne in mind that the laying down of a racing path does not add to the value of the ground at the expiration of a lease in the same way as the erection of houses would do, and, therefore, a difficulty would arise in making terms with the owner.

Land might no doubt be obtained in the suburbs, at a rack rental of £9 or £10 per acre, but not, I believe, for a long term.

I am inclined to think that the only way to obtain suitable land is to buy, and as this would probably cost in the suburbs from £500 to £1000 per acre, it is questionable, even if the money were raised, whether the income would amount to a sufficient sum to pay a fair return upon the capital. I have not gone fully into "Nemo's" figures, but in calculating the amount to be received from race meetings a sufficient sum must be allowed to the clubs in the shape of gate-money to repay them their expenses of the ground, prizes, advertising, &c., as, unless this be done, the ground would not be supported.

Trusting this subject may be more ably discussed by others.—W. B. TANNER, W. K. B. C.

[The land would not exceed £500 an acre, and nothing like 9 or 10 acres would be required.—Ed.]

"PROPOSED BICYCLE PATH."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BICYCLING TIMES."

DEAR SIR,—"Nemo" (K. B. C.) would not be able to persuade many clubs to engage his ground, and pay £10 for the same, if they were not allowed the gate-money; so that I am afraid he will have to strike out of his estimate of incomes the total of those items, viz., £308 15s., and so instead of a profit of £238 15s., there would be left a deficit of £70.—Yours, truly, "R. J." (Belgrave B. C.).

THE PRESS AND THE UNION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BICYCLING TIMES."

SIR,—I am at the moment of writing these words turning over in my mind, whether the editor of a contemporary, or the individual who does the leaders for that estimable journal, could ever in his youth have been apprenticed to a village, apothecary; if he has, and, indeed, it seems highly probable, the title of his editorial of last week must certainly form part of the reminiscences of his lable-writing youth. He again proceeds to attack, in his usual violent manner, the Bicycle Union, and commenced by terming it a mixed club. How that Association can be termed a club entirely passes my comprehension, as I do him the honour to suppose he, at least, understands the meaning of the word? Would he call the representative body of this country a club? If he would, then he has a reason for thus designating the representative Institution of Cycling. Then as to the adjective with which he qualifies the above-mentioned substantive—the adjective *mixed*.—What can be meant by this? Mixed! I have yet to learn that professionals are admitted as members of the body in question. If they are, I should be the first to condemn it and its executive, but if, as is very probable, he infers, that because the fund of the Bicycle Union profited to a certain extent by the Cortis-Keen meeting, that Association has admitted to its membership well-known professionals, the mere inference but goes to prove how very weak are his lines of argument, and the amount of confidence which may be placed in his allegations. Who can suppose that these allegations (the writer of the article

in question affirms that they are) are made in the support of Bicycling, even when he says that an eminent professional forms one of the pillars of the Union! Who is that professional? When accusations of this kind are brought forward, why not make the mystery clear by plainly pointing out to all, the individual whose presence or person has contaminated the Union, and through the Union the great body of amateurs, who, without doubt, support your contemporary in all its opinions on these matters.

Animated weath'rocks is another delectable phrase used in this delightful and instructive article, to designate hard-working men. I wonder if the writer of the sentence in which this phrase occurs has ever condescended to dwell on the position held by our great public men: Are they not only weathercocks, to point out which way popular opinion is blowing, and therefore to apply such an appellation to the individuals in question is but to pay them a high compliment rather than to cast a slur upon their endeavours and their reputations. Again he asks, "How came such clubs as The Pickwick, Surrey, London, Stanley, &c. to join this association." I think I can answer him. Not because, as he affirms, the Union was at that time an amateur league (as if it ever was or had been anything else, quotha!); but because those clubs were, and are still, composed of sound business-like men, capable of forming a judgment upon a momentous question, and because those men, being possessed of ordinary abilities and ordinary discrimination, could plainly foresee the necessity of a body to represent the sport, and the need of delivering bicycling and its regulation out of the hands of a few associations professing to legislate for athleticism as a whole. It, as he states, further on in his article, that these clubs have really been betrayed into a false position, would they not have ceased to support and uphold the means and cause of their betrayal and disgrace? That they still continue to give their countenance and assistance to the Union is answer enough to a hundred such crude suppositions. In a paragraph directly following the article I am now discussing, Mc. Cullum Hill is patted on the back for not starting in a skating race in which the reputation (in a sporting sense of the word) of some of the competitors was doubtful. But immediately above he is treated with contempt for instituting what is termed, forsooth, "a Bicycling hotch-potch" in which professionals and amateurs are allowed to revel in wild confusion. To this I shall offer no answer, as none is required, saving its treatment with the utter contempt it deserves. No one would be more gratified than myself to see the press in its entirety, the clubs, and a large portion of the unattached, bonded together for the support of the Union; but no doubt while times are hard, and other subjects for sensational leaders are scarce, it will continue to form a butt for at least one paper.

Luckily the shafts launched at it from the journalistic bow of its enemies, act as for the proverbial water in connection with the back of the proverbial duck.—Yours truly, "NEMO," (Kensington B.C.)

CAVALIER'S BICYCLE CLUB.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BICYCLING TIMES."

61, Belgrave Street, W.O., Jan. 31 1880.

SIR,—I notice that in your last week's issue you have transferred the locality of our club to Belgravia, will you kindly correct this in your next, as the error is likely to prevent gentlemen in this neighbourhood from applying to me. All communications at present are to be addressed to the above address, as we have not yet fixed our Headquarters.—Yours, very truly, HENRY W. SAUNDERL, Hon. Sec.

A TRACK FOR LONDON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BICYCLING TIMES."

SIR,—Allow me to express my thorough appreciation of "Nemo's" letter in last week's number, in reference to a bicycle track at Willesden Junction. I feel sure that the subscriptions (most necessary then) for such a desirable purpose would not be wanting from riders in the adjoining districts. There are, as a matter of course, in such a large portion of the metropolis as the W. and N.W. districts, a large number of riders who, for the want of a racing path within a reasonable distance are prevented from racing at all, these are the men who would hail the proposed path with pleasure and gladly subscribe to such an object. All that is now required is for a committee of management to start the various necessary arrangements, before such convenient ground is disposed of, as by the building operations all round it, it is evident the ground will not remain unsold for long, therefore the sooner some arrangements are made the better.

OBSERVER, L. B. C.

BRIXTON RAMBLER'S BICYCLE CLUB.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BICYCLING TIMES."

SIR,—I was very sorry to read in your issue of last week, a letter Mr. A. McCaffrey, desiring a split in the Brixton B. C. (not that I wish to publish it), which he has seen mentioned in your "Notes by the

Way." Now I am sorry to say he is wrong. In respect to the Brixton B. C. being stronger than ever, I maintain that for some of the starters, and members who turn up best for club runs (who are the main support of a club) for those members to resign, I cannot see as Mr. A. McCaffrey does, that the club is stronger than ever. Another thing he uses the word unexpectedly; I think he might have left that out. I had hoped that no ill feeling would have existed between the two clubs. These hopes were strengthened when I had the pleasure of seeing some Brixton members at the last social evening. It is the wish of our club that no ill feeling will exist, and that we may always be on the best of terms with the Brixton B. C.—F. C. DRAY, Hon. Sec.

EXHIBITION NOTES.

MR. BLACKWALL of the Cannonbury Club, has lent an extensive collection of old prints representing the doings of our forefathers in the days of the hobby horse; as these prints are very rare, they add not a little to the show.

Two of the best finished machines in the show are exhibited by JAMES CARVER of Nottingham. One is a hollow spoker of a very fine gauge of hollow wire for the spokes, on to the ends of which thickening pieces are bridged to give the necessary head and thread respectively. The other is a solid spoker. The hind ball bearings of both machines are adjustable, on a taper axle, which is dust proof. The front bearing are double balls. The roadster is fitted with a front wheel lever brake, and the fluted cranks, and patent grooves on the spring are, of course, fitted to both machines.

HARRINGTON of Ryde is now Harrington of St. Luke's, Old Street, E.C. The firm now make a cheaper machine to suit all pockets, and to their well-known "Arab" they have applied a new spring, called the "Cradle." This is entirely novel. A clamp is fixed to the backbone, and into a bearing on each side of this clamp runs the spring, which is of thick, strong round steel wire, bent. This novelty should be inspected by all. The saddle tilts backwards or forwards, as desired to suit the exigencies of the road. All the Arab hubs are now made of steel.

MR. WILLIAM BOWN, of 308, Summer Lane, Birmingham, has an excellent show of his now justly celebrated *Æolus* ball bearings and bicycle parts and fittings, for which branch of the trade he intends going in for largely this season. Makers requiring parts will do well to inspect this exhibit.

HUMBERS, as was to be expected, have a very good show, not only as regards numbers, but also as regards height of wheel and beauty of finish. Their novelties are a new fluted or semi-hollow hind fork, which adds greatly to the strength of the backbone just above the hind wheel. There is also a hollow rat-trap step just brought out. They have also a new spring fitted on a machine made specially for Cann in the forthcoming 6 days' race, which is stationary in front, and works up and down on a spiral wire at the rear, the spiral wire being made in accordance with the weight to be carried.

One of the greatest novelties in the Exhibition, is the round hollow fork of the Improved Stanley, which is on view at HYDES & WIGFULL's stall, in the small room. This fork is extremely rigid and very neat looking, and blends into the Stanley head. The spring on the new machine is a novelty, coming up at the back of the saddle in a curve, and thus giving the advantages of an easy spring and a closely-built machine at the same time. The bearings of both wheels are balls, and are adjustable to the thousandth part of an inch. The machine has detachable cranks, direct spokes, and, of course, a front wheel lever spoon brake. The spring is also waved to keep the saddle from slipping.

The well-known firm of BAYLISS, THOMAS & Co., of Coventry, show some neatly-finished Double Hollow Fork Excelsiors, and also an Excelsior Tricycle, in which the driving chain is replaced by two cog-wheels with teeth, and a wheel with recopes between.

MR. E. TYLER, of Exmouth-street, Clerkenwell, exhibits in the large hall, just under the stage, an elegant case of medals, &c.

MR. LOWE, Mr. James Carver's courteous manager, called our attention to a new dust proof washer which is now being fitted to all the front wheel bearings of Carver's machines. It seems to us to be most effective.

MR. AVES has an altered Pickwick bearing on exhibit, in which he has disposed of the lock nut; and the fork itself now fits on a swivel, which prevents twisting of the bearing on the axle in hill riding. Revolving cones, entirely new in design, are fitted to the back wheel, and these are adjustable without springing the fork.

MR. GORTON's new rims, (Warwick,) which combine lightness and strength, being the V and U combined are fitted to the Perfection, and should be inspected.

MR. SARGENT's Atalanta, back wheel, reversible cones, which exclude the dust, are fitted to the machine on exhibition. The spring, too,

which hangs to a shackle in front is carefully padded with india-rubber in a manner which will reward inspection.

AMONGST MRS. PEAKE'S exhibits are two Royal bicycles as supplied to H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor of Wales, and also a Meteor tricycle, which is a very neat and handy-looking affair.

A case of fittings and parts exhibited by the Coventry Machinists Co., attracted considerable attention, and it is no flattery to say that they were finished in a most superb manner.

During the evening of the opening day, besides the band, Mr. John Harrington of Ryde, whose name will be recognised in connection with the "Arab" bicycle, performed some selections upon a Mustel organ, which he had kindly lent. The music was exceedingly sweet, and we trust that Mr Harrington will be able ere the show closes to repeat a performance which was so much appreciated by those who were present.

Wheel Chit-Chat.

"THE man with the bag" and Will Osier, being moribund, and Trebor Natirb, our volatile contributor, being laid up, our editor has turned on for this week, and perhaps for longer, a stream of "new blood," the flow of which sanguine fluid will be known as "Wheel Chit-Chat."

I SEE by a Brummagen organ that "Derdykin" has left Hillman and Herbert's and is coming out as a professional. The pious horror but slightly veiled of the organ in question, on this point is excruciatingly funny to those who, like the writer, know everything.

I FAIL to see anything very dreadful in a young man running as a professional. If successful, it is for the time, much more remunerative than being a clerk, which seems to be the standpoint at which some clubs "draw the line."

I HEAR that a move is to be made by certain clubs, in order that no testimonial shall be given in favour of any bicycling thing or person, without the sanction of the committee being first obtained. There is ample room for some inquiry being made into the testimonial business. It seems as if an amateur could be a professional testimonialiser with impunity, but that a rider who becomes a professional racer is shunned by club-men.

ONE of the most rising firms last year was Hillman and Herbert, of Coventry, and I notice that this year they have taken into partnership, Mr. Cooper, late Hon. Sec. of the Stroud Bicycle Club, and inventor of the best bicycle hub lamp extant.

I WOULD touch freely on the great question of amateurs becoming makers, and the bearing of the Bicycle Union rules which now enables them to do so without losing their amateur status, but that hear our editor is pulling himself together for a leader on the subject next week.

In a recent number of the "Hampstead and Highgate Express," Mr. Charles R. Maddox, dating from Milford House, Hampstead, and describing himself as a "red-hot cyclist and a club-man," objects to the multiplication of small bicycle clubs, and says that any one at Hampstead wishing to join an important club can go into the London or Stanley, according to his social position.

What does this mean? Does it mean that the social position of the members of one of the clubs named is better than that of the other. And, if so, which is the former body?

I do know, of course, which club arrogates to itself a position which, the social status of its members, when considered one by one, by "one who knows," does not warrant; but I think comparisons are odious, and will not therefore draw one in these pages, though I am certain that a careful "scrutiny," as electioneering agents say, would open some people's eyes.

I HEAR that some unknown questions will be asked concerning the Bicycle Touring Club Circular, and its connexion with certain publications? No doubt a satisfactory reply will be forthcoming, but enforced club organs have always hitherto proved disastrous to the associations adopting them.

ONE WHO KNOWS.

Disquisition.

CROYDON B. C. DINNER.

THE Croydon held their first dinner at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Thursday evening last, Mr. K. T. Oelrichs in the chair: Mr. J. W. Sharpe, Hon. Sec., occupied the vice chair, Mr. W. J. P. Peacock, the captain, was unfortunately prevented by indisposition from attending.

After the usual loyal toasts, the chairman proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "Success to the Croydon Bicycle Club." He said, I have to confess that I am not a bicyclist, and it seems to me that one should be a rider himself to be able to render full justice to this new and favourite sport. However, I have followed with great interest the growth of bicycling in this country, and I should like to become a bicyclist myself, (cheers). To see a man riding at 10 or 15 miles an hour along the road, or to see a club riding in good order, is a pretty sight, and makes a man long to learn the bicycle. Bicycling has become one of our great national sports, and although much had been said about the accidents from bicycling, I fail to see that they exceed in number those of any other sport (hear hear). Mr. Oelrich then regretted the absence of the Captain (Mr. Peacock), and said he had much pleasure in proposing the toast, and coupling with the same the name of the Sub Captain, Mr. J. Kingston.

The toast having been drunk, Mr. Higham sang an original song on club topics, one verse alluding to Mr. Sharpe's plucky winning of the Brighton handicap with a broken collar-bone receiving well-deserved applause.

Mr. Kingston (Sub-Captain) then rose to return thanks for the club, and after regretting the absence of the Captain he referred to the commencement of the club with only four members, and to the pleasant runs they had had then, and since, with the club's increased numbers, (hear hear). He concluded by again thanking the meeting and trusting that the dinner would be an annual affair.

Mr. R. J. Paul then proposed "Other Clubs," which he said was a most important toast, and one he had much pleasure in proposing.

Mr. Cramphorn (Sub-Captain Sydenham B. C., and Chief Consul Bicycle Touring Club) then, by special desire, sang Captain La-di-da-di-do."

Mr. Phelps (Captain of the Sydenham) responded for his club, and referred to the jolly evenings his club had spent with the Croydon.

Mr. Wood (Captain of the Crichton) also returned thanks.

Mr. F. Wilson (Captain of the Lewisham) said that his club had had several pleasant runs with the Croydon, and they had never met a jollier lot of fellows.

Mr. Gross (Captain, Forest Hill B. C.) also responded in suitable terms, and hoped that his club would even see more of the Croydon next year than they had done last.

Mr. W. W. Buckland (Croydon) then proposed the health of the Sub-Captain, and said that he was not only a good rider, but a good fellow. A medal had been promised on the quiet for the best attendance at club meetings during the past season; but judging from the way members turned up on wet Saturdays, he thought it must have leaked out (laughter). Be that as it may their Sub-Captain had a total of 25 attendances, which was a very fair credential for his first.

The toast having been drunk, Mr. Hall sang "D'ye Ken John Peel."

Mr. Kingston then returned thanks, and said that his task was easy, as, although he had to ride at the rear of the club, they had no stragglers (cheers).

The chairman then proposed the toast of the Hon. Sec. and Treasurer and committee." He said that hon. sec., usually got more kicks than halfpence. If all went well nobody asked who did the work; but when anything went wrong the hon. sec. and committee were always blamed. In proposing this toast he knew that they were all aware how assiduous their hon. sec. had been in his work, and how his energy and enthusiasm had resulted for the good of the club and in its present prosperity (cheers). I hear he continued, from applause, that I have not over-estimated Mr. Sharpe's services. As Treasurer he has done his best with the club funds. With regard to the Committee, they have sacrificed time and convenience in the club's service. He begged to couple with the toast the name of Mr. Sharpe (hear hear).

The toast having been received with musical honours, Mr. Phelps (Captain of the Sydenham) sang "Speed on, my Barque," exceedingly well."

Mr. Sharpe, who was received with round after round of applause then said that it was at a time like this that a secretary felt his position. He had been one of the founders of the club, and it had always been his pleasure to do his best for the club, and that whether as Hon. Sec. or a private member he would always continue to do so. The Croydon had always endeavoured to cultivate good feeling

amongst other clubs and bicyclists (hear hear). As Treasurer, he could inform them that the club had a balance on the right side. Their numerical strength they knew was growing, and their committee had attended with fair punctuality (cheers).

Mr. Pettit then rose to propose, "The Visitors." He said they had had a great deal to do with the success of the dinner that evening, and he hoped they would attend again next year, and each bring six friends with him (laughter).

Mr. De Brath then sang the "Minstrel," and Mr. Graham returned thanks for the visitors.

Mr. Kingston proposed "Racing Members," and in referring to Mr. J. W. Sharpe's Brighton accident, said that if they did not number the best rider of the year amongst them they certainly had the pluckiest (cheers); they would, he was sure, be glad to hear that Mr. Sharpe's efforts and accident on the path had not interfered with his studies, and that he had just passed his final examination as solicitor (cheers).

Mr. Cramphorn (Sydenham) then sang "The Maid and the Magpie."

Mr. Sharpe, in responding as the only racing member, said he felt that the toast should have been for their road riders. (No! no!) He had only done his duty in trying to win the Brighton race, although disabled, but he did think that the risks on the path were too great to be incurred another season.

Mr. Glascoine then sang "John Barleycorn," and secured an encore.

Mr. J. W. Sharpe rose to propose the health of the Chairman, and said that he had that evening consented to become an honorary member, and he trusted that that step was only a preliminary one to his becoming an active member and a bicyclist. By beginning with a Salvo, then taking up an Extraordinary, he might eventually rise to a roadster, and even to a racer (cheers and laughter).

The toast having been drunk with musical honours, the Chairman returned thanks, and hoped that before another year he might actually have learnt the art of riding a bicycle (cheers).

Mr. Fred. Jones then proposed "The Press," that was, he said, the bicycling press, and he had much pleasure in proposing it and coupling with the toast the name of Mr. C. W. Nairn, of the *Bicycling Times*, a paper which had always taken an independent course.

After the toast had been received with musical honours, Mr. Phelps (Sydenham) then sang "The Vagabond."

Mr. Nairn then returned thanks for the press in appropriate terms.

The Chairman then called on Mr. C. W. Nairn to propose "Success to the Bicycle Touring Club." Mr. Nairn said that the club was an example of energy and a low subscription, and was worthy of every encouragement. He had never yet been able to make up his mind whether it was advisable to ride a tour alone or not, unless one got a man exactly suited in speed, tastes, and pocket; but he did know that a man never felt lonely on an actual run, but it was in the evening, after the work was over, when, to quote the words of a popular song, "That's when you feel it" (laughter)—the loneliness, he meant; and that was just the time when to B. T. C. members the Consul of the District came in to talk "wheel," and banish care (cheers). He had much pleasure, therefore, in calling for bumpers to drink success to the club.

Mr. Cramphorn (Sub-Captain Sydenham B. C., and Chief Consul B. T. C.) responded, and in referring to the growth of the club and its coming meeting in London, said that they would be glad to see present every member of the bicycling fraternity who chose to turn up to the supper (hear hear).

"Our Musical Friends" was proposed by Mr. Sharpe, responded to by Mr. Boundy, of the Sydenham, who, throughout the evening, kindly presided at the piano.

During the evening songs were also sang by Mr. —, of the Sydenham—"The Muddle Puddle Porter;" and Mr. Hickson, "Jack's Yarn."

Mr. Sharpe stated his intention of offering a medal next season for the best attendance at club runs, and of doing his best to win the same himself (cheers and laughter).

The meeting broke up about 12 o'clock with "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen."

BELGRAVE B. C. SUPPER.

AFTER the general meeting of this club, which was held at their Headquarters, the Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Road, on Friday evening last, the members and friends from other clubs suppered together. Amongst the visitors we noticed Messrs. Tobias, Webb, and Hart (Zingari); Stroud (Atalanta); Moore (Tower Hamlets); Wilson (Tynemouth), and several others. Mr. Brock, the new captain, occupied the chair, and the vice-chairs were occupied by Messrs. R. Jourden, Hon. Sec., and Harry Byrd, Sub-Captain.

After supper and the toast of the "Queen," Mr. F. E. Tobias

"opened the ball" by singing "The Warrior Bold." He was followed by Mr. Wrather with the "Tar's Farewell;" after which Mr. Webb recited, in his usually masterly manner, "Eugene Arm's Dream."

The "bicycling celebrity" of the week, Mr. C. B. Wilson, of the Tynemouth, then sang his favourite song of "D'ye Ren John Peel." Mr. Coke followed with a song, and then Mr. W. H. Rogers sang "The Vagabond."

Mr. Harry Byrd, who would have done well as a "lion comique," gave a very good rendering of "Jinny Johnson" and being encored, sang "Fifty Miles under the Sea." Mr. L. R. Hardy came next with the "Queen's Shilling," and then Mr. F. W. Tuszek with the "Light-house Keeper."

"Jack's Yarn" is always a popular song, and it was well rendered by Mr. E. E. Baggs; after which Mr. Hart (Zingari) recited "The Progress of Madness," and gave evidence of the possession of considerable dramatic talent.

Mr. Wesson sang "The Jolly Waggoners," and Mr. Coulson "The Cavalier;" but it was left to Dick Jourden to bring down the house with his "Also," "Likewise," and "Chaunt"! Mr. Boosé also made a hit with "What an Afternoon!" bringing down not only the house, but the member of Tynemouth and a form included.

The toast of "The Visitors" was suitably proposed by Mr. Jourden and responded to by Messrs. F. E. Tobias (Zingari), Stroud (Atalanta), and Wilson (Tynemouth).

Mr. Tobias sang "And so say all of Us"; Mr. Rogers "The Judge's Song" from Trial by Jury; and Mr. Byrd the "Maid and the Magpie."

The toast of "The Press" was proposed by Mr. Jourden, and responded to by Mr. Nairn (*Bicycling Times*), and that of The "Belgrave B. C. by Mr. Tobias, the club being responded for by Mr. Brock (Captain), who, together with Mr. Ross said a few appropriate words in response to "The Captains, Past and Present."

After the host's health Mr. A. B. Morgan (late Thames Rowing Club) had been drunk, and responded to, the meeting closed with "Auld Lang Syne."

In concluding our account we cannot help congratulating the Belgrave B. C. on the possession of such an excellent club room as they have at the "Richmond," fitted as it is with a miniature stage, and well supplied with fireplaces to combat the cold, while the face of the attendant "boy in buttons" is one of those comical physiognomies which, if backed by memory and secretiveness, would make a fortune on the stage.

STANLEY BICYCLE CLUB.

A MUSICAL and Dramatic Entertainment was given by members and friends of this club, on Tuesday, the 27th ult., at the Club Room, "The Boston," Junction Road. The attendance was small (about 40), owing no doubt to the dense fog. A thoroughly enjoyable programme was successfully carried out nevertheless. The Hon. Assistant Secretary, Mr. W. Allan Thornhill, occupied the chair; Mr. G. Belcher kindly presided at the piano in a most efficient manner. The programme was commenced by Mr. Clayton giving a song entitled, "The Absent-minded Man," capably rendered; Mr. G. L. Hillier sang "The Dry Land Sailor" in character, in his well-known style; Mr. Auld gave "Tom Hood's Demon's Ship," which met with an encore; Mr. M. A. Harpham sang "Dives and Lazarus" in his own style; Mr. F. Kinnaird gave one of his well-known banjo songs, which was, as usual, well received; and Mr. Sargent sang the "Japanese Princesses." Next on the programme was "Taming the Tiger," Mr. G. L. Hillier as "Beeswing," Mr. A. Fox as "Chili Chutnee," Mr. C. M. H. Swan as "Jacob." Mr. Hillier's impersonation of "Beeswing" was splendid.

Messrs. Fox and Swan acquitted themselves capably for a maiden effort; the make-up of these characters was extremely good; at the conclusion there was a perfect "furor," necessitating their re-appearance before the footlights. Next was a Lecture on Temperance, by Mr. W. Turner. The impersonation and make-up of the eccentric Ethiopian Orator was exceedingly good, and for a first attempt the Lecture was meritoriously given, the lecturer receiving enthusiastic applause on concluding—Mr. Clayton now gave a reading called "Field Blood's Leap," in rendering of which he surpassed himself, and gave in response to the loud encore a very humorous piece, viz. John Richard's Wedding: No doubt this gentleman (a friend) will again favour the Stanley Club, with his talent and assistance. F. Kinnaird gave another banjo song. After numerous other songs not on the programme were given, a most enjoyable evening was concluded.

Apropos, of the above, Mr. H. Waymouth Stanley, and Captain Harrow B. C., writes to us, saying that all members must feel proud of the Stanley Club being able to provide so much amusement and such entertainments free of all charge.

BICYCLE TOURING CLUB.

MEMBERS! remember the half-yearly meeting, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Saturday, the 7th inst. at 5 p.m. Supper at same place at 7 30 p.m.

FUNERAL OF A BICYCLIST.

THE funeral of Mr. W. G. Giles, late sub-captain of the Derby B. C., took place on Wednesday, Jan. 28. Fifteen members attended to show their great esteem and respect for the deceased. The service was performed by the Rev. F. J. Lyall, in the unavoidable absence through illness of the Vice-president. Many beautiful wreaths of flowers were placed upon the coffin. On Sunday the members attended Divine Service at St. Luke's Church, Derby.

AMALGAMATION.

THE Guildhall and City Bicycle Clubs have amalgamated, and will in future be known as The City of London Bicycle Club, with Mr. Alderman Knight as President. The First Annual Meeting of the new Club will be held at Headquarters, on Monday next, the 9th inst. Gentlemen wishing to join should send in their names to me as soon as possible, as the entrance fee will probably be increased. All particulars can be obtained on application. A Social Meeting will be held this evening, (Thursday, Feb. 7th), at Headquarters, to which bicyclists are cordially invited. Headquarters, the "Cock Tavern," St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill.—H. CASTER, Hon. Sec. *pro tem*. 47, Carter-lane, Doctors Commons, E.C.

A CORRECTION.

McCULLUM HILL writes to us saying that he has not yet lost the honours referred to by "Trebor Nattrib," as the race won by him (McCullum Hill) was (vide reports) The London Amateur Championship, which he hopes to hold until defeated. The race last Monday was for the open amateur championship distance, one and a half miles, and in which press of business prevented McCullum Hill from competing, much to his annoyance. We are glad to make this correction in the interests of Mr. Smith, who does great credit to our sport in every way, and who, we are glad to see, is equally proficient at sports second only to our own.

A NEW CITY DEPOT.

WITH the opening of the season of 1880, we are pleased to announce the advent of a new and energetic firm of City Bicycle Outfitters, in perhaps one of the most central spots it would be possible to select. On Tuesday next, the 10th, Messrs. Stephen Withers and Co., of 42 and 43, Cheapside, will open their spacious show rooms as above, for the supply of bicycles of reliable makes, tricycles, quadricycles, and the thousand and one sundries connected therewith.

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PARTNERSHIP.

WE are informed that Mr. G. B. Cooper late of the Stroup Bicycle Club, and inventor and patentee of Coopers Inextinguishable Hub Lamp, has become a partner in the firm of Hillman and Herbert, the well known Bicycle and Tricycle makers, of the Premier Works, Coventry.

ST. GEORGE'S BICYCLE CLUB ANNUAL BALL.

THE annual ball of this club took place on Wednesday evening, at Lawson's Assembly Rooms, Gower-street, W.C. and was a great success. The Stewards were:—Messrs. W. James, N. Glave, H. Saunders, J. F. Smith, H. Talling, L. Talling, W. S. Smith.

THE PICKWICK BICYCLE CLUB AND THE HAMPTON COURT MEET.

AT the Committee-meeting held last evening (Feb. 2), I was instructed to issue circulars to all the metropolitan bicycle clubs concerning a meeting for Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C., to take into consideration the advisability of holding a Monster Meet.

Those Hon. Secs. who are not in receipt of the above circulars will kindly communicate with me at once.—L. C. B. YEOMAN, 14, Ferncliff Road, West Hackney, E.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—L. C. B. Yeoman, Hon. Sec. Pickwick B. C., from Dalston Lane to 14, Ferncliff Road, West Hackney, E.

ROVERS BICYCLE CLUB.

THE following ladies and gentlemen will take part in the entertainment at the Great Eastern Railway Institute, Stratford, on Saturday 7th inst. Concert at 8 p.m., songs by Messrs. Saunders, Horn-r, Skeen, Harvey, Pratt, and Miss Georgina Couves, &c., followed at 9 o'clock by the original Bicycling Burlesque Extravaganza, in 3 Acts, by "Jupiter" (Rovers B. C.) entitled *Velocipedia*, in which the following is a list of the characters, (by members of the Rovers B. C.)

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PICKWICK BICYCLE CLUB.

THE Annual General Meeting was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Wednesday, January 28th. Between fifty and sixty members were present. Mrs. Tussell occupied the Chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the business, according to the Agenda paper already issued, was transacted, consisting of election of members, revision of rules, passing of balance sheet, election of officers for the ensuing year, &c., &c. The result of the election being: Hon. Sec., Lamartine C. B. yeoman; Treasurer, Shirley, Pussell; Captain, J. W. Benningfield; Sub-Captain, C. F. Mess; Committee, Messrs. Bryant, Clough, Schilsky, Runtz and Pryce. During the course of the evening it was unanimously resolved that the warmest thanks of the club be given to Mr. Bryant on his retiring from the captaincy, and that the resolution he inscribed on vellum and presented. The meeting closed about 11 o'clock.—LEMARTINE C. B. YEOMAN, Hon. Sec.

KENSINGTON BICYCLE CLUB.

THE first meeting for this year 1880, took place at 17, Church Street, Kensington, when two members attended, and an impromptu run to the "Cardinal Wolsey," at Hampton Court, was decided upon. The weather was remarkably fine and the roads good. The members of this club now amount to 17, including four Ladies. Members desirous of joining are invited to send in their names and addresses to J. Mason as above, sending a stamped directed envelope if an answer is desired. The next meet will take place at 2 o'clock for a run to the "Bell" at Hounslow. The particulars of the Club Uniform and Badge for ladies or gentlemen will be given by the Hon. Sec.

STANLEY V. HORNSEY BILLIARD MATCH.

We are asked to state that the finish of the return match between these clubs will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 10th, at the "Boston," Junction-road, N. Members of other clubs will be welcome.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

M.W. FURNCAUX, H. WAYMOUTH.—Thanks.

A. S. ROSE.—Thanks.—

100 MILERS.—E. J. Sherriff, T. Edridge, H. Sturmev, C. Crute, A. Oliver, J. Giban, W. H. Tufts, J. P. Brittan, T. R. Marriott, G. F. Saunders, T. Davis, C. Freddy, T. Anderson, jun., J. Dummy, G. J. Grant, C. B. Wilson, H. M. Hutchins, J. C. Morris, W. Allison.—Particulars received with thanks.

J. F. NORRIS.—Those printers again!

G. A. MEVES.—Thanks.

C. COLLIER.—The stamps were received.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

In answer to "Unattached," I can recommend the North London Bicycle Club Headquarters, Wellington Club, Wellington-street, Islington, N. Full particulars, &c. may be obtained of Mr. A. Bennett, Hon. Sec., at above address.—"PHENIX."

NORTH LONDON CLUB.—In answer to "Unattached," the North London Bicycle Club is nearest Barnsbury-road, their Headquarters being at the "Wellington Club," Wellington-street, Islington.—IBIS.

MISCELLANEA.

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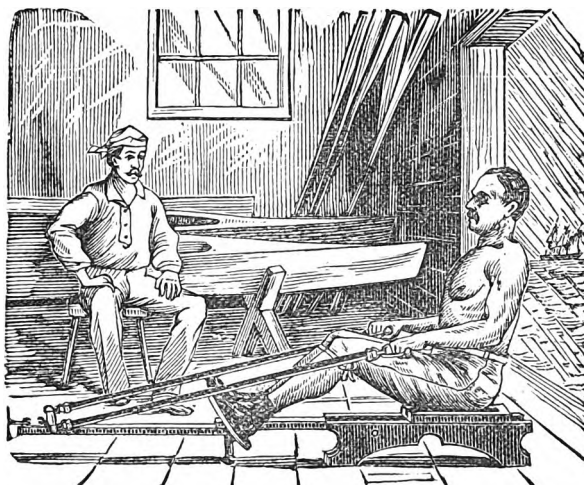
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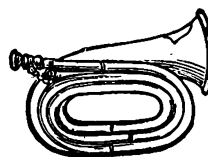
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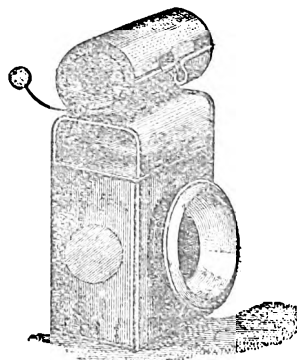
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