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### BUBBLE RHYMES.

BY THE PRIZE POET OF THE HOPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

Small is wheel's Winter range; renaissance in the Spring;  
Summer the evening-runs, Autumn long rides doth bring.

Drive out upon the road, there like a star to be,  
And wheel in orbit wide of calm celerity.

In all of wheelery no one can be so sweet,  
As where man's pedal limbs alternately do beat.

Who goeth not on wheel, goes not the proper way,  
And like the *ignis fat* (so slim), makes others stray.

The silkworm doth turn to and spin till it can fly,  
Turn, too, O man, or worm be stumped and outdone by!

Hi! there, why walkest thou? Know Rota is for thee,  
Seek'st thou for health without, the same may hardly be  
And would you but arise upon the wheel of mirth,  
You would once more become a youth upon the earth.

The cross on Golgotha will never save thy physical;  
The cross in thine own hand can do it on a bicycle.

Soles that are truly blest know much of wheeliness;  
Left treadle doth the one, and right the other, bless.

One smiling at the wheels, he crieth they are toys.  
Are they but toys, O man, which change our griefs to joys?

Such hasty judgments, from the slow, are strangely rife;  
Shall chick unhatched discourse philosophy of life?

Bike is a magnet strong; my heart, tho' not of steel,  
Will always turn to him, and with him, mighty wheel.

Sixty-four inch the highest is—and Beckwith knows it  
It takes the lengthy legs to perfectly enclose it.

O-o hath every bike, one runs ahead for mover,  
The other jumps to pitch the man a header over.

Bicycle falls on me as club drops on a nose,  
If I but by a fall to bim my back expose,  
O Wheel of John, my life is led  
With you to speed, and to be sped;  
O Wheel of Bull, let my end be  
Down some d—d rocky hill with thee.

—Rev. Micah Humdrum.

### THE NEW HAVEN TOURNAMENT.

*Editor of the Wheel:* The New Haven Bicycle Club's fourth annual race meeting is progressing rapidly, and the various committees are working hard to make this tournament an unprecedented success.

We have written but little to you as yet, thinking THE WHEEL would be taken up with news of the Springfield meet.

Next week, and the succeeding ones, we shall send a more complete account of what we are doing, and shall be obliged for space for same.

Fraternally,

THOMAS.



The steam roller used in McAdamizing Fifth avenue has several times been mistaken for a tricycle intended for the use of the club infant.

The club liar now entertains his stay-at-home brethren with second-hand word-paintings of the glory of the meet.

The new C. T. C. suits made by Estabrook are the handsomest and most serviceable uniforms I have ever beheld, and are a credit both to himself and the wearers thereof.

Some unknown friend, who is aware of the recent bereavement of the Ixions through the loss of their club dog, has presented "Ye President" with a new dog named "Twinkle," which is warranted not to run away, as it is made of paste-board.

The Springfield Club tender the Ixions a reception during the winter.

Mrs. Stowe, at the recent Congress of Woman's Dress Reform, held at San Francisco, exhibited, among other nondescript garments, a lady's costume without skirts, which she named the "bicycle suit." Alas! unhappy sport! Has it then come to this that even the dress reform cranks attempt to rob thee of thy glory?

See the poem "Ixion" in last week's *Puck*, written by Burdett.

It's amusing to watch the look of pained surprise that comes over the face of the horse-owner as he reads of the bicycle's records drawing closer and closer to those of his equine god; as to himself, he unwillingly admits the speed he cannot deny.

"Chic," who is by far the best correspondent of the *Kickers' Own*, has resumed his interesting letters to that journal from New York.

They all got the "Star" craze at Springfield, and no doubt a number of these beautiful objects will soon be seen upon our roads, and the sound similar to a coffee-mill in a fit that always accompanies these celestial monstrosities will prove anything but music in the ears of the crankites.

To the average British observer the preponderance of green uniforms of Springfield would

cause him to imagine that most American riders were Fenian sympathizers.

The Ixions claim to be the first club to join the C. T. C. in a body.

Nelson, of the Citizens, comes back from Springfield with his visiting cards printed "A la S. Bi. C.," which shows Dick still retains his reputation of never passing a pretty girl unnoticed.

### MEET OF THE PENN. DIVISION.

A SUCCESSFUL PARADE—EXCITING RACES—THREE-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY GIDEON AFTER A HARD STRUGGLE.

Unlike the noted Springfield Club, the first meet of the Pennsylvania Division, and joint race meeting of the Germantown-Pennsylvania Clubs, was not blessed with the favorable circumstances surrounding that now historical event. A heavy rain the night previous, tended to lessen the attendance of out-of-town clubs, and only three hundred odd clubmen and unattached riders saluted Commander Col. Geo. Sanderson, Jr., as they passed in review during the parade, in the morning, at Fairmount Park. As early as ten the resident clubs and visitors assembled at the Greene street entrance to the Park, and were arranged into divisions in the following order:

Col. George Sanderson, Jr., of Scranton, C. Consul, L. A. W., for Penna. Commander; Aids, Dr. N. M. Beckwith and Col. A. A. Pope; Adjutant, Frederick MacOwen.

#### FIRST DIVISION—PENNA. DIV. L. A. W. MEMBERS.

Philadelphia Bi. Club, of Philadelphia.....	17
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American Star Bi. Club, of Philadelphia.....	22
Fayette College Bi. Club, of Easton.....	10
Frankford Bi. Club, of Philadelphia.....	8
Unattached members.....	58
Total, First Division.....	219

#### SECOND DIVISION—UNDER COMMAND OF EWING MILLER, OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ixion Bi. Club, of New York.....	2
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Kings Co. Wheelmen, of Brooklyn, N. Y.....	5
Smithville Bi. Club, of Smithville, N. J.....	12
Moorestown Bi. Club, of Moorestown, N. J.....	5
University of Penna. Bi. Club, of Philadelphia, Pa.....	15
Unattached, Non L. A. W. members.....	102
Total, Second Division.....	148
Commanders and Aids.....	9
Grand total.....	37



When the parade was formed, the Commander inspected the divisions, and then took his station with his aids, and the bugle sounded for mount; the parade passed in review, and then took up the line of march through the park. A dismount was made on Sweet Brier Hill and a photograph taken, after which the bugle once more sounded to mount, and the rest of the route gone over and the parade dismissed.

#### THE RACES.

Toward two o'clock about fifteen hundred spectators wended their way toward the gates of the Gentlemen's Driving Park, the scene of last year's races at the Bi-Centennial. The grounds have been considerably improved since our last visit, the grand stand covered, and a convenient judges' stand, together with comfortable dressing-rooms, erected. The trotting track had been put in tolerable condition, but is not conducive to fast time, there being considerable of a rise on the quarter-stretch. Originally measured three feet from the pole, the eighteen-inch rule was met by driving stakes, at an angle of forty-five degrees, at a distance of eighteen inches from the fence. The management was effective, but the races were somewhat behind schedule time at the start. The list of entries embraced many good riders, and the occasion was rendered doubly interesting by the reappearance of the ex-champion, Geo. D. Gideon, in the three-mile championship and one-mile championship of Pennsylvania. The competition in most of the events was spirited, and the races afforded abundant enjoyment to the audience, that gradually increased, both as to size and enthusiasm, as they progressed, reaching a fever-heat at the conclusion of the three-mile race, which was one of the most stubborn and hard-fought battles ever seen in bicycle racing. The first event was the junior's race, with the following results.

Half-mile Junior's Race.—Boys under 16.—J. G. Fuller, first; time, 1m. 39½s. E. C. Markley, Jr., second. Markley led off at the pistol fire, with the field close at his heels. He retained his leading position at the quarter post, Fuller making the only change by forging into second place. Rounding the home-stretch, the pace was slightly increased, and Markley seemed a sure winner up to within twenty-five yards of home, when Fuller made a gallant spurt, landing him a winner by about a yard.

One-mile novice's race, for those never having won a first prize.—S. H. Crawford, first; time, 3m. 20s. N. P. Tyler, second; time, 3m. 23 1-2s. Out of a field of twenty-four entries, about eight faced the starter. Tyler, of New Haven, assumed the lead, with Crawford close at his heels. The pair gradually drew away from the others, but on passing under the wire for the first lap the New Haven man was still ahead. On the back-stretch Crawford, in response to the cries of his numerous friends, let out a link and assumed command. The race for home was brilliant, but Crawford reached there, winning the medal with three seconds to spare.

Pennsylvania One-mile Club Race.—M. W. Brinkman, first; time, 3m. 24 3-4s. S. B. Chambers, second. After some delay this race was started, the principal difficulty being in inducing the entries to come to the scratch. The bunch made a pretty picture as they pedaled around, the constant spurts of the contestants arousing the spectators and bringing them to their feet. When the bell rang for the last lap Brinkman was ahead, and won with a few yards to his credit.

Slow race, 150 yards, handicap, 15 yards limit.—Seven contestants wiggled along in their endeavor to go slow, and many of them fell off before 50 yards was run. Singularly enough, the last two men rode Star machines. Bloodgood was the last crank to drop, although he was well in the rear. Pressey soon followed, leaving Whitmore to finish the race alone.

Two mile Handicap.—N. P. Tyler (40 sec.), first; time, 6m. 58 1-4s. Chas. H. Chickering (10 sec.), second; time 6m. 33 3-4s. Frazier, the scratchman, apparently merely started to warm up for the three-mile championship, as he made no effort for first place. Tyler went off with the lead, riding a steady pace, completing his mile in 3m. 30s. Pitman crossed the line in 3m. 28s, while Frazier completed the distance in 3m. 14s. On the second mile the positions underwent little change, Tyler still in the lead, while Chickering gradually closed up, taking second place. Down the stretch they came, crossing the tape in the order named, Pitman and Green having a lively brush, resulting favorably to the latter.

Fancy Riding.—Burt Pressey, first. A. W. Hansell, second. This contest developed nothing startling, except that it resulted in a well-deserved win for the Star rider.

Three-mile Championship of America.—Geo. D. Gideon, first; time, 9m. 58 3-4s. Charles Frazier, second, by one foot. Chas. H. Chickering, third. This was the race of the day; the uncertainty as to the order of finish lasting until within five feet of tape. There were a field of six, including Pettus and Pitman, but only the three named put in appearance. It was a case of Star vs. Crank, and war to the knife with no quarter. The success of Frazier at Springfield, had won for him many friends, and bets were freely offered in the ratio of ten to five in his favor. When Gideon stepped on the track, clad from head to foot in black, there were loud cries of Gid! Gid!! from all parts of the field and stands, showing that the old champion was still a prime favorite. A good start was effected, Chickering setting the pace for the distance, completing the half in 1m. 42 1-2s, and the mile in 3m. 21 1-4s., with Frazier second, and the Germantown man last. On the next half the positions remained unchanged, and at two miles the watch registered 6m. 46 1-2s. On the next lap, Frazier spurred ahead, apparently to feel of his antagonist, but Gideon was close at his heels and from this portion of the race Chickering was lost sight of. Around they came for the last mile, the crowd by this time being nearly frantic. Frazier was the first to reach two miles and a half in 7m. 29 1-2s., but on the back stretch the Germantown man took the lead, and from this point the tug began. Gradually the Star man, with his characteristic strokes, drew up level, and as they swung around the corner for the last time, the pair were on even terms. Down they came, side by side, first Gideon and then Frazier showing ahead. The cries were now deafening and the excitement intense. Within fifty feet of home, Frazier was still in the van, but those who watched the champion set his teeth, knew that something had to go or break. Nearer and nearer they drew, but within twenty feet of the finish, Gideon made a grand effort, and landed winner by a close foot, finishing one of the finest races ever witnessed. The time is some distance from a record, but the track was quite soft and muddy in places, besides being uphill.

Five-mile State Championship.—John Green, first; time, 19m. 36 3-4s. S. H. Crawford, second. Green was protested on the grounds of having competed with W. J. Smith in races at Forepaugh's circus last April, and decision was reserved pending investigation by the racing board. Neither seemed inclined to assume the lead at the start, but Crawford went ahead at a leisurely pace taking 8m. 6s. for the first two miles. On the next lap Crawford's racer suddenly bucked, bringing him forcibly to the ground. Green was too close to escape, and ran over him, the pair making a picturesque heap. Green, however, mounted and was over a quarter of a mile ahead before Crawford could secure another mount. Crawford set out in hot pur-

suit, but could not make up the distance, merely riding to finish the five miles.

One-mile Championship of Pennsylvania.—Geo. D. Gideon, first; time, 3m. 18 1-4s. Lewis J. Kolb, second; time, 3m. 21 3-4s. This was a canter for the champion, who won easily. A close race for second place ensued, between Kolb and Brinkman, resulting in a victory for the former.

One-mile Tricycle Handicap.—A. G. Powell (scratch), first; time, 3m. 52s. S. H. Crawford (20s.), second; time, 4m. 30s. Jo. Pennell (15s.), third. The novelty of this race was the introduction to the racing path of the prodigal Pennell, who undoubtedly makes a better figure in the studio than on the turf. Powell soon made up his handicap, and was leading at the half-mile in 1m. 56s. From there to the finish he jogged along easily, landing a winner with plenty to spare.

One-mile Consolation Race.—M. W. Brinkman, first; time, 3m. 27 1-4s. Will R. Pitman, second; 3m. 28 1-2s. Pitman set the pace for the field of starters, and had a commanding lead at the half mile. On the last lap Brinkman closed up on him in the race down the stretch, spurted ahead, and won easily.

The following is a list of the field-officers:

Judges—Dr. N. M. Beckwith, Citizens Bicycle Club, New York, President L. A. W.; Col. George Sanderson, Jr., Scranton Bicycle Club, Chief Consul Pennsylvania Division L. A. W.; Fred'k MacOwen, Pennsylvania Bicycle Club, Treasurer Pennsylvania Division L. A. W.

Referee—H. B. Hart, Philadelphia Bicycle Club.

Handicapper—Fred. Jenkins, Official Handicapper L. A. W.

Starter—Charles M. Miller, Pennsylvania Bicycle Club.

Timers—Fred. Jenkins, Citizens Bicycle Club; C. S. Smith, Pennsylvania Bicycle Club; F. S. Harris, Germantown Bicycle Club.

Clerk of the Course—G. N. Osborne, Philadelphia Bicycle Club, assisted by Messrs. F. W. Corse, R. E. Williams, A. Bruce, and W. E. Hering.

Scorers—C. A. Roberts, Pennsylvania Bicycle Club; J. A. Beck, Germantown Bicycle Club; E. C. Howell, Pennsylvania Bicycle Club.

#### FROM THE CLUBS.

CANTON, (O.)—Canton Bicycle Club paraded at County Fair here, 27th, to the delight of 10,000 people. Twelve members in line, 5 absent.

28th, in two mile bicycle race, Cyrus Fockler won first prize on a Star. Frank Menches, second, on an Expert. Geo. Eister, third, on a Star, and H. Eister, fourth, Star. Geo. Eister, who rides a 57-inch wheel, is the man ruled out at Medina recently. He is a speedy one, and but for a fall at start, would have come in first without doubt. Track rough, and time slow.

Truly,

C. S. COCK,  
Secretary.

OBERLIN COLLEGE.—Thinking that the organization of a bicycle club here might be of interest to you and to the readers of THE WHEEL, I send you the following item.

The Oberlin College Bicycle Club was organized Sept. 15, 1883, with a membership of nine, and with a prospect of several more joining us soon. The following officers were elected: President, G. S. Lee; Secretary, C. H. Covell; Treasurer, F. M. Covell; Captain, R. M. Lee; Lieutenant, H. E. Beecher.

Yours truly,  
C. H. COVELL,



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C. D. Vesey, riding a "Coventry Rotary," 3 min. 48 sec.

Wood, riding an "American Roadster," ———

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We are not quite ready to explain the delay of THE WHEEL for the past two weeks, except to state that the difficulty has been overcome, and we will appear regularly as in the past. We shall give the full particulars in our next, and can promise some very interesting reading, as it will necessarily cast reflection upon a bicycling publishing house that has heretofore refrained from resorting to low, contemptible schemes in competition with THE WHEEL.

Thanking our many friends for their kindly inquiries as to our existence, we remain,

Respectfully,

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NEW YORK, Oct. 5, 1883.

#### THE NEW HAVEN TOURNAMENT.

The New Haven Bicycle Club holds its annual meeting on Wednesday, October 10th, at Hamilton Park. It is sure to be the most successful meeting the club has ever held. The citizens of New Haven are much interested, leading friends having presented the club with costly prizes, which some of the best riders in the country are to contend for. The morning parade through the streets of the city will bring out a large number of wheelmen. A handsome \$50 vase is to be

presented to the club which has the most men, uniformed and mounted, in line. The races and prizes are as below:

1. One-mile Race, 3:20 class—\$25 gold medal to first, \$15 diamond League pin to second, and \$7.50 garnet League pin to third.

2. Two-mile Club Championship Race—\$35 gold medal to winner.

3. One-mile Scratch Race—\$25 gold medal to first, and \$15 gold, satin-lined jewel case to second.

4. Two-mile Tricycle Race—\$25 gold medal to winner.

5. Two-mile Handicap Race—\$30 chronograph, fly-back watch to first, \$12 ball pedals to second, and \$6.50 "King of the Road" lamp to third.

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7. Five-mile Scratch Race—\$35 gold medal to first, \$25 card receiver to second, and \$10 silver cup to third.

8. Three-mile State Championship Race—\$50 gold medal to winner.

9. Ten-mile Handicap Race—\$100 gold watch to first, \$50 silver cup to second, and \$25 bicycle sundries to third.

10. Consolation race, for riders who finished in previous races, but took no prizes—\$25 silver cup to first, \$7.50 League pin to second, and \$2 subscription to *Wheelman* to third.

In the evening there will be club drills at the Rink, the prizes to be \$25 full nickeled and engraved bugle to first, and \$15 brass bugle to second.

There will also be an exhibition of fancy and trick riding, with prizes as follows: First, \$50 ice pitcher; second, \$25 clock.

Wilmot and Sewell, champion double riders of the world, will give an exhibition of their riding during the evening.

#### OUR BOSTON LETTER.

Rain is bringing our roads into a state of civilization again and gladdening the hearts of the 100 mile road racers who start Saturday of this week on their contest. Here is a chance for Midgley, of Worcester, to show his mettle, an opportunity you may be sure he will not let slip by. Several of the Boston men will contend with him, but I fancy their chances are small. The question of the Corey-Midgley standing as racers was very effectually settled at Springfield last week, so at least Corey says, and he, for one, is ready to talk about the K. C. W. meet all you care to listen, although before this he has been a little shy on the question.

Mr. J. S. Phillips, late manipulator of the scissors and the paste-pot on the literary staff of the *Wheelman*, is now located at Harvard, taking a post-graduate course. He still devotes himself to the wheel.

The Popes have their \$1,000 cup on exhibition in the art galleries of the Institute Fair. Frequenters of the art department crowd around it at all hours, and I am sorry to say that most of them have so little appreciation of the artistic and the beautiful that they say they can not see \$1,000 worth of cup there. Rumor says that the cup will not be offered at any race meeting until next fall. Visitors at the Fair are supposed to duly admire the manly form of John Wilson, the

professional, clad in 'cycle costume and decorated on his breast with a half dozen rows of medals. John is very careful indeed that no one shall examine the medals too closely, because it would detract somewhat from his glory to read the inscriptions. Chief Consul Hill passed through our city on a Columbia Tri, touring around the country and seemingly enjoying himself to his full bent.

The joint meeting of the Boston and Ramblers clubs at Beacon Park on Saturday proved an interesting affair, although there were but few spectators present. In the two-mile handicap of the Ramblers, Smith (15 yards) won in 7m 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ s., beating Stahl and Wattles, the scratch men, and Bryant, Whitney, and Parker the 100, 175, and 225 yard men. The three-mile open to all was won by F. A. Brickford; first mile, 3.22; second mile, 6.57; third mile, 10.30 $\frac{1}{2}$ . C. F. Haven was in the first half of the race, but was in such terribly bad form that he was soon distanced and dropped out.

The twenty-mile championship of the Bostons went to T. Morris, who completely upset Rothe and Rich and finished the last thirteen miles alone, coming down under the wire in 1h. 19m. 43.3-5s. This makes the fourth man of the club who has held the cup for one year. Shades of Stall, Dean and Frye, where are they?

The best race of the day was the five mile championship of the Ramblers, Stahl and Whitaker making the five miles in 18m. 47.1-2s., a dead heat, with Smith, winning the one-mile race, close at their heels. The cinder track was in poor condition for making time. PERCY.

CAMBRIDGE, Sept. 30, 1883.

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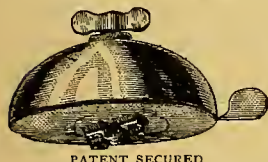
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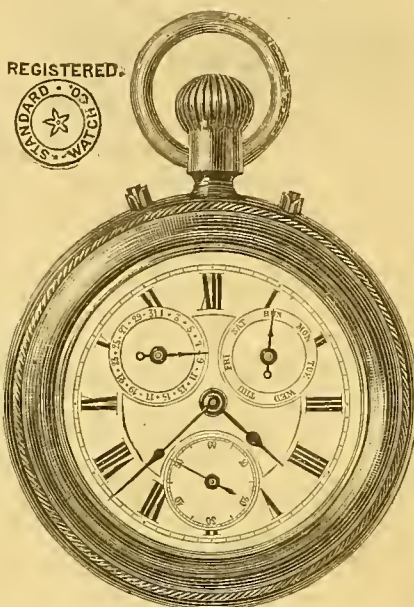
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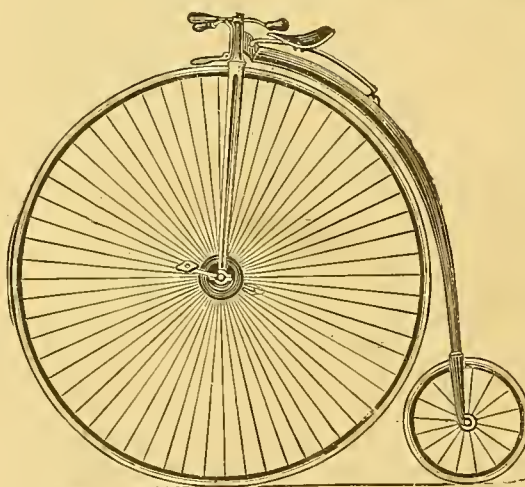
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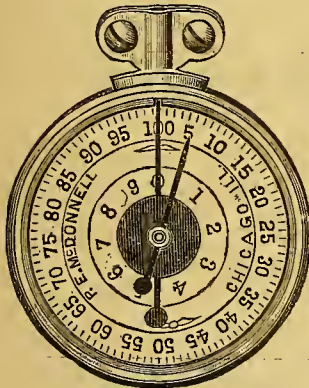
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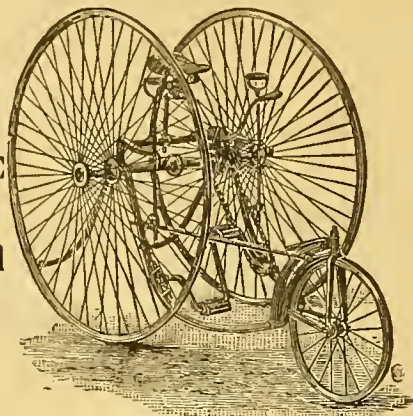


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