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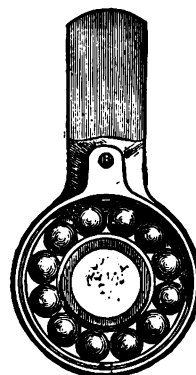
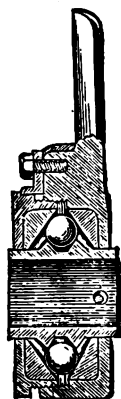
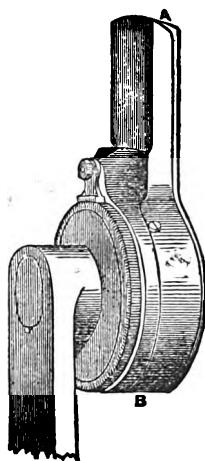
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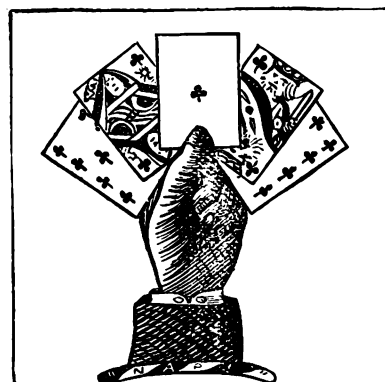
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Editorial.

THERE is always a happy feeling when Christmas is over, at any rate to men whose enjoyments lie out of doors, as it is not till then that one feels fairly on the way to spring and summer. Bicyclists are, above all others, particularly interested in the seasons; and with the Stanley Exhibition which is announced for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of February, the season may be said to commence for the makers. Men will there see the best makes and the newest "wrinkles" of the day, and be able to order for the month of March, when, with the normal drying winds of that boisterous period, some excellent running is generally experienced. The season 1880 will, we expect, if not distinguished for faster times on the path, at any rate prove more propitious for club runs and private tours. In the legislative department of bicycling, the Union, there is much to be done, and we are strongly of opinion that, if they were to bestir themselves to get a ground of their own, where not only riders, but non-riders, could congregate of a summer's evening, it would tend more than anything to consolidate the sport; to make it more than ever independent of all other branches of athletics, and to create good feeling amongst clubs and clubmen. Give men something tangible for their money and you will consolidate them together far more than by merely enrolling them in a nominal association with perhaps nothing but a club badge to show for their subscription. Surely there are combined 500 enthusiastic bicycle riders, or men not riders interested in the sport, who could, and would, become life members at say, £2 2s. a head, and thus give the ground idea a start. In most social clubs the early members have been admitted on similar easy terms. When a fair number has been gathered together, then heavy entrance-fees are put on. So it would be with this bicycling-ground question. Give the first 500 members life privileges for £2 2s. a head, and all possessors of that sum would make a profitable investment by subscribing at once. Get the track made and temporary dressing accommodation, leaving expensive pavilions for future action, and it will be found that members will gladly

flock in. It must come to this. Why, then, not in 1880, before London gets more built upon? We have solicitors, surveyors, contractors, engineers, accountants, &c., amongst our ranks,—will none come forward with services to be remunerated hereafter if all goes well, confining themselves to "out of-pocket costs" now? If the Union do not see their way to move, could not a provisional committee be formed of, say, a man from each leading club? Liability beyond their £2 2s. could be avoided by availing themselves of the Limited Companies Act of 1862. Everything is ready. It only wants a man who has equal energy and determination, and who is fairly known and well trusted to carry it through. We again ask—Who will immortalise himself?

Notes by the Way.

"*Riding Rhymes*" seems to be creating quite a *furor* amongst "cyclists" generally. I have read the book myself—and consider it to be quite up to, if not better, than Faed's usual standard of excellence.

I hear on good authority that Mr. Jas. Challis, the energetic and deservedly popular captain of the Alert B. C., will tender his resignation at their next general meeting on the 20th inst. I am afraid this will be a great loss to this rising young Hackney club.

Talking of the Alert B. C., there seems to be some misunderstanding between them and the Bicycle Union. This club passed a resolution last July, to the following effect: "That this club do join the Bicycle Union," and wrote asking for particulars of subscriptions, etc., to which they say, they received a very indifferent answer, and on writing again received no reply at all, in consequence of which, at their next meeting, the following resolution is on the agenda for confirmation. "Having received the secretary's report of the correspondence relative to the resolution passed at our last general meeting, 'That this club do join the Bicycle Union.' We desire to express our great regret at the very unbusiness-like manner the applications of our Hon. Sec. have been treated by the union executive, and resolve that for the present the above resolution shall not be carried into effect."

This seems to me to be a very bad state of things. The Bicycle Union is certainly not in a position to lose members, when a little tact and attention might be the means of considerably strengthening their numbers, but at the same time I can scarcely believe it is the fault of Mr. Cork, the Hon. sec. of the Union, and would therefore advise the Alert B. C. to put off their resolution pending further correspondence.

The Highbury B. C. seem to be outdoing even their neighbours, the "Stars," in the way of winter runs, their meets lately having been excellently attended.

WHAT I should like to know, however, is why the "Highbury" start from Canonbury Station? This spot, being originally fixed upon by the Canonbury B. C. (the oldest club in the district), has been

encroached upon by some seven or eight other clubs, who all make it their rendezvous.

Now that Terront and Cann have returned from Yankeeland, I anticipate that Waller will have to do all he knows if he wishes to retain the long-distance championship when the next ensuing six-day's race is run.

CONUNDRUM.—Why is the ex-long-distance champion expatriated? Because he has become quite A-merry-Cann-ized.

PROVINCIAL cyclists visiting London during the Stanley B. C. Exhibition in February will be able to seize the opportunity of visiting the Exhibition, dancing with the stars at the Hackney or the West Kent at Cannon Street, supping with the I Zingari, and attending the meeting of the Touring Club at Anderton's Hotel on the Saturday.

TREBOR NATTIN.

Club Fixtures.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH.

Athenæum.—Lord Stanley, usual time for impromptu run.
Clarence.—Headquarters, Boscobel Gdns., Alpha Rd., N.W. 3.30 p.m. for impromptu run.
Druids.—Headquarters for Watford.
Fulham.—Headquarters, 4 p.m., for impromptu run.
Guildhall.—Headquarters, 3.30 p.m., for impromptu run.
Happy-go-Luckies.—Talbot Hotel, New Cross, for impromptu run.
Highbury.—Canonbury Station, 3.30 and 5.30 p.m., for Edmonton.
Kildare.—Leinster Hotel, 3.30 p.m., for impromptu run.
Star.—Down's Hotel, Clapton, 4 p.m., for impromptu run.
Widmore.—Hayes Lane (W. P.), 3.30 p.m., for impromptu run.

DINNERS, BALLS, &c.

Lewisham.—17th January. Annual Dinner at Anderton's Hotel.
Hornsey.—20th January. Annual dinner at the Holborn Restaurant.
Lewisham.—21 January. Concert at Alexandra Hall, Blackheath Village.
Belgrave B.C.—22nd January. Annual Ball at Ladbroke Hall, Notting-Hill, W.
Kildare.—24th January. Annual Dinner at Anderton's Hotel.
Owl.—25th January. Annual dinner at Holborn Restaurant.
Croydon.—29th January. Annual dinner at Anderton's Hotel.
Middlesex.—29th January. Ninth Annual Dinner at the Holborn Restaurant.
I Zingari.—4th February. Club supper, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood Road, N. 7.30 p.m.
Star.—5th February. Annual Ball, Manor Rooms, Hackney.
West Kent.—5th February. Second Annual Ball, Cannon Street Hotel.
Arvon.—7th February. Annual Dinner at Holborn Restaurant. 6 p.m.
Highgate.—10th February. Annual Ball at Athenæum, Camden Town.

RACES.

(OPEN EVENTS ONLY.)

Dewsbury.—5th June, at Dewsbury.

Club Doings.

ALERT.—The Quarterly General Meeting will be held at headquarters (Earl Derby, King Edward Road), on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at 8 p.m. sharp, when there is important business to bring before the members. Business: Election of officers for 1880. To confirm, or pass another, resolution passed last General Meeting. To arrange race meeting, etc., etc., etc.

ATALANTA.—The headquarters are now removed to a more commodious room at The Mitre, Craven Terrace, Bayswater Road, as decided at the last general meeting.—FRANK W. OLULOW, Hon. Sec.

BELGRAVE.—The fourth Annual General Meeting and Supper will be held at headquarters, The Richmond Hotel, West Kensington Park, on Friday, the 30th inst. Tickets 2/6 each.—R. JOURDEN, Hon. Sec.

BORDER CITY.—At the general meeting held at the Red Lion Hotel on Monday, Jan. 12, Mr. J. Atkinson was elected Captain, Mr. W. L. Tiffen, Vice Captain, Mr. A. J. Todd, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, (re-elected). The balance sheet showed that £68 14s. 2d. had been received, and £63 16s. 6d. expended during the year. The club now numbers 41 members.—A. J. TODD, Hon. Sec.

CARLTON.—A General Meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing season and the transaction of important business will be held at Lord's Hotel, on Friday evening, the 23rd inst., at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to attend.—R. C. THOMSON, Hon. Sec.

CHISWICK.—The Annual General Meeting of the above club was held at the Grove Park Hotel, on Monday evening, Jan 5th, when Mr. W. A. Stafford was elected Captain for the ensuing season and W. G. Spooner Hon. Sec. and Sub-Captain. Committee: Messrs. W. H. Stafford, H. Meredith, H. Pigott, D. J. Fleet, and W. G. Spooner. All communication should in future be addressed W. G. Spooner, The Chesnuts, Brandenburg Road, Gunnersbury.

CLARENCE.—The Annual General Meeting, for the election of officers and other business, will be held at headquarters on Thursday, Jan. 22nd, at 8 p.m.—Geo. DUNFORD, Hon. Sec.

DERBY.—Jan. 10. Five members and a friend ran over to Alvas-ton, where they witnessed a football match between that village and the Werwent F. C., which latter club is mainly composed of the bicycle and rowing fraternity.—W. W. BEMROSE, Hon. Sec.

DEWSBURY.—The Annual General Meeting of the club was held on Friday evening last at the Savile Hotel. The report and balance-sheet were read by the sub-Captain and Treasurer, were very satisfactory, and were unanimously adopted. The report showed a great many of the runs had to be abandoned on account of the very wet season. Several long rides by members were recorded. The club was represented at the Harrogate and Hympton Court meets, being the only Yorkshire club represented at the latter meet. It also showed that W. Dawson had competed at twenty-five races during last season, and won eight first prizes, six seconds, and four thirds. H. Dawson had competed eight times and won one third prize. C. E. Hinton had competed six times and won two first prizes, one second, and one third. E. Fitton had competed five times and won two second prizes. Total value £82 15s. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, T. L. Chadwick, Esq., M.A. (re-elected); Captain, J. Fitton; Sub-Captain, M. Milner; Treasurer, C. E. Fitton; Secretary, W. Dawson (re-elected); Committee, W. E. Hainsworth (re-elected), G. J. Metcalfe, H. Dawson, J. Smith. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers closed the meeting.—W. DAWSON Hon. Sec., Market Place, Dewsbury.

HIGHGATE.—Referring to the previous announcement regarding the Annual Private Ball, which is to be held at the Athenæum, Camden Road, N., on Tuesday, February 10th, 1880, the prices of tickets (including refreshments) are as follows:—Double ticket—to admit lady and gentleman or two ladies, 9s.; single ticket—to admit either lady or gentleman, 6s.; and may be obtained of H. Fox, Captain, 10, Cheverton Road, Hazellville Road, Hornsey Lane, N.

KENSINGTON.—At a General Meeting held on Wednesday the 7th inst., it was resolved that the uniform for this year should be light grey, trimmed with braid same colour; black cap and badge; black stockings. Tailor not settled.—HARRY J. SWINDLEY, Hon. Sec.

SPEEDWELL (Birmingham).—The Second Annual Ball of the above club took place at The Royal Hotel, Birmingham, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 6th, 1880. There was a large and brilliant assemblage (nearly 200 being present) dancing was kept up until 3 a.m. The arrangement reflected great credit on the worthy Hon. Sec., Mr. S. J. DAVIS.

STANLEY.—The entertainment which was to have been given by some members of the club, on Tuesday, 20th inst., at the "Baston," Junction Road, Holloway, is unavoidably postponed until Tuesday, 27th inst. The third annual Exhibition of Bicycles, etc., will be held at the Holborn New Town Hall, Feb. 3rd, 4th, and 5th, doors open at 5 p.m.—W. ALLAN THORNHILL, Hon. Assist.-Sec.

ST. JAMES'S.—Members are informed that the Annual General Meeting, for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year, will take place at headquarters on Monday the 26th inst., at 8.30 p.m.—H. H. HURST, Hon. Sec.

ST. GEORGE'S.—The second Annual Dinner was held on Saturday last, at the Holborn Restaurant, when thirty-four members and friends sat down to enjoy the good things put before them. Mr. James and Mr. E. R. Shrubsole again composed and sang songs specially for the occasion, which were received with great applause. Among the songs and recitations given during the evening we must not forget to mention the recitation "The Battle of Limerick," given by Mr. Owen Smith. The party broke up shortly before twelve, all being well pleased with the evening's enjoyment. The ball tickets are now ready, and can be obtained from any of the stewards, or from Mr. H. W. K. HOUSEMAN, Hon. Sec., 30, Gilbert Street, Grosvenor Square W.

SYDENHAM.—At a committee meeting held on 7th inst. it was decided to have a musical evening at the headquarters, Longton Hall Hotel, West Hill, Sydenham, on Wednesday, the 28th inst., to commence at 8 o'clock. Members of other clubs are cordially invited.—ERNEST GIRLING, Hon. Sec.

TEMPLE.—Our next social meeting will be held at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, Wednesday, the 21st. inst., at 6.30 p.m. Mr. Gaisford has promised to read a paper on the subject of "Sports and Matters Connected with Them." Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid to the treasurer at once. His address is 35, Edwardes Square, Kensington.—J. STREVS, Hon. Sec.

TEMPLE.—Special Notice.—The captain feeling assured that during this season of semi-inactivity, much benefit and pleasure would be derived by members from an occasional visit to a gymnasium, invites and requests all those who can, to meet him on Saturday next, 17 inst., at 4 p.m. at the Gymnasium, Paddington Baths, Queen's-road, Bayswater, for an hour or two's practice. The charge for admission is 6d. each person, and for the use of gymnasium shoes and belt 1d.; but if members possess these latter articles they may use their own, and should bring them with them.—E. S. GAISFORD, Captain.

TOTTENHAM HOUSE.—Three members paid a visit to our late treasurer's hostelry, "The Forest Hill Hotel." Spent a very pleasant evening, arriving at headquarters at 10.30 p.m. Roads very heavy. Bicyclists passing through the neighbourhood, I am sure, will be welcomed, as the landlord is a bicyclist and takes great interest in the matter. Good accommodation can always be had here, including a good smoking-room and a billiard-room containing three tables.—A. S. TOMLINSON, Hon. Sec.

Racing News.

SPAIN.—In order to make some propaganda, and keep the racing members of the *Sociedad de los Velocipedistas de Madrid* out of rust, the community of that Society have resolved to have regular monthly race meetings, besides the two grand annual ones, an account of which we have given in due time in this paper. The first monthly races were successfully carried out on Sunday, the 4th inst., in spite of the bad state of the path. All the *coureurs* of that club are now mounted on first-rate English machines, and it took them less than six months to renew all the old stock of bicycles. These are the results:—One Thousand Metres Race, 3rd Class, D. Cipriano Santos, 1st (Veloce D.H.F.); D. Alfonso Cortes, 2nd. Time, 2m. 36s. The track was 500 metres long, which necessitated, of course, a certain amount of loss of time. Second Race, same distance, 2nd Class, D. Yeronimo Lario, 1st (D.H.F.); Eugenio Hontan, 2nd (Special Singer); Faustino Lito, 3rd (Coventry Machine); Miguel Santos, 4th (D.H.F.). Time, 2m. 14s. Till the finish the race was well disputed and remained uncertain, the first four arriving in a cluster. Third Race, same distance, 1st Class: Ignatio Santos, 1st (D.H.F.); Ernest Colvin, 2nd (D.H.F.); Ramiro Hozeta, 3rd (Invincible). Time, 2m. 5s. Ten Kilo-metres Race: Ignatio Santos, 1st; Faustino Sistr, 2nd. Time 28m. 15s.

Misquanga.

BICYCLE TOURING CLUB.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BICYCLING TIMES," LONDON.

SIR,—Enclosed I beg to hand you the monthly circular of the above club for January, and, on behalf of the Council, I should be glad if you would insert it in your next issue as much of the information contained therein.

This information will be sent to you monthly, unless you express a wish to the contrary.—Yours truly,

WALTER D. WELFORD, Secretary.

66, Grey Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Jan. 10, 1880.

BICYCLE TOURING CLUB MONTHLY CIRCULAR.

Published by Order of the Council, January, 1880.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING IN LONDON.

This meeting will be held on Saturday, the 7th February, 1880, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, London, at five o'clock in the afternoon. The President, Mr. Stanley J. A. Cotterell, and many influential members of the Council and other officers from all parts of the country have promised to be present. Information as to the objects of the club will then be given, and several subjects of interest will be discussed. This will be the first meeting of the B.T.C. that has been held in London, and it will enable the members to become better acquainted with one another. Each member, whether residing in London or the provinces, is therefore particularly asked to attend, and do his utmost to make it a success.

After the meeting, namely, at 7.30 p.m., the members of the club, and any friends that they may like to introduce, will take supper

together at Anderton's Hotel. Mr. Cotterell will preside. Tickets for the supper, 2s. 6d. each (by P.O.O.) to be obtained at any time before the 5th February, 1880, from any of the undermentioned:—

C. B. WILSON (V.P.), 14, Frithville Gardens, Shepherd's Bush, London.

WM. COSENS (C.C.), 1, Connaught Street, Edgeware Road, London.

GEO. H. LACEY (C.C.), Melton Cottages, Stanstead Road, Forest Hill, London.

F. CHAMPHORN (C.C.), 101, Leadenhall St., London.

W. B. TANNER (C.C.), 11, Abchurch Lane, London.

WALTER D. WELFORD (Sec.), 66, Grey Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Any information in connection with the above to be obtained from W. B. Tanner, 11, Abchurch Lane, London, the Hon. Sec. for carrying out the arrangements.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MEMBERS.

The receipt of ticket of membership should be acknowledged by post card directly it comes to hand.

If you require any information as to roads in any part of the country, write to the Chief-Consul of the district. The ordinary local Consuls do not undertake, and are requested not to answer such queries.

If you require a companion for a tour, you are requested to send your proposed run to the Secretary, who will insert it in the monthly circulars in the list of proposed tours; plenty of notice is desirable.

Members who obtain candidates for membership should see that in all cases the "instructions to candidates" are carried out.

Do not ask a Chief Consul for information as to roads not in his district.

In writing to the Secretary, members should use a separate slip of paper for every subject on which they require an answer, and should avoid mixing B. T. C. matters with other business.

As the local Consuls or Consuls *pro tem.* are generally well informed as to all matters relating to the Club, members should ask particulars from them before writing to the Secretary.

The Chief Consul of your district may probably call meetings from time to time, at which proposals to be laid for consideration before the Council will be discussed. Should any such meetings be announced you are earnestly requested to make a point of being present.

A stamp should be always inclosed in letters asking information from officers of B. T. C.

The price and particulars of the uniform may be obtained from the Club tailor, Mr. H. Goy, 21, Leadenhall-street, London.

The prices of the badges are:—Silver-plated 3s., and silver 6s. 6d. each. The velvets are supplied to full consuls free, when applied for, sending stamped envelope. Remittances for the above to be sent to the Secretary, by post-office order only.

Back numbers of the Circulars may be obtained from the Secretary. Those up to February, 1879, are out of print, but those for February, March, March special, April, June, July, August, September, October, and November, are 6d. each. May Circulars are 1s. each.

If the ordinary member's Ticket be returned to the Secretary with eight stamps, a Cape ticket bound in leather, with gilt initials of the club outside will be sent in exchange.

HOTELS.

Members are earnestly requested to work hard to obtain plenty of headquarters. The signed agreement forms should, whenever possible, be sent to the Chief-Consul of the district in which the hotel is situated. If he approves of the hotel as a B. T. C. headquarters, a certificate will be sent to the proprietor, and the name published in the Directory. If the name of the hotel does not appear, and there is no other hotel for that place entered in the list, members are requested to look under "Answers to Correspondents." Unless unavoidable, the forms should not be sent to the Secretary. We cannot on any account whatsoever, agree to any alterations in our tariff.

HOTEL DIRECTORY.

We have agreements signed by the proprietors of hotels for our tariff:—

	s.	d.
Bed and attendance only.....	2	6
Double-bedded room	3	6
Bed and breakfast, with eggs, tea or coffee	3	6
Double-bedded room... ..	6	0
Breakfast, tea or supper, with eggs and tea or coffee	1	0
Breakfast, tea or supper, with ham and eggs, cold joint or fish	1	9
Dinner, from bill of fare	2	6
Attendance	1	0
(Hotels will be published when space allows).		

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Circular), containing Lists of Hotels, Consuls, Smiths, &c., with other useful information. Price 3d.; post free 3½d.

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THE B. T. C. PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUM.—contains two photos. monthly of officers of the club, with biographies. Subscription: Twelve months 6s., and six months 3s., post free: single copies 6½d., post free.

CLUB STATIONERY.—Members can be supplied with good quality note size paper, stamped in plain white, at 1/6 per five quires. Consuls will be the same, but with the word "Consulate" printed thereon, at 1/9 per 5 quires. Postage (5d. per five quires) or carriage per rail extra.

Orders for the above should be sent to the Secretary, by Post Office Order, for all sums above 2s.

PRESENTATION AND DINNER TO MR. COTTERELL.

(A full account of this appeared last week.)

COUNCIL AND OTHER MEETINGS.

Members, consuls, and officers are requested to note the following alterations in the dates and times:—

Saturday, Feb. 7th, 5 P.M., Half-yearly General in London.

" March 13, 7 P.M., Council.

" April 10, " "

" May 8, " "

" June 12, " "

" July 10, " "

" Aug. 2nd, Annual General at Harrogate.

Members wishing to lay suggestions or complaints before the Council can do so either through a Chief Consul or officer, or through the Secretary. But such suggestions should be sent in writing sixteen days before the date of the meeting. The Council Meetings are held at the Newcastle-upon-Tyne headquarters, the "Royal Turf" hotel.

PROSPECTUS.

The Bicycle Touring Club, founded at the North of England Meet on August 5th, 1878, has developed into the largest popular bicycling, if not athletic, institution in the country. It is supported by gentlemen, whose strenuous efforts on behalf of their own clubs and of bicycling generally have secured for our far-famed sport its present proud position.

Neither trouble nor expense has been spared, since the establishment of the club, to bring it under the notice of bicyclists. Reports of its proceedings have been published weekly, and innumerable questions regarding its working, as well as in reference to roads, tours, hotels, &c., have been promptly answered. The endeavours of the officers of the club, however, have been mainly directed to getting it into sound working order; and the labour necessary to organise so great a scheme as the B. T. C. is acknowledged to be, will be understood best by those who know the time, pains, and patience required to found one of the local clubs which are the pride of the lovers of our manly sport. The club is now in good working order; the Council meet monthly to transact all business; a paid secretary has been appointed, and the various schemes are being carried out in an energetic manner by the officers and members.

OBJECTS.

(a) The provision of companions suitable to as many tastes as we have of varieties of members or differences in social standing.

(b) The protection, when necessary, of our members against unprovoked assaults on British high roads whilst riding their bicycles.

(c) Intercommunication and association amongst members of the clubs separated from each other by long tracts of country.

(d) The appointing of hotel headquarters throughout the country, at which reduced or moderate charges, combined with comfort and civility to our members, may be found.

(e) The appointment of Consuls or representatives in various towns to point out the "lions" or the place to members calling on them; and to inform members, through an officer known as a Chief-Consul, before starting on any proposed tour, as to the state of roads and other matters in their local districts.

(f) To consider the subject of maps for the use of bicyclists; to bring before the bicycling public any charts of roads which the Council may deem of most value, and to issue any maps they consider good at reduced rates. The Council will discuss the map subject at each meeting, and inspect specimens, and the latter will be gladly received from members, after a notice of the maps which have been inspected, or sent for inspection, has appeared in the monthly circulars.

(g) To conduct bicycle tours throughout the country.

(h) To issue a list of proposed tours monthly, from which a member may choose a run and companion.

ADVANTAGES.

(1) An unattached bicyclist who, until now, has been unable to avail himself of the company of other riders on a tour, may reckon with certainty on getting a companion suitable to his tastes should he desire one; whilst he will have the satisfaction of knowing that he is one of a large body bound together by the ties of good fellowship; a body whose sole object is the encouragement of all that is admirable in the art of bicycling.

(2) In small towns where there are insufficient riders to form a local club, it is becoming customary to seek admission to the Bicycle Touring Club, when the members really become a sub-division, and enjoy club runs or tours without the heavy outlay attendant on forming a small local club, such as cost of special uniform for a few only, rent of club-rooms, &c.

(3) Clubmen readily join, not only to secure company on a tour, but to avail themselves of the arrangements the Council are making with hotel proprietors throughout the country, whereby any member can calculate with tolerable certainty the cost of any proposed run; and, better than all, can feel assured that at different towns on his journey he will not only meet with civility and comfort, but he will be charged at the hotels selected by the Bicycle Touring Club, so moderate a tariff, that he must inevitably save his subscription many times over on a run of only moderate length.

VARIOUS INFORMATION.

THE COUNCIL.—The Council is composed of the Chief-Consuls and Officers of the club. Meetings are held monthly, at Newcastle-upon-Tyne; and members may send complaints or suggestions through their C.C. or the Secretary.

BADGE AND UNIFORM.—The uniform consists of dark green tunic, knickerbockers, and helmet, with grey stockings. The badge is a small silver shield containing the name of the club in raised letters. The Consul has a small letter C on their badges, and wear a small piece of red velvet as a distinguishing mark. The Chief-Consuls and Officers have gilt badges. The wearing of neither badge nor uniform is compulsory.

CANDIDATES.—The election of candidates takes place monthly. A properly filled up application form must be sent in to me, together with the amount of subscription—2s. 6d.—by Post Office Order. The name is then inserted in the succeeding circular in the list of candidates; and, if no objection be raised by members of the B.T.C., they are elected at the Council meeting. Tickets of membership and copies of the rules are sent forthwith.

TOURING.—If a member wishes to tour, and desires company, he can have a brief notice of his intention inserted under the list of tours, and by this means obtain one or more companions.

DISTRICTS.—The B. T. C. divides the United Kingdom into sixteen districts, of which eleven are in England, two in Scotland, two in Wales and one in Ireland. To each of these districts a Chief-Consul has been appointed, whose duties are to superintend Consuls and Consuls *pro tem*, in their respective districts; and to reply to letters from members asking for information as to roads, distances, hotels, &c., procuring, when necessary, the requisite information from the Consuls. Consuls, again, look after hotels, and supply their chiefs with information. Members may call upon them when touring to ask about roads or hotels, or consult maps, &c.

WALTER D. WELFORD, Secretary.

STANLEY BICYCLE CLUB DINNER.

THIS leading London club held its annual dinner on Saturday evening last, at the Woolpack, Hart Street, E.C., Mr. J. W. Beningfield (Pickwick), in the chair. Mr. Fox (treasurer), and Mr. Swan (captain), occupied the vice-chairs.

Amongst the guests we noticed Mr. F. E. Tobias (I Zingari), Mr. H. Turner (Hornsey), Mr. Short (Rovers), Mr. Burroughes (T. O'Shanter), Mr. Vacani (Surrey), Mr. Nairn, and several other well-known riders.

After the usual loyal toasts,

Mr. Beningfield (chairman), rose to propose the toast of the evening, viz., "Success to the Stanley Bicycle Club." He did not know, he said, much of the internal management of the Stanley, not being a member, and he did not wish to know, as then he could not come as he had to-night, and be so heartily received as a visitor. Outsiders, could, however, see what the Stanley did for bicycling. Their exhibition was the first thing of the season, and a visit to it was both instructive and amusing. When, some sixty years hence, when he had given up riding (lauguter), he would visit the Stanley exhibition and see the wonderful machines which would then probably be ridden. In the meantime he was sure the Stanley would increase in prosperity each year, and retain its place as one of the best clubs in the metropolis or elsewhere. He begged to couple with the toast the name of their popular secretary, Mr. A. W. Hutt (cheers).

Mr. W. P. English then sang "Four Jolly Smiths."

The toast of the Stanley B. C. having been cordially received, Mr. A. W. Hutt rose and said he was quite unaware that he would be called on to respond to the toast. He could, however, say that the Stanley club always everything they call for bicycling, and would continue to do so. He thanked the members for the support they had given the club during the past year, and he hoped they would continue that support during 1880 (Hear, hear).

Mr. Gill then rose and proposed "The Officers and Committee," and referred to the good legislation for the benefit of the club on the Committee's part during the past year (Hear, hear).

Mr. G. L. Hillier then brought down the house with his "Bralshaw's Guide."

Mr. Swan (captain) returned thanks in most appropriate terms and said that he trusted the club would always have as their motto that of "On Stanley, on" (cheers).

Mr. Hayward then recited "The Can-Bottomed Chair," and afterwards gave an imitation of Irving as "Shylock."

Mr. W. Turner, the vice-captain, then rose and said, the question of who shall handicap the open amateur events for 1880, now under consideration is, I think, of the greatest importance; in fact, we are all aware that in the satisfactory arrangement and appointment of handicapping and handicapper, the Union has undertaken a serious responsibility, and with that body in a measure will rest the probable advancement or retrogression of bicycle-racing during the coming season. I consider that the very rapid advancement of our particular sport during the last three years has been chiefly owing to the following reasons, and proportionately in a greater degree in the order in which I give them here, viz., First, racing, for besides introducing the public to this particular branch of our sport, and thereby causing the daily papers to recount our doings and the fast times made, the public have been able to note for themselves, by these reports, the wonderful and rapid advance made in the times taken to accomplish various distances, thereby creating a great amount of interest and curiosity amongst our sport-loving brothers, and our sisters, and our cousins, and our aunts. Racing, moreover, has stimulated makers to produce nearly all the improvements in the machines we now see. Compared with the first machines used for racing purposes, it is hardly to be wondered at that the racing speed now attained is so much greater than in the days of the old Coventry and Ariel machines. Then, again, the young Briton who is more or less conceited of his own prowess, and in anything truly does not like to be beaten, has been stimulated by the deeds of others to efforts of emulation, and in attempts to eclipse all previous records. As long as this honest rivalry lasts, our sport will advance, the public interest in the same will increase proportionately, and our manufacturers will go on improving the machines. Secondly.—The long-distance races we used to compete in on the high roads passing through towns and villages, where we always found crowds awaiting our arrival, deeply interested in the result of the race, and ever anxious to know the time it took to accomplish the distance. Although now road racing is almost a thing of the past, a long ride or tour by individual riders, making good time, gets talked about, and occasionally we see an account of the same in one of the daily or local papers. Thirdly.—The Hampton Court Meet and the Stanley Exhibition have both been the means of bringing bicycling conspicuously into pre-eminence as a pastime well calculated to suit the desires of our young men and youths as a healthful, enjoyable exercise, and by the means of a bright, well-finished, and splendid specimen of good workmanship and mechanical contrivance they can acquire a superior topographical knowledge of their native country. Thus you will see, gentlemen, from my remarks, I attribute to racing, more especially, the chief cause of the rapid advancement of bicycling, and in doing so will crave your kind indulgence, to make a few remarks upon handicapping and the appointment of a handicapper by the Bicycle Union. I consider it most important that the gentleman undertaking the office should possess unimpeachable honour as his chief characteristic, and furthermore as necessary qualifications, he must have considerable leisure time, be methodical and careful in his records and arrangement of handicaps, able to attend many, if not most of the race meetings during the season, be possessed of good, sound judgment in the matter of bicycle racing generally, and likewise be a man of great punctuality. I allude more especially to having the handicaps returned to the clubs promptly, so as to give time to get them printed. As regards the present system of handicapping, it is my opinion that we should find the following method work better, viz., taking as my guide the one mile race accomplished by Cortis at Cambridge on May the 21st in 2 min. 48 sec., I find that on an average it took him 1 second to travel 10½ yards and 10 secs. for 105 yards, or 630 yards in the one minute. Having arrived at the fastest amateur time accomplished in a mile, and taking this as our guide, I consider it would be more satisfactory to all concerned that in all races up to and including five miles, the limit man should be made to start from scratch, and the others put back so

many yards, according to their respective superiority—in fact weighting them accordingly; all would then complete the full distance of each race, and I think this arrangement would enable the handicapper to bring the competitors nearer together. One very important matter seems to have escaped the notice of our previous handicappers that on a track like the A. P., at one mile, the scratch man starts up hill, and the limit man down hill, which circumstance I consider to be equal to 10 yards at least start in favour of the latter, the same having been several times demonstrated to my satisfaction. You will notice from my remarks that I attribute the present satisfactory position of our particular pastime, more especially to the efforts of our racing members, and as far as the Stanley club is concerned, members may expect every encouragement from me in this direction whilst I remain a Stanleyite. Last spring our club had the good fortune to enroll as a member a gentleman even then well known to fame, both as a bicycle rider, athlete, and, as one of the papers terms him, a "versatile genius and thoroughly good fellow." During the past season he still further distinguished himself by winning the Pickwick Two Miles Open. I allude to our esteemed colleague, George Lacey Hillier, and trusting that we may have the good fortune during the forthcoming season to possess several riders equal, if not superior to him on the racing path, I will ask you to drink to the toast of "Success to our past and future Racing Members," coupling Mr. Hillier's name with the same.

Mr. Swan then sang "The Tar's Farewell."

Mr. Hillier, in returning thanks for the racing members, said he felt that the champion of the club ought to have responded, but he was unfortunately absent. He had, certainly, thanks to the kindness and condescension of the individual who had framed the handicap, won a race in 1879 (laughter), but he had never since been able to get in the final of an open event. There was one individual in the club (here Mr. Hillier denoted Mr. W. P. English by a graphical description) who might do something if he would only train (hear, hear). In conclusion, he thanked the meeting for so cordially toasting "Racing Members."

Mr. W. Turner then sang, "England for me."

Mr. C. W. Nairn then rose and said that he had been entrusted with the toast of "Success to the Bicycle Union." If every rider would only support the Union they could so raise their sport on a pedestal of its own, that they could snap their fingers at every athletic club in the kingdom, frame their own laws, and, without being *ultra vires*, be independent of everything and everybody. He did not mean to say that he had or wished others to have implicit confidence in every member of the Union Executive, but he did think that until better men, if there were any, were found and brought forward, those in office should receive perfect support (Hear, hear).

Mr. F. E. Tobias then sang "And so say all of us."

Mr. Beningfield, (the treasurer of the Union), then said that he cordially endorsed all that Mr. Nairn had said with regard to the Union. All the members of the executive he knew did all they could for bicycling. But for the Union we should have had repressive byelaws. The Union were always ready to take up the cause of bicycling as far as their means permitted. He thought all were agreed that bicycling should be independent of all other sports (cheers). If so, riders should support the Union, for if they were to fail they would certainly not get another body to represent them; they could not go to any of the clubs as their head. The Stanley had always sent up energetic men to represent them, commencing with Mr. Sargent, who was a thoroughly good man of business (hear, hear).

Mr. Fox, (treasurer), then said that he had to propose "Other Clubs." He could not follow the words of the proposer of that toast at the recent dinner of a large club, and say, "We are the best club, but of course there must be other clubs," but he would say that the Stanley had quite different feelings and better feelings than that towards other clubs.

Mr. Beningfield, Pickwick; Mr. H. Turner, Hornsey; Mr. H. Short, Rovers; Mr. F. E. Tobias, Zingari; Mr. Burroughes, Tam o' Shanter; and Mr. Vacani, Surrey; each responded.

Mr. W. Turner, (vice-captain), then sang "That's good enough for me."

Mr. Beningfield, (chairman), then proposed "The Press" generally, and the bicycling press in particular, coupled with name of Mr. C. W. Nairn.

The toast was received with musical honours.

Mr. Burroughes, (Tam o' Shanter), then sang "Old Simon the Cellarer."

Mr. Nairn responded for the "Bicycling Press."

Mr. Harry G. Griffin then sang "What an afternoon!"

Mr. W. Pye English proposed "The Ladies," which was responded to by Mr. Weymouth.

Mr. W. Turner in the interim sang "The Jolly Stanley Boys."

Mr. G. L. Hillier proposed the health of "The Chairman," and after some more songs the meeting came to a close about midnight.

ROVER'S BICYCLE CLUB.

The annual ball of this leading club took place last night at the Cannon Street Hotel, and proved most successful in every way. We shall give a full report of the proceedings next week.

BICYCLE ANNUAL FOR 1880.

Hon. Secs. desiring copies of this work for their clubs, should send in orders at once, so as to secure early numbers.

100 MILERS.

Gentlemen who have ridden 100 miles (or over) in one day, are invited to forward particulars as to date, road, &c., to our office before the 31st inst., as we intend closing the list of "100 milers" at that date.

BICYCLE TOURING CLUB.

Re COTTERELL TESTIMONIAL.

APPENDED I give the balance sheet of the testimonial and dinner to Mr. Cotterell, and in so doing I would like to express my thanks to the 200 subscribers, and also to those gentlemen who wrote to me.

T. H. HOLDING, Hon. Sec.

RECEIPTS:—200 Subscriptions £26 17 21.; Expenditure:—Illuminated address and gold frame £5 13s. 6d.; Secretaire and chair £14; Silver inscription shield 10s.; Printing £2 5s. 6d.; Postage £1 17 2d.; General expenses £1 7s. 9d.; Balance handed over to the club fund 3s. 3d. Total £26 17s. 2d.

I have carefully audited the above statement, and certify it to be correct.—January 9, 1880. WALTER D. WELFORD.

RIDING RHYMES.

We have received a copy of this work, but for want of space are obliged to hold over our review until next week.

SIX DAYS BICYCLE CONTEST AT HULL.

In our issue of January 1st., we stated Mr. C. G. Shaw's distance in the amateur race to be 93 miles 5½ laps for the day's run, instead of 170 miles 1½ l.p.s. The first 100 miles was covered in 6 hours 55 minutes, after deducting half-an-hour's rest; this being the best time in the 6 days for 100 miles, barring Waller's and Phillip's.

YARBOROUGH B. C. ANNUAL DINNER.

THE second annual dinner of the local club at Great Grimsby, Lincolnshire was recently held at the White Hart Hotel. About 30 gentlemen were present. The chair was occupied by Mr. Frank Long, president of the club. During the evening a silver cup, the gift of the president (Mr. Long), was presented to Mr. H. Holdershaw, as the winner of a bicycle race recently competed for by members of the club. A silver medal, the gift of Mr. S. Wharton, was also presented to Mr. Jennison, who was second in the same race.

After the usual loyal toasts had been given and duly honoured, Mr. J. A. Thomas, of Wolverhampton, proposed "Success to the Yarborough Bicycle Club."

Mr. H. Thomas, captain of the club, responded, and afterwards proposed the health of "The President," which was drank with musical honours.

The Chairman, in responding, said he was very much obliged to them for the very cordial way in which they had received the toast. He considered the club was in a very good condition considering it had only been in existence about two years, and there was great credit due to the officers for the way in which they had managed it.

Mr. Jennison proposed "The Secretary."

Mr. S. J. North, in responding, thanked them for the kind reception they had accorded him, and said that whatever he had done for the club it had always been from a desire to promote its prosperity. He had, he was happy to say, held the office of Secretary since the formation of the club, viz., May 1877, he would have held it again, but business engagements prevented him. The club was now in a very fair way in point of numbers, and he was sure there were several gentlemen who could take his place. He also urged all the members to put in an appearance at the "Annual General" meeting in January.

Afterwards followed the toasts of "The Captain and Vice-Captain," "Other Clubs," "The Racing Members," "The Ladies," "The Press," "The Host and Hostess." Music and singing filled up the intervals of a most enjoyable evening.

MIDLANDS.

WHAT WE HEAR IN THE MIDLANDS.—That the Palmer v. Derkinderen matches won't come off after all.

That it looks very much like a case of "one's frightened and the other dare not."

That the Xmas numbers were a great success.

That Palmer's list of mounts is only second to the Amateur champion's.

That it reads something like this:—38 races; 20 firsts, 8 seconds, and one third.

That it is very creditable to Brummagem.

That the Touring Club is going ahead, and that so it ought.

CLAUDIUS.

NOTES FROM THE MIDLANDS.—As nothing has been heard for some time from either *Roderigo the Midland Jotter*, or *Claudius*. I have been thinking that perhaps a little gossip from the midlands on matters cycling may be acceptable to many of your numerous readers at this dead season.

Club dinners do not seem to "take" quite so well here as in the metropolis and the north. Anyhow only a few of our Midland Clubs have held dinners; among the number being the Banbury, Redditch and District, Kenilworth, Stratford-on-Avon, and the Alcester, and these were, I believe, all successful. What are the numerous Birmingham and Coventry clubs doing that they do not go in for these pleasant and agreeable reunions.

I don't think the Leamington have had a dinner this winter yet; theirs used to be about the best of the lot; Oh! Leamington, Leamington, cry "Ichabod," thy glory hath departed.

Apr p.s. of winners, rather a good joke came under my notice the other day. A certain club, which shall be nameless, having received invitations to attend the dinner of a neighbouring club, the captain and hon. sec. rode (or drove?) on the date fixed—and bitterly cold, miserable weather it was. Upon arrival at the hotel, judge their consternation when they found that the dinner had been held two days previously; the worthy official who had the management had made a mistake in the date, and invited these two two days after the feed was over. I hear they didn't have the journey for nothing, for they hunted up the erring official and a few choice spirits, and the disappointed officers made a night of it.

The event of the week in the midland metropolis has undoubtedly been the Speedwell B. C. Ball, which took place at the Royal Hotel, Birmingham, on the 6th inst., and was a brilliant success, nearly 180 being present; the music was splendid, the ladies were elegant and beautiful, their costumes varied and brilliant, and the supper and refreshments excellent, so, as a visitor remarked, "What could one wish for more?" Great credit is due to the Hon. Sec. of the Club, Mr. Sam Davis and the stewards, for the efficiency of the arrangements and the admirable manner in which they performed their duties.

I understand that comparatively few of the leading bicyclists of the town were present, except those belonging to the club. The captain and officers of the N. W. B. C., and the other local and neighbouring clubs were conspicuous by their absence, with the exception of the captain of the Redditch, whom the committee were happy to see there.

"GAFFER."

Correspondence.

ONE HUNDRED MILERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BICYCLING TIMES."

SIR.—Do you not think it would be advisable for the list of names received by you, of gentlemen who have covered the 100 miles in a day, to be left open for a week or two after the coming bicycling season has closed. In my opinion, cyclists who have never before had any particular inducement to perform the above feat would be encouraged to do so, by having the honor of their names added to the present list. I think by this suggestion, T. C. B's. proposal of obtaining the average time for 100 miles on the road would be much better arrived at. I should be glad to hear your opinion on above.—Yours, &c.,

ONE HUNDRED MILER, PRESUMPTIVE.

A CORRECTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BICYCLING TIMES."

SIR,—Will you allow me to correct a misprint in my letter as it appears in your last number?

"Right to run now as an amateur" should read, "Right to run, row, etc., as an amateur;" I meant to say that I should not care to forfeit my right of competing as an amateur in athletic exercises generally, for the sake of being able to enter for Bicycle races under the Union rules.—Yours, etc.,

R. Y. S.

THE STANLEY EXHIBITION, AND THE BICYCLE TOURING CLUB MEETING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BICYCLING TIMES."

SIR,—I observe from an advertisement in your pages that the Stanley exhibition is fixed for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th prox.: i.e., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. On the following Saturday the general meeting of the Bicycle Touring Club takes place at Anderton's Hotel. In previous years the Stanley Exhibition has been open up to and including the Friday night, and it would have been a happy coincidence if the same plan had been adopted this year. Club men and unattached are alike indebted to the enterprising Stanley Club, for the opportunities they give us each year of inspecting the various novelties and improvements made in all kinds of velocipedes, and not a few look forward to the exhibition as a source of great pleasure and profit. Our country cousins particularly, try to arrange to be present, and on their behalf, and for the convenience of riders generally, I would ask if it is not possible to keep open the exhibition up to and including Friday evening. Scores of the B. T. C. members will be coming up to attend the general meeting of their club on Saturday; but as matters are arranged at present, attendance at the exhibition and the Touring Club meeting will entail the loss of at least three days, whilst if the Committee of the "Stanley" could arrange to include Friday in their programme, about half the time would be saved, irrespective of obliging the public. I believe the alteration would result in a financial increase. I make this suggestion in no spirit of hostile criticism, but entirely on behalf of the great number of readers who would be benefited thereby.—Yours faithfully,

Temple B.C., C.C., B.T.C.

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

AN INCOME FOR THE UNION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BICYCLING TIMES."

SIR,—In my letter of last week I endeavoured to show that the press (or part of it) would neither glorify itself or the Union by opposing every move that that Association was making, or intended to make, towards reforms calculated to benefit the sport. This week I will, with your permission, lay before your readers a few suggestions that may be of use in the working of the Union during the coming season. It is a well-known fact that the Union is crippled in its action for want of funds, and below I venture to propose a scheme by which that want might be greatly reduced, and the Union put in a position more compatible with the objects it has in view.

According to the summer edition of the "Bicycle Annual," I calculated that there are 2494 London and 5829 Provincial clubmen, with 91,700 unattached, making, say, a total of 100,000 bicyclists.

From this number of men, I believe, an income of nearly £1500 per annum could be obtained in the following manner:—

	£	s.	d.
2494 London clubmen pay a capitation fee of 1s. each	124	14	0
5829 Provincial clubmen, 75 per cent. paying capitation fee of 1s. each	218	11	9
25 per cent. of the unattached, paying a capitation fee of 1s. each	1145	19	0
	1489	4	9

With this income the Union certainly might bring several of the most momentous matters it has in hand to a successful conclusion, besides making itself a power in the land, and to ensure the collection of the above amounts Local Honorary Secretaries should be appointed to represent the governing body in different districts. Local Committees might also be instituted, but for these I see no need at present. Every club refusing to pay the capitation fees, which, in the case of clubs, would, of course, be paid out of the general fund, would not be allowed representation on the council and its members refused entrance to any races promoted by the Union. The amount subscribed by the great unattached is largely in excess of the other amounts, but, I believe, by the appointment of the Hon. Sec.'s above mentioned the whole, or the greater part of this, could be obtained, providing such posts were held by hard-working, conscientious men.

The reforms to be brought about by the Union are of greater benefit to the unattached than to club men, as in many cases club men can turn to their club for assistance, while the unlucky unattached must grin and bear any obloquy put upon him.

I offer these crude suggestions for what they are worth, but, in my opinion, the idea of Local Hon. Sec.'s is worthy of an amount of consideration which hitherto it has not received.—I am, &c.,

Kensington, B. C.

NEMO.

P.S.—The Union might send a circular to every club, asking whether they are willing to pay the fees as above.

Patents.

(Compiled by Mr. F. Des Voeux, Office for Patents and Trade Marks, 32, Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane, London.)

134. James Warwick Peirce, of Cochrane Street, St. John's Wood, "Improvements in velocipedes," dated January 12, 1889. During the year 1879 seventy-three applications for patents for improvements in, or connected with, velocipedes were made at the Patent Offices seventy-two being the total in 1878. For the seven years previous the numbers of applications have been:—In 1871, 11 applications; 1872, 2; 1873, 6; 1874, 14; 1875, 16; 1876, 58; 1877, 75 applications the total number for the last nine years being three hundred and twenty-seven.

QUERIES.

I HAVE an almost new M. D. R., which (like a great many other things), went wrong after a few hundred miles. Can some one let me know where I can get it repaired at a moderate price?

CAN some one inform me if the Bicycle Annual for 1880 is out yet?—OBSERVER, L. B. C.

BRADFORD ATALANTA.—To the Hon Sec.—Is Mr. Durant or Mr. Bannister Hon. Sec. at present?

LONDON and Norwich (via. Bishop's Stortford, Newmarket, Thetford, and Wymondham; state if hilly, sandy, etc. If any one can give me the state of the road, I shall be greatly obliged.—FIFTY INCH.

NEW ZEALAND.—Would it be advisable to take my bicycle to Auckland, New Zealand, or not? Are the roads in a condition for riding? Is there any duty on machines imported into this colony? Should any fellow-cyclist be able to give me this information, I shall esteem it a great favour, as I feel very reluctant to discontinue the healthful pastime.—R. B. WALSOND.

BALLS.—I should be glad if any reader of the "BICYCLING TIMES" could give me their experience of ball bearings fitted to the back wheel, also expense of fitting, and whether those fitted in the hub are better than those fitted to fork end.—JONATHAN FIX, L. B. C.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

McCULLUM HILL, and H. H. SHERRIFF.—Received with thanks.

D. J. B. TONGE.—Received with thanks.

LAWRENCE FLETCHER.—Received with thanks.

W. G. SPOONER.—Thanks.

R. MARSNEW.—There are none, but each club chooses from the military calls what they fancy. The general thing is "The Advance" for mount, "Case Firing" for dismount, "The Alarm" for single file "Double time" for double file, and the "Sergeant's Mess Call" for tea.

B. ADAMS.—All right.

OBSERVER.—Reflections next week.

FAED.—Your reply to Santa next week.

W. E. WIMPENNY.—Thanks.

J. CARVER.—We have noticed it. Mr. Shaw had written,

F. W. HIGHTON.—It is not ready yet. Shall be sent when it is.

H. R. REYNOLDS, JUNR.—Many thanks, received all right.

A. BISHOP.—To hand, thanks.—By Mr. Fox.—Many thanks, shall have great pleasure in being present.

W. H. POOK.—We tried to catch your eye the other day but failed.

R. STARKEY.—Many thanks.

H. FOX.—Thanks.

W. I. JACKSON.—Many thanks. We shall be glad to hear oftener from you. H. M. WRIGHT, February 1st.

D. J. B. TONGE.—Waller's time should have been 13, not 10 hours odd minutes.

F. C. WILSON and A. R. REBINS.—Thanks.

AUCTION SALE!—Notice. A Large Stock of New and Second-hand Bicycles will be Sold by Auction at the City Bicycle Works on Thursday, January 29th, at 6 p.m. Machines in good condition may be included in the above if forwarded by Tuesday, January 27th. On view Wednesday and Thursday. Catalogues at the City Bicycle Works, 46, Barbican, E.C. (near Aldersgate Street Station, or of Mr. Fitzmaurice, Auctioneer, 2, Gresham Buildings, Guildhall. Any lot may be treated for by private contract previous to the sale. Bicycles repaired or Exchanged.

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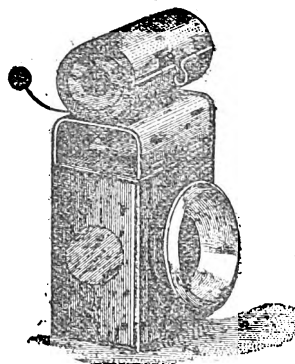
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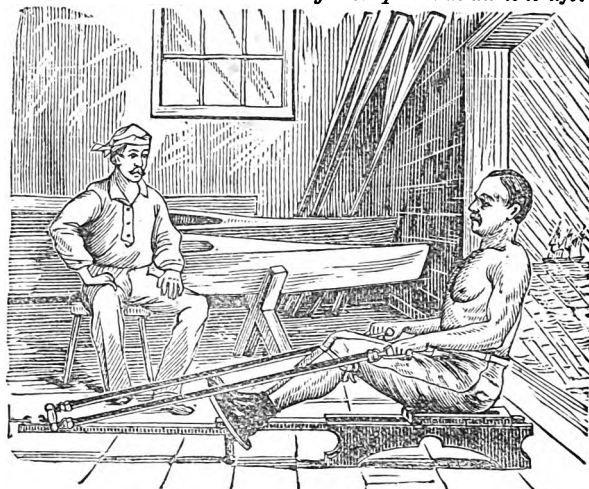
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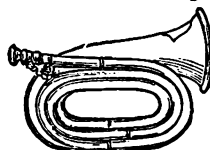
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